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Redress Still a Goal of Nikkei in Canada

by Karyn K. Lamborn
VANCOUVER, British Columbia — "Back to the Future" was the theme of a National Association of Japanese Canadians conference held May 16-17 at the Coast Georgian Court.

Japanese Canadians have developed a "stronghold on the past and on our history," said Dr. Art Miki, NAJC president and director of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, in his opening address. "Now it is time to concentrate on the future."

Redress was the highest priority during the conference. NAJC presented settlement recommendations in a document entitled "Democracy Betrayed: The Case for Redress" in November 1984. The brief outlined three major proposals: acknowledgement that the government committed injustices against Japanese Canadians during WW2; compensation in the amount of \$25,000 for each of the estimated 14,000 surviving internees (of the 22,000 who were interned) and \$50 million for the purpose of rebuilding the community; and legislative enactments to guard against future injustices.

NAJC recently held a meeting in Ottawa with Minister of Multiculturalism David Crombie to seek resolution of the long-standing issue. Crombie completed the fact-finding phase, which entailed sessions with community representatives in Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, and submitted his recommendations on the matter to the Cabinet.

His offer of a \$12 million community fund without individual compensation was rejected by NAJC. The government has been willing to pass a resolution

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S. 1009 Going to Committee

WASHINGTON — The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a mark-up session on redress bill S. 1009 on June 30, according to JACL-LEC director Grayce Ueyhara.

If the bill is approved by the full committee, it can then be considered by the full Senate.



Sens. Daniel Inouye (left) and Spark Matsunaga at hearing on redress.

Senators Speak in Support of S. 1009 Before Subcommittee

WASHINGTON — Redress bill S. 1009 gained the support of three-fourths of the Senate during a June 17 hearing held by the Federal Services, Post Office, and Civil Service Subcommittee of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Subcommittee chair Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark.) announced that he was signing on as the 75th sponsor of the bill introduced in April by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii). Pryor paid tribute to Matsunaga's efforts in signing up co-sponsors for the bill, noting that it was remarkable to get so many senators to agree on anything.

Pryor spoke of his visits as a state official to the site of the Rohwer, Ark., internment camp. He attended dedication ceremonies for a monument marking the camp site and for another monument dedicated to the "courageous soldiers who served in the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team... an amazing core of dedicated American citizens." He said it was "altogether fitting" to consider the bill during the celebration of the Constitution's bicentennial.

Matsunaga, one of five senators who testified at the hearing, said the bill "seeks to remedy one of the worst violations of civil liberties in our nation's history." The relocation, he said, was carried out despite the lack of "proof of any acts of espionage or sabotage committed by Japanese Americans" and despite the opposition of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Matsunaga noted that one law "prohibited American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, garbed in *Uncle Sam's uniform*, from entering the restricted zones."

Deaths in the Camps

In the camps, there were cases of "infants, young mothers, and elderly persons who died for lack of adequate medical care and facilities," of "families who were separated," and of "internees who were shot and killed by camp guards because they inadvertently wandered too close to the camp fences," said Matsunaga, who described an incident in which the shooting victim was an elderly man who had been playing ball with his grandson.

"The stigma of disloyalty has haunted Japanese Americans for the past 45 years, and it is one of the principal reasons that they are seeking congressional action to remove that cloud over their heads," he said in his concluding remarks.

Inouye Testifies

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) discussed questions that are com-

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House Judiciary Committee Passes Redress Legislation

WASHINGTON — For the first time, one of the redress bills introduced in Congress has been approved at the committee level and can now proceed to a floor vote.

By a 28-6 vote, the House Judiciary Committee passed H.R. 442 without significant amendments on June 17.

Voting for the bill were:

Democrats Robert Kastenmeier (Wis.), Don Edwards (Calif.), John Conyers (Mich.), Romano Mazzoli (Ky.), William Hughes (N.J.), Michael Synar (Okla.), Patricia Schroeder (Colo.), Dan Glickman (Kan.), Barney Frank (Mass.), George Crockett (Mich.), Charles Schumer (N.Y.), Bruce Morrison (Conn.), Edward Feighan (Ohio), Lawrence Smith (Fla.), Howard Berman (Calif.), Frederick Boucher (Va.), Harley Staggers (W.Va.), John Bryant (Texas), Benjamin Cardin (Md.), Peter Rodino (N.J.).

Republicans Hamilton Fish (N.Y.), Henry Hyde (Ill.), E. Clay Shaw (Fla.), George Gekas (Pa.), Michael DeWine (Ohio), William Dannemeyer (Calif.), Patrick Swindall (Ga.), D. French Slaughter (Va.).

Voting against the bill were:

Republicans Carlos Moorhead (Calif.), Daniel Lungren (Calif.), F. James Sensenbrenner (Wis.), Bill McCollum (Fla.), Howard Coble (N.C.), Lamar Smith (Texas).

During the mark-up session, committee members agreed that the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during WW2 were unjust, but differed on the most appropriate way to atone for them.

Elimination of Payments Sought

An amendment put forth by Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.) asked that the portion of the bill authorizing payment of \$20,000 to each former internee be deleted. Lungren, the only current member of Congress to serve on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and the only member of the CWRIC who did not recommend individual payments, said he favored the provisions of the bill calling for a formal apology to those who were relocated and a \$50 million educational fund to help prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

But he argued that a price could not be put on personal freedom, that the bill would encourage other groups wronged by the government to seek redress, and that it was dangerous to second-guess the intentions of America's wartime leaders.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chair of the Judiciary subcommittee that approved the bill in May, countered that no wide-ranging precedent would be set because the bill applied to a specific wrong committed by the government. Rep. William Hughes (D-N.J.) stated that the bill, rather than setting a precedent, would follow the precedent of other cases in which individuals unjustly imprisoned by the federal government received monetary compensation.

Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) added that Congress should follow the example of West Germany, which gives payments to survivors of the Holocaust. While the German concentration camps were not the same as the camps for Japanese Americans, he said, the general principle of redress for past incarceration should be noted.

The Lungren amendment was defeated by a 26-8 vote.

Dispute Over Wording

A dispute arose over the wording of the "Findings and Purposes" section of the bill, which described the reasons and motivations for the internment. The CWRIC report stated that the decision to relocate Japanese Americans was due to "racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." Some congressmen questioned whether it was necessary to state that racial prejudice was a reason for the decision. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) objected to the suggestion that President Franklin Roosevelt was a racist. Lungren said it was important to note that war hysteria was a factor.

Frank proposed that the bill read that the evacuation, relocation, and internment "resulted in part from racial prejudice and war hysteria." The amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Clarifications on Payments

Two other provisions adopted by voice vote specified that (1) payments are not be considered taxable income by the Internal Revenue Service and (2) payments will constitute full satisfaction of any claim that an eligible individual has against the U.S. government.

The committee's legal staff also made it clear that all persons of Japanese ancestry who were U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens and were affected by the evacuation are eligible, regardless of whether they were interned.

Ex-Internees Lend a Hand to Refugee Students

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Continuing a tradition that began when they were helped during WW2, members of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund presented scholarships to 12 Southeast Asian students on May 9.

The NSRCF was founded in 1979 by Nisei who were among the 3,000 college-age internees allowed to leave the camps and attend schools outside the West Coast through the efforts of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council,

which was made up of educators, church groups, and service organizations. The fund is used to help students from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia who, like the Nisei, have had their educations disrupted by war.

"I looked at them [the scholarship winners] and said, 'My God, there I am 45 years ago,'" Esther Suzuki, a member of the local scholarship committee, told the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch. Suzuki became the first Japanese American to attend Macalester

College after her release from camp.

After the ceremony, she said, "I just felt great. I felt like I was part of a long chain all the way from 1945, holding hands and helping each other."

The scholarship recipients were chosen from among 120 applicants. Awards of \$500 were presented to:

Heng M. Chhou, Johnson H.S., St. Paul; Bao Kue, Edison H.S., Minneapolis; Somvang Souvannavong, Roosevelt H.S., Minneapolis; Oahn Tran, Fairmont

H.S., Fairmont; Seng Kouy Tran, New Ulm H.S., New Ulm; Morind Um, Humboldt H.S., St. Paul; Cheng Vang, Highland Park H.S., St. Paul; Thanh-ha Vo, John F. Kennedy H.S., Bloomington.

Four additional scholarships of \$250, made possible by donations from Mr. and Mrs. James Michener and Dr. Gladys Ishida Stone, went to:

Gao Lee, Como Park H.S., St. Paul; Teng Moua, Edison H.S., Minneapolis; Huot Ngov, Highland Park H.S., St. Paul; Phi Vu, Richfield H.S., Richfield.

The awards ceremony, held at Hamline University, was attended by St. Paul Mayor George Lati-

mer, NSRC board chair Lafayette Noda and his wife Mamie of Meridian, N.H., NSRC secretary Nobu Hibino of Portland, Conn., and Kay Yamashita and Hanna Tani Hogan of Chicago.

NSRC has given scholarships in San Francisco, New England, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Next year's awards will be presented in Texas.

Serving on the Minnesota scholarship committee were Gladys Stone, Tom Ohno, Esther Suzuki, Judy Murakami, Maye Uemura, Yo Matsumoto, Carolyn Nayematsu, and Ed Hara.

Manzanar Reunion Planned

LOS ANGELES — Labor Day weekend has been reserved for the second Manzanar All-Camp Reunion, where former internees of the WW2 camp will have an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones.

The Manzanar Reunion Committee announced that the dinner gala will be held Sept. 5 in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 400 S. Figueroa St. On the following afternoon, an informal get-together will take place from 1-4 p.m. in the Catalina Room.

Arrangements have been made to display artifacts and photographs that participants bring to the gathering. Participants may arrange to donate their property to the Japanese American National Museum.

The first all-camp reunion, held Sept. 1, 1984, attracted a sell-out crowd of 800 persons from all over the U.S. The 1987 event

is expected to bring together close to 1,000 former Manzanar internees, their families, and their friends.

The theme of the reunion will be the 200th birthday of the Constitution. Special recognition will be given to Walter and Millie Woodward of Bainbridge Island, Wash., who protested the removal and imprisonment of their Nikkei neighbors. Bainbridge Islanders were among the first JAs to be sent to Manzanar, and many are expected to attend the reunion.

For further information, contact committee members Sue K. Embrey, (213) 662-5102; Bruce Kaji, (213) 624-7434; Rose Maruki Kakuuchi, (213) 721-6954; Mary Enomoto Kinoshita, (818) 768-6230; Jun Okimoto, (213) 770-0289; Toy Ioki Sato, (213) 530-3558; or Louis Kado, (213) 391-2059; or write to the committee c/o Merit Savings Bank, 324 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Lecture Series to Examine Asian Issues

BOSTON — A six-part lecture series on the emerging Asian American community will be presented by Boston University on Thursdays, beginning July 2, from 3-5 p.m. in the School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Room B-19. The following speakers are scheduled:

July 2: Shirley Mark Yuen, program director, Asian American Resource Workshop, on "The Significance of Recent Immigration and Refugee Resettlement."

July 9: Daniel Lam, state refugee coordinator, Massachusetts Office of Refugee Resettlement, on "Toward Refugee Self-Sufficiency and Citizenship Participation."

July 16: Paul Watanabe, Political Science Department, University of Massachusetts at Boston, on "Loyalty, Ethnicity, and International Relations: Impressions of the Japanese American Experience."

July 23: Suzanne Lee, co-chair, Chinatown Neighborhood Council and Chinese Progressive Association, on "Land, Labor, and Community Control: Current Issues in Boston's Chinatown."

July 30: Assunta Cha, counselor, Brookline Public Schools, and Katie Chin, former president, Asian Student Union, Boston University, on "Asian Americans and Education: Some Myths and Realities."

Aug. 6: May Louie, chair, Boston Rainbow Coalition, on "New Directions in Asian American Political Participation."

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Race Violence Topic of Forum

SAN FRANCISCO — "Justice for Asian Americans: What Can We Do Now?" is the topic of a forum on anti-Asian violence to be held by the Break the Silence Coalition on June 29, 7:30 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St.

The panel will include Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director; the Rev. Wesley Woo, associate for Racial Justice and Asian Mission Development for the Presbyterian Church in New York; and Harold Leon of the Detroit-based American Citizens for Justice.

Topics to be discussed are the Vincent Chin case, anti-Asian violence on the East Coast, the role of the church in preventing anti-Asian violence, and state and national legislative initiatives relevant to the issue.

Areas of potential legislation that may have an impact on anti-Asian violence include more accurate reporting of incidents of racial violence and increasing criminal sanctions against such acts.

The purpose of the forum is "to take a critical look at the Vincent Chin case in hindsight and to ask the question, what does this mean and where do we go

from here?" said Lindsey Jang, newsletter editor for Break the Silence. The Bay Area coalition focuses attention on issues related to anti-Asian violence.

The forum is open to the public. Info: Rachel Shigekane, (415) 982-0801, or Mike Wong, 835-1474.

JASSI Offering Help for Illegals

NEW YORK — Japanese American Social Services, Inc., has been named as one of the Qualified Designated Entities throughout the country which are authorized to assist undocumented aliens in applying for legalization under the Simpson-Rodino Immigration Reform and Control Act.

Since May 5, the effective date of the legislation, JASSI has received several telephone calls and office visits from those seeking assistance. Appointments are being made for applicants who need help filling out forms for submission to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In accordance with the terms of its QDE status, JASSI accepts a suggested nominal consultation fee of up to \$50 per person, depending on ability to pay.

For more information, contact JASSI at 275 Seventh Ave., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10001; (212) 255-1881.

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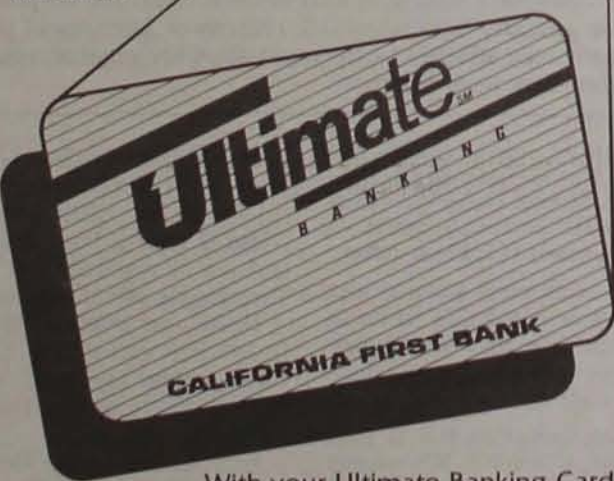
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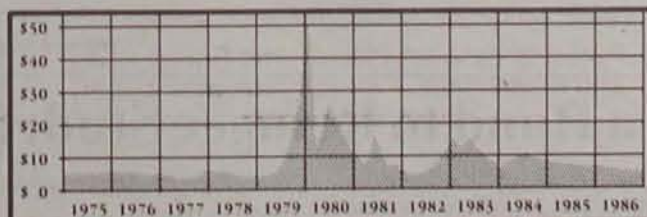
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JA Elected to Human Rights Group's Board

IRVINE, Calif. — Mitsuye Yamada, an English professor, was recently elected to serve on the national board of directors of Amnesty International USA (AIUSA).

AIUSA, which has over 100,000 members and supporters, is a section of Amnesty International, which is the foremost organization concerning human rights in the world.

Amnesty International is composed of volunteers and staff who work for "prisoners of conscience" in most countries of the world. Prisoners of Conscience are those who are imprisoned for the peaceful expression of their beliefs or as a result of their religious, political, or ethnic backgrounds.

Yamada has been active with AIUSA for many years and is one of the founding members of the chapter located in Irvine. She has coordinated a case from the Soviet Union and has been a speaker and poet on behalf of the organization on many occasions. In addition to her Amnesty International volunteer work, she is also a member of the California State Department of Education Advisory Committee on Human Rights and Genocide, the Irvine Committee on Human



Mitsuye Yamada

Rights, and the National Council on Japanese American Redress.

"Because of my special interests in minority rights, I hope to bring the perspective of the people of color to the AIUSA board," said Yamada. "I would like to help AIUSA become a more consolidated force by working more with the ethnic minority groups of this country, and in this way, move toward a less violent and more just world."

Yamada will serve on the board for two years. She is a member of a board composed of 24 persons representing a broad cross section of the country.

Underrepresentation of Asians in City's Workforce Alleged

CHICAGO — The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs, taking issue with the conclusions of a report on city hiring by Roosevelt University professor Pierre deVise, has nevertheless criticized the city's progress in representation of Asians in the workforce.

The deVise report alleges that a disproportionate number of Blacks have been hired by the city while whites and Asians have suffered. Citing city employment statistics, the committee has concluded that Blacks remain underrepresented in the city workforce in relation to their numbers in the community, and that whites remain the dominant group among city employees. In 1986, 56 percent of city officials were white, 36 percent Black, 5 percent Hispanic, and 1.8 percent Asian.

"The concept of affirmative action," said newly elected committee chair Bernard Wong, "is for new hiring to offset the effects of past discrimination and bring us closer to each group's numbers in the community. Thus, higher Black hiring is necessary if their current underrepresentation is to be corrected."

"At the same time, Asian Americans remain sharply underrepresented in both the current city workforce as well as in new hires [2.17 percent in 1986]. At this rate, we cannot reach fair representation in the near future. A stronger commitment to finding and hiring qualified Asian Americans is needed at all levels of city government."

Committee members hope that Mayor Harold Washington's new affirmative action plan, which sets goals for the hiring of Asians and other groups, will make a difference.

"The mayor has demonstrated his interest in our needs by appointing the first Asian Americans to the Board of Health and the Public Library Board," said Wong. "We are still seeking our first representatives on the Chicago Board of Education and on the mayor's cabinet. Our advisory committee remains a subunit of a larger department, while women and Latinos have separate staffed commissions."

"While Mayor Washington has opened up new opportunities for our community, we still have a long way to go."

Congressmen Comment on Bill's Progress

WASHINGTON — Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.) expressed optimism about the prospects for passage of redress legislation after the House Judiciary Committee approved H.R. 442 on June 17.

"This is a historic day for redress legislation," said Matsui. "This is a positive step in our efforts to pass legislation in Congress and a tremendous milestone in our efforts to redress the injustice of the internment."

"I am ecstatic at the progress we have seen in just one day, and I'm confident this bill will go even further," said Mineta. "Today, as in the recent subcommittee mark-up, members did not dispute the central fact that a tragic, wholesale violation of rights had occurred and should be redressed. No one questioned the principle of the legislation or the need for an apology, and the bill's supporters presented an articulate defense of the legislation."

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If Jane Fonda, et al., can instruct by video on how to stay in shape, surely the same medium ought to be even more effective in opening up and filling the mind with (hopefully) useful information. At least, it's less strenuous than stretching the tendons.

IN MY LIMITED flitting about, though, I've yet to come across such a videotape. Surely, there must be some out there. If not, someone ought to get busy and start producing and marketing such a tape, or tapes. The promoter has one ready and eager customer right here. But, alas, in my browsing about in shops in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and even Tokyo, I've not come across such a tape.

Somebody is missing out on a good bet, in my estimation.

FOR MY OWN use, I've been toying around with developing my own cassette tapes, sound only, to play in my *otomobīru* as I'm driving.

I've been poring over a Japanese publication which I've been trying to read, *jiten* nearby to look up words (and that *jiten* gets a good workout, believe me), but by the time I solve a couple of pages (and that takes a while), the early pages get "cold" and I have to refresh the coverage. Reducing the reading to a tape would create a sound record, which I can then play back in an effort to let my lessons somehow sink in.

OH, I KNOW about those Berlitz tapes and I have a set lying around the house somewhere. They're a bit too basic, even for me. Except for a bit of *Hiroshimaben* (dialect), my *hatsuon* (pronunciation) isn't quite all that bad. And not unlike many Nisei, I don't need tape lessons to ask "Ote-arai wa dochira desho ka?" ("Which way to the bathroom?") or, if you're a Navy man, "Where's the head?"

THEY SAY THAT a good way to learn a foreign language is through music, particularly singing. And to an extent, that's true—at least, I find it helpful. Every so often, frau Vicki will have a *chambara* tape, obviously pirated off Japanese *terebi*, which spills over to a sing-along. And invariably, there is projected onto the screen the words (in Japanese) to the song. And there are *hiragana* for the more difficult *kanji* characters, and that's a big help.

But there's one problem: the words are up there such a short time (for me, at least) that if I dawdle in trying to read the words, they disappear and move on to the next words.

Some of you out there know what I mean.

THERE'S A PARADOX in trying to read Japanese writing. As you know, there are three sets of writing: *katakana* (the easiest), *hiragana* (somewhat more difficult, but easy enough) and *kanji* (the Chinese characters).

The first two are comparatively easy because there are 51 of them, and once you learn them, that's it. But *kanji* is quite another proposition: almost unlimited in number, with a reasonably educated person mastering some 3,000 or more.

The paradox, for me at least, is that when a foreign word is written in *katakana* (as they invariably are), I have to go over the *katakana* several times to ascertain what it means. This is so particularly if it's an English word in *nihongo*, for the Japanese pronunciation will be quite unfamiliar to me.

It took me a while, for example, to figure out what *makudomaru* was. Of course, it was McDonald's, the fast-food place.

Videotape, anyone?

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A Miraculous Recovery

FROM THE
FRYING PAN

Bill
Hosokawa



It's hard to remember how many times I've been to Japan since the war's end. A dozen? Probably more. Maybe 20. Maybe even more—four times within the last year alone.

The first postwar visit was at the outbreak of the Korean War, in 1950. The rusty skeletons of bombed-out factories were still visible then.

After dusk, the Ginza was taken over by the stalls of small merchants showing their wares under the glare of gas lamps. Rice was strictly rationed. Taxis ran on charcoal fumes generated in burners located in their trunks. Young men went to work in cut-down G.I. suntans, and a crowd gathered each day at noon outside the Daiichi Insurance building to gawk at Gen. MacArthur striding out to his limousine on his way to lunch.

Japan was a beaten nation, gray and drab, struggling to come out of shock, seeking to reestablish

its identity. It succeeded astonishingly, not so much in reestablishing an identity but in creating a new one within the span of a single generation.

I pondered this one day recently in Tokyo while waiting at a downtown street corner for the traffic lights to change. The crowd around me, everyone obedient to the orders of the mechanized signals, was well-dressed, well-fed, and well-disciplined. A nattily uniformed female police officer was directing traffic, and a male volunteer—a Kiwanian, perhaps, on a club project—held a yellow flag that cautioned pedestrians to stand back from the traffic that raced along the canyon formed by tall buildings.

This was Japan? It was Tokyo, all right, but except for its cleanliness and the courtesy and consideration of the pedestrians, it could have been New York or Chicago or Paris. Despite some staggering problems, like too many people on too little land, Japan, by and large, is a country that works. That's more than can be said for much of the rest of the world.

Japan has reached maturity as a nation. It is a global economic power and is just beginning to realize it. It has managed to reach its present status without arms, and such is the state of the world that this is viewed as something

bad and unfair.

It used to be said that Japan caught a cold when America sneezed. There's not much truth to that any more. We may be approaching the point when it's the other way around.

This is not to say that all is well on the other side of the Pacific. Far from it. Political and economic leaders are painfully aware that something has to be done about the trade imbalance between our two countries. They have no more idea than their American counterparts about how to address that dilemma without creating serious internal problems.

The Japanese government is piling up budget deficits and a recent tax reform bill floundered on political shores. The generation that built the postwar Japan has grayed, and its survivors are concerned about a lack of dedication in their successors. There are growing social ills, and the almost unsurmountable challenge to improve housing in metropolitan areas.

A wallet of dollars, which dwindle in value by the day, offer scant assurance nowadays in Tokyo. But it is little short of inspiring to see what has transpired in Japan. It should be a matter of pride to the Japanese that now they can face, negotiate, and cooperate with Americans as equals

Letters to the Editor

More on Karma

Hashime Saito's letter (May 29 PC) justifies our WW2 internment as "due to karma." Wasn't it due to racism? Even though there was really no military necessity and even though West Coast residents of German and Italian ancestry were spared the ignominious treatment heaped upon us?

The karma theory points the finger of guilt at the victims, not the victimizers. Consider its source. It originated in ancient India, where the elite Hindu caste of Brahmins was able to keep the caste of untouchables in exploited degradation, generation after generation, with the teaching that it was their just penalty for supposed evils committed in previous lives.

What a contrast to the teachings of Jesus Christ, for which he suffered an agonized martyrdom. Would Mr. Saito have it that Jesus received his just desserts on the cross for committing evils in past lives? As a karma believer, he'd have to.

And I don't see anything courageous about Bill Hosokawa's allowing himself to be used by the prestigious Denver Post to oppose individual payments to ex-internees, working at cross purposes with his fellow JACLers who are working so hard for indi-

vidual payments. If he received compensation, I call that cheapening himself and worse.

MARY TANI
Los Angeles

In Search Of...

I would like to know the whereabouts of Yoshio Shishido, who lived in Burbank, Calif., prior to the 1942 evacuation. He was a student at John Burroughs Junior High School at that time. His brothers' names were Arturo and Ichiro. His father was affectionately called "Shorty." Please contact me with any helpful information.

LEE SKJESTAD
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In 1941, freshly arrived from the war in France, we arrived in Hollywood, Calif., and found living quarters on Vine Street there. We became acquainted with a lovely young Japanese girl next door who was studying French opera, and my wife enjoyed helping her with the language.

Then came Dec. 7, 1941, that fateful day when all Japanese Americans were to be sent to relocation camps. Our lovely friend sold all her belongings except a

10-inch-high traditionally dressed bride and groom, apparently her images of her parents.

We ourselves have moved many times since, even to the East Coast, but we have always taken good care of the precious figurines entrusted to us. We have been back in California for quite some time and we are now reaching our 85th birthday.

We are sure that our former neighbor, if she is still alive, would cherish having her belonging back and we wonder whether you could help locate this person for us. She must be around 65 by now. We forgot her name but there must not be a lot of Japanese French opera singers.

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For the Record

The \$500 Yasuhira Scholarships given by Fresno JACL (see June 12 PC) consist of three different awards. The Ihei Yasuhira Memorial, Sunao Yasuhira Memorial, and Shizuko Yasuhira Memorial Scholarships went to John Kato, Felicia Ota, and Stephanie Yoshimoto, respectively.

'New Horizons' for Singles

CHICAGO — New Horizons, a singles organization sponsored by Chicago JACL, has elected its officers for 1987:

President—Pauline Yoshioka; vice president/program chair—Kay Takagishi; secretary—Chiyo Taketoshi; treasurer—George Kinoshita.

The objectives of the 65-member group are education, support and socialization. Its motto is

"Growing, changing, and moving."

Upcoming activities include the printing of a handbook (with input from members) listing businesses which provide honest and high-quality car repair, plumbing, roofing, cleaning, and other services. A trading post fundraiser was held June 20.

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Ethnic Magazines: Is There a Market?

by John H. Lee
Korea Times

LOS ANGELES — Asian American magazines use ethnic identification as their primary selling point. Are Asian audiences buying?

This was one of several questions discussed by representatives of four Asian American magazines during a program held by the Asian American Journalists Association on May 26 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Gerald Jann, editor of the now-defunct Jade Magazine, said, "To be truthful, I think the Asian market is not that big... It is going to happen eventually, but at this point I don't think the market is there yet."

Differing opinions were expressed by editors of two new magazines aimed at a young professional audience: Tom Kagy from the Los Angeles-based AsiAm and Kenyon Chan, Southern California editor for the San Francisco-based Rice.

'Time is Right'

"We at Rice believe the time is right," said Chan, whose magazine is now making its debut. "Distributors are anxious for Asian magazines. They are ready to put us side by side with AsiAm. Rice believes there is room for both of the magazines... on the newsstands and for both to do very well."

AsiAm, which has been on the market for seven months, has a wide distribution—45,000 issues projected for June—with a concentration of readers in California, said Kagy, a Korean American who practices law in addition to publishing and editing the magazine.

AsiAm's sales have been improving steadily, he said, and outlets that carry the magazine include Thrifty Drugs, Sav-On/Osco Drugs, Walden Books, and B. Dalton Books.

"In California, our distribution on a per-outlet basis exceeds Esquire magazine," Kagy added. "I know Esquire is not a big newsstand seller, but still that is fairly impressive."

The feedback that AsiAm has received from readers has been extensive, and according to Kagy this indicates that the public is ready for Asian magazines as long as there is quality in production and writing.

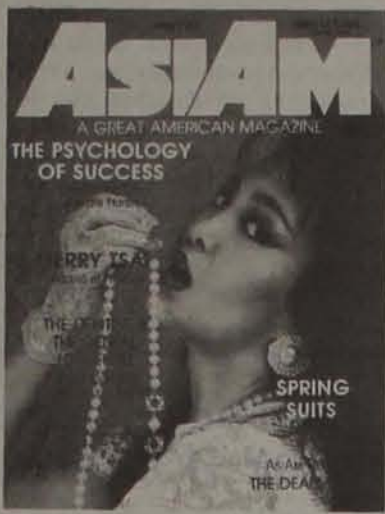
Controversial Photo Spreads

AsiAm has been the subject of some controversy because one of its regular features, "Little Black Dress," presents sensual writings with sexually provocative photos of Asian women. The pictorials have been called sexist and degrading.

Kagy defended the feature. "Culturally, Asians have been uncomfortable with their sexuality. Asians have been spiritually suppressed, and suppressed people tend to disregard their sexuality... What we are trying to do is present some of the attractive people who are Asian."

"We have been told that certain people with white skin and blonde hair are the only ones considered to be beautiful. Our attempt is to reverse that idea. You don't have to lust over blondes that you see in commercials and magazines. Here are beautiful women who are Asian, why not lust after them? Asian women can be desirable too. It is not sexism to portray women as being sexy..."

"I recognize... that in some of the first few issues there was some sub-par photography, some sub-par conceptualizing of the sexiness, so that some of it came out looking a little tawdry... But



Cover of a recent edition of AsiAm, a lot of that had to do with purely mechanical things. And you'd be amazed at how changing the color of the background or adding props, changing the dress or the hairstyle... has an effect on whether the model comes out looking class-sexy or tawdry.

"We want to be sexy, not sexist. We are trying to portray Asian women as being classy and sexy."

Kagy said he came to the program hoping to hear criticism, since that would tell him that people are at least interested in his publication. "I think the function of a magazine is to entertain and provoke, to make people want to pick it up, if to do nothing else but to sneer at it. Meanwhile, subliminally, they are picking up a lot of very positive images about Asian success."

Political Perspective

Meg Thornton, Los Angeles representative of East Wind magazine, agreed that an Asian market exists and can sustain an ethnic magazine. For five years, the biannual journal has published articles with a progressive political perspective. It covers civil rights issues and Asian American art, culture, and heritage.

Although distribution is less than that of major commercial magazines—about 4,000 per issue—East Wind, which has an all-volunteer staff, is sold nationwide and has affiliates in eight cities that have sizable Asian populations, Thornton said. Through subscriptions and distribution at community events, East Wind has been able to sidestep the problems of dealing with powerful advertising agencies.

Reaching the Asian Market

Ed Foster, former managing editor of Jade, said he has dealt with many of those problems.

"Advertisers see the Asian community as a market they reach with the general market," he observed. "They don't separate the Asian community from the general market like they do the Blacks or Hispanics. Not just because of numbers... A big part of the reason is the advertisers see Asians as part of the general white community."

"Advertisers say, 'Why the hell should I put my money in Asian magazines when I'm getting Asian readers in Time or Life or People?'"

Kagy interjected, "If you get them in Time or Life, your Asians aren't going to pay as much attention as if they see it in their own magazine. There is an identification factor which is essentially what we are all selling."

The panelists all said Asians need to be more visible in society. One solution the editors said they've been working on is trying to get advertisers to use more Asian models.

According to Jann, who racked up 10 years of experience publishing Jade before deciding to fold, it is difficult to portray a general image of Asians in a photo



The cover of Rice's first issue, because of distinctions between Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese, and other groups.

"If the advertisers went with an Asian face, it would be hard to make one photo of Asians be compatible for several publications," he said.

Chan said there are advertising companies that are trying to use Asian faces, but that some of the companies go about it rather haphazardly.

"One company ran an ad with us that had two white guys in it, but in another [non-Asian] magazine, they used an ad that had Asian models," he said.

The panelists also agreed that advertisers have been timid in diving into Asian magazines' untested waters.

"The advertisers have to be convinced that they have to get into this market. They have to be knowledgeable about the market," Jann said.

"Any new magazine should be operating for at least a year before most major advertisers will run in them," Kagy added. "It's an even longer process to educate the advertisers about what we can do for their product, educating them about the Asian market."

Asians aren't as numerous as Blacks or Hispanics, he continued, "but to look at the other side of the demographics, we have the income and, more importantly, the spending habits."

Chan agreed. "Asians do consume a lot in terms of high-cost products. That's one good feature advertisers are looking at."

Raking in big money is not a likely prospect for at least a few years to come, the panelists said. What was it then that brought them into the business?

Thornton said Asians want to provide a unified and optimistic portrait of themselves using their own channel of communication, and they want control over how they are presented in the media.

Chan, a full-time psychologist, called it a "labor of love."

"You've got to be in this magazine business for the same reason why you are a journalist, because you love it. You're not going to make tons of money as a journalist. You should have gone to dental school to do that."

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Hoosier: 2-Ronald Campbell,

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monly asked about redress. Although many other people suffered during WW2, the relocation was special, he said, because Americans lost their constitutional rights and were asked to bear an unusually heavy burden without justification.

As for the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, he stated that the act only paid for a small portion of property losses and gave no compensation for loss of liberty.

In calling for passage of the bill, Inouye quoted Plato as saying that a person's progress in life continues only with education. Without education about the Japanese American experience, Inouye said, history might repeat itself.

At Pryor's urging, Inouye recounted an incident that took place in California shortly after the end of the war. Inouye, who had just returned from combat duty in Europe, went to a barbershop for a haircut. Although he was wearing an Army uniform, he was told, "We don't cut Jap hair here." He said that he resisted the urge to "break up the place" because "if I had, I probably wouldn't be here today."

'Dangerous Precedent'

Sen. Brock Adams (D-Wash.) recalled that when he was a high school student in the early days of the war, one-third of the student body of his school was removed from the community because of Japanese ancestry. He lost many friends as a result, he said.

"When we allow the objective standard [of law] to waver under the pressures of human bias, subjectivity creeps in and we begin to create a dangerous precedent for all of us," he declared.

Adams noted that many residents of his state, including Cherry Kinoshita, Massie Tomita, and the late Theresa Takayoshi, played a major role in promoting redress.

Written testimony was submitted by Sen. Daniel Evans (R-Wash.).

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) recounted his efforts as an employee of the Office of War Information to "dissuade President Roosevelt from forcefully evacuating Japanese Americans from the West Coast" and recalled visiting friends in Heart Mountain and Tule Lake. He said that the internment experience must never be repeated.

Aleut Redress

Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) focused on redress for Aleuts who were uprooted from their villages during WW2 because of the threat of a Japanese attack, but he mentioned that when he was growing up he knew a Japanese American family that was interned and that he supported compensation for Japanese Americans.

To illustrate the Aleut experience, Murkowski cited the experience of a woman who was evacuated in 1942 with her husband and two children and told to take only one suitcase. After being held for 2½ years in a poorly built camp, she returned home to find all of her belongings gone except for a stove and her home turned into a clubhouse for U.S. troops stationed on the island.

The appropriation in the bill for Aleuts would include individual payments and funds to rebuild churches and replace religious icons lost as a result of the government's actions.

Nikkei Testifiers

National JACL president Harry Kajihara gave a brief history of JACL's civil rights efforts and outlined the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The purpose of the bill is not to recover lost property or income, he said, but to acknowledge past mistakes.

JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara stated that the principle of restitution for false imprisonment goes back to the Magna Carta and continues to the present. She reiterated the call for speedy resolution of the issue. Pryor briefly questioned her about her experiences as an internee in the Rohwer camp.

Mike Masaoka of the Go For Broke Nisei veterans association responded to anti-redress arguments presented by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, former National Security Agency official David Lowman and former Chief of Army Intelligence Edgar Doleman in a letter sent to members of Congress last month. The high birth rate and low death rate in the camps is statistically insignificant when the age distribution of the JA population is taken into account, he said, and the number of individuals who "ask for and were granted permission to enter and reside in the centers" was vastly exceeded by the number of internees who left the camps when they were permitted to do so.

With regard to the Magic cables, decoded Japanese government communications that allegedly prove that Nisei were used as spies, Masaoka said that the cables showed contingency plans but no hard evidence. He also noted that the U.S. government had many contingency plans for Japanese Americans during WW2, including a proposal to sterilize the population, that were never carried out.

Class Action Suit

William Hohri of National Council for Japanese American Redress, which has filed a class action suit against the government, recommended enactment of the bill even though his organization is pursuing redress through the courts rather than Congress. "The responsibility for this grave injustice rests with all three branches of government," he said.

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apologizing for its wartime actions, but has so far resisted proposals for redress payments.

Although the Ottawa meetings were said to be productive, the main obstacle to a resolution is the Conservative Party government's low public opinion standing and its uncertainty of how the Canadian public will react to the monetary component of the redress proposal. NAJC urged its members to address correspon-

dence supporting redress to Crombie and to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

JACL Representative

Roger Shimizu, president-elect of Seattle JACL and an attorney in the *coram nobis* case of Gordon Hirabayashi, spoke at the closing banquet about redress efforts in the U.S. "As in the United States," he noted, "the Canadian Nisei are the most supportive of redress."

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Hohri requested a change in the wording of the bill with regard to extinguishment of claims. The bill states that "claims of an eligible individual against the United States" will be extinguished when payment is received or 10 years after enactment of the bill, whichever comes first; Hohri said that "against the United States" should be changed to "payment under this act" to avoid confusion between the legislation and the court case and to avoid violating the separation of powers.

Pryor wanted to know if accepting payment under S. 1009 would prevent further court action. Matsunaga said the extinguishment clause would prevent further litigation if the bill becomes law, but that if the bill is not enacted, the court case could continue.

The Aleut community was represented by attorney John Kirtland, Aleut Corporation president Agafon Krukoff, and Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association director Dimitri Philemonof. The panelists said that while the relocation was justified under the wartime conditions, the manner in which the evacuation camps were established and maintained was wholly unsatisfactory. Ten percent of the Aleut evacuees died in the camps because of inadequate medical care, sanitation, and shelter.

Written testimony was submitted by Angus MacBeth, special counsel to the CWRIC; Wade Henderson, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington office; Ruth Flower, American Friends Service Committee; and William Robinson, American Bar Association.

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While admitting that NAJC has never been invited to participate in local JACL events, Shimizu indicated that the two organizations may be able to work together in the future, possibly at the JACL National Convention to be held in Seattle in August 1988. "Both groups are working toward similar and common goals," he said.

The conference included a panel discussion on human rights as well as seminars, led by educators and activists from through-

out Canada, exploring social issues currently affecting the JC community.

The plight of the elderly Nisei, who must cope with aging in a dispersed community, was a vital concern of participants, who deplored the lack of a single nursing home facility for Japanese Canadians in the entire country.

Also examined were the impact of the wartime relocation on the Japanese Canadian self-image and the struggle to retain cul-

tural identity as assimilation into the larger society occurs.

Intermarriage and development of strong leaders to guide the community in the future were the subjects of other workshops.

Conferees saw a performance of "Playball," a play on the internment by Rick Shiomi, at the Japanese Language School.

The conference was followed by an extensive four-day tour of the internment camps located in the British Columbia interior.

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CEMETERY CLEANUP — Taking part in a cleanup of the Japanese Cemetery in Oxnard, Calif., on May 16 are Ventura County JACL members (from left) Guy Urata, Carole Fujita, Yosh Katsura, Dorene Tsukida, Judy Takasugi, Yas Umeda, Harry Kajihara (National JACL president), Bow Otani, Sue Ann Kenmotsu, and Janet Kajihara. The cemetery, designated as a historical landmark by Ventura County, was used by Japanese Americans before WW2 because they were barred from existing cemeteries. In recent years, the chapter has been weeding and cleaning the site.

SCAN Chapter Plans Fund-Raiser

LOS ANGELES — SCAN (Southern California American Nikkei) JACL will host a steak bake and Las Vegas night June 28, starting at 6 p.m., at West Los Angeles

Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave. Cost is \$15. Proceeds go to scholarship fund and redress. Info: Gail, (213) 827-3417, or Galen, 822-7470.

1987 Chapter Scholarships

East Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — East Los Angeles JACL has awarded scholarships to five high school graduates, according to scholarship chair June Kurisu. They are: Jean Michiuye, Schurr H.S.; Kevin Awai, Montebello H.S.; Scott Matsuda, Theodore Roosevelt H.S.; Yumi Hosaka, Alhambra H.S.; and Rick Kawamoto, Mark Keppel H.S. The presentations were made by Mabel Yoshizaki.

Okinawan Awards

LOS ANGELES — The Okinawa Club will present scholarships to high school graduates on July 19 at Elysian Park.

Awards are for students of Okinawan ancestry and will be based on academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Applicants need not be members of the club. Deadline is July 8.

Info: Ken Kamiya, (213) 626-8135, Joe Yamagawa, 294-4288, Edward Tamae, 327-5564, Roger Tamaki, 784-9451, George Nakama, 826-4776, or Kei Uchima, 624-9847.

Summer Theater Workshop Set

LOS ANGELES — East West Players is holding an intensive summer workshop from July 20 to Aug. 30 to help cultivate theatrical talent among Asian Americans.

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Applicants must be 16 or older. Registration will take place at the theater, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., on June 30, the application deadline. Tuition is \$600 full-time, \$350 part-time. Students are required to sing a song and perform a two-minute monologue on July 18 or 19. Info: (213) 660-0366.

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LONG BEACH, Calif.

June 27 5-11 p.m. Long Beach Harbor Japanese Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave., will hold a festival featuring games, cultural activities, food, and a raffle. Festival will continue on June 28, 4-10 p.m. Info: Ken Takeda, (213) 432-0188.

GARDENA, Calif.

July 4 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Megamillion invites all singles to "The Big Bang," an evening of games, dancing, and food, to be held at VFW Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St. Admission: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Send check to Jikko Sato, 1250 4th Ave., Los Angeles 90019. Info: (213) 821-3219 or (714) 636-8207.

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July 9 7:15-8:45 p.m. First meeting of beginning social dance class at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale. Next class will be held July 23. Cost: \$24 per person for 8 weeks. Info: Donna Kawase, (714) 751-2651, or David Kawai, (714) 898-1074.

MONTEBELLO, Calif.

June 29, July 10 1:30-3 p.m. Visual Communications and Asian Pacific Resource Center present video shorts at the Montebello Library's meeting room, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd. Films include "Dribble" by Allison Kuruma, "Yamaguchi Sensei" by Roland Hazama, "Urushi" by Shane Sato, "Renewal" by Kaz Takeuchi, "No Vacancy" by Naomi Hirahara, and "Chisai Samurai" by Chris Tashima. Info: (213) 680-4462.

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Deaths

Hiroo Fukuyama, a recipient of a Bronze Star for his service as an intelligence officer in China during WW2, died May 8 in Dallas following an illness. He was president of U.S. Aerial, a documentary production company for Japanese television networks.

He is survived by wife Christa, twin brother Yoshio of Oxnard, Calif., and sisters Fumiko Ide and Kiku Uno of Los Angeles. A memorial service was held in Dallas on May 11.

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