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FINDING THE FACTS — Sen. Daniel Inouye (back row center) presides over a public hearing on the Iran-*contra* affair. The Hawaii Democrat is chair of the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition. The hearings, held jointly with a special House committee, began May 5. Inouye also served on the Senate committee that investigated the Watergate scandal during the Nixon Administration. His thoughts on the bicentennial of the Constitution, presented in a recent speech before the VFW, appear on page 4.

Nakasone Meets With Black American Leaders to Improve Relations in Wake of Racial Remark

WASHINGTON — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, during his official visit to the U.S., met May 2 with the Congressional Black Caucus and other Black leaders and embraced proposals to make amends for a remark that angered Blacks and Hispanics last year.

Following the 35-minute meeting, Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Texas) said Nakasone had agreed to pursue such initiatives as Japanese investment in minority-owned American banks, exchange programs between Japanese colleges and Black American colleges, and the location of Japanese companies in predominantly Black areas.

Members of the Black delegation said they are seeking \$100 million in Japanese donations to Black colleges and \$20 million in Japanese investments in minority-owned banks. Leland added

that Nakasone told the Japanese Embassy in Washington "to work closely with us."

Nakasone was accused of racism last September when he said in a speech, "Japan is now a highly educated and intelligent society. Much more so than America, on the average. In America, there are quite a few Black people, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans. On the average, it is still very low."

Albert Nellum, coordinator of the Black Business Council, said the group did not dwell on Nakasone's statement. "We were not discussing his remarks... That's a matter that's behind us. We're talking about progress in the future."

Leland said, "Obviously, the prime minister has been made very sensitive about the concerns of ethnic Americans in this country."

Nakasone's meeting with the

group was his second since the September controversy. In April a delegation of Black Americans led by Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, went to Japan and met with Nakasone and other officials. Nellum said Black leaders are planning another visit to Japan in June.

Nakasone was in the U.S. for two days of meetings with President Reagan to discuss the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance. During those meetings, Reagan promised to oppose protectionist trade bills in Congress and to lift \$300 million in tariffs on Japanese goods "as soon as possible."

Nakasone, in exchange, tried to assure Reagan that Japan is working to cut its foreign trade surplus, which reached \$101.4 billion last year, including \$58.6 billion with the U.S.

—from a report by the Washington Post

University of California Does Not Discriminate, Says Wada

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Responding to charges that the University of California blocks Asian Americans from admission, UC Regent Yori Wada stated categorically on May 2 that "The University of California does not discriminate against Asian American applicants."

Wada made his remarks at a workshop on Japanese Americans and higher education during the JAAC Tri-District Conference.

"There have been numerous articles lately in the Asian American press about a discriminatory admissions policy against Asian Americans by the University of California, notably the Berkeley and UCLA campuses," he noted. "Surprisingly, however, none of the reporters of the Asian American press has called me for my views on this issue."

The allegations that have been made over the last two years by the Berkeley-based Asian American Task Force on University Admissions "reflect badly on me," said Wada, "since I am the only Asian American regent in the university and am expected to look after their interests."

Because UCB is required to keep the ratio of lower division and upper division students to 40-60, Wada explained, the absolute number of freshmen has decreased from 4,181 in 1984 to 3,300 in 1986.

He acknowledged that the number of Japanese American freshmen at UCB has declined from 177 (4.8% of the freshman class) in 1978 to 79 (2.4%) in 1986 and that Chinese Americans went from 492 (13.4%) to 382 (11.6%) in the same years.

"But I don't think we should stop there because the picture would not be entirely complete," said Wada. He cited figures showing that the number of students in other Asian groups increased during the same period: Korean Americans went from 43 (1.2%) to 136 (4.1%), Filipino Americans from 78 (2.1%) to 189 (5.7%), and

Southeast Asians from 15 (.4%) to 40 (1.25%).

The number of Black freshmen went from 132 (3.6%) to 280 (8.5%), Hispanics from 144 (3.9%) to 416 (12.6%), and Caucasians from 2,258 (61.6%) to 1,494 (45.3%).

"Competition at the University of California Berkeley is tremendous," he said, "and admission to some of the colleges [within UCB] is even more fierce. To be UC-eligible is often not good enough to enter Berkeley, and there are bound to be disappointments by applicants, Japanese American applicants included."

Wada suggested that the task force's stance in favor of affirmative action for Black and Hispanic applicants conflicts with its desire to see greater Asian enrollment. "As [Black and Hispanic] numbers of freshman members continues to increase on the Berkeley campus, and as Berkeley's freshman admittees continue to decline, where must the axe fall?"

"This is a critical question, and I'm saying to you forthrightly that such increases of Afro Americans and Hispanic Americans will come at the expense of Asian American and Caucasian applicants. There's no other way."

Supplemental Criteria

Wada addressed the issue of "supplemental criteria" in UCB admissions. While the top 50% of applicants are admitted solely on the basis of test scores and grades, the other half are also evaluated according to additional criteria. Of the 1,300 points possible under the latter procedure, said Wada, 500 are for "essays that talk about honors you have received, special circumstances, public service, activities whether in school or in the community."

Critics have charged that the essay may be discriminatory because Asians, particularly immigrants, are less likely than whites to have essay-writing ability or to be involved in extracurricular activities.

But Wada quoted a UCB report

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Kawamura Keeps Things Humming in Minnesota

by Bill Salisbury

St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch
ST. PAUL, Minn. — When Lani Kawamura first entered the field of Minnesota politics, she was so inexperienced she couldn't tell a wood tick from a mosquito.

In 1982, a few months after Gov. Rudy Perpich hired her as a special assistant, Kawamura was sent to the House floor to ask Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld (Democratic Farm Labor-Waseca) for his support on an issue.

"When Jerry came off the floor, he blew up," she recalled. "He started talking very loudly about wood ticks."

"I had never heard the term 'wood ticks' before, but I remembered that we were interested in mosquito control research, so I thought he must be talking about

something related to that issue."

When Kawamura returned to the governor's office, she asked Keith Ford, then Perpich's legislative liaison, what Schoenfeld was talking about. He was not discussing insects, Ford explained. The wood ticks were a faction of conservative, rural DFLers in the House.

"By that time, I had lost it," Kawamura said. "I still didn't understand what Jerry was yelling at me about and couldn't translate it to the governor. That's how naive I was about politics."

But Kawamura is a quick study. She has immersed herself in the world of state politics and government during the past four years and now is as familiar with the policies, players and nicknames as anyone at the Capitol.

Kawamura, 37, a former arts administrator, is director of the state Planning Agency and Perpich's top policy advisor.

Except for tax policy, Kawamura is the lead person in shaping Perpich's programs and selling them to the Legislature. Her former mentor in state government, Revenue Commissioner Tom Triplett, is Perpich's tax specialist.

"Lani is my big-picture person," Perpich said. "She's brilliant, she's got a brain like a computer, and she works very, very hard. All my programs—economic development, education, health, human services, everything other than taxes—come through her."

Kawamura is no ivory-tower type who sits in an office and mulls complicated policy ques-

tions. She's more like a traffic cop.

"I manage the flow of information to the governor so he can make the best possible decisions on a variety of issues," she said. "I realize that I don't have all the answers, so I search for people who can bring him creative options."

After Perpich settles on a policy, Kawamura leads the campaign to sell it to the Legislature. She estimates she spends 98 percent of her time at the Capitol while the Legislature is in session. During that time, her deputy, Jack Ditmore, manages the Planning Agency.

She is not a stereotypical lobbyist. She doesn't like to twist arms or buttonhole legislators, and she doesn't think those tactics are necessary. Rather, she tries

to win over lawmakers with gentle persuasion and lots of information.

Earlier this year, legislators complained of difficulty in getting information about Perpich's proposals. But they didn't blame Kawamura. The problem, they said, was that Perpich didn't have enough staff like her available to answer their questions.

Nor did they blame Kawamura for pushing ideas that did not seem well thought out.

"The half-baked ideas generally come directly from the governor," said Sen. Gene Merriam (DFL-Coon Rapids), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Kawamura has left her imprint on several state policies.

She was a key player in de-

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Photo courtesy May, Julia and Nina Onishi

Seito Saibara's colony, established in 1903, became one of the most successful rice farming ventures in Texas. This 1904 photo shows the water well he used to irrigate his fields. His story is included in *The Japanese Texans*.

New Book Examines Japanese Texan History

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — When the Meiji Restoration ended two centuries of isolation from the outside world, Japanese citizens began emigrating to other parts of the world, including the U.S. By the late 1880s a few had ventured to Texas.

One of the first arrivals was Kinta Tsukahara, a farmer who settled in Dallas County around 1885. Though the state's Japanese American population has never been large in number, Tsukahara and those who followed him established a relationship between Japan and Texas that continues today.

The latest publication from the University of Texas Institute

of Texan Cultures, *The Japanese Texans* by Thomas K. Walls, explores the contributions made by Japanese Texans to the cultural and economic growth of the state.

Walls, who is completing his doctoral dissertation on anti-Japanese agitation on the West Coast in the early 20th century, is himself of Japanese descent.

He relates the history and heritage of the Japanese Texans through the success of Seito Saibara's rice colony established near Houston in 1903, the indignities and hardships suffered by those confined to the WW2 internment camps at Kenedy, Seagoville, and Crystal City, and the joy of those who, in 1952, were

among the first Japanese immigrants to become American citizens.

The Institute of Texan Cultures, a statewide research, education, and communication center, provides information about the history and culture of the state through publications, traveling exhibits, audio-visuals, special events, and educational programs.

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Controversial Disc Jockey Quits; Manager Apologizes for Slurs

by Edna Ikeda

SAN DIEGO — Randy Miller, the KS103-FM disc jockey who solicited Chinese jokes on the air on Feb. 26 and said he was "velly solly" in a taped "apology" the next day (see April 10 PC), has left to join another radio station.

Miller departed abruptly for Atlanta to work at WZGC-FM after his last day at KS103 on April 10.

KS103 station manager Chris Conway agreed on April 29 to write a policy statement on the use of ethnic humor during broadcasts during a one-hour meeting between Conway and members of the Asian/Pacific Islander Media Responsibility Coalition. He refused, however, to give an on-air apology.

In a surprise move, Conway gave a letter of apology to coalition coordinator Virginia Fung on May 6. He also paid \$100 to have the letter printed as an advertisement in Fung's newspaper, the San Diego Pan Asian Express, and said that a community representative would appear as a guest on one of the station's programs.

Conway admitted to Fung that Miller left because of Asian Pacific community pressure. Previously, the station had downplayed the importance of community response and attributed Miller's departure mainly to a drop in ratings and a "tremendous offer" from Atlanta.

In the apology, Conway stated: "The recent controversy sparked by a former employee of ours, Randy Miller, has caused a significant amount of hurt and ill feeling on the part of members of the Asian/Pacific Islander citizens of our community..."

"This has been especially painful... because we pride ourselves on our community involvement and service for the public interest. Let me assure you that, as a matter of policy, we do not wish to profit at the expense of any members of any portion of our San Diego community. Ethnic humor, as an entertainment vehicle, is simplistic, and is the easy way out for many performers... it is neither proper nor appropriate."

"We regret that this incident

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veloping Perpich's 1985 "open enrollment" plan that would have permitted high school juniors and seniors to attend the schools of their choice. While the Legislature didn't approve the plan, some school districts are adopting open enrollment voluntarily.

She's a leading advocate for a state arts school and expanded arts education programs. She also has been instrumental in pushing Minnesota as a high-technology research center.

This year, she is playing a vital role in developing Perpich's proposed Greater Minnesota Corporation, which would provide venture capital and applied research in economically distressed areas.

Kawamura didn't intend to become a high roller on Minnesota's political scene. Her interests were in the arts.

Born in Minneapolis, she grew up in Hopkins, attended Boston University and received her bachelor's degree in theater arts at the University of Minnesota.

After graduating in 1971, she landed a part-time job at the Minnesota Arts Board, managing grants for an "artists in the schools" program. She stayed there seven years, working her way up to manager of a grants program for artists and art organizations.

In 1979, she left the state to become director of the Pittsburgh Dance Council. But after 2½ years, she said, she became "very homesick for Minnesota" and began sending resumes to acquaintances there.

One landed in the hands of Triplett, who was then hiring staff

for Perpich, the newly elected governor. He picked Kawamura to be Perpich's special assistant on education and arts issues.

In 1983, Perpich chose Triplett to head the Planning Agency when it was restored as an independent agency, and Triplett in turn picked Kawamura as deputy director.

She became director of the agency in 1985, when Triplett was named commissioner of revenue. The agency coordinates all public policy planning for the administration. It has a 150-member staff.

Kawamura is single and shares her living quarters with a Lhasa Apso named Asia. She says her favorite pastime is "spending time by myself."

"After working with people at the Capitol all day, it's a small luxury for me to spend time quietly, reading trashy novels and watching TV," she said.

Kawamura also is deeply interested in post-modern and new wave art, and is active in the Minneapolis YWCA's women's leadership program.

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WADA

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stating that a random sample of 1986 essays by Asians and whites showed the mean score to be the same for both groups.

"I, along with other Asian Americans, had serious concerns that the supplemental criteria would discriminate against Asian American freshman applicants," he said. "However, the 1986 data... show that such concerns are so far unfounded, although I am not completely convinced that the supplemental criteria do not need yearly and careful review and oversight by the regents."

Wada did agree with the task force's criticism of UC hiring practices. "The present record of the university with regard to the number of Asian American—specifically Japanese American—faculty members, upper-level administrators and professionals on the staff remain dismal and disappointing."

The good news, Wada said, is that the number of Japanese Americans at five other UC campuses is increasing. He cited figures from 1985-86: Irvine—430 to 483; Riverside—99 to 105; San Diego—300 to 326; Santa Barbara—254 to 304; Santa Cruz—143 to 154.

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Bill Marutani



TO BE REPRIMANDED by one's Issei parent that because of your action "*Seken-sama ni kao o dasenai*" ("Can't show your face in public") was a jolting deterrent, one that no Nisei would wish to have to confront.

Bringing shame upon the family, or the community (*nihonjin* community), is a form of disgrace that undoubtedly restrained many a Nisei from engaging in rambunctious behavior. Also, however, the concept propelled many to achieve—some would say over-achieve—whether it be in judo, baseball, or school.

Especially school. WHILE IT MAY be that, on balance, this restraint-propellant generally stood us in good stead, it did cause some decided deficits in our development. And still has, albeit not as acutely.

Thus, generally, Nisei tend to hold back and not speak up in public even when one should (unless it be an all-Nisei gathering—and then almost without restraint); and, as we've had occasion to mention before, this is one of the reasons so few Nisei dare to run for public office—because someone has to lose. And losing was equated with *haji* (shame).

One had to achieve. Save face. I LOOKED UP the word *kao* in the *jiten*. It's revealing how "face" is used in various ways in the Japanese language. It epitomizes the person in many ways. Thus, for example, *kao o dasu* (expose the face) means to appear

in a private setting. On the other hand, to appear in public is *kao o miseru*. In other words, to guests in one's own home, it is *dasu*; in public it is *miseru*.

To be characterized as *kao ga hiroi* (wide or broad) is to be widely known; *kao ga ureru* (saleable)—you've got it—is to be popular; *kao o tateru* (stand, build) is to uphold one's face or honor; *kao o tsubusu* (crush or demolish) is, of course, to lose it; *kao o awaseru* (join or meet) is to have—as we might say it—an eyeball-to-eyeball meeting.

PARTICULARLY IN BUSINESS, it is important to *kao o tsunagu* (connect), which as you can readily figure out by now, means to maintain contacts. Whether in the business world or elsewhere, if you have a person with *kao ga kiku* (not, not "hear", but rather, "efficacious"), you are dealing with a person who has influence, whose statements carry weight.

You linguists out there: you'll please overlook, if not forgive, this ex-MIS' (Military Intelligence School, Ft. Snelling, Minn.) literal translations and juxtapositions. Don't take it too seriously.

SOME CAUTIONARY WORDS: you may also hear expressions such as *kao o uru* (sell), which means to advertise oneself. This is to be sharply distinguished from what is written above, *kao ga ureru* (saleable). You can quickly denote the repugnant connotation of selling one's face.

Along this same line, do not adopt the jargon *kao o kasu* (lend your face), which means "Let's have a talk" (perhaps somewhat akin to "Lend me your ear," although not quite as elegant as the meaning from Julius Caesar).

The expressions *uru* and *kasu*, you see, are those employed by the *yakuza*. And if your Issei parents heard you adopting such language, they'd smack your *kao*.



Not as Simple as It Seems

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



The older I become, the more I realize that few matters can be clearly delineated as black or white. There's usually another view lurking somewhere in the bushes to offer another perspective on what at first may appear to be a cut and dried issue.

Take the current interest in the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration law, which has been both praised and damned. Depending on one's point of view, it either is an excellent effort to solve the exceedingly serious illegal immigrant problem, or it is a racist measure calculated to damage all Hispanics. Perhaps only time will tell which version is closer to actuality.

Liberals in our midst have been

critical of Simpson-Mazzoli, but in reality it may be beneficial to illegal immigrants from Japan who possibly can qualify for its amnesty provisions. We'll have to wait and see how many come out of the closet to apply for legal immigrant status.

Sometimes confusion over the real meaning of legislation leads to embarrassing situations. Not long ago at a rally in Denver, an influential Hispanic spokesman rose to laud Japanese Americans for their support of good causes, like opposing the infamous Walter-McCarran law with its terrible internal security provisions.

What the speaker didn't know was that Walter-McCarran, which was supported with almost frantic fervor by JACL, eliminated racism in this nation's immigration and naturalization laws.

Walter-McCarran eliminated the two-tier system which divided the world into two classes of people, those worthy of immigrating to the United States and applying for citizenship, and those not worthy. Asians were among the undesirables.

Walter-McCarran enabled Issei to apply for American citizenship after decades of residence in this country, and many of them were naturalized. It also allowed the immigration of a new generation of Japanese into the United States.

It was also responsible for the number of Koreans, Chinese, Indo-Chinese, Thais, Indonesians, and other Asians immigrating to this country.

Walter-McCarran was passed due in very substantial part to the intense lobbying of JACL's Mike Masaoka. Its passage was viewed as bringing U.S. laws into the 20th century and removing the stain of racism from immigration and naturalization regulations. But because of the restrictive Title II security measures attached to Walter-McCarran, JACL came in for substantial criticism.

Subsequently, JACL redeemed itself by leading the fight to get Title II repealed, as our Hispanic friend should have known, but didn't. No, nothing is quite as simple as it may appear at first sight.

Our Living, Breathing U.S. Constitution

by Daniel K. Inouye

Following is the text of a speech Sen. Inouye gave at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 3 upon receiving the 24th annual Congressional Award from Veterans of Foreign Wars for "outstanding service to the nation."

I have been privileged to serve as a member of Congress for over 27 years. During this period, my amazement at, and respect for, the miracle of democracy has grown with each passing day.

I was in Washington when America elected and inaugurated her first Catholic president, and mourned with my fellow senators when he met with an untimely death by an assassin's bullet.

The hours which followed the assassination were disquieting ones. Even among U.S. senators the questions most often heard were "What now?" "What do we

do?" "Where do we go from here?"

But somehow our system worked. A new president was sworn in, the business of this country continued. Notwithstanding the rumors of a conspiracy, our country settled down without martial law, without armed troops in our streets, without a military junta.

This was followed by the Vietnam decade, a decade of alienated youth, violent demonstrations, burning draft cards, and the exodus to Canada. Our democracy was sorely tested, but then it once again demonstrated its resiliency and strength.

Our nation cried out to those who left, "Come home, all is forgiven." And the long process of giving the men and women who had served our nation the gratitude they deserved began.

I was in Washington when our capital city began to burn. It was a tense moment when it appeared that open racial warfare was a possibility. A great Black leader was murdered, and his angered and frustrated followers put to torch New York, Detroit, Washington and other cities. But even while the ashes were still warm, Congress continued its work on the civil rights package. Once again the strength and resiliency of our nation and our people carried us through the dark nights.

Business as Usual.

Then in 1974, when our president relinquished his office in disgrace and left our nation's capital, I was once again awed by the strength of our democracy. There were no tanks on our streets, no armed divisions of men. The resignation and the inauguration of a new president were carried out in an almost "business as usual" manner. Men and women reported for work on schedule in the morning and left their offices in the afternoon in the Washington traffic jam.

In recent days, headlines throughout this land have once again employed the words that were commonplace a few years ago: "cover-up," "scandal," "What did he know?"

Throughout these recent traumatic years, in fact through the stress and strains of more than 200 years, our nation has persevered. What is the secret of all this? Is it the Constitution?

Many political scientists would respond in the affirmative. But

yet, other countries have similar constitutions. In fact, the constitution of the Soviet Union is a beautiful document. It speaks of rights and privileges similar to ours.

A wise scholar—Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes—once wrote: "You may think that the Constitution is your security—it is nothing but a piece of paper. You may think that the statutes are your security—they are nothing but words in a book. You may think that the elaborate mechanism of government is your security—it is nothing at all, unless you have a sound and uncorrupted public opinion to give life to your Constitution, to give vitality to your statutes, to make efficient your government machinery."

Uniqueness of Constitution

This year we observe the bicentennial of our Constitution, but our Constitution, like similar documents throughout the world, is as described by Chief Justice Hughes—it is nothing but a piece of paper unless you give life to your Constitution. I really do not know the entire answer to the source of our strength, but I am certain that it lies in the hearts of the conglomeration of people we call Americans.

We Americans can be justly proud of ourselves and our country because throughout these 200 years we have given life to our Constitution. Ours is a living Constitution.

The process of giving life to our Constitution has never been easy. We have witnessed the tragedy

of a Civil War, where father battled son and neighbor killed neighbor. We have witnessed great and heated debates in our Congress. We have witnessed bloody demonstrations. But in each case, the people prevailed and our Constitution was made stronger.

I am proud to live in a land which freely gives us the opportunity to speak out and criticize the government. The author of our Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, once said, "The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all."

I am proud to live in a land which does not burn books, but instead permits us to read all books, even if the prose be ugly, vile, and profane.

I am proud to live in a land which provides free public education to all those with the capacity and ability to learn.

I am proud to live in a land in which, for the first time in history, over one-half of our young people are going on to higher education.

I am proud to live in a land which is trying not to forsake its elder citizens and provides them with medical and hospital care in their autumn years.

I am proud to live in a land which is trying its best to eradicate from its midst poverty and hunger and the age-old curse of

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Letters to the Editor

Internal Affairs

The last Tri-District meeting in Los Angeles had some productive workshops, and some comments should be made relative to the one on the internal operations of JACL.

Presentations and subsequent discussions indicated the existence of some shortcomings within the national organization, some of which are administrative in character, and others which involve the internal structure. I propose that the necessary action be initiated soon so that corrective measures can be taken at the next National Council meeting in Seattle.

It became clear that one of the shortcomings is that a set of standing rules apparently does not exist. Thus, the Executive Committee is assigned no clear set of functions.

Perhaps if the Executive Committee were required to meet monthly between sessions of the National Board, the workload of the National Board would be less burdensome, and there would be a role for the Governors' Caucus. Also, actions could be taken on a more timely basis.

Further, rules by which standing committees operate are almost non-existent, and they need specification. In particular, the time, date, and place of their meetings should be published in order to allow the participation of members. I hope it is not the intent to make committee meetings effectively closed.

A problem of the structural type is the following: although the National Council is supposed to establish basic policies for the biennium to be implemented by the board, in practice only passing recognition is given to the resolutions passed by the National Council.

It was suggested that a possible reason for this is that the eight governors are not responsible directly to the National Council. Only the officers are elected. Possibly a few members-at-large, elected by the National Council, would have a salutary effect.

I would welcome hearing from other members on these and other points.

GEORGE OGAWA
South Bay Chapter
Torrance, Calif.

Support for Stand

I fully agree with Bill Hosokawa's opinion about redress compensation. I see no need for him to respond to Mary Tani's letter (March 20 PC). It was courageous of such a public figure to reveal his personal opinion.

Anyway, the evacuation exper-

ience was due to karma. Nothing happens by chance. If those evacuated had not mistreated others in the distant past, there would have been no karma to be repaid which required them to undergo the same mistreatment in turn.

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Ariz.

Ruling in Endo Case

It may be *lèse majesté* to point out the learned judge's egregious error ("East Wind" by Bill Marutani, April 17 PC). He asserts that in *Ex Parte Endo* the Supreme Court declared "that continued detention was unconstitutional."

If he had vetted the decision, he would have discovered that the Court said, "In reaching that conclusion [unconditional release] we do not come to the underlying constitutional issues which have been argued." Only Justice Owen Roberts, in a concurring opinion, protested the Court's avoidance of the "constitutional issues... necessarily involved."

Hence, all of the "war cases" (*Yasui*, *Hirabayashi*, *Korematsu*, and *Endo*) involving curfew, evacuation and detention passed through the Court without constitutional condemnation.

There are four obvious reasons for this pettifoggery: (1) to correct an error or impression; (2) NCJAR case recently argued before the Court; (3) H.R. 442 and S. 1009; and (4) the bicentennial of the Constitution. This is an unpropitious time and JACL should postpone the celebration of the latter—perhaps for another century.

EJI SUYAMA
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In Search of Pen Pals

My name is Margarita I. Matayoshi. I am 26 years old and I'd like to have pen pals who are men and women over 25 in the USA and other countries. My hobbies are collecting stamps, cards, photos, traveling, listening to music and cooking. I work at a travel agency and am a technical English teacher at a college of tourism. I speak English, Spanish and a little Japanese. I'm a member of Centro Nikkei Argentino.

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I am a 23-year-old Canadian university student who wishes to have a Japanese American pen pal, male or female, between the ages of 17-24 to correspond with. All replies will be answered.

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and women like Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Helen Keller, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King.

As we face the very difficult challenges that lie ahead, it is important to remember that resiliency has always been a part of the American character. I believe it still is. Americans have always bounced back when beset by adversity—in business, in space exploration, in art, in politics, and in personal relationships.

It is time we commit our skills, our intelligence, our determination and our resiliency to curing the ills we have spent the past dozen years diagnosing. This job is as much yours as it is mine.

With confidence born and nurtured by knowledge and truth, and with the courage of free men and women, I believe we shall prevail.

A Failure of Political Leadership

by Marshall Sumida and Joe Oyama

About six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, 110,000 American citizens and longtime alien residents of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast were rounded up and imprisoned in desolate areas around the country. The majority of them were still children or teenagers held without charge or trial in the name of preventative detention or military necessity.

Martial law was not declared as it was in Hawaii, though the islands were closer to Japan.

"The broad historical causes which shaped these decisions were race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership," concluded the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The CWRIC conducted intensive archival research from July 1981 to December 1982 and listened to 750 Japanese American witnesses throughout the U.S.

The failure of political leadership occurred when elected leaders turned their backs on the Constitution and failed to enforce the laws, leaving a moral, ethical and legal vacuum and rendering ineffective the system of checks and balances between the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government.

Unenforced, the Constitution became a scrap of paper insofar as Japanese Americans were concerned, setting a precedent for future large-scale violations of law on the untenable grounds of "anticipated future dangerousness" (see "High Court Hears Arguments This Week," *New York Times*, Jan. 8).

Not coincidentally, 1942 was an election year. Politicians and the press urged Japanese Americans to show their loyalty by voluntarily interning themselves or moving to areas away from the West Coast. There was no assurance of jobs or travel money.

In wartime, they accomplished what they could not do in peacetime: to get rid of historically unwanted economic competition from an "inferior race" in agriculture and small businesses.

Using military necessity as a guise, War Department officials were given blanket jurisdiction over Japanese American civilians; civil courts were open, but laws were circumvented and those responsible were not held for liability.

During this time, Congress hastily passed Public Law 503 without even a hearing or debate. A race-based law directed specifically against Japanese Americans, it permitted military jurisdiction over civilians. An illegal law, PL 503 should have required a constitutional amendment to grant such awesome power to the military. The lives of 110,000 people were at stake.

The CWRIC stated, "A grave injustice was done to American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who, without review or any probative evidence against them, were excluded, removed and detained by the United States during World War II."

The commission further said, "All this was done despite the fact that not a single documented act of espionage, sabotage or fifth column activity was committed by an American citizen or by a resident alien of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast."

(Issei were prohibited from becoming naturalized American citizens until the Walter-McCaran Act was passed in 1952.)

This was while sons and brothers volunteered from behind barbed wire to fight for the U.S., both in Europe and the Pacific. In Europe, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team became the most decorated unit in the annals of U.S. Army history, while in the Pacific, 8,000 Japanese Americans served in intelligence units as interpreters and translators.

In all, 33,000 Japanese Americans served in the U.S. armed forces during the war.

When our founding fathers wrote the Constitution, they wanted a strong court to enforce the laws designed to protect individuals against the encroachment of illegal government action.

The strength of the U.S. is its capacity to recognize errors and to carry out procedures to correct them under the systems of checks and balances.

Failing that, victims can file a petition under the First Amendment to redress grievances resulting from government violation of substantive laws designed to protect individual rights. Victims have the right to have laws enforced, to hold government officials accountable, and to receive monetary damages.

But even if Japanese Americans receive token redress for monetary damages and violations of basic civil rights, the much larger question still remains: Can mass preventative detention be prevented in the future?

"Are we the Japanese Americans of the 1980s? Are the detention camps next?" asked James Kaddo, one of the attorneys for Palestinians arrested in January for alleged ties with a wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization (see *Pacific Citizen*, Feb. 13).

The threat hangs like a dark cloud over our heads. It became real during the Iranian hostage crisis, when hotheads demanded the rounding up and incarceration of all Iranians in this country.

In 1987, the bicentennial year of the Constitution, is this not an opportune time to remind ourselves of a past political failure to prevent its happening again?

Sumida, a former Army counter-intelligence officer who served in WW2 and the Korean War, is a member of French Camp JACL. Oyama was the first president of Japanese American News Corp. of New York and served on the board of directors of Berkeley JACL from 1977-81.

Nikkei Named as President of Wisconsin Hospital

MILWAUKEE — Edward Hida of Wauwatosa has been named president of De Paul Rehabilitation Hospital, the largest chemical dependency treatment center in Wisconsin.

Since 1974, Hida has held various positions at De Paul. He was previously administrator of com-

munity services for Milwaukee County and a department administrator at Southern Wisconsin Colony and Training School.

Hida serves as a trustee for the Milwaukee Public Museum and for the Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology. He is also director of the Hospital Council

of Greater Milwaukee, Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc., and Artreach, Inc.

He is a fellow of the American Public Health Association and the American College of Addiction Treatment Administrators, and is a certified mental health administrator.

FIX UP THE FAMILY TREE

INOUE

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bigotry and discrimination. The pace may be slow, but we are stepping forward to our goals.

I am proud to live in a land where the people are free to elect representatives to serve them in their councils of government.

I am proud to live in a land where every person, including the criminal, has his rights protected in the courts, where the phrase "due process of law" is a meaningful and living phrase.

I am proud to live in a land where one may pray as he chooses to his God or gods, or not worship at all.

I am proud to live in a land where the promise of success and advancement is real.

And I am proud to live in a land which has produced men

Community Calendar

May 30 — June 13

LOS ANGELES

June 1
10:45 a.m. "Self-Protection: It's a Matter of Common Sense," a public service program, will take place at Union Church of Los Angeles, 401 E. Third St. Program is being sponsored by AARP, Downtown Los Angeles Chapter. Info: Harold Ishibashi, (213) 942-1954.

June 3
6-9 p.m. Federation of Asian Pacific Americans presents a seminar on "Upward Mobility in Employment, 1987: Do Asian Pacific Americans Fit?" at Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 1010 S. Flower St. Speakers will be U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi and Bill Lan Lee of Center for Law in the Public Interest. Registration: \$10 (includes dinner buffet). Info: Sumi Haru, (213) 460-5378; Stewart Kwok, 748-2022; or John Saito, 626-4471.

June 4
9 a.m.-1 p.m. A marketing and public relations seminar for cultural and ethnic arts institutions and those who work with them will take place at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., sponsored by the local chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and the Arts Consortium. Fee: \$30 per person, \$10 for PRSA members and staff of arts institutions.

June 4
6-9 p.m. Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Special honorees are L.A. County Supervisors Ed Edelman and Kenneth Hahn. Tickets are \$20 per person. Info: Louise McHenry, (213) 738-4215.

SEATTLE

June 14
1 p.m. Dedication ceremonies for the new Keiro Nursing Home, 16th and Yesler, will take place. Special guest will be Gov. Booth Gardner.

'Life of the Land,' Comedy Set in Hawaii, to Premiere in N. Y.

NEW YORK — Pan Asian Repertory Theatre's production of Edward Sakamoto's play "Life of the Land" opens June 2, 8 p.m., at Playhouse 46, 423 West 46th St. (between 9th and 10th Avenues) and runs until June 27.

The comedy is set in Hawaii and centers around the Kamiya family, which was featured in Sakamoto's play "Manoa Valley."

"The earlier play... explored the Kamiya clan's link to its immigrant past, to the grandparents who had struggled to find a new life in a strange land," said Sakamoto. "... While the grandparents were never physically part of the play, they were a spiritual presence, to be remembered and respected.

"When the Sansei son, Spencer Kamiya, announced his plan to go to the mainland for schooling and a job, it meant a break from the family ties that are so important in Japanese tradition. Here was the age-old tug of war: family obligation versus personal desire..."

"So 'Life of the Land' has Spencer Kamiya returning to the family and home he once knew and loved and had forgotten. The uncertainty is there; so are the wounds that have healed but are still tender to the touch."

The play features Jeff Akaka, Kenny Baldwin, Mel Duane Gionson, Carol Honda, Eric Miji, Ron Nakahara, Barbara Pohlman, Norris Shimabuku and Lori Tanaka. Kati Kuroda directs.

Tickets are \$12 Tuesday-Thursday, \$16 Friday and Saturday. Opening night tickets are \$35 and include a champagne buffet. All shows are at 8 p.m., plus a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Senior, student and group rates are available. Info: (212) 245-2660.

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'Star Trek' Actor to Appear at Fund-Raiser for AALDEF

NEW YORK — Actor George Takei, helmsman Sulu in the "Star Trek" television and film series, will host a benefit party for Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) at The Tunnel, 220 12th Ave. (at 27th St.), on June 11.

AALDEF serves the Asian American community through legal and educational work on immigration, employment rights, anti-Asian violence, housing, and redress. Takei's involvement with AALDEF grows out of his childhood experience of being interned during WW2.

"All lawyers have an ethical duty to help the poor," said Grace Hwang, AALDEF board member and chair of the event. "The funds AALDEF raises at The Tunnel will directly help Asian

Americans who cannot afford the high cost of legal services."

Tickets for the party, which will include dancing, can be obtained for a \$25 tax-deductible contribution; group rates are available. Info: Lillian Ling, (212) 966-5932.

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• "Fund-Raising: Case Studies Within JACL"

Joyce Enomoto, chair, "Conquer the Bridge" Run; Larry Ishimoto, president, Tulare JACL; Bob Kaneko, fundraiser, Nikkei Matsuri; Shirley Chami, past president, Marina JACL.

Each described specific fund-raisers—how it was done, how much was raised, and what pitfalls to avoid.

• "Leadership Development Within JACL"

Irene Hirano, president, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics; J.D. Hokayama, LEAP board member.

It was stated that motivation and direction are needed to form new chapters; clear-cut goals and integrating Nisei and Sansei through planning are keys to developing leaders; and national and chapter support for leadership training is a must.

• "Cross-Cultural Aging and Retirement Programs: Ideas for Nikkei Communities"

Bob Hayamizu, American Assn. of Retired Persons, Little Tokyo chapter; Betty Kozasa, PSW Aging and Retirement Committee chair; Sachi Kuwamoto, director, Nikkei Service Center,

Fresno; Steve Nakajo, executive director, Kimochi, Inc.; K. Patrick Okura, National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee co-chair.

Panelists assessed the health and scope of JACL's aging and retirement programs by comparing them with those of other cultural groups. In Israel, productivity of volunteers is greater than in the U.S. In Japan, because of increased longevity, "four quarters" are seen in society, each quarter being 25 years long. Local programs such as the Kimochi "umbrella" were discussed.

• "Membership and Recruitment Strategies"

Ted Inouye, president, Fremont JACL; Midori Watanabe Kamei, president, South Bay JACL; Sam Sunada, PSW Leadership Development; Frank Kawase, past president, Selanoco JACL.

The theoretical (trust, common interest, and friendship) and practical (mechanics and tangibles) sides to membership recruitment were reviewed. It was said that the membership chair's job is perceived as more important than the chapter president's. Recognition of new members in the newsletter, lowering or subsidiz-

ing of dues for longtime senior members and computerized renewals were recommended.

On the question of whether JACL can rely on civil rights alone for growth, the answer was a solid "no." U.S.-Japan relations, cultural heritage, and social aspects were cited. Growth of a chapter is tied to the needs in the community, but it was said that even large chapters can grow by recognizing and working with diverse areas of interest.

• "Redress: Moment of Truth"

Ken Inouye, PSW governor; Cressey Nakagawa, LEC Board member; Grayce Ueyehara, director, LEC; Ken Yokota; Mollie Fujioka, NCWNP governor.

An update of JACL-LEC efforts to date was given, and upcoming activities, such as a massive letter-writing campaign this summer, were outlined. JACLers were asked to "go through your Christmas card lists" for potential letter-writers, especially in areas without JACL chapters. Ueyehara read the testimony she gave at the recent House subcommittee hearing on H.R. 442.

— Compiled by Harry Honda

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happened, and we apologize to all who were offended.

"It has been a learning experience for all involved, I feel, as it has brought to the surface the very real problem of discrimination against Asian and Pacific Islanders... I had assumed that these groups had been assimilated into the community easily and comfortably. Obviously this is not the case, and we are taking steps to communicate the reality of the situation to the San Diego broadcast audience.

"We hope that you will judge us by our current actions, and together we can work to make San Diego an even better place for all of us to live."

The coalition, formed shortly

after the Miller incident, includes local Chinese American organizations, local and statewide Asian student organizations, Pacific Islanders and Asians for the Rainbow, San Diego Council of Pilipino American Organizations, and individuals from JACL and the Asian Pacific Caucus of the California Democratic Party.

The Associated Students of UC San Diego passed a resolution April 1 calling for a boycott of KS103 until the station apologized for Miller's actions. The resolution stated that "ethnic humor only serves to promote racial tensions, racial violence, inaccuracies and misconceptions and deny individuals of their true cultural and personal identity."

The station received more

than 100 letters which were overwhelmingly against the broadcast. Letters came not only from the Asian Pacific community but also from other ethnic communities.

The incident occurred when Miller announced his support of Larry Himmel, a local TV personality who had been criticized for his portrayal of an acupuncturist named K.C. Wang on the KFMB program "San Diego At Large." The character, which had buck teeth, slanted eyes and a happi coat, has not appeared in recent months.

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JACLer Installed as President of American Lung Association

NEW ORLEANS — Carol Kawanami took office as president of the American Lung Association on May 9 at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel.

The installation was held at a luncheon of the ALA board of directors preceding the 1987 ALA Annual Meeting, held May 10-13 and attended by approximately 6,000 physicians, nurses, and professional and volunteer health workers. Scientific research papers were presented and community education sessions were conducted.

Kawanami holds a Master of

Science degree from the School of Nursing at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

She is former mayor of Villa Park in Orange County and a member of the Selanoco JACL board of directors.

She has been active as a volunteer in local Lung Associations, starting in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1971. She is currently on the board of directors of the American Lung Association of California and of the national ALA. She succeeds Lois Ellison of Atlanta as president.

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