Proposal Aimed at Racist Crimes

LOS ANGELES — Following the recommendations of a city task force on "crimes of hate," formed April 15 by City Attorney James Hahn, Council members Gloria Molina and Zev Yaroslavsky and a dozen community leaders established a Victim Advocate Coordinator to investigate and report all hate crimes.

"Crimes of hate" is the recently coined phrase referring to violence directed at perceived minorities. While this phenomenon gained attention in recent years, there have been several instances of violence toward the gay community, hate crimes directed at perceived minorities.

A councilman for the Silver Lake area, where gay hate crimes are occurring, said they could not find the police responding to gay hate crimes.

"This additional full-time attorney would be able to investigate all reported crimes based on race, religion, creed, national origin, sex or sexual orientation," he said.

"It's now time for the city to take full action and decision to put needed resources on the line in our fight against crimes based on hate or prejudice," declared Woo. "We need resources to fight this problem." While not making any commitments, Henry Der, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Asian Legal Center of Southern California, called a task force a "good move." Der said that the Los Angeles Asian Legal Center will investigate all reported crimes based on race, religion, creed, national origin, sex or sexual orientation.

By Carole Hayashino

SAN FRANCISCO — Responding to suggestions made at a recent press conference called by Asian American leaders in San Francisco, California Attorney General John Van de Kamp met with Asian community leaders on July 28 to clarify statements he has made regarding organized crime and Asian gangs. The July 16 press conference, sponsored by Asian American organizations, had been called because of Van de Kamp's statements made in San Francisco and Los Angeles warning the public of the "biggest and fastest growing threat to public safety.San Francisco's anti-immigrant Asian gangs.

"We were shocked by the alarming tone and focus of the Attorney General's statements," said Henry Der, Executive Director of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. "His narrowly focused press statement on Asian gangs was irresponsible and incomplete. Unnecessary and unsubstantiated, his public comments have the potential of creating gross misunderstanding concerning the presence of Asian Americans in California.

"We are concerned that the alarming tone and focus of the Attorney General's statements is the public policy of the state's top law enforcement agency," said Der. "We believe that Van de Kamp's statements in San Francisco and Los Angeles were not made in the public interest."

In a statement issued July 27, Van de Kamp apologized for not taking greater care in differentiating between the reported crime problem and "law abiding Asian communities."

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Crime Report on Asian Gangs

Lehrer, Anti-Defamation League

SAN FRANCISCO — Following the release of the Crime Report on Asian Gangs, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the Los Angeles City Council have all called for increased action to combat Asian gang violence and for increased visibility of Asian community leaders.

The report, "Crime Report on Asian Gangs: Misleading, Say Asian Leaders," was released in the fall of 1992 and has been the subject of much controversy. The report claims that Asian Americans are more likely to be victims of violent crime than non-Asian groups. However, a number of Asian leaders have called the report "misleading." The report has been used to argue for increased visibility of Asian community leaders and increased action to combat Asian gang violence.

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in English, his position also indi-
cates his willingness to side with the
Republican minority in the Assem-
bly, which has thus far given him strong
support on other fiscal matters.

Last year, the governor vetoed a Brown bill that would have ex-
tended the life of bilingual educa-
tion and the Economic Impact
Aid, School Improvement.

Native American Early Childhood
Education and Miller-Uniform
Reading programs. They expired
in state law on June 30.

Although, in reviewing the
programs, would have also extended
the special education and gifted
and talented education pro-
grams to June 30, 1982. They will
expire in state law on June 30.

Since Federal law requires
financial aid, and money for the programs is already con-
tained in the 1981-82 state budget,
Dondejnio noted that funds will continue to go to school districts "without the un-
necessary restrictions on pro-
gram administration which would have been imposed by this legislation."

However, supporters of AB37 expressed concern that the gov-
ernor's veto will cause confusion
among many school officials this fall since school districts will be
able to use any program they

CRIME REPORT

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The Attorney General also at-
tempted to clarify why his an-
nual crime report devotes ten
pages out of seventy-four to
Asian gangs. He criticized him for failing to also
focus on whites, supremacists,
group, Colombians, and other
groups covered in the report.

"Organized crime in this coun-
try has often been organized along racial and/or ethnic lines," said Van de Kamp in his state-
ment. "This year it was the judg-
ment of our intelligence experts
that the fastest growth of Asian
organized crime was occurring among Chinese gang. That is what we reported.

"In doing so," his statement continued, "we did not intend to single out Asian Americans for unfair criticism, nor to imply that Asian Americans are somehow less law-abiding than other citizens.

According to Wakahayashi, the July 25 meeting with the At-
torney General was "predictive and very hopeful." The creation of a special force was initiated to review and report issues of sig-
ificance to the Asian American community. Wakahayashi also added that he would be meeting
with staff from the Attorney Gen-
eral's office, along with Dor, to
further develop the concept.

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LOS ANGELES — The 47th annual Nisei Week Festival will be held from August 8 to 16, it was officially announced by General Chair Alan Furuta.

Opening ceremonies of the festival will take place in the newly-renovated Brunswig Square Building, E. 2nd St., on Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. Expected events include a ribbon-cutting ceremony of dedication and purification, the ceremonial cracking of the sake wine barrel and a demonstration of Onko folk dancing by Rodime Hanyagi and her students.

On the morning of Aug. 9, the Samura So will begin at the fire tower of the Japanese Village Plaza on First St., at 4 p.m. on the same day, marching bands, taiko drummers, floats, folk dancers and various midway celebrities will take part in the Grand Parade through the Little Tokyo streets.

Exhibitions, both visual and performance, will be held in various locations and in around Little Tokyo on the weekends of Aug. 8 and Aug. 15 and 16. They include banners, Ikebana, dolls, swords, bonsai trays, jewelry, sake, as well as various crafts.

In addition, a carnival will be held on the parking lot across the street from the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center on the weekend of Aug. 15 and 16.

The festival will be climaxed with a benefit dance and the street folk dance Onko to the beat of the taiko drums. Closing ceremonies will follow in the JACCC Plaza.

Great Leap Preview is Great

LOS ANGELES — Engrossing, exciting and exuberant describe the preview of the new Great Leap musical, "Talk Story," which was held July 20 in the George J. Doizani Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. The reception was an "aperture" for the full production of "Talk Story," described as a "musical odyssey of Asians in America." It will show August 14 and 15 at the Japan America Theatre.

Beginning with a few words by Taizo Watanabe, Consul General of Japan at Los Angeles, and William Clussey, Vice President of AT&T (sponsor of the reception), the cast of "Talk Story" took to the stage and performed two vignettes, the first titled "Family Business," which segued into "Gaman." "Family Business" told of the hard, yet love-filled life of an immigrant Chinese family circa 1942. The cast included Michael Paul Chan, Wallis Laihtinen-Estman, Nobuyo Miyamoto, Deborah Nishimura, Janet Salo, Natalie Wise and Denard Young. The ending of this piece cleverly faded into the beginning of "Gaman," as the Chinese patriarch began to speak of his Japanese neighbors from across the street, who were evacuated to a concentration camp.

When Miyamoto looked over the stage in a solo performance, the boisterous mood of the previous piece contrasted with the quiet, moving introspection of "Gaman," which told the story of a little girl's relationship with her grandmother while interned. The multimedia show effectively used slides and live singing, with a dynamic sounding musical background to aid the presentation.

Founded in 1976, Great Leap is a community-based, non-profit organization which brings contemporary Asian American performances and arts before the public eye.

Tickets are $100, $50 and $25 for the August 14 premiere performance and reception. Tickets for the August 15 performances, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., are $8 for senior citizens and children under 12, and $12 for general admission. For information, call the Japan America Theatre at (213) 600-3700 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or weekends noon to 3 p.m.
Changes Called For

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro

The departure of acting editor J.K. Yamamoto presents us with an opportunity for serious thought about the future direction of the Pacific Citizen. We have seen editors ("permanent," acting, or otherwise) come and go, we go on rather regularly, but we have seen very little action which would indicate that the P.C. Board either understands or cares what we do.

In our desire to avoid confrontation with the problems, we attempt to "blame" shaving heads, regurgitating national reservations on the emerging generations of "youngsters" who, it is said, have better opportunities elsewhere, are not as loyal as Nisei, are not patient enough, are too arrogant, immature, etc.

It is easy to see how this shifting of responsibility and avoidance of the problem comes about — after all, the same clarification and avoidance of the problem itself. Seeing these "youngsters" as "impatient" and "arrogant," editors come and go is less threatening than offending the aging generation.

Successful Offspring

Another group wants the paper to confirm its own perception that their children are doing well. This group feels that it is important to run stories on successful parents, since those "successes" can serve as role models. The fallacy in this reasoning is that very few of the supposed beneficiaries read or care about the paper. The real rationalization for this approach is that Nisei continue to look for some place which can provide them with security. After all, they endured for 18 months, maybe more, in war-time conditions, and the thought of going through another generation of internees is not appealing to us.

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Are We Ready for the Big Push?

The lobbying effort to round up the votes for the H.R. 442 is in full swing now, with the joint efforts of Congressmen Norman Mineta and Bob Pat Saiki. They have sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to their members of Congress throughout the nation. In their regional offices. We have gathered the following information:

- Many have sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to new members to JACL. We are working hard to enlist associates to join in the redress campaign.
- The nationwide outreach effort we will not back down. We must continue to work for redress supporters would not back down.
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Gracey Ucharya

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Narita Reviewed

By Laurie Mochidome and George Johnson

"Coming into Passion Song for a Sansei" is an unusual central role of the pain that has been behind the image of the Asian woman in western society.

Non-Narita's one-woman show consists of five vignettes, each the story of a female either stereotypically or realistically constructed. The strength of "Coming into Passion" is Narita's ability to destroy superficial images by revealing the humanity beneath them.

"In Kanda and Barbour" and "Good Job." Narita turns a rebellious young Sansei girl and a middle-aged woman's life into a powerful drama of love and struggle. She delivers, at times well as those who receive our service, of a capable, well-trained, and motivated staff.

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 Hiroshima Program Slated

SAN FRANCISCO — Dorothy Stroop, author of "In the Autumn Wind," has been chosen by the Los Angeles Jewish Community Relations Council as a member of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Relations Council for the 1987-1988 year.

The program will feature a special interfaith commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima at the Japanese American National Museum on August 9th and 10th.

The program will include a panel discussion on the history of the atomic bomb and its impact on the world, as well as a film screening and panel discussion on the impact of the bomb on Japanese and American society.

The program will also feature a performance by the Los Angeles Jewish Community Relations Council, which will include a dance performance, a musical performance, and a speech by Dorothy Stroop.

The program will conclude with a candlelight vigil and a moment of silence to honor the memory of those who were killed by the atomic bomb.

The program is open to the public and is free of charge. For more information, please call the Los Angeles Jewish Community Relations Council at (323) 661-7222.
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