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Cincinnati's Asians Prepare for Chin Trial

CINCINNATI—The local Asian American community is planning activities to help publicize the April 21 retrial of Ronald Ebens, who is accused of civil rights violations in the 1982 beating death of Vincent Chin.

Ebens was convicted in 1984 on charges that he was racially motivated when he pursued and attacked Chin after a fight in a Detroit nightclub. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the conviction last year; the Justice Department decided to retry Ebens. U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor announced in February that the trial would be moved to Cincinnati because of pretrial publicity in Detroit.

Members of American Citizens for Justice, a coalition of Detroit-area Asian American community groups formed in response to the Chin case, met March 28 with representatives of Cincinnati-area community groups, including Gordon Yoshikawa and Jacqui Vidourek of Cincinnati JACL. Other chapters in Midwest District JACL were also alerted.

Dean Goto and C.K. Wang of the Cincinnati coalition, called the Roundtable of Americans of Asian Descent, have planned the following activities in conjunction with the trial:

—Volunteers, including members of Detroit and Cincinnati JACL, will observe court proceedings (the U.S. Courthouse is located on 5th and Walnut; the trial, scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., takes place in Room 801).

—ACJ will pay a law student to take notes during the trial.

—A candlelight prayer service will be held April 20, 6:30 p.m., at St. Monica Church, 328 W. McMillan. Dayton and Hoosier JACL are expected to take part.

—Dr. Roger Daniels, history department chair at University

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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Presenting concerns about University of California admissions before Assembly subcommittee are (from left) UCLA professor Don Nakanishi, UC Berkeley professor Ling-chi Wang, and JACL director Ron Wakabayashi.

Changes Needed in University Policies, Calif. Assembly Told

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Testimony on the controversy over the University of California's admissions policy toward Asians was heard March 27 by the Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Presenting the Asian American community's case to Assemblyman Tom Hayden (D-Santa Monica) and legislative consultants were JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, UC Berkeley professor Ling-chi Wang and UCLA professor Don Nakanishi. The discussion was part of an all-day hearing on educational issues held at CSU Los Angeles.

Wakabayashi, a member of the Asian American Task Force on University Admissions, gave background information on why Asian admissions have become an issue at UC Berkeley and UCLA.

Increase in Immigrants

Since 1965, he said, there has been "a tremendous increase in the number of Asian immigrants to the United States, where the

population today represents a community that's predominantly foreign-born... predominantly working in the service sector of employment, and concentrated in urban centers in Los Angeles and San Francisco...

Staying Close to Home

"Asian American families, pursuing education as a means to mobility and assimilation in this country, are going to look at UCLA and the Berkeley campus in particular, because they live in that area... Students are not really encouraged or not able to seek going away to college... We have much more of a dynamic where you need to stay near home, wherever the family business is. The commuter arrangement that is available to places like UCLA and Berkeley is one reason why there's an interest."

Wakabayashi warned that increasing demand and decreasing capacity in the UC system will mean that "a social dynamic which already has a great deal

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Matsunaga Introduces Bill With 70 Senators' Support

WASHINGTON—The Senate bill calling for redress for Japanese Americans interned during WW2 was introduced by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) on April 10.

Designated as S. 1009, the bill had 71 sponsors (44 Democrats, 27 Republicans) from 46 states. The latest additions were Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and David Karnes (R-Neb.). (A complete list appears on page 2.)

Majority, Minority Sponsors

S. 1009 has more than twice as many co-sponsors as its predecessor, introduced in 1985. In addition, the new bill's co-sponsors include both Majority Leader Robert Byrd and Minority Leader Robert Dole. Neither was a co-sponsor during the last session of Congress, when Dole was majority leader and Byrd was minority leader.

"The greatness of any nation can be accurately measured by the laws under which its people are governed," said Matsunaga as he introduced the bill. "This year we celebrate the bicentennial of that greatest of documents ever written by mortals, which we have adopted as the supreme law of the land."

"In so doing, I am extremely pleased, if not exhilarated, to announce that on this day 71 members of this august body have joined together in introducing legislation to remove that one ugly blot which has marred our national Constitution over the past 45 years."

CWRIC Recommendations

He explained that the bill would enact recommendations made in 1983 by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which include one-time payments of \$20,000 to each of the roughly 60,000 surviving former internees; establishment of a civil liberties education fund; and an official apology for the government's wartime acts.

"While it would not provide full relief, our bill is intended to provide some personal justice too long denied," said Matsunaga, adding that the bill would also compensate Aleuts for losses suffered when they were removed from their homes in Alaska during WW2.

One provision added to the new bill is that internees who accept the payment would agree to drop any further claims against the government.

In thanking the senators co-sponsoring the bill, Matsunaga said, "As a veteran of the all-Nisei 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regiment... I am deeply grateful for their sense of justice. I am sure that others will join as co-sponsors after having had the opportunity to consider the facts in the matter."

He quoted poet W.H. Auden: "Left alone with their day, and



Sen. Spark Matsunaga



Sen. Robert Dole



Sen. Robert Byrd

the time is short and / History to the defeated / May say Alas but cannot help or pardon.' It is not enough for our great nation to simply say 'alas' to the Japanese American and Aleut victims of our wartime policies.

"The early consideration and passage of this legislation would prove once again to the rest of the world that the United States derives its greatness partly from the truth that it is unafraid to

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AAPAA Ceremony

Morita Awarded for Film, Television Roles

by J.K. Yamamoto

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—A lifetime achievement award for actor Pat Morita was the main event at the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists recognized positive media portrayals on March 23 at the Beverly Hilton.

Once known chiefly as a comedian, Morita was honored for his work in the "Karate Kid" films, the TV series "Ohara," and other recent efforts. The award presentation was preceded by a monologue by comedian Dick Shawn and videotaped tributes from actors who have worked with Morita, including Bill Cosby, Henry Winkler, and Kirk Douglas.

"This award reflects the best of what we are, what we do, and what we hope to be as artists and citizens," said AAPAA president Ernest Harada.

"I just hope, ladies and gentle-

men, that I look as tall as I feel right now," Morita said in accepting the award. "It's really an honor and a privilege."

He thanked his family for providing "support and energy," with emphasis on his wife Yuki—"the one person who has lived and died with me these last 15 years"—and brother Harry.

The Early Days

Referring to his days as a stand-up comic, he said, "When I began my career early on, I did a lot of quasi-ethnic humor, standing before round-eyed people and apologizing for screwing up their harbor. I had no choice, I couldn't do Italian jokes. We've indeed come a long way since then, all of us."

He expressed gratitude to the audience for "sharing my life

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Photo by Saul Carrillo/Rafu Shimpo
Pat Morita holds up his AAPAA award for lifetime achievement.

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Total: 71 (44 D, 27 R)

SENATE BILL

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admit its mistakes of the past and to make whole those whom it has wronged."

Also entered into the record were the statements of Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), and Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska).

Introduction Delayed

Introduction of the bill was originally planned for April 9, but the Senate schedule was tied up with legislation authorizing aid to the homeless. On the following day, the Senate chamber was almost empty when Matsunaga made his presentation.

Matsunaga's speech "would in all likelihood have brought further support from the floor of the Senate," said JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, "if the [uncommitted] senators were present to hear the vivid story of what happened 45 years ago."

Matsunaga hopes to have the Governmental Affairs Committee, to which the bill will be assigned, hold a hearing and mark up the bill so that it can move to the Senate floor for a vote during the current session of Congress.

Congressman 'Delighted'

"I am thrilled and delighted at such wide support for the redress bill," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.). "I congratulate Sen. Matsunaga for his hard work in amassing this impressive list of co-sponsors. He, along with Sen. Inouye, has carried our campaign a long way toward victory."

"When we started this effort in 1983, few people thought we would succeed. I knew then, and I will say it again today, that we will pass this bill and make it law. Hearings will be held later this month [April 29] on the House version of this bill. I expect the House Judiciary Committee and Administrative Law Subcommittee to approve this bill soon."

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House Testifiers Announced

WASHINGTON—Nine people have been scheduled to testify before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations at an April 29 hearing on redress bill H.R. 442:

Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.); Mike Masaka of Go For Broke, Inc.; Angus MacBeth, former special counsel to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; John Kirtland, an attorney for Aleuts uprooted during WW2; National JACL president Harry Kajihara; JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara; and representatives of the Department of Justice and the American Bar Association.

Subcommittee chair Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has stated that he wants to focus on appropriate remedies for former internees rather than review information about the internment itself.

CHIN CASE

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of Cincinnati and a scholar of Japanese American history, will be among those discussing the issue on a WKRC-TV (Channel 12) public affairs show April 26 at 10:30 a.m. (the program will be repeated April 28 and 30 on Channel 24).

Interviews with local media are being set up. Cincinnati JACL president Dennis Kato has met with the Cincinnati Post.

"Racial violence can happen

here," said chapter member Jo Okura. "GM is closing a local plant in August, laying off 4,300 workers. Another is to be closed next year. There's already been a bashing of a Japanese car." The bashing was part of a Nov. 16 rally held by United Auto Workers.

Some testimony in the Chin case indicated that Ebens, an unemployed auto worker, mistook Chin for a Japanese and blamed him for economic hard times.

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MEDIA AWARDS

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"We're now in front of and behind the camera, all ethnic people. I cannot tell you how proud I am to stand before whites, Blacks, yellows, olds, youngs, gays... every possible kind of underdog is represented in this room tonight."

Previous recipients of the lifetime achievement award are actor Keye Luke and the late cinematographer James Wong Howe, after whom the AAPAA awards have been nicknamed the "Jim-mies."

Hiroshima Honored

On hand to accept an award given to the jazz band Hiroshima, which has recorded four albums and toured nationwide, were Dan Kuramoto and Johnny Mori.

Kuramoto noted that Hiroshima, like AAPAA, "grew out of our own personal need to say something about who we were that was different than what the media portrayed Asians and Pacific Island people to be." As recently as last year, he said, band members were asked, while in San Antonio, Texas, "Do you speak English?"

Other awards, which were ac-

cepted by producers or their representatives, went to:

■ "Blood and Orchids" (an Andrew Adelson production for Lorimar), a TV miniseries about racial prejudice in prewar Hawaii;

■ "The Girl Who Spelled Freedom" (an ITC production), a TV drama about a young Cambodian refugee who competes in a spelling bee;

■ "A Great Wall" (a W&S production), a film about a Chinese American family that visits relatives in China;

■ "Karate Kid Part II" (a Jerry Weintraub production);

■ "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (a Harve Bennett production), which featured George Takei as Sulu;

■ "Sidekicks" (a Motown production in association with Walt Disney Television), a TV series with Ernie Reyes, Jr. as an 11-year-old martial arts expert;

■ Inner City Cultural Center, a Los Angeles-area community arts group.

The corporate award was given to Pacific Bell for its past support of AAPAA.

Other speakers included Benihana Corp. chairman Rocky Aoki, who co-chaired the dinner; emcees George Takei, Kim Miyori, Tina Chen and Mario Machado; and presenters France Nuyen, Pat Harrington, Lloyd and Beau Bridges, Tamlyn Tomita, Haunani Minn, Nancy Kwan, Nobu McCarthy, Shari Lewis, Drew Barrymore, James Saito, Brian Tochi and Rodney Kageyama.

Six to Be Honored at Mother's Day Luncheon

LOS ANGELES — The 25th annual Mother's Day luncheon, co-sponsored by Downtown JACL and Japanese Women's Association of Southern California, will be held at noon on April 26 at the New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. The six honorees are:

• Yoshiko Inose, 79, who has been active in Omote Senke Shinwaki tea ceremony group and Omote Senke Domonkai Western Region. She also belongs to Southern California Japanese Women's Society, Gardena Pioneer Project and Zenshuji Fujinkai. She and her husband Seiji started K&Y Nursery in Gardena in 1946; the business is now run by their son Ken. She has four children and 10 grandchildren.

• Chikuyo Kawakami, 87, who has been an active member of the women's group at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She is also a member of Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Japan America Society, Hokubi Goyukai and Los Angeles and West Los Angeles Cha-No-Yu. She ran a grocery store with her husband Hyakuichi before WW2 and was a volunteer teacher's aide at Reformed Church Nursery School. She has two children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

• Midori Marumoto, 81, who helps the Boy Scouts, Japanese Presbyterian Church in Garden Grove, and Orange County Japanese American Youth. At age 18 she worked in a Terminal Island fish cannery. In 1927, she became the first JA woman banker at California Bank. She operated



Yoshiko Inose



Chikuyo Kawakami



Midori Marumoto



Matsue Muranaka



Michiko Nagahiro



Fumiko Takei

various markets with her husband Harry, sponsored Japanese students studying English and U.S. culture, and helped Japanese war brides living on El Toro Marine base. She has three sons (including William Marumoto, president of The Interface Group and former Nixon aide) and 10 grandchildren.

• Matsue Muranaka, 73, has been San Fernando Valley Japanese School president and advisor, San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple Women's Association president, Nishi Hongwanji Temple advisor and honorary cabinet member, Yamaguchi-ken Women's Club advisor, and a member of Ura Senke. She farmed and raised five children with her husband Minoru. She has nine grandchildren.

• Michiko Nagahiro, 89, has served the community as a mem-

ber of Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Fujinkai, Free Methodist Church Fujinkai, and Union Church Yuaikai, a volunteer group for the elderly. She ran Aloha Plumbing with her late husband Keiji before and after WW2. Their son Masao now runs the business. She has four children and nine grandchildren.

• Fumiko Takei, 75, served as a member of the Pioneer Center, Nishihongwanji Temple Fujinkai, Meiji Club and Hyakudokai. A former tailoring school teacher, she helped her late husband Takekuma operate dry cleaning businesses and hotels. She has three children (including actor George Takei) and two grandchildren.

Cost of the luncheon is \$25. Reservations can be made until April 21 by calling Frank Hirata, (213) 972-5474, or Lillian Inatomi, 636-8456 or 822-3363.

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Like most Issei, my father was not a large man. Heredity, combined with less than adequate nutrition in his youth, must have had something to do with it. (You ought to see the size of some of the younger Japanese today. Big-boned guys who stand six foot-plus are no rarity on the Ginza. Same heredity, different diet.)

But he had worked on the railroad in his youth and had done a lot of other hard physical labor, and he had muscles. He and I used to have arm wrestling matches as I was growing up. For a long time he could win without much effort.

Then one day I beat him. We tried again, and once more I won. We laughed, and I relished a sense of triumph. But I also felt a bit sad because I had defeated someone I looked up to.

In many families arm wrestling between father and son is a kind of rite to measure the progress of the new generation against the, shall we say, decline of the older. It is a time of rejoicing when at last the son prevails, for it marks his approaching maturity.

I bring up all this because the other day I was egged into an arm wrestling match with Matt, my grandson, who at 14 is a tall, well-muscled athlete who plays football and swims like a porpoise. Also at 14 he is still a boy and finds it difficult to refrain from exercising his superiority by poking and otherwise irritating his younger siblings.

Now, the simple way to put him in his place by showing he

really wasn't so hot would have been to arrange an arm wrestling match between Matt and his father. But that would not be quite fair, since Matt's father is a large and powerful man. It will be years before Matt can hope to match his father's muscle.

Thus, someone came up with the idea that if Matt were to be defeated at arm wrestling by his frail, doddering and semi-senile grandfather, he would be shamed into behaving. So I was set up. I wasn't certain until later what this was all about. I was simply told that it was very important that I should win.

Well, we put our elbows on the table and clasped hands, and on signal we began to strain. I locked my shoulder muscles and pulled, but Matt wouldn't give. Neither could he budge me. Meanwhile, all the siblings and parents and relatives were screaming and hollering for the underdog—me—to win.

It was like a high school wrestling match. Sweat broke out on my forehead. Matt grunted and strained. I grunted back and strained even harder, wondering if my heart would hold out.

In the end, age and endurance won. Matt weakened and I pinned his arm. If there had been room in the kitchen I would have been hoisted on shoulders and paraded around the table, for I had vanquished the young upstart. Matt, I'm proud to say, took defeat like a good sport, although he contended he was laughing so hard he couldn't use all his strength.

Soon Matt will demand a rematch and I will have to give it to him out of sportsmanship. But I have no confidence that I will win again. He grows stronger by the day and I, unfortunately, older by the hour. I just hope that by then he will have learned to be gracious and merciful in victory.

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From February 19, 1942

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BY EARLY SPRING of 1943, any remaining pretense of "military necessity" for the continued exclusion of Japanese Americans and their resident parents from the West Coast had been openly acknowledged within the War Department in Washington, D.C. as being without basis.

Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Chief of General Staff George C. Marshall both subscribed to this. Only Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt stubbornly clung to his thesis of "a Jap is a Jap" (CWRIC report *Personal Justice Denied*, p. 223—hereafter "PJD").

Such acknowledgement, even if the pretense of military necessity had any validity at all (which, of course, it absolutely lacked), was most belated in coming. For following the mighty battle of Midway, when our naval forces inflicted a fatal, crushing blow against the Imperial Navy of Japan in early June of 1942, our officials already knew that whatever capability the Japanese military forces had of invading our West Coast had disappeared.

Yes, that was in the spring of 1942, even as our government was implementing its roundup and incarceration of the Issei and Nisei.

AGAIN, ABOUT A year later, on May 26, 1944, the subject was raised by Stimson at a cabinet meeting—to cancel the exclusion orders "and let the Japs go home" (PJD, p. 228). Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, in his characteristic direct fashion, prophetically summarized: "[T]he continued retention of these innocent people in the relocation centers would be a blot upon the history of this country" (PJD, p. 228).

Why then, indeed, keep these unaccused, innocent people, including loyal Americans and their law-abiding parents, incarcerated behind those barbed-wire camps?

Indeed.
IT WAS NOT until Nov. 10, 1944—some six months later, and about 18 months from the initial conclusion of "no necessity" reached in the spring of 1943—that the exclusion order was lifted (PJD, p. 232-33). Why the delay?

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been formally informed by his cabinet members, including his military advisers, some six months before that no excuse remained for the continued incarceration and exclusion of these folks. Why, then, another six months of continued violations of the U.S. Constitution and the guarantees of the Bill of Rights—not to mention the violations at the outset commencing from Feb. 19, 1942?

WHEN I FIRST saw the documentary evidence that confirmed the suspicions that I harbored but did not wish to believe, I was stunned and then outraged: the

inescapable conclusion was that the banned and/or incarcerated Issei and Nisei were, in a very real sense, used as *political pawns* in the election year of 1944!

Checking the calendar for November 1944, I found that Nov. 10 was a Friday; and just three days before, Nov. 7, was an election day, the day FDR was reelected for his third term. Six additional months of exclusion and incarceration of innocent people to serve a political purpose (PJD, p. 229)! We were shamelessly used, exploited in an unspeakable way. Unspeakable for a proud land such as these United States.

But the maneuvering was not, unfortunately, to end there.

THERE WAS ANOTHER curious coincidence of timing. On Dec. 18, 1944, in *Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo*, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision declaring that continued detention was unconstitutional. Decisions of courts, particularly the highest court of our land, are to be kept in strictest confidence until announced. On Dec. 17, 1944—just one day prior to the issuing of the *Endo* decision—by Public Proclamation 21 the mass exclusion orders issued by DeWitt were rescinded.

I shall leave it to you to determine whether the timing was mere coincidence.

THIS IS SOME of the history, some of the events which were inflicted upon us—based on the reprehensible "criterion" of race—that this nation now has an opportunity to rectify. To redress.

Singles Make Their Mark

by Meriko Mori
Chair, National JACL
Singles Concerns Committee

Greater L.A. Singles JACL recently held its fifth installation dinner-dance at the Alondra Country Club. Over 100 singles and friends attended. It was a very successful evening of good food, good music (by the Robert Bergara Band) and much joyful camaraderie.

Our supporters were the Nisei Singles, who have been in existence for 18 years in the L.A. area.

Past chapter president Kaz Oye and her husband Ken attended, with Kaz turning over the perpetual president's plaque to Karl Nobuyuki. Bill Kumagai and Betty Saito of San Jose Nikkei Singles, West L.A. Chapter representatives Yuki Sato and Kiyo Teramaye, and Mabel Takemoto and Pat Kubota of San Fernando Valley Chapter were also present.

John and Carol Saito from the Pacific Southwest District office, and national president Harry

Kajihara, wife Janet and daughter Claudia showed by their presence that they care about the singles. John Saito installed the new officers.

We were instrumental in preparation of the resolution at the first National JACL Singles Convention which established the National Singles Concerns Committee in 1984 at the National JACL Convention in Hawaii.

Harry Kajihara, who was PSW governor at the time, backed up the Singles Convention and came out to speak to the chapter twice. He is no stranger to us and took a non-traditional step when he appointed the office of the chapter president as chair of the NSCC for the biennium.

The chapter was greatly honored to have the district director and national president attend. We realize we are part of the greater community of this Nikkei organization. This year will be a busy but significant year for us. The singles can make a contribution to JACL!

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Letters to the Editor

PNW Confab

S.-Japan Success Story

This is the story of U.S.-Japan relations being positively influenced by JACLers at the "grass-roots" level.

Three years ago, three Sansei JACLers—Norman Arikawa (East Los Angeles), Kyle Maetani (Mana), and I—were meeting informally to discuss U.S.-Japan trade relations and its adverse impact on the Japanese American community. It was through one of these brain-storming sessions that we struck upon an idea.

Norman and I had only recently returned from a trip to Japan with the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation. During our stay, we found that a number of U.S. state governments had very active trade promotion offices in Tokyo.

Our Japanese hosts were quick to point out the relative effectiveness of these offices by noting the opening of major Japanese manufacturing plants in Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. But *not* in California. By having an established presence in Japan, many states were now successfully wooing business away from California. We decided the best approach would be to write a bill calling for the creation of a trade office in Tokyo to promote investment in California and California goods in Japan. Kyle, who works for Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, offered to have Moore review our bill. She agreed to introduce it on our behalf. We sat back and waited.

When A.B. 3313 reached the floor of the Assembly, the initial reaction was one of surprise. Why as Moore—a Black, female, liberal Democrat—introducing a trade office bill? But after the initial shock wore off, the Assembly decided to submit the matter for further investigation.

The results? In short, the Legislature and Gov. Deukmejian created not only an office in Tokyo but also in London! I was able to attend the official opening of the Tokyo office in January and met the governor, Mr. Akio Morita of Sony, and a host of California and Japanese dignitaries. It was a truly memorable and satisfying experience.

It is our hope that given a modified California unitary tax, the strength of the yen and the attractiveness of investing in the U.S., the California trade office will have a positive influence on current U.S.-Japan trade matters.

We would encourage other JACLers who are involved at the local, county or state level to continue in their efforts to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and Japan.

JONATHAN T. KAJI
Gardena, Calif.

Anti-Semitism in Japan

I found it deeply disturbing to read the article "Japanese Writers Critical of Jews" (New York Times, March 12). Anti-Semitism among popular Japanese authors is a throwback to the militaristic days before WW2, when their leaders embraced Nazi Germany as an ally.

Coming on the heels of Prime Minister Nakasone's remarks about the intelligence of Blacks and Hispanics in the United States, the rise of anti-Semitism in Japan is an ominous sign and must be denounced.

This is especially sad to me as an Asian American. Today Asian

Americans are under attack because of attempts to scapegoat Japan and other Asian countries for America's economic problems. For example, Vincent Chin was brutally beaten to death by two unemployed white auto workers in Detroit because they thought he was Japanese.

Having grown up in New York City's Lower East Side, I know that differences among people can erupt into conflict. But I also know that if people try to understand and respect each other, they can work together to improve each other's lives and enrich their communities.

The Japanese, who have prospered so much from their own culture and the best of the world's cultures, should know that all people make their contributions, whether Gentile or Jew, Japanese or American.

MARGARET S. CHIN
Democratic State Committee
New York

Great Leap Forward

As a recent attendee (and part-time actor) of the JACL/LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics) "Making a Difference"

leadership conference, I would like to publicly thank PSWD and LEAP for having made this program available to us.

In addition to the excellent staff and workshops, it was gratifying to see that many young, bright and enthusiastic JACLers are concerned about the future of our community and are striving to make that future a better one.

Again, thanks to Irene Hirano, J.D. Hokoyama, Bill Kaneko, Phyllis Murakawa and B.J. Watanabe for your dedication and time in producing this conference. You did make a difference.

YAS UMEDA
Ventura County JACL
Camarillo, Calif.

Welcome Back, Bill

I am pleased to note that Bill Hosokawa's column is back in the Pacific Citizen. I was dilatory in sending my letter of protest about the demise of the column, so now it isn't necessary. I look forward to reading "From the Frying Pan" each week. We in Denver are particularly proud of Bill Hosokawa.

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Compliments to you for your quick reversal on the decision to drop Bill Hosokawa's column. His professionalism adds so much to your publication. It would have been sorely missed. Keep up the good work!

AMY ONO
Berea, Ohio

The Pacific Citizen is once again readable. Thank you for realigning your priorities and reinstating Bill Hosokawa's column. The news articles and make-up of PC have also been improved tremendously, with emphasis on news about JAs for JAs.

TERRY SATO
Lakewood, Colo.

SEATTLE — Seattle JACL hosts the Pacific Northwest District Council conference April 25-26 at Warwick Hotel, 4th and Lenora.

The Saturday dinner, scheduled for 6:45 p.m. (cocktails at 5:30), will feature University of Washington professor emeritus Frank Miyamoto, who will speak on Pacific Northwest JA history.

A meeting to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday will include a workshop on the Arthur Young tax survey and on how a chapter can become an independent entity for tax purposes.

Room rates at the hotel are \$50/single and \$65/double. Reservations for the conference can be made by calling Bob Sato, (206) 325-9243, or Tim Otani, 623-5088.

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Drinnon, a professor of history at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., will address the theme of this year's pilgrimage, "Honor the U.S. Constitution."

The pilgrimage takes place April 25 at the site of the wartime camp, located 212 miles north of Los Angeles (a 4½ hour drive).

Three 47-passenger buses have been chartered for the trip. The departure points are: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo; Gardena Adult School, 18120 S. Normandie Ave., Gardena; and Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford, Pacoima. Departure time is 6:30 a.m.

To make reservations, call: Downtown—Japanese Welfare Rights Organization, (213) 626-2249; Gardena—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, (213) 326-0608; San Fernando Valley—Nancy Gohata, (818) 899-4237. The fee is \$5.

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April 18 — May 3

LOS ANGELES

April 26 "Turning Leaves," a photo exhibit featuring the pictures of two Japanese American family albums, opens at the Doizaki Gallery in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

April 22 and 29 Two-day workshop on the minority elderly will take place at the UCLA School of Social Welfare, Room 200, Dodd Hall. Event is being sponsored by the School of Social Welfare with partial support from the UC Academic Geriatric Resource Program. Info: (213) 825-5612.

NEW YORK

April 28 "Wha...i, Whai, A Long Time Ago," a play by Korean playwright Che Inhoon and translated by Cho Ohkon, opens at the Pan Asian Repertory Theater, 47 Great Jones St. Cast includes DUYEE CHANG, Elizabeth Sung and Yung Yung Tsui. Performances are scheduled to continue through May 23. Show times and ticket information may be obtained by calling (212) 245-2660.

CHICAGO

May 3 Fourth Asian American Coalition Banquet, sponsored by the Federation of Indian Associations, will take place at White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Info: (312) 966-0918.

OAKLAND

May 3 Lake Park United Methodist Church, 281 Santa Clara Ave., will host its annual bazaar. Event will feature a variety of foods for sale such as teriyaki chicken lunch for \$5, sushi, noodles, pot stickers, Chinese chicken salad and bakery items. Info: (415) 444-7262.

SAN FRANCISCO

May 2 Asian American Bar Association will sponsor Law Day at Self-Help for the Elderly, 640 Pine St., in conjunction with the Bar Association of San Francisco's Law Week activities. Free legal consultations will be offered in the areas of family law, immigration, landlord/tenant disputes, public benefits, wrongful termination, small business, criminal law and personal injury. Info: Rodney Low, (415) 834-4712.

SAN JOSE

May 3 Third annual Japantown Banner Run, sponsored by Yu-Ai-Kai Japanese American Senior Service, will take place beginning in the new North San Jose Industrial Park area and will continue to the finish near San Jose's Japantown. All proceeds will benefit the Yu-Ai-Kai Adult Day Health Care Program. Info: (408) 294-2505.

TORRANCE

April 25—26 Bunka-Sai, a Japanese Cultural Festival, will take place at the Torrance Recreation Center, Madrona Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, sponsored by the Torrance Sister City Association. Hours are Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SANTA CLARA

April 25 San Jose Taiko Group will be presented in concert at the Santa Clara University Mayer Theater. Info: (408) 293-9344.

WEST COVINA

April 25 Miss East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center will be crowned at the center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., during its coronation dinner. Seven candidates are competing for the title and the chance to participate in the annual Miss Nisei Week Queen Contest. Dinner tickets are \$12.50 per person and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. Info: (818) 960-2566.

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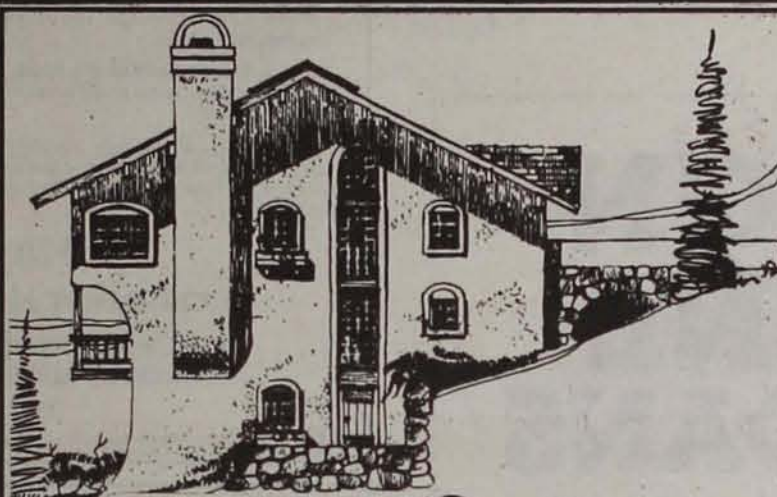
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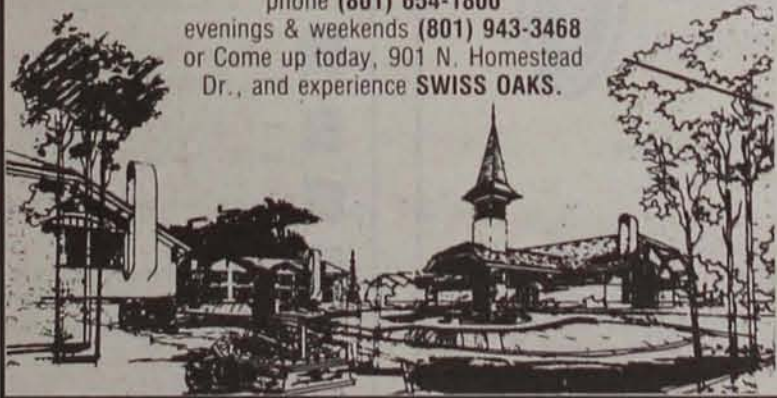
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- Chapter will host a meeting on redress May 1, 7:30 p.m., at Heiwa Terrace, 920 W. Lawrence Ave. Program will include videotape excerpts from the 1981 Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings in Chicago. Info: (312) 728-7171.

MARINA

- Chapter's Breath of Spring Dance will take place May 2 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Airport Hyatt, 6225 W. Century Blvd. Music will be provided by Freefall. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Info: Neal Natsumeda, (213) 329-8034.

SAN MATEO

- Chapter will sponsor a celebration of Tango No Sekku May 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Program, chaired by Diana Okamoto, will include a short background on the holiday, crafts and refreshments. Info: (415) 343-2793.

VENTURA

- Chapter's annual cooking demonstration will take place April 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Oxnard High School, Room 28. Chinese dishes will be prepared and sampled. Donation is \$5. Info: Ron Komatsu, (805) 984-1907, or Dorene Tsukida, (805) 488-5479.

WASATCH FRONT NORTH

- Chapter will sponsor a dance May 1 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Ogden Buddhist Church, 155 North St., Ogden, Utah. Music will be provided by the Dave Sugihara Combo. Tickets are \$5 per person.

- Chapter's invitational basketball tournament will take place April 22-25 at the National Guard Armory in Layton, Utah. Entry deadline is April 12. For qualification guidelines, call Barry Miya, (801) 544-3669.

MILWAUKEE

- Chapter will host its Spring Recognition Dinner May 2 at the Dynasty Restaurant, 639 W. Layton. Cocktail hour will begin at 3 p.m., followed by the program and dinner at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations deadline is April 23. Info: Margaret Igowsky, (414) 281-0646, or Barbara Suyama, (414) 251-2279.

SEQUOIA

- First in a series of lectures on estate planning by Attorney Drummond McCunn will take place April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Issei Hall, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto.

WEST LOS ANGELES

- Chapter will sponsor, along with the Venice Japanese Community Center, a Queen's Tea on May 3 at noon at the center, 12448 Braddock Drive, Mar Vista. Miss West Los Angeles, who will represent the chapter in the Nisei Week Pageant this August, will be selected at this event. Info: Jean, (213) 390-6714, or Karen, (213) 826-6684.

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of tension will be exacerbated." He expressed concern that news articles and commentaries about "overrepresentation" of Asians in the universities create "the misimpression that the Asian enrollment comes at the expense of other underrepresented minorities."

"We understand that there is a need for special admissions... and that's accommodated in the special admissions criteria," he stressed. "Our concern is specifically with the academic door."

'Irresponsible, Divisive'

Wang emphasized the same point, calling it "irresponsible and politically divisive for anyone to falsely claim, as some university officials have, that Asians are trying to take away slots set aside for Blacks and Hispanics."

He was critical of the fact that in 1985 and 1986, half of Berkeley's freshmen were admitted on the basis of "supplemental criteria" in addition to grades and test scores: "The non-academic criteria presumably were designed to bring well-rounded students and to create a more diversified student body. In spite of the university's claim, some of these new criteria are culturally biased and others decidedly discriminatory toward applicants of immigrant and refugee background..."

"As a result, every Asian subgroup in the freshman class of 1986 dropped below the 1983 level, and the level of Chinese and Japanese Americans fell below the 1975 level, a phenomenon that calls for more candid explanation by the university."

Lack of Representation

Wang also charged that poor and disadvantaged applicants are given less consideration if they are Asian; the university's



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core curriculum excludes Asian American and East Asian content; unique needs of Asian American students are ignored; and Asian Americans are excluded from campus administration and decision-making committees "even though 25 percent of the student body at UC Berkeley is Asian American."

He urged the subcommittee to do "what every state agency has refused to do: conduct an in-depth, comprehensive study on Asian Americans in higher education in California."

"Instead of treating them as a liability or as foreigners," said Wang, "Asian Americans must be

seen as a major component of its [UC's] population and as an asset to both UC and the state of California."

Nakanishi of UCLA said the admissions issue is of particular significance in California because nearly 45 percent of Asian American college students in 1984 (166,837 out of 381,746) attended school in that state, "with the vast majority in public rather than private institutions."

"California's Asian Pacific American population will continue to increase and diversify, and challenge the ability of our in-

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stitutions, be they educational, economic or political, in providing fair and equitable access and representation," he predicted.

"The Asian admissions issue is in its beginning rather than its final stages, and will most likely remain controversial unless serious policy inquiries and significant structural changes are undertaken in the UC admissions process."

Nakanishi suggested actions taken by Stanford University last year as a model for UC to follow. Having found "unconscious bias" in its admissions of whites and Asians with equivalent qualifica-

tions, Stanford will "appoint an official to annually compare and analyze the admissions rates of white and Asian applicants as well as conduct a thorough training session for new admissions officers to avoid unconscious stereotyping of Asian applicants," he said.

Also testifying against UC's policies was Derrick Hong of UCLA's Asian Pacific Coalition. Hayden said that testimony would be incorporated into a report which will "make a recommendation to the Assembly and the Legislature as to what state policy is required in this area."

First of two parts. University officials' responses will be detailed in part 2.

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For information and applications, call Edith Hereso at Central Valley Asian/Pacific Women's Organization, (209) 431-2435.

Reunion Meeting

SACRAMENTO — A planning meeting for a May 1988 Tule Lake reunion will be held April 28, 7:30 p.m., at Sacramento Buddhist Church. Info: (916) 421-0328.

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