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Calif. Supreme Court

Bird: Independent Judiciary Vital to Rights of Minorities

by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES — California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird promoted her definition of an independent judiciary, emphasized the importance of minority representation on the state's high court and defended her record when she met with members of the minority press Oct. 16.

Bird, speaking at the Wilshire Boulevard office of the state Justice Department, said that the judiciary is the "keeper of the rules" which "enforces the Constitution and the Bill of Rights against the most powerful government on this earth [on behalf of] the most powerful people within the society as well as the weakest."

Bird drew upon the Japanese American experience during WW2 to emphasize her point, calling the struggle for reparations "a beautiful concept."

Fundamental Violations

The Japanese Americans suffered violations "of fundamental, basic civil rights during WW2 in this country," said Bird. "And they are going in and taking the most powerful government on this earth and saying to that government, 'you have wronged me, I want you to confess that you wronged me, and I want reparations for it.' What a beautiful, beautiful concept that is. That you could do something like that. ... But you cannot have a judiciary that will do the right thing if you have a judiciary that basically is beholden to the governor, or to a political party, or to the legislature or to special interests."

Bird, along with Justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin, has come under heavy fire from Gov. George Deukmejian; Mike Curb, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor; Ed Zschau, Republican candidate for U.S. Sen-



Photo by Bob Shimabukuro
Chief Justice Rose Bird

ate; and groups which have characterized the Bird court as "soft on criminals."

Death Penalty Reversals

Of particular concern to these groups has been the fact that since the death penalty initiative was passed in 1978, the Bird court has reversed all death penalty convictions, largely on the basis of constitutional infirmities in the law.

In defense of her record, Bird noted at the press conference that the purpose of the judiciary is to "ensure that a proper law is passed ... implemented, and that a fair trial has been had [on the lower court level]."

While appreciating the fact that Californians have expressed their desire for executions, Bird also emphasized that the court has to "ensure that there is fairness in the process. We do have a Constitution. We do have a Bill of Rights. We do have something called due process of law, which means that you cannot take someone's life, liberty or property without that fair process."

In addition, Bird said, people have to understand that when a law which was "deliberately written to push the frontiers of constitutionality" is being reviewed

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Nat'l Board Confronts Budget Problems



"The LEC advance is a major factor in our deficit..."

Alan Nishi



A pullback of the redress advance to LEC may be "detrimental."

Harry Kajihara



"I believe they (1000 Club members) will be more likely to renew."

Mary Nishimoto



"We're going to try and recapture some of those non-renewing members."

Ron Wakabayashi

Finances, Not Election, Get First Priority

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite a projected JACL cash flow deficit of more than \$124,000 and matters that remain unresolved in the aftermath of the organization's July election, the Oct. 10-12 National Board meeting was, for the most part, uneventful.

Board actions directed at the financial problems faced by JACL were addressed with two stopgap measures: (1) authorization of a constituted officer to borrow up to \$125,000 for a period of up to 120 days at the most favorable terms available, and (2) deferment of the remaining \$25,000 of a \$75,000 advance to LEC by JACL until such time that the JACL financial status is clear. That action immediately cut the projected budget deficit by 20 percent, lowering it to approximately \$100,000. (See related story on this page.)

Election Issue

Handled even more innocuously were the unresolved issues of bloc voting and proxy limitations that surfaced during the National Convention in Chicago this past July. (See PC, Oct. 3 and 10.)

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Falling Renewals and Redress Pledges Seen as Major Factors

by Lynn Sakamoto-Chung

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL, faced with a projected cash flow deficit of close to \$100,000 by the year's end, received a reprieve Oct. 11 when it received authorization from its National Board to borrow up to \$125,000 for a short-term period.

Guidelines for the loan, approved during the board's Oct. 10-12 meeting at JACL National Headquarters, are simple: Seek the most favorable terms for a period not to exceed 120 days. What's not so simple are the reasons behind the deficit.

Shortfall in Renewals

A review of the organization's expense reports shows that excess spending in terms of administrative costs is not to blame. In fact, operations expenditures, in almost every instance, are running lower than budget projections.

But also running lower than projected are membership renewals, which provide the bread-and-butter cash flow to the JACL. Those renewals are running at about 90 percent of last year's level, a good figure for most ethnic organizations, according

to National Director Ron Wakabayashi. But, he said, "It's not good for us."

"We've been running at about a 99 percent renewal rate," he said, citing what he called "profound organizational loyalty" and a "fantastic record in terms of renewals."

The decrease of those revenues this year, however, will result in a projected shortfall of approximately \$50,000.

"I don't know if that [decrease] stands for glitches in the system, or what," said Wakabayashi, "but we're going to go back and try and recapture some of those non-renewing members."

The "recapturing" strategy involves a direct mail effort to be targeted at 1,854 individuals identified by the Pacific Citizen as those who failed to renew their subscriptions this year. And, since PC subscribers and JACL members are, for the most part, the same people, National JACL hopes to greatly reduce the \$50,000 projected shortfall with this effort.

Mary Nishimoto, vice president of membership and the person in charge of the direct mail

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY — Fred Wada (right) accepts a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclamation declaring Oct. 14 - 21 "Nanka Wakayama Kenjin Kai Week" in recognition of the 60,000-member organization's 75th anniversary. With Wada are Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) and Hahn's deputy Mas Fukai.

Council Approves 'Onizuka Street' in J-Town

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — In a 12-0 vote, the City Council on Oct. 15 approved the renaming of Weller Street in Little Tokyo to honor astronaut Ellison Onizuka.

First proposed by Mayor Tom Bradley shortly after the space shuttle explosion that took Onizuka's life, the name change was opposed by Weller Street merchants, most of them Japanese nationals, because of the expense of changing their address on all printed material. They suggested a monument as an alternative.

Although no one was present to present the merchants' viewpoints before the council, other objections were raised. Attorney Kenji Ito, who has practiced law in Little Tokyo for 40 years, argued against the name change because of Weller's "historical significance to the Japanese



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Members of the Little Tokyo community listen to testimony during Los Angeles City Council's public hearing on "Onizuka Street" proposal.

American community."

Once the home of such community organizations as the Pioneer Center, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern Cali-

fornia, and the regional JACL, the street has "served as the center of social and cultural life of the Southern California Japa-

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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 (and at 38, the youngest) commissioner of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board.

The daughter of Robert and Miyoko Murata, who were married while 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 then supplemented her education by taking extension courses at UCLA in labor relations, and at CSU Los Angeles in safety administration.

Prior to joining the Deukmejian administration in 1985, Murata-Demetre was the health and safety manager for the city of Inglewood, which at that time had a work force of 1,000 full- and part-time employees.

During her seven years in this position, she developed and implemented a workers' compensation program that successfully addressed the needs and concerns of employers as well as employees.

Murata-Demetre also administered a \$234,000 safety and health budget while with the city of Inglewood, managing its accident prevention, "injured on duty," and vocational rehabilitation programs, among others.



Marilyn Murata-Demetre

Today, she is one of seven commissioners on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, whose primary responsibility is to make final rulings on disputes concerning the issuance of compensation insurance to employees who have been injured on the job.

The quasi-judicial board is also responsible for promulgating rules and procedures that directly affect every worker and employer in California, and for rendering decisions on policy matters that relate to workers' compensation laws.

In addition to spending time with their two children, Murata-Demetre and her husband, James, a high school civics teacher, also enjoy running in marathons.

Fong is a representative of Deukmejian's Office of Community Relations.

Nakasone Flap May Help Ties With Japan, Young Says

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's recent controversial remarks about U.S. minorities may result in better relations between the two countries, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young said Sept. 30.

Young, a civil rights movement leader during the 1960s and former ambassador to the United Nations, said he was satisfied that Nakasone's remarks were not racist, but rather an understandable mistake similar to many encountered in the course of the U.S. civil rights movement.

"We have been through this kind of turmoil [in the United States] before," he said. "In fact, we're still in it. It's taken us 20 years to learn to talk to each other as Blacks and whites, and we still make mistakes."

Speaking to members of his Liberal Democratic Party in September, Nakasone described Japan as a "highly educated and very intelligent society" and said that "the level is lower in the United States because of a considerable number of Blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans." He later apologized for his comments after they sparked widespread protests in the United States.

Speaking at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan, Young said he believed the episode would create "a greater understanding as well as a greater sensitivity between the United States and Japan, particularly between Japan and the minority population in the United States. I can see us growing closer to-

gether. We might realize that this was a kind of opportunity for us."

The two countries are "going to have to learn to be sensitive to one another's cultures," and in the process "are going to make mistakes," he said. "The sooner we get over those mistakes... the better off we're going to be."

Nakasone's comments "fell like a ton of bricks" in the United States partly because of grievances among some minorities over their treatment by Japanese businesses, Young said. "Of the 250 Black automobile franchises around the country, not a single one is able to sell new Japanese automobiles" and Black publications complain "that they don't get advertisements from Japanese companies," he explained.

In a meeting between Young and Nakasone on Sept. 29, the Japanese leader reiterated his apology for his comments, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Asked if Nakasone explained the remarks, Young said, "No explanation was necessary... We've learned that in any kind of multiethnic process, we're going to need to be understanding and forgiving if we're going to grow together."

—from a report by Associated Press

Bill Will Raise Hong Kong Immigration

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

The House version of the legislation must be reconciled with the Senate's immigration bill, which also includes the Hong Kong quota provision.

"Since both bills contain the same provision, it's virtually certain that the colonial quota is a thing of the past," said Mineta. "If the immigration reform bill successfully passes, we can say goodbye to this vestige of racial bias."

The current quota is 600. Mineta and other House members have worked on raising this level for more than two years.

Politics

Dorothy Chin Brandt came up 138 votes short (out of more than 70,000 votes cast) in her race against Louis York for Civil Court Judge for the county of Manhattan on Sept. 9. Brandt's campaign manager Larry Douglass speculates that a special election will take place around the end of October. According to Brandt, a special election can be requested if more than 720 voting "irregularities" are found. Brandt said that "we have much more than the required number." She added, "I'm very optimistic about a special election. I came from nowhere and cut into [York's] support. We should win."

Margaret Chin was elected State Committeewoman for the Democratic Party in New York's 61st Assembly District of lower Manhattan on Sept. 9. In doing so, Chin became the highest-ranking Asian elected official in New York State. Chin resigned her position as president of Asian Americans for Equality in order to devote more time to her new position.

Julie Tang, president of the San Francisco Community College Board, filed Sept. 5 for the Board of Supervisors race. Tang was one of the candidates endorsed by the Chinese American Democratic Club to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Supervisor Louis Renne. Mayor

Diane Feinstein appointed Thomas Hsieh to that position.

The Berkeley Asian Task Force announced its endorsements for city races Sept. 30. For School Board, the task force endorsed David Kakishiba, Howard Traylor and Noel Krenkel; Mark Min and Marty Schiftenbauer were endorsed for Rent Board.

JAs Needed for Medical Study

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.

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a story of San Francisco's Japantown

The people and scenes of old Nihonmachi which centered around South Park, Grant Avenue and the present location in the Western Addition were compiled to help the reader visualize how it was in the early days when the Issei-first generation of Japanese in America lived and worked in San Francisco.

The book continues to relate the experiences of the Nisei before, during and after the war. The strength of the Issei, the determination of the Nisei set the stage for the energy of the Sansei-third generation in America to forge ahead to compete in the larger society on a more equal basis.

Former residents and those who remember Nihonmachi during the 50's will find photos of Koga's, Evergreen and even team and scout pictures from those days interesting.

—Suzie Kobuchi Okazaki, Author

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This photograph of a sumo wrestler and his son, taken around 1920 by pioneer Issei photographer Usaku Teragawachi in Honolulu, is representative of the rare and unusual photographs currently on display at the National Japanese American Historical Society, 1855 Folsom St., San Francisco. The exhibit, entitled "The Japanese American Experience," was drawn from nearly 25,000 photographs and negatives collected from the Japanese American community and the War Relocation Authority. The exhibit is open daily, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., until Dec. 31.

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FROM THE
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Bill
Hosokawa



A Wyoming-born Sansei attorney named Melvin Okamoto was nominated recently to fill a vacancy in the Denver District Court. He did not get the appointment, but that is not the point of this week's essay. Okamoto is only 38 years old and, although he was disappointed, there will be other opportunities if he chooses to pursue his legal career from the bench.

The point is that a growing number of Japanese Americans, not well known in the ethnic community, are making careers in public service.

But first a word about Okamoto. He has been commissioner—a sort of referee—in Denver juvenile court since 1981. For five years prior to that he was assistant district attorney in Weld County in northern Colorado. He has scored consistently in the high 90s in the Denver Bar Association's juvenile court judicial survey, which is high praise for his competence.

Old-timers may remember Okamoto's mother. She is Evelyn Kiri-mura, the editor of the Pacific Citizen in San Francisco during the precarious prewar days. She and her husband, Joe, moved to Cheyenne soon after war's end. He was a watch repairman until his death not long ago.

But let me get back to other young Japanese Americans, several of whom have been quoted in the public prints recently in connection with their duties. Jack Tanigawa, deputy director of Denver's building department, has a lot to do with issuance of building permits, and

he was in the news in connection with conjecture about the outlook for construction.

Bob Fujioka is an administrator at Denver's Stapleton International Airport, the world's sixth or seventh busiest airport. It's scheduled to be relocated to a site large enough to put it in the Atlanta and Dallas-Fort Worth class, and we'll probably be hearing more of Fujioka soon.

Up in Greeley, an hour's drive north of Denver, Sam Sasaki is assistant city manager. In another Colorado jurisdiction, George Kawamura directs welfare efforts.

What is going on in Colorado is also taking place in other parts of the mainland as greater numbers of young Japanese Americans find opportunities for careers in public service. This is particularly true of California and Washington, where substantial numbers of Japanese Americans reside; I'm writing about Colorado because I just happen to know about it. These individuals are probably better known in their professional communities than in Japanese American circles because their lives naturally center more on their work than on their ethnicity.

This might be termed the integration, one generation removed, that Dillon S. Myer envisioned when he encouraged the evacuees in the WRA camps to forsake ethnic ghettos and seek new lives throughout the United States. What was needed for achieving Myer's goal was time rather than encouragement, for now it is taking place naturally.

The Japanese American press may be giving readers a distorted picture of the realities of their world when it focuses on ethnic interests within the ethnic enclaves. There's a lot of important stuff going on outside, in addition to the perennial fund drives and testimonial banquets.

Airing Dirty Laundry

ONE THING
LEADS
TO ANOTHER

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 deposited these on a table, went out, and came back with another two. A total of five garbage bags.

As he proceeded to separate the various articles of clothing, linen, towels, etc., while sheepishly absorbing the stares of astonishment and amusement 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," said the other. "Nasty things could grow on your clothes, you know."

Well, this unasked-for advice was not exactly what our laundry procrastinator wanted or needed at that point and he snapped back, "I'm just a real busy man, thank you."

And he continued on his task, sorting out clothing, spraying var-

ious articles with some spot remover and a disinfectant/fungicide. But the stench from those bags of clothing was somewhat overpowering—much like the smell of an athletic locker that had not been cleaned out in months.

So what does this little anecdote have to do with anything? In the past few weeks a number of comments have been directed to my attention about the various articles and comments I have made about the internal workings of the JACL.

Most of the "negative" comments have been of the "do we really want or need to air our dirty laundry" variety. Well, my only reply to that comment is: Dirty laundry that does not get aired out once in a while gets smelly and moldy and sometimes suffers irrevocable damage.

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Letters to the Editor

No on 64

The Pacific Southwest District Council of JACL joins with other organizations and individuals in opposing Proposition 64, the California AIDS initiative instigated by the Lyndon LaRouche-sponsored group Prevent AIDS Now Committee (PANIC).

We believe the initiative is an unnecessary diversion of funds from more appropriate health services and is a serious abridgement of civil rights that recalls the same ignorance, hysteria and prejudice that led to the incarceration of thousands of Japanese American citizens during WW2 with its attendant fear and suspicion, loss of property, loss of employment, and loss of dignity.

MITSUO TOMITA, M.D.
Redress and Civil Rights Chair
San Diego JACL

Merit Over Gender

I am writing in regard to Yosh Nakashima's column about women delegates not voting for women candidates at the Chicago convention ("A Double Standard?" Sept. 5 PC). I don't think women should vote for women just for gender's sake. Women should be supported and elected based on merit, like anyone else.

Unfortunately, Rose Ochi, as vice president of membership, did very little to increase member-

ship (in fact, it decreased), or to implement the automated system which a consultant recommended. Harry Kajihara, on the other hand, worked very hard as redress chair and governor of PSW and fundraising chair of LEC.

Just as in the case of minorities, we should support and vote for them because they are doers and not just talkers. Yosh doesn't seem to realize that capable people don't want a free ride just because they are minorities or women.

The delegates elected vice president of public affairs Cherry Kinoshita, who is a doer and deserved the votes, so I don't understand what Yosh is crying about. The question should be: Why did so many vote for Rose?

Bob Shimabukuro's article "Tearing Ourselves Apart" (Oct. 3 PC) is very perceptive and hits the nail on the head. Too many egos and pettiness have hampered the progress of JACL and LEC.

HANK SAKAI
Long Beach, Calif.

Direct Election

After reading your article "JACL Election Spawns Controversy" (Sept. 26 PC), as a JACL member and a veteran, I feel strongly that the election for JACL 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 racial discrimination and hatred to defend our freedom and to seek justice? How would the brave, patriotic soldiers of the 442nd RCT, who gave their dear lives voluntarily, feel regarding this controversial election process?

Harry Kajihara may have won the election without improper procedures or intimidation. If this is true—and right is might—I suggest that a re-election ballot with each candidate's record and qualification be sent to each JACL member for a confirmation to solidify Kajihara's position.

Or, if it turns out otherwise, he should have the courage and generosity to act accordingly.

It should be an easy task to mail the ballots, for there are only 20,000 members. When this is done, freedom and justice will be synonymous with JACL, and former members will return to be part of a fine, spirited organization.

The time has come for America and JACL to elect the best man or woman for the job based on his or her record, and not by color, sex or discrimination.

JACK T. KAKIKI
San Dimas, Calif.

Intra-organizational Disputes

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The election controversy of the Chicago convention has created a major split within the JACL leadership.

The PC editorial staff is to be congratulated for researching the 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-organizational 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 to the opponents, actions are usually taken in the hope of strengthening the organization's credibility.

The Chicago election controversy has been openly discussed.

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 now before us.

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 the conclusion into 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 coming together, after the election, of the opposing parties and factions for a united effort to promote the organization. This is the splendor of the democratic process at work.

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Chicago: 33-Lester G Katsura, 17-Dick Nishimoto, 31-Thomas S Okabe, 12-William Taki.
Cincinnati: 16-Dr Shiro Tanaka.
Cleveland: 1-Robert L Stedfield.
Dayton: 23-Ken F Sugawara.
Diablo Valley: 20-Richard T Kono.
Downtown Los Angeles: 1-Glenn Furumura, 1-Kathleen Sankey.
East Los Angeles: 33-Dr Robert T Obi, 26-Jane Ozawa.
Fresno: Life-Joyce E Yamaguchi, Life-Dr Kent T Yamaguchi, 2-Ken Yokota.
Hollywood: 6-Raymond Chee*, 33-Shizuko Sumi.
Houston: 30-Masaru Yamasaki.
Livingston Merced: 11-Londa O Iwata.
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Oakland: 33-Katsumi Fujii.
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San Jose: 6-Frank Ito, 36-Dave M Tatsuno*, 25-Henry T Yamate.
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Venice Culver: 11-Caroline K Takemoto.
Washington, DC: Life-Katherine Matsuki, Life-Paul S Matsuki.

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s15-Otagiri Mercantile Co Inc (SF).

LIFE
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Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total)1,830
Total this report: #39 50
Current total1,880

OCT 6-10, 1986 (50)

Boise Valley: 22-Harry Kawahara, 24-Ronnie Y Yokota.
Chicago: 31-Dr Roy Teshima, 1-Robert Toyama*, 16-Richard M Yamada.
Detroit: 14-Roy Oda, 29-Tom T Tagami.
Diablo Valley: 6-Chevron USA Inc.
East Los Angeles: 4-Dean Aihara*.
Fresno: 2-Kathleen Kebo, 2-Rodney Kebo, 31-Dr Chester Oji, 5-May M Oji, 28-Dr Otto H Suda.
Livingston Merced: 32-Eric Andow.
Marysville: 31-George H Inouye, 23-Billy Teruo Manji.
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Mount Olympus: 28-Tom K Matumori, Life-Wataru Oki.
New England: 5-Masato Nakashima.
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Active (previous total)1,880
Total this report: #40 21
Current total1,901

OCT 13-17, 1986 (21)

Chicago: 30-Kazuo Jake Higashiuchi, 21-Jack Kabumoto, 19-Roy M Kuroye.



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AWARD RECIPIENT—Gerald Foster (center), head of Pacific Bell's telecommunications operations in Southern California, received the Asian Pacific American Legal Center's Corporate Award at the Center's Awards Dinner Oct. 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles. Pictured with Foster are (from left): APALC executive director Stewart Kwok, Foster's wife Dorothy, dinner co-chair Lilly Lee, and California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) received the Center's Legal Impact Award, while Los Angeles Councilman Michael Woo received the Public Service Award.

Cincinnati: 35-Masaji S Toki.
East Los Angeles: 6-Michael Mitoma*.
Fresno: 27-Dr Shiro Ego.
Hollywood: 16-Bill H Teragawa.
Marina: 21-Dr Roy T Ozawa.
Orange County: 26-George Maye.
Philadelphia: 27-Chiyoko Koiwai.
Placer County: 18-R E Metzker.
Sacramento: Life-Dr Harold S Arai.
Salt Lake City: 23-Raymond S Uno*.
Seattle: 33-Dr Susumu Fukuda, 25-Dr Roland S Kumasaka, 20-Tomio Moriguchi, 23-Dr Kenji Okuda, 2-Tom Tsukiji.
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Contributions to the fund, c/o JACL HQ, are graded as follows: Fellow—\$1,000-\$2,500; Emeritus—\$2,500 minimum; Sustaining—\$200 for 5 yrs; Amicus—Less than \$1,000.

THE 1986 REPORT

Total This Report: #19—\$200.00
John J Tani \$200 (sust. 4th yr).
Fund Summary: Sept 30, 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) 1,600
5th Year (3) 600
Amicus (4) 520
Contribution (3) 850
Fund Total \$24,770

Redress Pledges

Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period ending:
#31: SEPTEMBER, 1986

1986 Total to Date: \$ 69,763.02
Prev. Gross Total: 325,378.06
This Report: (3) 1,035.00
Grand Total: \$327,413.06
Livingston-Merced JACL \$815 ('86 pledge), Livingston-Merced \$125 (bal of '86 pledge); Fremont JACL \$95.

1986 DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

(Actual: Jan.—Sept. 1986)
NC-WN-Pac 30,220.50
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
Sep 30 Total: \$ 69,763.02

Redress Support

These amounts come with membership form check-offs. Actual amounts from the JACL Chapters acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:

#8: SEPTEMBER, 1986

Marina (1) \$5, Hoosier (2) \$11, Lake Washington (1) \$10, Alameda (1) \$50, Selanoco (1) \$10, Arizona (4) \$20, Clovis (1) \$5, Tri-Valley (2) \$10.

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
September	(13)	131.00
1986 Total:		\$ 6,715.00

BIRD: MINORITY RIGHTS

Continued from front page

by the court, problems with the law have 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 masks the real reason for the move to oust her 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 and politicians who hate to see independent and competent judges are responsible for the move 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, claimed Bird.

"When you have a judiciary that is truly independent of the legislature, the President and the Congress, then you have a judiciary that will protect everyone's rights," she said. Those who oppose the court, said Bird, "see only one kind of judge, and that judge has to have a mindset that is prerecorded and will spew out what they want at the moment. [But] isn't part of the beauty of our institutions that everybody can look up at that institution 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 because if you violate the rights of minorities, you violate your rights ultimately, because all of us are minorities at some point.'"

Bird, who presently is trailing far behind in the polls, was 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 Reynoso," she said. "He is the only Latino constitutional officeholder in this state. This is a judge who is a careful, thoughtful, caring judge who follows the law. And if he is turned out of office, I think that it would be a real tragedy for the state."

Asian Justice Needed

Bird added that she has often said that California needs an Asian on the Supreme Court. "I 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."

"They couldn't even testify in a court of law," she noted, "because they weren't even [considered] people. Well, it's time we changed that, and we allow the people within our society to look up to our institutions and see themselves. That's important, that's basic, and that's fundamental."

BUDGET

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In the meantime, the JACL National Board approved at its January meeting a \$75,000 grant to LEC, apparently assuming that all the pledge money (estimated at approximately \$135,000) would come in, and, after paying back the \$60,000 loan, \$75,000 would be left over to give to LEC. A schedule of payment was established and, beginning March 1, monthly checks for \$10,000 were issued to the LEC fund.

By the time the board met in May, however, there was a clear deficit on the JACL income and expense statement. The board then adjusted its prior motion and recharacterized the \$75,000 grant as an advance against future pledge revenue. Another adjustment was made at this month's board meeting with a decision to stop the payments at \$50,000 and to defer the advance until action is taken at the February board meeting.

National President Harry Kajihara said that if the pledge money does not come in by February, one consideration the board may face is to pull the \$50,000 back to JACL.

"Of course," he said, "that would hamper, fund-wise, the redress efforts that JACL is making through LEC." And, he added, if such a pullback of funds is necessitated, or if the additional \$25,000 is not transferred to LEC, it could be "detrimental."

Alan Nishi, secretary-treasurer, echoed Kajihara's concerns. "Things just didn't work out like they were supposed to, as far as the fourth-year pledges are concerned," he said. "Had the majority of those pledges come in, the majority of our deficit wouldn't be there. The LEC advance is a major factor in our deficit."

Part II, in next week's PC, will examine other factors contributing to the JACL cash flow deficit, and some steps that are being taken to remedy the situation.

JAs Take Sides

Bird Issue — Are Individual Rights at Risk?

by J.K. Yamamoto

The debate over the confirmation of California Chief Justice Rose Bird is reflected in the stands taken by two Los Angeles-area Japanese American community organizations.

Japanese American Bar Association (JABA) supports Bird, while Japanese American Republicans (JAR) is among her critics. A major area of disagreement is independence of the judiciary, especially as it applies to individual rights.

JABA, in a statement endorsed by its board and membership, said that unlike a legislator, who represents the voters' wishes, "a judge, in reaching a 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 citizenry would prefer that certain constitutional rights not be afforded particular minority groups. Yet if the judiciary is to serve its intended function, it must disregard this pressure...."

"During WW2, thousands of law-abiding Japanese Americans were unconstitutionally placed into concentration camps... The judiciary, instead of maintaining its role of protector of the rights of all the people, buckled to the will of the majority and upheld the unlawful internment. Witness too the court's upholding of the California Alien Land Laws enacted to prevent Asians and their descendants from owning land."

Accountability to Public

JAR president Lance Izumi's position is that accountability to the public is part of any elected post. 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, but the voters have the right to disagree with us and throw us out of office."

"The court is not just a law-applying body," said Izumi, "but has wide discretion to promulgate supposedly good laws and throw out supposedly bad laws. This discretion is something that the public has a right to have a check upon, and that check is their vote at the ballot box."

If Bird's supporters do not want judicial decisions to be subject to voter approval, he added, "The only way to avoid that is to change the way the court is appointed—to advocate lifetime appointment."

In regard to civil rights, Izumi denied that Asian Americans would be adversely affected by the ouster of Bird. "The highest ranking Asian state official, [Secretary of State] March Fong Eu, a liberal Democrat, has come out against Bird's confirmation and has even asked her to resign," he pointed out.

Impact on Asians

"Just because a judge has a conservative philosophy, that doesn't mean he or she is going to be insensitive to Asian concerns," Izumi said of appointees who may replace Bird and other Supreme Court justices. "Look at the vigorous prosecution of the Vincent Chin case by a conservative Reagan Justice Department."

Izumi echoed a charge frequently made by conservative critics: "The Supreme Court has strained to find any technicality

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Community Calendar

Oct. 25 - Nov. 8

SEATTLE

Oct. 30
7 p.m. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi will speak on "The Rise of the Asian American: Implications for Asian-Jewish Relations" at a dinner session of the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee National Executive Council, Seattle Sheraton Hotel, 1400 Sixth Ave., Oct. 30 - Nov. 1.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Nov. 8-9
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Programs and exhibitions of Japanese American internment will be presented by the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community at the Bainbridge Island High School in Winslow, Wash. Included on the program are the photographic exhibit "Executive Order 9066," and videotape showings of "Visible Target" and "Emi of Bainbridge."

HAYWARD

Nov. 1
2-4 p.m. A reception for John Toki, whose wall relief adorns the lobby of Eden Issei Terrace, and a dedication ceremony honoring the major donors will be held at the Terrace, 200 Fagundes Ct. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies for the senior citizens housing project of the Japanese American Services of the East Bay.

LOS ANGELES

Nov. 1
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The city's Commission on the Status of Women will present "The Empowerment of Women of Color" at City Hall, 200 N. Spring St. Forum participants will identify their special needs as women of color. Information gathered will be used for a booklet to be distributed to community leaders and policy makers.

NEW YORK

Nov. 1
9:30, 11 p.m. Recording artists Fred Houn and the Afro-Asian Music Ensemble will perform at the Jazz Center of New York, 380 Lafayette St. The ensemble consists of Sam Furnace, Al Givens, Richard Clements, Kiyoto Fujiwara, Taru Alexander and Carleen Robinson. Admission: \$8.

DELRAY BEACH

Nov. 1-2
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Shakuhachi and koto music, outdoor tea ceremony and Japanese dance are among the offerings at the Bunka-no-hi celebration of the Morikami Museum in Florida. Flautist Yukio Hyakuda and kotoist Mitsumi Takamizu will perform. Info: (305) 495-0233.

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Volunteer Tutor to be Honored

LOS ANGELES — Akira Suzuki, a 67-year-old volunteer at All Peoples Community Center, 822 E. 20th St., will be honored Oct. 26 for his work tutoring elderly pupils through the center's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

The center-sponsored tribute will take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 5985 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 Suzuki by actress Tamlyn Tomita, star of "Karate

Kid II." Emcee for the tribute will be Calvin Peterson, former Los Angeles Raiders linebacker.

Suzuki, a former Department of Water and Power engineer, 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, Suzuki 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) 747-6357.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Fred and Hana Aoyama, of Reno, Nev., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 20 with an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren at their home on Palisade Drive.

County Commends Volunteers

SAN MATEO — More than 50 San Mateo JACL volunteers received certificates of commendation for their services from Anna Eshoo, president of the County Board of Supervisors, during a Sept. 16 luncheon at the home of Mari Komatsu in Atherton.

Special tributes were made by Ernie Takahashi, chairman of the Community Center Advisory Committee, to those who have served as volunteers for more than 15 years: Lucy Shin, Mitsuye Muranaga and Kimi Watanabe.

Chapter Vice President Nancy Takahashi 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 and English libraries and mailing out the monthly JACL newsletter.

Graduate

FRESNO — Diane Suda, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Suda, recently was awarded the degree of doctor of dental medicine from Harvard University. Suda's studies were focused on the specialized field of endodontia.

A/P Brochure

LOS ANGELES — A new brochure sponsored by the Asian Pacific Planning Council, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 411, explains how United Way and Brotherhood Crusade donors may contribute to charities other than those listed as United Way agencies.

The brochure, designed to increase donations to Asian Pacific groups, may be obtained by calling Bill Watanabe at Little Tokyo Service Center, (213) 680-3729.

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'Silk Screen' Series Enters Third Season

SAN FRANCISCO — Now in its third season, "Silk Screen," a series showcasing documentary and dramatic films by and about Asian Americans, will be broadcast on PBS stations this fall.

Hosted by actor Robert Ito, the six half-hour programs are a project of National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), which promotes accurate images of Asian Americans in the media by acquiring and distributing Asian American television and radio programs. Featured this season are:

Program 1 — "Four Women" by Loni Ding, a look at women who have succeeded in demanding professions: a Japanese American architect, a Filipino American physician, a Korean American social organizer, and a Chinese American union leader.

Program 2 — "The Only Language She Knows" by Amy Hill and Steven Okazaki, an examination of conflicts—and deep bonds—between a second generation Chinese American (writer Genny Lim) and her immigrant mother; and "Gaman" by Bob Miyamoto, which shows the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans through the eyes of a young girl.

Program 3 — "Eight Pound Livelihood" by Yuet-Fung Ho, and Barbara Kerr, a look at the history and often deplorable conditions of the Chinese American laundry industry.

Program 4 — "A Kind of Yellow" by David Chan, a mini-drama about an assimilated Chinese American college student who feels out of place in the Chinese crowd to which his girlfriend belongs; and "Santa" by Emiko Omori, a humorous short about a day in the life of a Macy's Santa.

Program 5 — "Fool's Dance" by Robert Nakamura and Karen Ishizuka, a comedy about a Buddhist (Mako) who enters a convalescent home and reaffirms life for his fellow patients. Esther Rolle also stars.

Program 6 — "Talking History" by Spencer Nakasako, a chronicle of the lives of five Asian immigrant women who have faced language and cultural barriers as well as racial and sexual discrimination.

Funding for "Silk Screen" is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. James Yee is executive producer, Louise Lo is project director, and Michael Chin is coordinating producer.

The series will be broadcast in Seattle on KCTS-TV (Channel 9) starting Oct. 26, 11 a.m., and in Boston on WGBX-TV (Channel 44) starting Nov. 18, 8:30 p.m. For air dates in other cities, contact the local PBS station. For more information about "Silk Screen," call NAATA at (415) 863-0814.

NCWNPDC to Meet in Sac'to

SACRAMENTO — The fourth quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL District Council will take place Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Holiday, 5321 Date Ave.

Agenda will include a special redress report by JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara.

Fees for the meeting are \$15 for delegates and \$12 for boosters. Info: District Gov. Mollie Fujioka, (415) 935-4766.

Chapter Pulse

ARIZONA

•Chapter will host its annual picnic Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. at La Pradera Park, south of Glendale Ave. between 39th and 43rd Ave. Cost: Over 12, \$3; under 12, free.

MILE-HI

•Denver newspaperman and PC columnist Bill Hosokawa will serve as master of ceremonies at a benefit showing of "Yankee Samurai" Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Corkin Theatre of the Houston Fine Arts Center, 7111 Montview, Denver. Eric Saul from the National Japanese American Historical Society will speak after the film. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for adults. Proceeds will go the National Japanese American Historical Society and the chapter. Info: Bob Sakaguchi, (303) 469-4337; Tom Masamori, 237-3041; Toshio Johnston, 442-8133.

G. L. A. SINGLES

•All are invited to the chapter's annual fundraiser "Dance Off the Turkey" Nov. 29 at the Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. No-host cocktails at 7:30 p.m., dancing to the music of John Sherri from 8 p.m. to midnight. Non-singles are welcome. Cost: \$8 per person. Tickets: Nikky, (213) 426-9571. Info: Marion, (213) 621-3345 or (714) 893-2158.

MARINA

•Daniel Nakamura, the "king of origami," will demonstrate the art of origami at the next chapter meeting Nov. 6 at the Burton Chace Park in Marina Del Rey. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Info: Shirley, (213) 558-4255.

SAN FRANCISCO

•This year's Sushi-Sake event will be held at the Rock n' Bowl, Stanyon and Haight Streets, Nov. 7, 6-9 p.m. The \$10 admission price covers sushi, sake, rental shoes and use of the bowling lanes. Sushi will be provided by Chef Atsushi Ogawa, while sake will be provided by Takara Sake. Tickets may be ordered by sending a \$10 check to JACL San Francisco Chapter, P.O. Box 22425, San Francisco, CA 94122. Info: (415) 641-1697.

WEST LOS ANGELES

•Southern California American Nikkei and Nikkei Leadership Association chapters will join the WLA chapter in a joint installation dinner/dance Nov. 8 at the LAX Hyatt, Century and Sepulveda Blvds., from 6 p.m. Featured speaker will be Rose Ochi, director of criminal justice planning for L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley. Dance music by Stonebridge. Cost: \$25. Info: Virginia, 820-3365; Shig, 473-0629; Phyllis, 822-7470.

CLEVELAND

•Chapter holds its 16th annual Holiday Fair on Nov. 8, 3-8 p.m., at Euclid Central Junior High School, 20701 Euclid Ave. (near Chardon Road) in Euclid. Japanese foods and crafts will be sold; the program will feature an ikebana demonstration, doll display, kimono fashion show, and performance by the Sho-Jo-Ji Dancers. Info: (216) 486-4200, ext. 218 (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or Sachie Tanaka, (216) 229-2491.

Fremont Symposium to Offer Advice on Tax-Reform Finance

FREMONT — A one-day financial symposium, "Winning Strategies After Tax Reform," will take place Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Sunol Valley Golf Club, Interstate 680 and Andrade Road, sponsored by the Fremont JACL Chapter and the JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC).

Topics and speakers will be: "Identify Your Tax Situation and Alternatives," Debra Davis, Arthur Anderson & Co.; "Re-evaluate Your Estate Plan," Francis Burton Doyle, Doyle, Miller & Casados; "Buying Economic Merit and Staying Power," Kay Iwata,

Atherton Advisory Inc.; and "Position for Modern Economic Cycles," David L. Smith, Cyclical Investing Quarterly Report.

The symposium will close with a half-hour redress update provided by Rep. Norman Mineta; Grayce Uyehara, executive director of JACL-LEC; and Mollie Fujioka, NCWNP district governor.

Cost is \$40 per person or \$65 per couple, lunch included. Late registration, on or after Oct. 27, is \$55 per person and \$80 per couple. All proceeds will benefit JACL-LEC. Info: Kay Iwata, (408) 243-1558.

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JACL Scholarship Named for Pioneer Newspaper Publisher

SAN FRANCISCO—A new scholarship in memory of Issei pioneer Kyutaro Abiko, founder and publisher of the Nichi Bei Times, was added late this summer to a roster of over 25 National JACL scholarships awarded this year.

A \$5,500 check for the award was presented to National JACL Headquarters by Abiko's son, Yasuo, who established the award with his family earlier this year. Of that amount, \$500 was used for this year's Kyutaro Abiko Memorial Scholarship.

The remaining \$5,000 will be used to establish a fund from which the interest will provide for an annual \$500 award. The fund will be open-ended for future donations from family and friends. In selecting awardees, preference will be given to agriculture and journalism majors.

Abiko, who died in 1936, founded the Nichi Bei in 1899. As publisher, he spearheaded the Japanese American community's opposition to the school segregation movement in San Francisco

public schools in 1907. Using his knowledge of English, he was a recognized spokesperson in the fight against discriminatory laws in the 1910-20 period.

Participating in the scholarship fund are Abiko's five grandchildren: Joan Ishihara of Studio City; Grace Abiko of Berkeley; Beth Gibson of Sunnyvale; Bill Abiko of South Lake Tahoe; and Kenneth Abiko of El Cerrito.

Applications for the National Scholarship Program are available beginning this month from local chapters, JACL regional offices and National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco.

Visitors Wanted

PHOENIX — Nursing home resident George Hoshiyama wants visitors to discuss items of mutual interest, according to the Arizona chapter newsletter, Roundup. The home is located at 3119 West Stella and Hoshiyama may be reached at 973-2056.

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ONIZUKA STREET

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nese community" and "played an important role in the resurgence of the Japanese American community" after WW2, he said.

Kats Kunitsugu, executive secretary of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, said, "It's not the history of Weller Street, it's the history of Japanese Americans we are trying to preserve in Little Tokyo."

Referring to Onizuka, she said the community "needs this type of hero to look up to" and noted that no street in Little Tokyo is named for a Japanese American.

Linda Morimoto, who has been a doctor in Little Tokyo for 31 years, called the issue "a problem that is dividing our community."

"The Japanese members of the community and the Japanese American members of the community are not even speaking to each other," she said. "If he [Onizuka] knew the dissension and division that this has created, he would say, 'Leave it alone. I have received enough honors.'"

She added that the late astronaut deserves more than having "a little strip of street less than one block long" named after him.

Support From Veterans

George Nishinaka, president of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association, favored the proposal. He recalled seeing an item about the name change in a Durham, N.C. newspaper. Because Onizuka is "a national hero," he said, "whatever happens here... will be looked upon and judged favorably or not by many American citizens across the country."

Kenzo Okubo, vice chair of the mayor's Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, said that Onizuka "provides for the youth of our community a very positive role model of an American of Japanese ancestry," while community fund-raiser Les Hamasaki said that by renaming the street, the council would "honor the spirit of America, honor the spirit of liberty."

Saburo Kanemoto of Little Tokyo Tenants Association claimed that Japanese nationals oppose



Ellison Onizuka

the name change because "Onizuka," which means "devil mound," sounds "too-low class" to them. "We don't care what they do in the old country. This is America," he declared.

Other proponents were Young Oak Kim, representing Monte Fujita of Club 100 (a JA WW2 veterans' association), and Kango Kunitsugu, speaking for Pacific Southwest District JACL director John Saito.

Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, who represents the Little Tokyo area and chairs the council's Public Works Committee, noted the objections of the Japanese businesses but concluded, "Most of the community people, not necessarily on Weller Street, but... a great percentage, would want the change to be made."

Councilman Mike Woo said that the name change would serve "the greater good" despite any objections to it. Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky recalled a previous debate over whether to rename Santa Barbara Avenue to honor Martin Luther King. "Everybody had a good reason why it shouldn't be done... [but] it was done, and the city is better for it."

COURT DEBATE

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to reverse a death penalty sentence even where they have upheld the conviction. That means the court admits that the person is guilty but won't impose the death penalty because of legal technicalities... It is doubtful that any death penalty could ever be carried out based on the standards they have set."

JABA maintained that the Bird court has been very tough on crime: "In 1983-84... of the 991 appeals of criminal cases that reached the California Supreme Court, only 20 convictions were reversed. Moreover, in not one of those 20 reversals did the defendant go free... Retrials were ordered in every case. A higher percentage of convicted criminals in California are sentenced to prison than in most states..."

"In 1977, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a death penalty statute enacted by the California Legislature. In 1978, however, the law was replaced by a poorly written initiative. Since that time, the court has... struggled to uphold the constitutionality of the initiative."

JABA also stated that "Before a sentence as irrevocable as the death penalty is carried out, the justices are constitutionally required to ensure that the defendant was fairly and impartially convicted and sentenced."

Izumi finds the endorsement of Bird by lawyers' associations to be suspect. "Trial lawyers especially have a very large monetary stake in this election," he said. "Under the Bird court, awards to various plaintiffs have been increased in various categories, and lawyers naturally have an interest in this."

JAR calls for a "no" vote on Bird and Justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin; JABA urges

'Samurai' Coming to W.L.A.

LOS ANGELES — "Yankee Samurai," a documentary about the 442 RCT produced by Israeli filmmaker Katriel Schory, will be screened at the Venice Japa-

nese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., on Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 2, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and will be sold at the door.

The program is being presented by the Marina, Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles JACL chapters, Venice Japanese Community Center, Venice-Santa Monica Free Methodist Church, Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Crescent Bay Optimist Club, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and National Japanese American Historical Society.

that the entire slate of justices be retained.

Mike Yamamoto of JABA and Izumi had a debate on the Bird issue before the Japanese American Optimist Club on Oct. 15 and will do so again Oct. 28 at UCLA. Info: Robert Kawahara, (213) 387-6223.



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