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Redress Bills Get Sponsors

WASHINGTON — The addition of new co-sponsors for both the House and Senate redress bills was announced March 2 by JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara.

In the Senate, Robert Kasten (R-Wis.) and Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) have signed on, bringing the number of co-sponsors to 44. The prime sponsor, Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), plans to introduce the bill when it has 51 co-sponsors.

In the House, new H.R. 442 co-sponsors are Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), George Hochbrueckner (D-N.Y.), Michael DeWine (R-Ohio), and John Miller (R-Wash.). The House total is now 132.

Chin Trial Moved to Ohio

DETROIT — The new trial of Ronald Ebens, who beat Vincent Chin to death with a baseball bat in 1982, has been moved to Cincinnati because of pre-trial publicity.

Ebens "cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial" in the Detroit area, said U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor on Feb. 23, because of the "saturation publicity which has surrounded this case for five years and continues."

Civil Rights Conviction Overturned

Ebens, now free on \$20,000 bond, was convicted in 1984 of violating Chin's civil rights and given a 25-year prison sentence. The conviction was overturned in September by the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals because of what the court cited as errors in the trial, which Taylor conducted. That same month, the Justice Department decided to retry Ebens.

"Most damaging to jury selection of all the post-reversal coverage, in the view of this court, was the Oct. 12, 1986 Detroit News Sunday Magazine cover story on the victim's mother, Lily Chin," Taylor wrote in her decision to move the trial to Ohio.

"The effect of this major feature alone, in the newspaper of largest circulation in Michigan... is extremely prejudicial to the court's ability to secure an impartial jury in this area."

Taylor will also hear the new trial, scheduled for Apr. 21.

Defense attorney Frank Eaman had asked Taylor for a change of venue before the first trial, but Taylor refused. The Court of Appeals wrote that a change of venue "probably would have been advisable" but added that Taylor's refusal was not one of the errors that moved the court to overturn the verdict.

'Chance for Fair Trial'

"Maybe now he'll have a chance for a fair trial," said Eaman, who characterized public figures calling for a new trial as "a lynch mob."

James Shimoura of American Citizens for Justice, which helped publicize the Chin case, said the change of venue was "not totally unanticipated."

Chin was attacked by Ebens and his stepson, Michael Nitz, after an altercation in a nightclub. Ebens is alleged to have directed racial slurs at Chin prior to the fight.

The case caused an uproar in 1983 when Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman found Ebens and Nitz guilty of manslaughter and sentenced them to probation and fines. ACJ and other Asian American organizations lobbied the Justice Department to bring federal civil rights charges against the two men. Nitz was acquitted in the federal case.

—from reports by Detroit Free Press and Detroit News

Plan to Intern Arabs Criticized at Day of Remembrance Event

by J.K. Yamamoto

GARDENA, Calif. — The internment of Japanese Americans has a present-day parallel in an INS contingency plan for the detention of Arab immigrants, emphasized speakers at the Feb. 21 Day of Remembrance program held at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center.

Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), a co-sponsor of redress bill H.R. 442, pointed out similarities between the government's actions during WW2 and its treatment of seven Palestinians arrested in the Los Angeles area in January for alleged ties to terrorists.

"The FBI, after months of surveillance and living next door to some of the victims," he said, "could find no criminal activity



Rep. Mervyn Dymally

of these people.... The FBI statistics on terrorism and the State Department statistics on

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"IT HAS A BITTER TASTE TO IT, SAM."

Dennis Renault/Sacramento Bee

This political cartoon, which ran in the Sacramento Bee on Nov. 19, 1986, will be featured in the Smithsonian's exhibit on Japanese Americans.

Focus on Japanese Americans

Opening Date, Ceremonies Set for Smithsonian Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — The Smithsonian Institution's exhibit on Japanese Americans will open Oct. 1, the National Japanese American Historical Society has announced.

The exhibit, produced by the Smithsonian with production assistance and technical advice from NJAHS, will be part of the nationwide celebration of the Constitution's 200th anniversary.

Senators to Speak

The schedule of activities announced by NJAHS includes the dedication of the exhibit on the west steps of the Capitol on Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be among the speakers. A reception will take place that evening at 7.

On Oct. 2 at 3 p.m., a memorial service for the WW2 Nisei war dead will be conducted at the amphitheater near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), former commander of E Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, will give the keynote speech.

More than 7,500 Japanese Americans are expected to attend the opening. Organizers hope that the exhibit, through media coverage and large crowds of visitors, will make the history of Japanese Americans better known throughout the country.

Roger Kennedy, director of the National Museum of American

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Commission Reports Rise in Hate Crime

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — The number of incidents motivated by racial bigotry reached "unprecedented levels" in 1986, according to a report released Feb. 20 by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

The 15-member commission counted 58 racial incidents in 1986, a 346 percent increase over the 13 reported in 1985. (No increase was noted in 1985, which had the same number of incidents as 1984). A 34 percent increase in religious incidents was also noted—95 in 1986, 71 in 1985.

Victimization of Asians

"This past year exhibited an increase in the victimization of Asians," the report stated. Of the 58 incidents, 40 (69 percent) were against Blacks, 14 (24.1 percent) were against Asians, 3 (5.2 percent) were against Latinos, and 1 (1.7 percent) was against an Arab. Three-fourths of the incidents took place at the victims' homes. Anti-Asian incidents include:

- Jan. 4, Los Angeles: assault and battery of Korean merchants, with racial epithets, at swap meet.
- May 6, Glendale: swastikas and racist graffiti on door of home of Asian family.

- May 8, Pasadena: home of Asian man broken into, large-scale interior damage, walls defaced with racist graffiti.

- Aug. 5, West Los Angeles: window smashed by rock, racial epithets directed at Asian family.

Incidents Underreported?

Commissioners think the actual number of incidents may be higher because "recent immigrants... perhaps lacking English proficiency and understanding of the criminal nature of these acts... often fail to report such incidents to law enforcement agencies. The commission, therefore, believes that incidents directed at Asian or Latino targets may be the most critically underreported."

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Changes in JACL Personnel Manual Proposed

by Harry K. Honda

Outside of redress, the JACL personnel manual looms as the most dominant quest today for the organization as a whole—the 30 or so JACL employees in particular and the chapter members in general because, through payment of membership dues, the members are the employers.

A working draft of the new personnel policy and procedures, dated Feb. 12, was distributed at the recent National JACL Board and staff meeting in San Francisco.

Peggy Liggett of Fresno, appointed by vice president of gen-

eral operations Yosh Nakashima last year to the ad hoc manual revision committee, declared the committee was formed to bring the current manual in compliance with federal and state laws on employment practices. Also appointed were former national treasurer Gene Takamine and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District governor Mollie Fujioka.

Experts in employment practices and labor law, the National Board and staff were also consulted for input in preparing this draft.

"JACL, as a non-profit voluntary

membership organization incorporated in California, has to comply in terms of employment practices and other labor code statutes and case law," stressed Liggett.

Written Input

Emphasizing that the proposal is a "working draft," she called for input in writing from all concerned. She can be written to c/o Aron, Liggett & Newman, 907 Santa Fe, #101, Fresno, CA 93721.

"This draft of the personnel manual provides an important opportunity for members to have a voice in how the work gets done in the organization," she said.

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JACL PERSONNEL MANUAL

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Copies of the current manual and the working draft will be available through Pacific Citizen for \$2 per set postpaid.

The manual contains basic policy and procedures governing National JACL staff employees, professional and clerical. The proposed changes would be effective upon approval by the National Board or by the National Personnel Committee under authority of the National Board.

Outline of Contents

Setting forth the legal and philosophical framework of JACL's commitment to fairness in employment, the proposed manual cites basic law and codes in the first section, followed by purposes and outline of the JACL structure from the JACL Constitution.

The statement on recruitment and hiring in the current manual (Section 3), however, was regarded as an "incomplete statement of the law" by the ad hoc committee.

Following the procedural steps when a new employee is hired, the draft considers in order the job descriptions (with annual review and update as necessary); classification of employees (permanent, program, interns); and recruitment, manner of interviews, appointment/selection of staff. Also included are conditions of employment, evaluations

(with particular attention paid to form, content, criteria and distribution), disciplinary and grievance procedures.

The last four pages spell out six types of leave: 4 months of unpaid maternity leave as required by law, not 4 weeks paid as in the current manual; 30 days paid military leave instead of 10 days; unpaid personal leave up to 90 days; disability; bereavement; and jury duty (currently full compensation for full-time staff is allowed; proposed version states "jury fees less transportation allowance must be signed over to JACL").

Concluding sections cover procedures for exit interview, cautions on inquiries from prospective employers, benefits, salaries, reclassification, confidentiality of personnel matters, and 8 holidays plus Martin Luther King's birthday instead of 11—minus the day after Thanksgiving, day preceding or following Christmas and day preceding or following New Year's Day.

Vacation Schedule

The draft cuts back paid vacation to 10 working days for those having completed 3 years of continuous service. Salary increases are being considered to balance the vacation cutback, Liggett said.

The current policy differs—understood to be 24 by JACL staff,

30 by PC staff. PC's personnel policy has been and will continue to be different in some respects because of differences in structure and work schedule, pointed out Liggett, who is also PC Board chair.

There have been various interpretations as to how many days the senior PC employee has earned for 34 years of service under existing policy, since full-time staff "shall accrue" vacation with pay as follows: (1) after 6 months during first year, 1 day for every 2 months; (2) after 1 year and during second and third years, 1 day for every month; (3) after 3 years and during fourth and fifth years, 1½ days for every month; (4) after 5 years and during sixth year and each year thereafter, 2 days for every month.

Under the accrual system, Liggett figured the total could be "up to 7 years." While sensationally put, it was her intent to show how vague the language is in the current manual.

PC has calculated that its 34-year employee has earned 936 working days—not counting holidays—which convert to 187.2 weeks, or 3.6 years. To protect JACL, another section in the current manual says "unused vacation time may not be accrued and carried over to the following year" but that under special circumstances a rollover may be approved. "Again, vague language," Liggett noted.

Other benefits covered in the draft: sick leave, health insurance, and pension/retirement plan.

Board Sets Salaries

The National Board would set salaries at the start of each biennium, with merit increases tied

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to full evaluations, and would approve any job reclassification and salary adjustment.

As a possible link with the proposed changes, the current manual provides that "employee shall continue to receive the right or benefit as before for a period of 1 year from the date of adoption of a new policy and/or procedure."

Background of Manual

The first personnel manual was prepared in 1957 by the late Akira Hayashi, then revised in 1965 by Yone Satoda. Both held the positions of national treasurer and personnel chair. There was another revision in 1973. The current edition, prepared by national director Ron Wakabayashi,

is dated Oct. 20, 1984, and was issued last November.

Today, 54 percent of the national budget is allocated for salaries and benefits. The 1966 budget allocated 45 percent.

Presentation of Draft

Liggett's first explanation of the draft to members at a district-wide level took place Feb. 22 at the Pacific Southwest District meeting at Little Tokyo Towers in Los Angeles (see next week's PC for details).

A similar presentation is scheduled for March 18 at the Central California District meeting at Nikkei Service Center in Fresno. Liggett said she is open to meeting with other JACL groups to discuss the proposed changes.

Deaths

Rev. Francis M. Hayashi, 89, a retired minister who last served at Wesley United Methodist Church in San Jose's Japantown, died Feb. 18 at his San Jose home. A native of Japan, he came to the U.S. with his parents in 1916. He received a degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University. While running an electrical shop in San Francisco, he

was asked to become youth director at Japanese Reformed Church; he graduated from Central Theological Seminary in Dayton in 1933 and was ordained as a minister in 1934.

Hayashi served in churches in Fresno, Portland and San Jose until his retirement in 1970. He and his family were interned in Minidoka during WW2, but they were released so that he could teach Japanese at the Army Language School at University of Minnesota. He is survived by his wife Misao; sons Eugene of San Jose, Leland of San Gabriel, and Donald of Castro Valley; and five grandchildren.

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The report states that most of last year's hate crimes are still unsolved. Commissioners believe that most of the graffiti vandalism is committed by minors and that most incidents do not involve organized hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan or the Nazis.

A variety of factors are cited as possible causes. "International events and related bigotry toward certain ethnic groups may contribute to incidents directed at immigrants from Asia and the Middle East," the commission speculates.

To deal with the problem, the commission has, among other things, sponsored a network of community agencies to exchange information and strategies; assisted law enforcement in responding to hate crimes; made presentations on the issue; and mediated in the Black-Korean conflict in the Watts area.

This year, the commission plans to expand outreach and resource development efforts in ethnic communities; use computers and training materials to further assist law enforcement and victims; and convene an ad hoc committee of law enforcement officials to recommend preventive measures.

The commission urged the Board of Supervisors to: endorse recommendations on hate crimes made by the Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence in April 1986; have law enforcement agencies keep separate records of hate crimes and refer victims to the commission or appropriate service agencies for support; and endorse the amendment of state Penal Code 408 (unlawful assembly) to include cross-burnings and hangings in effigy of racial or religious figures.

In response, Supervisor Mike



Henry Kuualoha Giugni, who served as administrative assistant to Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) from 1963 to 1986, was appointed Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate on Jan. 6. He is responsible for Senate support staff and services, including security, computer center and telecommunications network. Giugni, who is of part-Hawaiian ancestry, is the first Asian Pacific to hold this position.

Antonovich called for "accelerated action by state and county officials to crack down on the perpetrators."

Commissioners include president Albert DeBlanc and vice presidents Ray Bartlett, Morris Kight and Rabbi Martin Ryback. Eugene Mornell is executive director.

INTERMENT OF ARABS

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terrorism show that there has not been a single case of domestic terrorism in the United States committed by anyone of Arab American descent."

Dymally blamed the government for promoting stereotypes. "They have... given people the impression that Arabs and Muslims and terrorism and PLO are all in one," he charged.

But in contrast to the JA experience of 40 years ago, he said, "Thanks to an aroused public... people of all classes or races rallied in support of the civil liberties of these Palestinians."

Noting that this year marks the bicentennial of the Constitution, Dymally asked, "Are the U.S. Constitution, and the values and morals upon which this nation was founded, being remembered?... Each time another group is threatened... it is a constant reminder of the Japanese American experience."

He called the redress bill "landmark legislation... that could serve to help shield other groups from such a terrible experience... and reaffirm the democratic principles that the Founding Fathers sought to establish."

He added that the new leadership in the House made him "very hopeful" of passage of the bill.

Valentin Asiddao of the CSU Long Beach Committee for Justice, a support group for the ar-

rested Palestinians, stated that the present INS plan was created by the Alien Border Control Committee, which planned similar actions against Iranians during the 1979 hostage crisis.

"The plan undoubtedly recalls in some of you grim memories of Manzanar and other like abuses of human dignity.... There still exist elements in American society who have not learned from... the history of fruitless hysteria," he said.

'Rising Racism'

"We're in an era of rising racism and violence directed toward minority people," said Alan Nishio of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, citing recent attacks on Asians, Blacks and other groups. He described the redress movement as "part of the effort to fight back this racist tide."

Two NCRR awards for contri-

butions to the redress movement were presented by Dymally aide Miya Iwataki. One went to the Rev. Paul Nakamura of Lutheran Oriental Church for his role in securing a redress endorsement from the Lutheran Church of America; the other went to Frank Emi, a member of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee during WW2.

Emi was one of seven internees jailed for counseling others to resist the draft unless their constitutional rights were restored. "Out of the seven, there's only two of us left now," he noted. "I'm just sorry that the others aren't here to share this time with us." Nakamura was unable to attend.

The program included the first Los Angeles-area screening of "Conversations Before the War/After the War," a film by Karen Ishizuka and Bob Nakamura.

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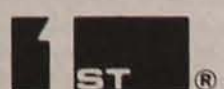
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The Reshaping of the IRA

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He or she who hesitates will definitely lose out this tax season in the individual retirement plan arena.

Once heralded as the most innovative retirement planning tools of the 1980s, IRAs are undergoing a transformation of sorts that may make them less attractive to you in the future. But all IRA advantages will remain intact on your 1986 tax return. And, despite frequent talk of the demise of IRAs, the reshaped IRA will still offer some excellent financial planning opportunities in the years to come.

To better understand the pros and cons of the IRA situation, let's take a brief look at its short history.

Government statistics indicate that more than 35 million households have accumulated \$260 billion in IRAs since they were made available to all wage earners only five years ago. But that figure is not surprising considering the fact that access to them was expanded in 1981.

The principle behind the expansion of IRA availability was to allow every working person an immediate income tax deduction of \$2,000 annually, or \$2,250 per couple with one non-working spouse. At the same time, the interest on these accounts was to accumulate tax deferred until withdrawn.

But 1986 is the last tax year the description of an IRA will be as simple and as unquestionably appealing. The tax legislation that President Reagan signed in October contains some definite restrictions about who can take the fullest advantage of the IRA tax break.

On the positive side, all working people may continue to contribute up to \$2,000 annually or \$2,250 for spousal IRAs. Additionally, the \$2,000 deduction (\$2,250 for spousal IRAs) is retained for all employees who do not actively participate in a qualified retirement. Simplified Employee Pension (SEP), 403(b) or government plan.

Likewise, employees who are covered by one of these plans but have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$25,000 on single returns or less than \$40,000 on joint returns also retain their full deduction privileges.

Partial deductions determined on a pro rata basis will be allowed for individuals covered by a retirement plan who earn between \$25,000 and \$35,000, and for those filing joint returns with income between \$40,000 and \$50,000. A married worker with an adjusted gross income of \$45,000, for instance, would be limited to a deduction of \$1,000. Covered individuals and couples who earn more than \$35,000 and \$50,000, respectively, would be allowed to contribute to an IRA up to the permitted amounts, but not on a tax-deductible basis.

So what are your best moves if the full IRA deduction is moving far away from your reach?

To start with, if you do not have an IRA yet, hurry up and fill out an application for one while the deduction potential is optimal. And, if you do have one, plan on making the maximum contribution to it by April 15, 1987.

As far as 1987 and the years beyond that are concerned, most financial planners agree that you should continue to make the maximum contribution to your IRA for two striking reasons. The first is the fact that IRA earnings remain tax deferred. This is ex-

tremely beneficial because the base on which your yield is compounded will not be reduced over the years by any taxes.

For example, if tomorrow you open a \$2,000 IRA that earns 8 percent annually, you would have \$9,332 in 20 years. But, if the government took 28 percent in taxes away from you each year, your investment would be worth only about \$6,130. In order to simplify the example, the tax which would be due on the final sums has been ignored. But, as you can see, you can accumulate quite a bit more, quite a bit faster on a tax-deferred basis.

The second reason for making maximum contributions to your IRA is an observation by financial planners that most people included in retirement plans have a substantial need for supplementary retirement savings. In fact, nearly half of the 38 million employees covered by pension plans were not vested at the close of 1986. Since many workers leave their jobs long before becoming vested, IRAs could prove to be an excellent source for retirement dollars.

And there are still other advantages. IRAs also will become a more powerful magnet for lump-sum distributions from company pension or profit-sharing plans. Many times, when an employee leaves or retires from a corporation, he or she receives a single check for the pension dollars which have accumulated.

Prior to tax reform, these distributions may have qualified for 10-year forward averaging. Under this method, you paid tax at a much lower rate. However, the 10-year forward averaging opportunity remains for only those who turned 50 years old before Jan. 1, 1986. It was replaced with five-year averaging, which is generally less favorable. In addition, favorable capital gains treatment which was previously available will be phased out. So most employees younger than that would be wise to roll over their lump sums into IRAs to avoid paying taxes.

So, as you can see, IRAs remain an attractive savings vehicle. Although they may not remain everybody's favorite tax break, they still have the potential to insure that our retirement years are characterized by financial health and well being.

Do you have a financial question or concern you would like to see addressed in this column by one of PC's new financial columnists? If so, write to them c/o Pacific Citizen, 941 E. 3rd St., Room 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

SMITHSONIAN

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History, said the wartime internment and Watergate were major constitutional crises in U.S. history. He felt that while it was too soon to explore the ramifications of Watergate, the time was right to discuss the denial of Japanese Americans' constitutional rights during WW2.

From Distrust to Honor

In making its announcement, NJAHS said it is "proud that in light of the history of racial intolerance, prejudice and hysteria of WW2... this nation will now honor a people it once distrusted" and that the exhibit "will partially serve as a reconciliation of the failure of this country to come to terms with its democratic promise of liberty and justice for all."

Info: NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St., #161, San Francisco 94103; (415) 431-5007.



International Women's Day

by Chizu Iiyama
Co-chair, National JACL
Women's Concerns Committee

We walked along the unpaved streets of the poor Indian village set in the majestic splendor of the Andes of Peru. Outside in the courtyard, there were many young children playing, with their mothers keeping a watchful eye on them as their fingers kept in constant motion, weaving scarves and belts to sell to "rich" tourists.

In the uncluttered, birch-paneled living room of a Swedish businessman, we met a group of young and middle-aged women exultant about their cross-country "peace walk" to Germany, and the warm reception they met everywhere.

My British friend who visited last year spoke about the quiet courage and perseverance of English housewives, in their makeshift huts outside of U.S. Army bases, protesting the spread of nuclear weapons and calling for an end to nuclear testing.

In Moscow, as we sat in the subway, several "babushka" women with lined faces and worn hands began to speak to our Russian American companion about their experiences in WW2. With soft voices they iterated their deep commitment to world peace.

And it goes on—everywhere I go I am struck by the common problems of people, of women struggling to bring up their families, and their overwhelming desire for peace. There is an international sisterhood.

On March 8, women all over the world will be celebrating International Women's Day. Since 1910, women have rallied and marched to call attention to outstanding issues of the day.

The origins of this celebration are not clear. Some contend this day was designated to commemorate the cause of women garment and textile workers in New York who protested their low wages and were attacked by the police; others state that the international origin was the call of European women on March 18, 1911, for universal suffrage.

It was not until the growth of the women's movement in the U.S. in the 1970s that American women in numbers joined others in celebrating often-overlooked contributions of women past and present, and calling attention to present issues.

In 1987, what about Nikkei women?

Like other women all over the world, we are concerned about nuclear war. We may not talk

about it, but I am sure the threat of extinction of life on our planet crosses our minds when we look at our wonderful children and their children.

Perhaps Nikkei women may be more aware of the disastrous consequences of nuclear war. Some of us have relatives in Hiroshima or Nagasaki, or have visited their impressive peace memorials. Others have been active in helping the victims of atomic bombs living in the U.S. by setting up visits by doctors from Japan who examine and prescribe treatment for them—42 years after the event.

World peace is our number one issue. Some of us are on committees and organizations or participate in demonstrations to stop nuclear testing and the production of more deadly weapons, including "Star Wars."

International Women's Day—sometimes we cannot see the threads which tie us to the fate of other women in the world.

How does the threat of runaway shops—for example, the closing of microchip plans in San Jose and transplanting them to Hong Kong or Taiwan with their cheap labor cost—affect us?

What about our American for-

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Four Decades of 'Whing-Dinging'

by Harry Honda

JACL's fun-and-fund flock—1000 Club—will celebrate its 40th anniversary Nov. 21 at the Intermountain District Council convention in Jackpot, Nev. There is a call out now for charter members (the first 1,000 members) and current members to attend.

At the recent National Board meeting in San Francisco, IDC Governor Hid Hasegawa, who hails from Idaho Falls, recalled the first gathering in his hometown 40 years ago on Nov. 30. Hid was a young man of 24, then home on leave from Japan.

When the future of Headquarters came up at the National Board meeting that weekend at the Rogers Hotel at Shoup Avenue and C Street (since razed for an office complex), national president Hito Okada, 40, hatched the idea to sign up 1,000 members paying \$25 a year (not \$1,000 as some thought) over and above regular dues "for the support of National Headquarters." Ed Ennis thought it was \$25 a month. During WW2, JACL had a "Buck a Month" Club.

Remembered today as "father" of the 1000 Club, Hito believed there were 1,000 JACLers contributing \$25 a year to cover Headquarters expenses of \$25,000. Thus the \$1 dues from members could

all go to programs and activities. The PC subscription—\$2.50 a year—was voluntary and extra.

Later at the Armory, where the banquet was held, George Inagaki, 33, first national vice president, explained the 1000 Club and was the first to put his money on the line, followed by Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido, Mas Satow, and Okada. Inagaki was the initial 1000 Club chair (1948-52).

Subsequently, James Watanabe (Payette), William H. Enomoto, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Edson Fujii, Joe Saito (Weiser), Ken Uchi-

da, and George Mochizuki (Salt Lake City) joined and comprised the first dozen.

First Whing Ding

By the summer of 1948, when Salt Lake hosted the national convention, about 160 JACLers had signed up. At the 1000 Club dinner (now known as "whing ding") at Dawn Noodle House, it was a boisterous evening in a crowded room.

Inagaki's favorite bow tie came up for auction. With Mack Hamaguchi (of L.A.) boosting the bid up to \$9.50, George had to pay \$10 to

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Another Leader Lost

by Denny Yasuhara
PNW District Governor

Moses Lake and the Pacific Northwest District have lost another longtime JACL leader.

Robert A. Schaden, Columbia Basin Chapter's four-time president, passed away on Jan. 14 in Spokane.

After graduating from University of Chicago with a master's degree in Far Eastern studies, he came to Moses Lake in 1963. Thus began the first high school Japanese language program in eastern Washington, which he developed.

He was, along with Ed Yamamoto, instrumental in establishing the Moses Lake Judo Club and activating the Columbia Basin Chapter in 1968. He also assisted Yamamoto in the successful effort to obtain resident student privileges for alien dependents in Washington schools in 1978.

In addition, he worked with the Japanese Agricultural Training Program during summers for the last 20 years. His academic training reveals the sensitivity and understanding he brought to his JACL work.

His death, along with that of Ed Yamamoto 18 months ago, leaves a leadership vacuum in central Washington and almost seems as if it is the final chapter in the story of JACL activity in that region.

Rare is the organization that can lose its outstanding leaders and not suffer. JACL is no exception, for in their passing, they take part of us with them.

WHING DING

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keep it (a bow tie in those days ran for \$3). And someone remembered Joe Grant Masaoka, 39, wore garters (by then out of style), which were promptly auctioned off to the highest bidder. Henry Ohye, the high-pressure Hudson salesman from Los Angeles, won at \$5 and Joe Grant smilingly strapped them on Henry's legs. A year later, the 1000 Club added to its medieval shield logo the name Order of the Tie and Garter to memorialize the first whing ding.

A sight not easily forgotten: baso profundo George Furuta (Mayor of Larimer Street) clutched JACL queen Junko Yoshimoto while the house sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" with George. A pie-eating contest was also held, JACL office manager Mas Horiuchi winning over Mike Masaoka, Toshiko Odow, Helen Shimizu and Hito Okada. That night, \$207 was collected in fines from among the 140 present.

Come to Jackpot

Anyway, the hilarious occasion launched the 1000 Club. It was a spontaneous tour de force, which old-timers (with at least 25 years or more) can readily recall.

Many of them should have a collection of 1000 Club membership certificates which the late Mas Satow personally inscribed with each year's contribution. Show them at the 40th anniversary whing ding in Jackpot (airline connection at Twin Falls, Idaho).

Keep the Nov. 21-22 dates open. Details will be announced.

WOMEN'S DAY

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eign policy in Central America, supporting people who destroy hospitals, clinics, and schools and murder people running these facilities? The people in Third World countries are poor, and are trying to make some changes. Are our children or grandchildren going to war to keep oppressive regimes in power?

International Women's Day—there are so many problems all over the world. But if women, who are one-half of the world, can organize and work on them, wherever they are, conscious of

the rights of all people for life, justice and security, we can make a big difference. We're trying.

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For the Record

In the Feb. 20 article on the National Board, the statement that the Endowment Fund Committee will manage JACL scholarships was misleading. The Endowment Fund Committee will manage scholarship funds, but not the actual awarding of scholarships.

Photos on p. 1 of Feb. 20 PC were by J.K. Yamamoto; photo of Norman Mineta in Feb. 27 PC was by Robert Shimabukuro.

Letters to the Editor

Between-Convention Ideas

I think all the JACL leaders should be commended, especially those who constantly work on redress. Grayce Uyehara, our LEC director, should certainly be applauded for her efforts.

Digressing a little bit, I think all JACL conventions should not only be issue-oriented, but should also have seminars on how to obtain membership and seek better programs. I hope the Seattle convention will have "How to Seek Membership," especially for the Sansei, etc.

I wonder what happened to our national membership chairperson. As far as that goes, where are the other vice presidents that were elected in Chicago? We do not hear hide nor hair from them. Are they alive?

FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
Former 1000 Club Chair
Chicago

No More 'Japs'

After reading the article about University of Missouri English teacher Garrett Hongo (Feb. 20 PC), I began to read his poem "Yellow Light." I stopped reading at the point where he writes "Japs against Japs" because I am one of those who dislikes the pejorative term "Jap."

It is my belief that until it is understood by everyone that use of the word "Jap" is insulting to Americans of Japanese descent, its use should not be bandied about, poetic license notwithstanding. Its use by an American of Japanese descent tends to give the impression to the reader that its use is acceptable.

I can understand why it was rejected by a community paper. It probably was a Japanese American daily.

SHIGEO YUGE
Los Angeles

Paying Our Dues

After trying to explain why our Mile-Hi Chapter dues had to be as expensive as they were, I am glad to see that our national president has lowered the assessment to National JACL in his column (Jan. 30 PC). We had been paying the new 1987 rates, but since I have not seen a retraction to his announced rates, I must assume that he has by presidential proclamation given us a lower dues structure. Thank you, Harry.

TOM MASAMORI
Membership V.P., Mile-Hi JACL
Denver

Don't Go, Bill

The sudden announcement of the demise of Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan" column (Feb. 20 PC) brings to mind Inge's famous observation: "My dear, we live in a time of transition," said Adam as he led Eve out of Paradise."

Editorial prerogative is what keeps word processors busy, I guess, and publications progressive. But to be a witness to the termination of Hosokawa by PC is truly a sorrowful experience! I hope you/he will reconsider.

WIMPY HIROTO
Gardena, Calif.

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I have looked forward to Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan" and Bill Marutani's "East Wind," which are the heart of Pacific Citizen. Without those two I am not interested in PC or JACL any more.

E.E. MIZOGUCHI
West Sacramento, Calif.

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March 9-31 Works by artist Eddy Kurushima will be on display in the United Ministry Lounge on the USC campus, 835 W. 34th St. Reception will take place March 10 from 6-9 p.m. Show hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: (213) 743-6116.

BERKELEY

Through March 31 "Turning Leaves," a photo exhibit featuring the family albums of two Japanese American families, is on display at the Lowie Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley. Exhibit was funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is being sponsored by the JACL and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center of Los Angeles.

FRESNO

March 9 7:30 p.m. "A Great Wall," a film by Peter Wang, will be shown at CSU Fresno during Amerasia Week festivities on the campus. Screening will take place at the Satellite College Union. Info: (209) 294-3002.

SAN JOSE

March 21 Rep. Norman Mineta will be guest speaker at the semi-annual dinner meeting of the Military Intelligence Service, Northern California, at the Red Lion Inn, 2050 Gateway Place. Registration and a short business meeting will take place at 5 p.m., followed by a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For further information call (408) 241-3647.

SAN FRANCISCO

March 21 7:30 p.m. "J-Town Revue," an evening of entertainment by Nikkei performers, will take place at AMC Kabuki Theater on Post and Fillmore streets. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by contacting the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, (415) 567-5505.

WEST COVINA

March 14 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas Night, sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Inc., will take place at the center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Tickets are \$10 per person and include buffet snacks. Info: (818) 960-2566.

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NCJAR Suit's Chances of Success Assessed

by Jane B. Kaihatsu

CHICAGO — Over 70 persons gathered Feb. 19 at a Day of Remembrance commemoration sponsored by National Council for Japanese American Redress at the Heiwa Terrace retirement home.

Attorneys Ellen Godby Carson and Peter Irons explained the status of the lawsuit filed by NCJAR on behalf of former internees, which will be soon be debated by both sides before the Supreme Court.

Carson, who has worked with NCJAR since the initial research of the legal action, outlined the process of a Supreme Court hearing.

"No witnesses will appear," she explained, "and each side will be allowed one-half hour to educate each justice about the internment."

Briefs for both sides have been limited to 50 pages. In NCJAR's case, the briefs and oral arguments will be aimed at persuading the Court to uphold the right of Japanese Americans to seek damages for wrongful internment.

The hearing is expected to take place in April. Carson said a decision is usually reached one to two months after a hearing.

Two issues will be addressed by the Court: statute of limitations and the more technical Court of Appeals quandary.

The government maintains that the six-year statute of limitations should still apply, and that it is therefore too late for Japanese Americans to bring claims against the government.

The suit, filed in 1983, was dismissed by a U.S. District Court judge in 1984. Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled in NCJAR's favor. The government now says the case should have been heard by the Federal Circuit Court instead of the D.C. Court.

In regard to the nine Supreme Court justices, Carson did not know whether a liberal or conservative view of the law would be a consideration, due to the technical nature of the issues. She added that Justice Antonin Scalia may excuse himself from the case, since he heard it earlier

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Ellen Godby Carson

as an Appeals Court judge. With eight justices remaining, only four would be needed to win, as a tie benefits the plaintiff.

The Court also has authority to rule on the issues of military necessity, constitutional violations and the scope of Japanese Americans' legal rights, and could thus broaden the types of remedies Japanese Americans might receive.

Both Carson and Irons alerted the mostly Nisei audience to the contents of the government brief submitted to the Court.

"They admit that in the 1940s, their argument to uphold the internment was based on racist inferences," Carson stated, referring to Gen. John L. DeWitt's theory that there was no way to discern the loyalty of Japanese Americans.

"Consequently, they claimed that since they never argued the facts, is it their fault that the Supreme Court took the racist inferences?" Carson related to the stunned audience. "The government believes that since it never cited actual facts, how could it have misled the Court?"

The audience was further provoked when it was revealed that the government contends property losses were not related to military action and that the government does not know how these losses occurred.

Irons, an attorney in the *coram nobis* cases, said that after the 1983 ruling of governmental misconduct in Fred Korematsu's case, government attorneys preparing for the cases of Min Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi went on the offensive to revive claims that Japanese Americans posed a danger.

But in the 1985 Hirabayashi hearing, Irons noted, the govern-

ment failed to produce two key witnesses—former War Department officials John J. McCloy and Karl Bendetsen.

"I think that the government did not call these two, the two most knowledgeable men of the wartime internment, because they did not want to embarrass themselves or these men," he said. "The facts would not hold up the contention of military necessity and the reference to genetic racism."

Both Carson and Irons were enthusiastic about the case going before the Supreme Court. Although the outcome is not certain, Carson complimented the community for "your great ability to bring this [the internment] back to public attention and the remarkable job to bring this case before the Supreme Court."

Service to Bay Area Youth to Be Recognized

SAN FRANCISCO — "Community Service: For Kids' Sake" is the theme of Japanese Community Youth Council's annual awards dinner, to be held March 7, 5:30 p.m., at the Gift Center Pavilion, 888 Brannan.

The following awards will be presented for leadership to and service for the youth of San Francisco:

- Phillip Burton Humanitarian Award—The Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church. Under his direction, the church has become a major provider of human services, including a food program, a children's program, a crisis center, and a special program for single-parent families.

- Outstanding Leadership Award — KPIX-TV Eyewitness News anchor Wendy Tokuda, who is well known for making public appearances for community fund-raising events. She and her husband, Richard Hall, have written a children's book, *Humphrey the Lost Whale*, the proceeds of which go to the Family Service Agency.

- Outstanding Leadership Award — Darryl Inaba, an associate clinical professor at UC San Francisco who has worked with the Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic for 20 years. He has been recognized for research in drug rehabilitation and has educated the community about the

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• Installation dinner will take place March 14 at Francesco's Restaurant on Hegenberger Road. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Info: Nancy Tajima, 1165 Sand Beach Pl., Alameda, CA 94501, or (415) 522-3485.

CONTRA COSTA

• Chapter's annual Senior Appreciation Dinner will take place March 28, 5 p.m., at Maple Hall, San Pablo City. Co-chairpersons for the event are the Rev. Frank M. Omi and Linda Matsui.

DIABLO VALLEY

• Charles Putney of the Century Financial Group will be guest speaker at the March 27 general meeting scheduled to take place at the San Francisco Federal Savings Building, Walnut Creek. Info: Hannah Yasuda, (415) 934-2610.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• "Loving Again," a panel discussion on relationships for Asian singles over 35 years of age, will take place March 13, 7 p.m., at Founders Savings and Loan, Gardena. Info: (213) 202-7933 or (714) 893-2158.

PHILADELPHIA

• Note: Chapter installation dinner at Valley Forge Hilton, 251 W. Dekalb Pike, has been postponed from March 21 to March 28. Keynote speaker will be Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo, who will speak on "Asian Americans in Politics." Chapter's 1987 graduates will be honored. Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Tickets: \$20 and \$15. Info: (215) 696-6219 or 844-7317.

RENO

• Scholarship Teriyaki Dinner and Sushi Sale will take place March 15 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 9th and Sutro. Further information may be obtained by contacting event chairperson Linda Okada, (702) 825-0961 or 825-5511.

SAN DIEGO

• Chapter will sponsor a talk by psychologist Dr. Stanley Sue March 13, 7 p.m., at the North Conference Room of the Student Center of UC San Diego. Dr. Sue will speak on "The Aspects of Success, Achievement and Self-Image of Asian Americans." Info: Marleen Kawahara, (619) 458-1710.

SEQUOIA

• Installation brunch will take place March 22, 11 a.m., at Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Info: Bud Nakano, (415) 856-1974; Tats Hori, (415) 948-6575; or Al Nakai, (415) 322-6125.



CHAPTER CONTRIBUTES — Newly elected Santa Barbara JACL president Mike Hide (left) and treasurer Ikey Kakimoto (right) present \$600 donation for LEC fund drive to fund drive chair and JACL president Harry Kajihara during installation dinner held Feb. 7 at Montecito Country Club.

YOUTH

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effects of drug abuse through pamphlets, newspaper articles, films and television programs.

• Michelle Hamada Young Adult Award — Diane Matsuda, a law student at Hastings and former community liaison for the late Rep. Sala Burton. Active in JCYC and Kimochi, she helped coordinate last year's "Sansei Live" program.

• Special Recognition Award — KPIX-TV, whose year-long "For Kids' Sake" campaign, directed at Bay Area youth and families, has included documentaries, public service announcements and other programming on such topics as divorce, education, day care, substance abuse, and effects of poverty.

JCYC executive director Jeff

Mori will unveil a new program: Uncle George's Produce, a business intended to raise revenue for JCYC programs and provide employment for youth. The project is funded by grants from the Mayor's Office of Community Development and the San Francisco Foundation. Special recognition will be given to Mrs. George Ushijima, whose late husband helped organize and fund the project.

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Hostess for the evening will be award-winning KPIX-TV news anchor Wendy Tokuda.

Mirikitani, a third-generation Japanese American, is a poet, editor, choreographer, teacher and community organizer. She also is program director at Glide Memorial Church/Urban Center, where she created an arts program. She is the author of *Awake in the River*, a collection of poetry and short fiction.

Omori is a native Californian whose 1968 work on KQED-TV's award-winning "Newsroom" led to her becoming one of the first news camerawomen in the Bay Area. Currently she is a freelance cinematographer, producer and director. She has completed two films: "The Departure," a drama, and "Tattoo City," a documentary.

Wang wrote, directed and stars in the film "A Great Wall," the first American film to be shot in the People's Republic of China. He was a founding member of the Asian Living Theater in San Francisco and appeared in the

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Wong addresses her concerns about Third World women and writers as a poet, teacher and lecturer. In 1981 she organized the Womens Writers Union of San Francisco Bay Area. She and fellow poet Mitsuye Yamada are profiled in the documentary "Mi-

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