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Students Among NCCR Delegation

WASHINGTON — More than fifteen students were among the 120 delegates that lobbied Congress for the passage of the redress bills H.R. 422 and S. 1009 from July 25 to 29.

Southern California campuses that were represented in the delegation to Washington include Eagle Rock Jr. High School, Gardena High School, East Los Angeles College and California State University at Los Angeles.

Campuses represented from Northern California include Berkeley High School, San Francisco State University, University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University.

Student representatives from the East Coast came from the Boston, Columbia, Cornell, Georgetown and New York universities.

"I think we pushed those congresspeople to vote 'yes' on H.R. 442 and Senate Bill S. 1009," said Norman Yen, a seventh grader from Eagle Rock Junior High. "I had a lot of fun doing that in Washington D.C."

The hectic lobbying schedule of the delegates, which consisted of attending educationals and meeting as lobby teams in preparation for the scheduled appointments with the ninety congresspeople, did not diminish the enthusiasm of participating students.

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Pacific Citizen Photo By George Johnston

Spirit of Friendship—Terry Terauchi, Bruce Kaji, Col. Young Oak Kim, Korean Deputy Consul Tae Hee Park, David Hyun and Yoon Hee Kim meet the press on Aug. 21 to publicize the upcoming Japanese American National Museum "Spirit of Friendship" dinner honoring retired U.S. Army Colonel and 100th/442nd RCT veteran Young Oak Kim. In addition to emphasizing friendship and cooperation, the Sept. 10 dinner will recognize Kim's contributions, leadership and achievements in both the Japanese American and Korean American communities.

Tri-Dist. Opposes Bork Nomination

By George Johnston

DENVER — At the closing session of the recent Tri-District Convention (Aug. 5-8), delegates representing the Eastern, Midwest and Mountain Plains Districts, in a unanimous voice vote, passed a resolution opposing the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court. The resolution read, "The Tri-District Convention opposes the nomination of Robert H. Bork for the position of Supreme Court Justice of the United States."

According to Mile-Hi Chapter President Bob Sakaguchi, "It's not an official JACL decision, it really doesn't mean anything in terms of national JACL, but it shows the feeling of the Tri-District Convention and could be seen as a barometer for the (JACL) National Board to pass a similar resolution. Also, other chapters and districts could follow the lead and pass similar resolutions."

Ron Wakabayashi, National Director of the JACL, when

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Nat'l Director Is Advocate of Year

By Carole Hayashino

SACRAMENTO — Over two hundred friends and associates gathered to toast and roast JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi at a dinner held Aug. 21 to celebrate his designation as "1987 Advocate of the Year."

Awarded the honor by the Asian Democratic Legislative Staff Caucus, Wakabayashi was chosen for his contributions and participation in the California legislative and political process.

"Ron has testified before the California Legislature on every major bill affecting Asians," stated Master of Ceremonies Andrew Sun. "He has been prominent in the political and elective process, and has brought the concerns of the Asian community to the attention of public leaders across the nation."

Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Calif.) presented Wakabayashi with a Joint Rules Committee resolution commending him for his contributions to the community and state. After acknowledging Wakabayashi's assistance in the passage of the redress resolution by the California State Legislature earlier this year, Dills concluded his remarks by leading the audience in a First Amendment rap.

Various other speakers at the

dinner either seriously or humorously extolled the national director's achievements. Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, author of the first successful legislation to compensate former government employees of Japanese ancestry, read a mock resolution commemorating Wakabayashi's achievements and called for his early retirement.

Assemblyman Dick Floyd, re-



Ron Wakabayashi

calling that his first meeting with Wakabayashi followed an Assembly debate to fund a Japanese American museum which resulted in the chanting of "Rambo, Rambo," presented the

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Eu's Assailant Convicted

LOS ANGELES — A Superior Court jury convicted a Los Angeles man Aug. 20 of attacking and robbing California Secretary of State March Fong Eu in her home, and of five other residential break-ins, reported City News Service.

Gregory Lee Moore, 28, who sat impassively as the jury of four men and eight women announced its verdict, could serve up to 24 years in state prison for the 10 felony count convictions, said Deputy District Attorney Tony Barreto.

Moore was convicted of one count each of first-degree burglary and of residential robbery, along with special allegations, in the Nov. 10 attack on Eu in her Hancock Park home. The special allegations, which could add four years to Moore's sentence, were included because he used a hatchet to inflict great bodily injury on Eu.

The other eight convictions stem from burglaries at four other homes in Eu's neighborhood and a burglary at a Beverly Hills home.

"The jury was able to see through the smoke screen that the defense was trying to put up," Barreto said following the announcement of the verdicts.

Deputy Public Defender James Bisnow said he and Moore were "disappointed" with the verdict, adding he intends to file an appeal.

"The fact that the judge allowed the other counts to go along with the counts in the Eu

case hurt our case," Bisnow said. Moore still maintains his innocence, he added.

"(Moore) was very sad (upon hearing the verdict)," Bisnow said. "He said he was not the one who attacked Miss Eu."

Eu testified during the 10-day trial that she could not positively identify the man who dragged her through her home and beat her with the blunt end of an ax before she gave him \$400. She did say, however, that Moore's voice sounded similar to that of her assailant.

Barreto contended the inclusion of the Eu attack with the other counts against Moore did not unfairly influence the jury against him. The Eu case was not even the strongest one against Moore, Barreto said.

"In my opinion, (the Eu case) was the second strongest of six," he said. "In terms of fingerprint evidence, it was the strongest."

During the trial, Barreto presented as evidence an envelope bearing the state seal and Eu's business address that had Moore's bloodstained fingerprint on it.

Barreto said Moore's chances for a successful appeal are slim.

—from the *Rafu Shimpō*

Commemoration Celebrates Imai's Walk for Peace

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — Peace and friendship were two of the words Judy Imai used while describing her experiences in the American Soviet Walk for Peace to the crowd gathered for the annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration on Aug. 8.

Sponsored by Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness (APANA) and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors (CABS), the commemoration attracted nearly two hundred in the plaza of the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center.

As in previous years, community leaders, local artists and *hibakusha* (atomic bomb survivors) gathered to speak out for world peace and against the proliferation of nuclear arms. This year's occasion was particularly poignant because of APANA member Imai's journey to the Soviet Union.

Imai had been one of 200 Americans who had joined with 200 Russians in the peace walk from Leningrad to Moscow. During her journey, she had carried a lantern containing the Hiroshima Peace Flame, which had been brought to Los Angeles from the Hiroshima Peace Park in 1984.

Coordinated by the International Peace Walk, Inc., in Irvine, Calif., and the Soviet Peace Com-



Photo by Vince Takeuchi

Rev. Seicho Asahi of the Koyasan Temple in Los Angeles lights candle of representative with Hiroshima Peace Flame during Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration.

mittee in Moscow, the event took place from June 16 to July 6.

Dismissing President Reagan's "evil empire" view of Russia, Imai spoke of the similarities she found between the Russian people she encountered and Americans. According to Imai, the Soviet citizens were basically friendly and wanted peace as much as many do in the United States. Stating that some Russian people had "known the importance of the [Hiroshima] flame already," Imai told listeners that "we must act individually and collectively to stop mistreating each other."

"Peace requires a vision of a world we want to live in," Imai said, "and we must practice living each day as if we live in that world."

Councilman Mike Woo, described as a loyal supporter of the commemoration, presented Imai with a resolution from the City Council in recognition of her commitment to world peace. "It's very special that the Asian Pacific community plays a leading part in the development of the struggle against nuclear war," said Woo. About the significance for Japanese Americans

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SCULPTURE ON DISPLAY—Congressman Norm Mineta and Mile-Hi Chapter President Bob Sakaguchi stand next to artist Tsuyako's bronze bas-relief "Freedom is Fragile," which was on display at the recent Tri-District convention held in Denver.

JACL-LEC Positions Up for Election

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL-LEC announced that an election for two at-large positions on the Board of Directors of the Legislative Education Committee of the JACL will be held in December, when the terms of incumbents Arthur Morimitsu of Chicago, and Gene Takamine, of Huntington Beach, Calif. expire. Also expiring at that time is the term of JACL representative, currently held by Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle. This position is recommended by the LEC Board.

Incumbents may be nominated for re-election for an addi-

tional three-year term on the LEC Board.

Members of the LEC Nominating Committee are: Mollie Fujioka, chair — 1874 Meadow Lane, Walnut Creek, CA, 94595/(415) 935-4766; Peggy Liggett — 3221 E. Huntington Blvd., Fresno, CA 93702/(209) 266-2204; and Henry Tanaka — 2192 Grandview Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106/(216) 229-2491.

Nomination filing forms are available from any member of the committee. All forms must be returned by Sept. 25.

BORK

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asked about the JACL position on Bork's nomination for the Supreme Court, said, "JACL is in the process of formulating a draft statement that will be distributed to the National Board for their review." Asked when the JACL National Board might take a stand regarding Bork, Wakabayashi said "It's hard to say... because of geography and the transition of new board members and if people are very attentive to details of language which expands the process time, it could be quick or could take a while." The next JACL National Board meeting is Oct. 3-4 in Washington D.C., and Wakabayashi said the Bork topic "may be on the agenda if not done beforehand."

In the meantime, according to Mountain Plains District Governor Steve Hasegawa, the Bork resolution passed at the Tri-District convention "will be forwarded to National Headquarters in San Francisco if it hasn't been done already."

On July 1, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights issued a statement that said, in part, that the confirmation of Robert Bork "... would dramatically alter the balance of the Supreme Court, jeopardizing the civil rights achievements of the past three decades. Well established law could overnight be substantially eroded or overturned." Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) also issued a statement in July that said, "I look forward to Senate hearings on Judge Bork's confirmation because I have strong doubts about whether the U.S. Senate is ready to confirm a man who has shown such a narrow view of the Constitution, particularly on civil rights for minorities and women, religious expression and free speech."

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Nakano Is First Nikkei Awarded Democrat of Year

LOS ANGELES — Bert Nakano, national spokesperson for the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP) and southern chair of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the California State Democratic Party, was honored as a Democrat of the Year at the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Awards held July 31.

Nakano, the first Asian American to be so honored, said he was "honored," but he felt "more Asians should be involved in the political process." Representing the 53rd Assembly District, Nakano was one of more than 50 people representing Assembly districts in Los Angeles County who were also awarded. He recently went to Washington, D.C. to lobby for redress legislation as a member of the NCRP delegation.

CELEBRATION

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in remembering the bombs that fell 42 years ago, he voiced the necessity of "victims to [become] survivors and [from] survivors to leaders."

The duty of making peace a part of our daily lives was also stressed by Warren Furutani. Furutani, the first Asian American on the L.A. County School Board, cited the peace walk as an example of how peace must sometimes be literally taught "with many steps." The problem with education in the U.S., he explained, is that many American students are educated about "war and fighting and not about peace." Capping his speech, Furutani declared, "the one thing on my agenda is to teach peace."

A lighting of candles from the Hiroshima Peace Flame ended the commemoration. The Alliance for Survival and the Peace and Justice Coalition were among organizations that sent representatives to take part in the candle-lighting ceremony and litany, which was led by Rev. Wes Yamaka from the Sage United Methodist Church.

As the crowd scattered, Commemoration Chair Kent Wong expressed his optimism regarding the peace walk. Stating that it may signify "a new spirit of openness to compromise" between the Soviet Union and the U.S., Wong said, "Hopefully, this is the end of the Reagan Administration and the insanity of the nuclear arms build-up."



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Over 100 Join Suit

Mineta Joins Suit
Aimed at Reagan

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) joined more than 100 other members of Congress in filing a lawsuit in U.S. District Court. The lawsuit seeks to force President Reagan to comply with the War Powers Act by officially notifying Congress that he has introduced American military forces into a situation of "imminent hostilities" in the Persian Gulf.

"The law clearly requires the president to comply with the War Powers Act and allow Congress to decide whether to continue risking the lives of American servicemen in the Persian Gulf," said Mineta.

The War Powers Act specifies that the president must provide formal notification to Congress within 48 hours of the introduction of U.S. military forces into hostilities or any situation where hostilities are imminent or likely. Those forces must then be withdrawn within 60 days unless Congress specifically approves otherwise. By refusing thus far to file a report under the War Powers Act, the president has avoided a congressional vote on whether to continue the escort operation.

"It's a sad day when members of Congress and senators in this country are forced to file a lawsuit in order to get the president to obey the laws of the land," noted Mineta. "This is one more case of the Reagan Administration trying to take a shortcut around the Constitution."

The lawsuit also asserts that if the court determines that the president is not bound by the War Powers Act due to a lack of imminent hostilities in this situation, then the reflagging of the Kuwaiti tankers must be declared illegal since the reflagging required special administration waivers of the U.S. navigation and inspection laws. These waivers are intended only for use in wartime or military emergencies.

"The president can't have it both ways," said Mineta. "If U.S. warships were sent to the Persian Gulf to escort reflagged Kuwaiti oil tankers because of a national security situation, then the president is required to notify Congress and seek permission to continue the operation. If this is not a national security situation, then the whole reflagging operation is illegal. Again, we're just asking the court to enforce the law."

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WAKABAYASHI

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national director with a camouflage shirt with the word "Ronbo" printed across the front.

On a more serious note, Sen. Art Torres (D-Calif.) commended Wakabayashi for his leadership in the state-wide campaign to defeat California's English-only initiative, and Maeley Tom and Georgette Imura, representing Sen. David Roberti's (D-Calif.) Office of Asian American Affairs, read a letter from the Senate President Pro Tempore that recognized Wakabayashi's "astute insight, commitment and endless efforts towards assuring equality for all Asian Americans."

In addition, a congressional salute to Wakabayashi, published in the Aug. 21 Congressional Record, was sent by Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), and congratulatory messages were sent from Attorney General John Van de Kamp, State Sen. Quentin Kopp, L.A. City Councilman Michael Woo and Mike Watanabe of the Asian Pacific Planning Council.

The national director was also presented gifts by Joyce Iseri, secretary/treasurer of the Asian Democratic Legislative Staff Caucus, and Peter Ouchida, a representative of the Sacramento JACL Chapter.

The guest of honor responded to the awards program and acknowledged the efforts of many other individuals in attendance, including Mary Tsukamoto, Jerry Enomoto and Yori Wada. Wakabayashi also took the opportunity to publicly thank his wife, Jean Wong, for her continued support of his work.

Sponsoring the awards dinner were the Asian Democratic Legislative Staff Caucus, Sen. Dills, Assemblyman Floyd, and the Sacramento and Gilroy JACL Chapters. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the National JACL.

Internment Experience of Japanese
Americans Is Basis for Musical

by Frank Abe

Seattle attorney Gary Iwamoto wrote his new play, "Miss Minidoka 1943," as a giddy musical because he says musicals aren't threatening, and he wanted the Nisei who came to warm up to their own lives.

"What the musical does is allow them to come to grips with the fact they were in camp," he says, "and some of the guilt feelings they've repressed can come to the surface 44 years later."

Iwamoto's premise is everyone knows the camps were wrong, so it's okay to have fun with the way many Nisei tell the story of their camp years, that it is as a time of sock hops and *ikebana*. His characters are boy-crazy girls who read movie magazines and earnest boys who argue over enlisting for the 442nd and who are apt to blame an angry gut-feeling on mess hall diarrhea.

"Nihongo ain't my lingo/Rice balls ain't my food/The game I play is bingo/My song, 'In the Mood,'" wails the singer of "Eppies's Nisei Blues." Iwamoto says after that number "someone in the audience will go 'yeah!,' which means it's really touched a nerve." Another number, "Guilt Makes Me Go," is done in Andrews Sisters style: "From the time that I was two/My mama said, 'Shame on you/It's guilt (guilt) guilt that makes me go.'"

Iwamoto looked at a camp yearbook and saw they staged a search for a "sweetheart of

Minidoka," so the playwright imagines a barbed-wire beauty contest dreamt up by a bored newspaper editor and exploited by a power-hungry administration stooge who brags he is "just a snap of the fingers away from the authorities." To stay with its chosen limits, the play does not spell out WRA or JACL, but the satire takes its bite and Seattle audiences and critics responded by packing the house in the production's premiere run last February.

Iwamoto is familiar with the time and place of the camps. One entrant speculates second prize in the beauty contest is "an all-expense paid trip to Twin Falls with a date and armed guard of your choice."

As an attorney helping the *coram nobis* team for Gordon Hirabayashi, Iwamoto knows the chapter and verse of the Nisei's betrayal by the U.S. His play's style owes something to the script Iwamoto wrote for the Northwest Asian American Theater's annual Christmas talent shows, known as "community show-offs."

"Miss Minidoka 1943" invokes the memory of serious experience; the printed program is a reproduction of the mimeographed camp newspaper, the *Minidoka Irrigator*. At the same time the play does not ask to be taken seriously. The work does no violence to Nisei history, and by taking the camps as its world, the play puts some truth forward about the Japanese American experience.

The current revival plays through August 30th at the Northwest Asian American Theater's new studio in Seattle's International District.

STUDENTS

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During their visit to the capitol, students could be seen stringing up the yellow, white and lavender ribbons, which adorned the reception rooms, with the names of the delegation supporters from the communities of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Jose and the Bay Area who could not attend.

"When I entered college, it was the Redress and Reparations issue that opened my eyes," said Linda Asato, a graduate student from Columbia University. "On our campuses, we hear of overrepresentation of Asians and anti-Asian prejudice towards Japanese Americans and other Asians."

"If justice is not served, for the wrongs of the past," Asato continued, "who's to say that similar actions like the concentration camps won't happen again?"

Gary Fujimoto, a representative from the California Statewide Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union (APSU), said, "I am a Sansei whose family, in 1942, was interned behind barbed wire at Tule Lake Relocation Center... People with whom I had spoken with agree that it takes a united effort by all generations of Japanese Americans... to rally for redress and monetary reparations in our fight for justice."

According to Fujimoto, APSU, an organization made up of 40 different schools, colleges and universities, recently held a statewide meeting in which unanimous support was given to the delegation organized by the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP).

Present at the recent delegation were also members of the East Coast Asian Student Union (ECASU).

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Our Destiny with 'Identity'

THE Japanese American Citizens League long ago had determined to make its Pacific Citizen a newspaper first and JACL newsletter second. It was decided at the March, 1942, emergency national convention in San Francisco on the eve of Evacuation that the P.C. (with periods hereafter so we're not confused with "personal computer") be revived as a weekly, not the monthly it had been since its establishment in 1929, (1) to disseminate news concerning the Japanese in America, (2) to keep the JACL strongly united as an organization, (3) to carry on the public relations campaign with the general public, and (4) to foster Americanization work among JACL members.

After JACL's postwar legislative goals were achieved by 1952, the P.C. assumed a "closer-to-home" character as a JACL paper with the "President's Column." The National President has open access to column space; some exercise it well, some share it with their fellow Board members.

More "JACL angle" stories prevailed from 1960 when P.C. with Membership was instituted. While that affected the charter to be a major Japanese American newspaper, the P.C. managed to maintain its newspaper of record policy through news briefs, extracts of major speeches and papers and regional round-up reports. People in the news were listed by categories, the youth in JACL had regular space, a nation-wide calendar of events and chapter pulse were squeezed in, too. Overall, the P.C. look was mystifying with its split newspaper-newsletter personality.

By 1980, the P.C. Board besides working over budgets and guidelines had renewed the 1942 direction to have JACL publish a newspaper that focuses more broadly on Japanese Americans as well as JACL affairs. Furthermore, as a civil rights organization, JACL reiterated P.C.'s editorial freedom under the First Amendment. It meant no JACL officer, elected or appointed, can exercise direct control of the publication.

How an editor meets the challenge and deadline of the P.C. each day can be examined by the plum that is offered to the individual subscriber, who is a final judge. The grace and skill of stewardship is something to be esteemed for the act of balancing the contents of the paper, often a minimum of eight pages with so much to cover, can be a pleasure to perceive. The editorship is a difficult assignment in view of the needs made by "too many bosses," as noted in Bob Shimabukuro's column (July 24-31 PC). But that's how the job has always been advertised: "a challenging career."

With our readers appreciating stories in the P.C. not found in their daily newspapers, the "Japanese angle" of a fast-breaking story, favorable or not, makes the P.C. front-page. Stories about Nikkei achievements and contributions, honorable milestones and significant projects help maintain the Japanese American identity. On face, they may appear self-serving or egotistical, but they all address the fact of "identity," which is what keeps JACL/PC alive. As happened, President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 (Feb. 19, 1942) designated that "identity" for all time.

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Meet PC's George and Laurie

FOR those readers who take the time to read the masthead above this column, you may notice that there are a couple of new names working for the P.C. Finally, as promised in an article by former acting editor J.K. Yamamoto (July 10-17), here is a bit of information about the two new staffers.

Before coming to the P.C., George Toshio Johnston worked for Metro Traffic Control in Denver, where he was producer/engineer and the Sunday afternoon traffic anchor. Prior to Metro Traffic, he was the Sunday morning news anchor on KDEN-AM, an all-news station. He also interned at ABC News Rocky Mountain Bureau and at the assignment desk at KUSA Channel 9, both in Denver.

Johnston was active in the Mile Hi JACL, where he served as vice president of the Young Adult JACL, and he also helped publicize chapter sponsored activities such as "A Salute to Nisei Veterans," the "Minoru Yasui Symposium" and the recent Tri-District Convention. Also, he helped start the Denver chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association, where he served as president.

Born in Tachikawa, Japan, Johnston graduated from Kubasaki High School in Okinawa, Japan and the School of Journalism at the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder, specializing in broadcast production and management. His parents, James and Toshiko Johnston, reside in Tokyo. His father, a retired U.S. Air Force chief master sergeant and a Ph.D. candidate, is an English professor at Toho Gakuen Junior College. Active in Freemasonry, he served as grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Japan and is currently the grand historian. His mother serves as *taicho* (leader) of the *Chofu Jitaku Jiji Kai*. His older sister, June, is a sales rep for Rolm in Southern California.

Prior to joining P.C., Laurie Mochidome was an editorial assistant at Educational Insights and prior to that, a writing tutor at California State University at Long Beach, where she graduated from the Art Department with a B.A. in painting/drawing and a minor in creative writing. That summer, she was the graduation issue editor at the *Rafu Shimpo*.

The second offspring of Sadao and Ruby Mochidome, she was born in Harbor City, Calif. Her father, who grew up in Gunnison, Utah, during WW2, owns the Little Giant drugstore in Gardena and is area chief of pharmacy for Kaiser Permanente. Her mother, who hails from Orange County and was in Tule Lake, keeps busy at the drugstore and at home.

Sansei Will Carry On

It was a superbly done "Mile Hi Experience," the Mountain Plains, Midwest and Eastern Tri-District Convention, which was held Aug. 5-9 and hosted by the Mile Hi Chapter under the leadership of President Bob Sakaguchi, Tri-District Convention Chairman. Kudos to Jim Hada, Tom Masamori, Kent Yoritomo and all the other Convention Committee members.

The convention was dedicated to the late Min Yasui, a giant among Americans, particularly Americans of Japanese ancestry, a fighter to the very end in pursuit of justice, civil liberties and civil rights for all Americans.

JACL business took me away from many of the workshops that I had planned and looked forward to attending. I was able to attend the "Nisei/Sansei/Yonsei Roles — What Do They Expect?" workshop.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry Kajihara



I believe it is very important that there be a continuous dialogue and exchange of thoughts among the Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei during this transition period for JACL, from the Nisei to the Sansei and Yonsei. I ask that all future conventions, conferences and meetings at the national, district and chapter level include discussions and workshops on "dialoging" between the generations.

When JACL was founded by Nisei, the need for this civil

rights organization was acute. From the perspective of the Nisei, JACL is still very important, and they deeply desire that the Sansei and Yonsei will think likewise and perpetuate this valuable organization. I was heartened to hear a Sansei, Governor Steve Hasegawa of the Mountain Plains District, declare in the "Past, Present and Future" Seminar facilitated by VP Bill Marutani that "... the Sansei appreciate and recognize the value of the JACL organization and will not drop the ball but carry JACL forward..." Wonderful!!!

New governors and district officers were installed at this convention. From the Midwest, they are Governor John Hayashi (St. Louis), First Vice Governor April Goral (Milwaukee), and Second Vice Governor Tom Hara (Twin Cities). From the East Coast, Governor Tom Kometani (New York), Vice Governors Lily Okura (Washington, D.C.), Teresa Maebori (Philadelphia), Scott

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JACL/LEC Treasurer's Report 2nd Fiscal Year: 6/1/86 thru 5/31/87

By Shig Wakamatsu LEC Treasurer

This report covers a complete financial picture of the 2nd fiscal year activities of JACL/LEC. As you will recall, a 3-year program was set forth by the Board to achieve the legislative goals of Redress in Congress. It was launched with the LEC Fund Drive on June 1, 1985. We managed to keep our "powder dry" during the first two years and are now in a position to accelerate—a position due only to the fact that we had a good plan worked out by the then Drive Chair and now President, Harry Kajihara, to whom we owe a great deal of credit.

The brilliant breakthrough last spring in the Senate led by Senator Spark Matsunaga (bless him!) has given a powerful surge of confidence to JACLers and to the Nikkei community in general. It has enabled our "Iron Lady" Grayce Uyehara and her volunteers to concentrate on the House, with the massive letter-writing campaign now under way. On behalf of our new LEC Drive Chairperson, Mae Takahashi, I would suggest a check-writing campaign on the part of those who can't write letters to cover the expected \$250,000 expenditures for the final fiscal year. For HR-442, it is "Go for Broke" time again, folks!

I. LEC FUND DRIVE	
Balance on hand 6/1/86	\$134,065.69
INCOME: 6/1/86 - 5/31/87	
Donations	135,049.24
Bank Interest	8,582.67
	\$277,697.60
Less bank charges	9.00
Checks ref'd NSF	85.00
	—94.00
	\$277,603.60
Less transfer to Treas/Chicago	+95,000.00
Balance at Oxnard & Fresno - 5/31/87	\$182,603.60

II. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES LEC TREASURER/CHICAGO	
Checkbook balance - 6/1/86	8,806.42
RECEIPTS:	
Transfer from JACL	30,000.00
Transfer from Oxnard	95,000.00
Bank interest	1,246.48
Miscellaneous reimbursements	2,216.75
	137,269.25
Less bank charges	—8.23
EXPENDITURES: 6/1/86 - 5/31/87	133,877.00
Checkbook balance - 5/31/87	\$ 3,384.02

	Prior Period 6/1/86- 12/31/86	Current Period 1/1/87- 5/31/87	Fiscal Yr. (12 mos.) 6/1/86- 5/31/87
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A. OFFICES/PERSONNEL			
1. Chair - Denver Office	2,200.00		2,200.00
2. Washington, D.C. Office			
Phone	2,369.57	1,598.64	3,968.21
Printing	295.87	174.08	469.95
Bound copies, P.C.	60.00	93.25	153.25
Ads, P.C.	393.60		393.60
Postage, Express mail	214.25	1,075.50	1,289.75
Office supplies	1,604.33	1,085.99	2,690.32
Subscriptions	127.40	253.32	380.72
Furniture	178.08	185.50	363.58
Equipment purchase - computer, word processor, printer	4,812.00		4,812.00
Computer accessory - disc	452.02		452.02
Consultant - programming	584.80	499.51	1,084.31
Service contracts	2,136.87	563.50	2,700.37
Petty cash*	2,000.00	1,900.00	3,900.00
Misc./Administrative		36.89	36.89
	15,228.79	7,466.18	22,694.97

* See also Petty Cash Report attached.

3. Director's West Chester Office			
Phone	357.92	409.72	767.64
Utilities	375.00		375.00
Office supplies	349.41	6.60	356.01
Postage	124.25	54.75	179.00
Service contract	201.40		201.40
Miscellaneous	18.61	20.00	38.61
	1,426.59	491.07	1,917.66
4. Salaries - D.C. Office			
Salaries	22,648.75	9,249.30	31,898.05
FICA	1,144.00	143.00	1,287.00
Insurance	1,793.49	752.50	2,545.99
Payroll tax	136.00		136.00
	25,722.24	10,144.80	35,867.04
5. Director's D.C. Travel Expenses			
Travel	1,715.55	1,337.65	3,053.20
Meals	1,516.34	1,289.01	2,805.35
Hotel	4,408.49	3,854.76	8,263.25
	7,640.38	6,481.42	14,121.80

6. Clearing House - Chicago			
Phone	686.47	297.46	983.93
Xerox copies	36.70	53.20	89.90
Office supplies - Treasurer's forms	83.48	9.44	92.92
Furniture - filing cabinet	328.76		328.76
Subscription	39.72		39.72
Computer - disc		478.00	478.00
	1,175.13	838.10	2,013.23

7. Contract Services - JACL Hqts.			
Postage	149.44	12.81	162.25
Xerox copies	135.40	3.30	138.70
Phone	7.77	222.39	230.16
	292.61	238.50	531.11

B. MEETINGS/TRAVEL - BOARD & EXEC. COMM. MTGS.			
C. Kinoshita	835.88		835.88
A. Morimitsu	185.00	286.23	471.23
S. Wakamatsu	1,006.81	377.54	1,384.35
M. Yasui	1,110.50		1,110.50
J. Tsujimura	834.65	296.78	1,131.43
J. Enomoto	728.97	154.15	883.12
G. Ujifusa	1,457.93	508.04	1,965.97
H. Kajihara	893.27		893.27
H. Tanaka		361.77	361.77
G. Uyehara (staff)	1,330.40	408.04	1,738.44
Breakfast meeting	122.76		122.76
	8,506.17	2,392.55	10,898.72

C. FUND DRIVE EXPENSES			
Phone	732.62	234.86	967.48
Postage, Express mail	792.44	80.14	872.58
Misc./Mailing supplies	573.12	26.05	599.17
Xerox copies/Printing	47.05	41.40	88.45
Computer supplies	97.83	110.00	207.83
	2,243.06	492.45	2,735.51

D. MATERIAL PROCUREMENT			
1500 Reprints			
(Personal Justice Denied)	1,792.40		1,792.40
3300 Pamphlet reprints	736.00		736.00
1200 LEC Pins	1,800.00		1,800.00
12 Almanac of American Politics	190.53		190.53
3500 Booklet reprints		2,423.80	2,423.80
	4,518.93	2,423.80	6,942.73

E. LOBBYING EXPENSES			
1. Washington, D.C.			
Direct Hill business appts.	240.16		240.16
Cabs/Metro/Courier-Hill	85.75	105.35	191.10
Legislative chair	1,612.18	322.75	1,934.93
House hearing		295.62	295.62
Misc./Administrative	135.07		135.07
	2,073.16	723.72	2,796.88

2. Grass Roots			
Special Advisors' travel	295.01		295.01
Director's travel	2,334.67	939.35	3,274.02
Americans for Personal Justice		100.73	100.73
District coordinator		100.00	100.00
	2,629.68	1,140.08	3,769.76

F. SPECIAL EVENTS			
Nat'l Assn. Neighborhoods	500.00		500.00
Nat'l JACL Convention	70.00		70.00
Honorariums-Conv./Speakers	4,000.00		4,000.00
LCRR Annual Dinner		1,500.00	1,500.00
Asian Amer. Legal Def. Dinner		45.00	45.00
Alliance for Justice Dinner		100.00	100.00
	4,120.00	1,645.00	5,765.00

G. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
Finance Committee	66.68	103.76	170.44
Postage/phone-Vice Chair	65.19	248.48	313.67
1986 Nat'l JACL Conv.	145.00		145.00
Secretarial/Minutes	48.95		48.95
Minoru Yasui	153.80		153.80
Legal Consultant	13,401.42		13,401.42
Asian Amer. Legal Def. Brief	167.26		167.26
Postage - Treasurer	98.47		98.47
Internal Revenue Service		1,363.46	1,363.46
Sect'y of State fee		2.50	2.50
Advance, PSW/LEC Fund Drive		5,000.00	5,000.00
	14,146.77	6,718.20	20,864.97

91,923.51 41,195.87 133,119.38*

* Understatement of \$757.62 from total Expenditures on page 1 is due to unspent advance of \$563.32 to the Executive Director and a non-LEC expense item of \$194.30 for which a check was issued in exchange.

FISCAL YEAR 6/1/86 - 5/31/87
PETTY CASH REPORT - D.C. OFFICE

BALANCE AT 6/1/86	\$330.89
FROM TREASURER 6/1/86 - 5/31/86	3,900.00
	4,230.89
EXPENDITURES	
Postage	3,309.10
Cabs/Metro	79.85
Office supplies	159.36
Printing	66.25
Service contract	138.05
Carpet cleaning	82.00
Miscellaneous	83.47
	3,918.08
BALANCE AT 5/31/87	\$312.81

Southeast Asian Students

EAST
WIND

Bill
Marutani



WE DON'T HEAR about them, the Southeast Asian refugee youngsters who are experiencing difficulty in school. The public media trumpets the outstanding success stories and we hear little about those who cannot overcome the obstacles of learning in a totally strange culture using an unfamiliar language, English. I've often wondered how I would fare, say, in Vietnam if totally left alone to shift for myself there.

I have enough problems just travelling about in Japan, and I claim to have some knowledge of *Nihongo*.

I JUST FINISHED reviewing a report issued by the Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition, Inc. — "SEAMAAC" for short — which, in conjunction with the Philadelphia school system, conducted a study of Southeast Asian refugee students. By way of background, SEAMAAC is a coalition of Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Overseas Chinese, and Vietnamese. About three or four years ago, four Americans were added to its board, and among the four were K. Patrick Okura and myself. The other two: a socially sensitive wife of a city councilman and a black American who goes back to the days of sit-in's at lunch counters.

THE INVESTIGATORS, who were Southeast Asians, were able to follow through on 75 cases of students who had dropped out or were on the borderline with grades of "incomplete" or "failed." The investigators were seeking the causes and how the situation might be remedied. Some of the causes were simple and basic: a student stopped coming to school because he did not have the bus fare due to welfare support subsidies being cut off; others were missing school because a parent was ill and someone needed to provide care, interpret at the hospital, etc.; yet another reason was unattended

injury to the student himself which required several sutures when the student was uncovered. But the major obstacle appears to be what is called "mainstreaming," placing a Southeast Asian student into a "normal" class and expecting the student to comprehend and remain abreast. The Southeast Asian culture placing a premium on education, when a student cannot comprehend or remain abreast, frustration sets in. And with frustration, some disciplinary and other negative manifestations result. There was one report of a student who had been disciplined, who committed suicide, leaving a note to the person who had disciplined him.

I think the Japanese refer to this as *haji*.

AS I READ the report, I could not help but think back to my early days in school, with parents who did not speak English. And in many ways, I empathized with the difficulties encountered by these refugee students. Although I went to an *inaka* school rather than one of those "big city" schools, there were the incidents where I had to defend the honor of my ancestry in the schoolyard. More than once did I go home with either a bloodied or torn shirt, often both.

But as I thought about it more, I realized the plight of the Southeast Asian students is quite different from my experience.

FIRST, MY PARENTS came to this country unburdened with the problems of children. Whatever children they had (four of us, eventually) were all born in the U.S. and after they, the parents, had an opportunity to establish some kind of economic foundation. And being born in this country, we children were able to absorb all that was about us — language, culture, customs, etc. — by all the senses that youngsters possess. And while we may not have been provided with all the advantages of our Caucasian classmates, by and large we somehow managed to hold our own.

And yet, with the many significant differences, I can also understand to some extent, the plight of the Southeast Asian students. Now, to get the administrators to do something about it.

Monetary Payment a Necessity

By Jerry Enomoto,
JACL-LEC Chair

As National Chair of LEC, I feel a responsibility to share some thoughts about the recent public expression of some old and phony feelings of a supposed "silent majority" of Japanese Americans who oppose monetary redress. I hate to replay a tape because I feel that it has all been said many times over, but I need to get it off my chest.

The idea that monetary payment cheapens our cause is ridiculous. The internment was an ugly fact of history that can neither be excused nor cheapened. The statements of some, that some benefits were accrued because the internment opened up new horizons for us, are the kind of thing that does cheapen the experience. The kind of propaganda and lies perpetuated by S. I. Hayakawa and others who share his views also cheapen the issue.

What particularly galls me about the thinking reflected in this viewpoint is the premise that there is something noble about surviving an experience like internment and maintaining the

facade that "bygones will be bygones," while a pat on the back and an apology will take care of everything.

There seems to be within some of us a continuing anxiety about who we are and how we are seen by our fellow Americans. This anxiety apparently carries with it a need to deny ourselves a right that all Americans have, which is to obtain monetary redress when one is injured while without fault. Who can deny that American citizens who were locked up without cause or trial, some for as long as three years, were injured?

There is nothing cheap or dirty about money. What people sometimes do for it may be. The \$20,000 is symbolic payment for what happened. No one is naive enough to believe that it pays for the years lost, the emotional and physical injuries suffered, or the dollars lost.

It may be well for some to recognize that all surviving internees are not wealthy, or even well off. Just as recent studies have shown that Japanese Americans are not all geniuses, there



Saiki Book Sketches a Childhood in Rural Hawaii

FROM THE
FRYING PAN

Bill
Hosokawa



It isn't likely you've heard very much about Jessica Saiki. You should hear more, much more. Jessica Saiki is a writer. Her first book, a slim paperback titled *Once, a Lotus Garden*, was published not long ago by New Rivers Press of St. Paul, Minn. Her son, Mark, a Denver attorney, sent me a copy and I have been engrossed in it ever since.

Once, a Lotus Garden is a collection of short stories, or more to the point, sketches drawn from Jessica Saiki's childhood in a prewar rural Hawaiian village. She has a good memory, an eye for detail and a sensitive way with words and dialogue. The stories read as though they were written effortlessly, which is a sure sign that she labored over each passage, each sentence, each paragraph until she achieved the precise effect she wanted.

She brings to life the people of the village at a time when Shirley Temple was everyone's dimpled darling, and it was a compliment to say a bride looked like Alice Faye. It was in this environment that the feckless Higa-san found a knothole in the Taniguchi family's outdoor bathroom, that Midori fell in love with flashy Isao Kaneko but married the stodgy Saburo Tominaka, that the darkly beautiful Momoe went off to become a taxi dancer because her folks were from the wrong island in Japan.

There are others, like the little girl who had to say she was only half Japanese so she could visit her haole friend's mansion up on the hill, and Keiko who helps Mrs. Mahalo sew leis each Saturday to earn the dime she needs to go to the movies. This is the way Keiko's story begins:

"Saturdays she hears the Cheong's old rooster crowing as she leaves home. Overhead, the night sky is ashen gray blue. Papaya-yellow sunlight cracks over the horizon, squeezing just enough light through clouds for her to see the road leading to the Mahalos'. On the way, besides seeing a sneaky, brown mongoose dart across the road, she passes

Fats Pacheco the milkman in his white uniform and white truck. 'Where you going?' he asks her."

And in the story titled "The Old Ways":

"Of the two women, both stubby and squat as shoyu kegs, Mrs. Watanabe was notably more passive. She had a flat, round face like a blotter, sopping up everything someone told her with amazed, childlike credulity so that it registered like a mirror, pain or pleasure, horror or approval depending on whom she was talking to at the time."

Jessica's stories are about Hawaii, but her characters are familiar to Nisei who grew up in Stockton, Calif., or Kent, Wash., Salem, Ore., or Ogden, Utah. They are real live people of a particular ethnic background — petty, pathetic, simple, joyous, they are worth knowing I'm delighted she has captured their essence, their hopes and foibles, and preserved them on paper for future students of Americana.

Jessica Saiki and her husband Hiroshi, an engineer, live in Watertown, Wis. I look for more stories from her.

(The address of New Rivers Press is 1602 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.)

Legislative Alert for Visitors of Smithsonian Exhibit

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The Japanese American community is looking forward with great anticipation to the exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," which opens in the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 1.

According to an article in the *Pacific Citizen*, (August 7-14), the exhibit is attracting an expected crowd of 5,000 Japanese Americans for its opening day. In addition to keynote speaker Arthur J. Goldberg, a former Supreme Court Justice who also served on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), the five Nikkei members of Congress will also be present for the opening ceremonies.

Senators Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), and Representatives Pat Saiki (R-Hawaii), Norman

Mineta (D-California) and Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) have provided diligent and committed leadership in bringing the two redress bills out of the subcommittees and full committees during this year when the nation is celebrating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

To have progressed this far, it would be remiss if the 5,000 Nikkei who come to Washington for the exhibit miss the great opportunity to lobby their legislators on Oct. 1 and 2 to support S. 1009 and H.R. 442.

To all individuals who support redress legislation and who plan to be in Washington from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, the following is recommended:

Write to your legislators before Sept. 9 and state that you will be visiting the nation's capitol. Since legislators respond to the direct contacts of their constituents, call or write to request an appointment to meet as a constituent to discuss the redress bills on the afternoons of Oct. 1 and 2.

If you do not have the office address, the address on the letter and envelope can be written as follows: The Honorable (name), United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20515 (or U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515).

Because the two bills are at the most critical point of the legislative process—ready to move to the floor of the Senate and House—your action will make a tremendous impact at this time when JACL-LEC is working with the five Nikkei legislators and the party leaders to begin the count on committed votes for the bills.

If constituents want help with this legislative alert, the following JACL-LEC district redress coordinators can be contacted:

Pacific Southwest—George Ogawa, 22947 Felbar Ave., Torrance, CA 90505; or Marlene Kawahara, 6128 Tamilynn, San Diego, CA 92122.

Northern California/Western Nevada/Pacific—George Matsuo, 5579 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822.

Pacific Northwest—Cherry Kinoshita, 3520 S. Thistle, Seattle, WA 98118.

Intermountain—George Sugihara, 145 East 5250 South (Southridge), Ogden, UT 84405.

Mountain Plains—Paul Shin-kawa, 12700 Esplanade, Austin, TX 78758.

Midwest—Hank Tanaka, 2192 Grandview Ave., Cleveland Hts., OH 44106.

Eastern—Tom Kometani, 4 Jessica Lane, Warren, NJ 07060.

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are former internees who could use the \$20,000. Are we too proud to acknowledge that?

I have long believed that there are too many of us who are part of a "silent majority," that most of the time we don't have the guts to speak out when we should. I don't believe that there is any "silent majority" who oppose monetary redress. At least I hope that we have shed the chains of mental second class citizenship enough to recognize that real pride is that which allows us to stand up and demand what all Americans accept as a part of our justice system—payment for injuries received when one is an innocent victim. Therefore, individual redress payment is not welfare; it is another step in recognizing that Japanese Americans are ruled by the same laws as all other Americans.

As for those Japanese Americans who are misguided enough to call opposition to redress a matter of "pride," I suggest that you have a phony definition of the word. I also suggest that if you can't help the cause, at least don't hurt it.

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According to Wendy Shigenaga, JACL chapter historian, ideas are to be submitted on 8½ by 11-inch white paper in black-line art, not necessarily camera ready. The deadline is Sept. 21, and entries should be sent to: Wendy Shigenaga/P.O. Box 34024/San Diego, Calif. 92103, or call (619) 275-1969.

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Chapter redress chairs also have the scorecard listing of the legislators and should be able to give you their complete House and Senate addresses. Your letter will reach the legislators without the complete address.

Oct. 1 and 2 are crucial dates to bring to full reflection the concept which made possible the Smithsonian exhibition. Part of the exhibit is about citizen action within the constitutional framework—the people's right to petition the government for redress.



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Yasui Attorney
Joins Law Firm

SEATTLE — Peggy Nagae Lum, lead counsel in the case of *Yasui v. United States*, has joined the law firm of Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S. as an associate attorney. Lum served as the Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs, at the University of Oregon School of Law prior to her current position.

Yasui v. United States questions the government's right to have imposed a military curfew on American citizens of Japanese descent during WW2. On March 23, 1987 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals granted the government's motion to dismiss the case due to Minoru Yasui's death last fall. The case is now headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Omatsuri Fest
Commemorates
Act of 1952

By Jennifer Y. Yazawa

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Omatsuri '87, held June 27th, was the New Mexico-JACL's contribution to the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department's 'Summerfest'. The festival, held at Civic Plaza, opened with 141 people from 28 different countries sworn in as naturalized citizens. It also commemorated the 35th anniversary of the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, which established the basic laws of U.S. citizenship and immigration and removed race as a criterion for naturalization. The passage gave Japanese and other Asian immigrants the right to naturalized citizenship.

Cullum Honored

Grand Marshal for Omatsuri '87 was Robert Cullum who, as executive secretary of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization in 1946, played a key role in the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act, lobbying for citizenship for Japanese immigrants. Cullum was honored with letter of appreciation from the Governor's office for his untiring advocacy for the right and welfare of the AJAs after WW2. The 77-year-old Albuquerque resident said getting the letter of appreciation was nice, but "seeing all those people getting sworn in as new citizens was a much greater source of satisfaction."

Events

Twenty-three booths displayed arts and crafts, the JACL library, children's games, local artists, Japanese sword/armor collections, martial arts, kirikomi dolls, bonsai, ikebana and information displays. Local restaurateurs kept the lines of hungry festival-goers moving, supplemented by the JACL plate lunch and drink stations.

Performances

Denver Taiko performed for the second consecutive year and choreographer Cory Jean Yuriko Houck's work depicted the Japanese American experience in the United States from immigration to post-war years.

Other performers included seven-year old Suzuki violin soloist Brook Brown, members of the Pajarito Ballet Theatre of Santa Fe, Arai Sensei (*shamisen*), Michiko Pierce (*shibu* or poetry dance), Shimpu Ryu (*shagin* or poetry), Akio Kadonaka (*karakoke*), Sandia Budokan (*ken-jutsu*), Mariko Thomas (traditional geisha dances), a *bon odori* demonstration and a *tanko-bushi* (audience participation 'coal miner's dance') led by Takako Fluke.

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LOS ANGELES

Aug. 30—JACL Jamboree Summer Picnic, featuring five fun L.A. JACLs. Begins at 10:30 am, El Nido Park, Torrance. Info: Neal, 213 329-8034.

Sept. 2—At 8:30 pm, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California will feature orator Wilbur Woo at its regular meeting, 7:30 pm, 850 Yale St. Admission: Free. Info: Mary, 213 542-2409.

Sept. 10—"Spirit of Friendship Dinner" honoring Col. Young O. Kim at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figueroa St. Reception, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; dinner, 7:30 pm-9:30 pm. Presented by the Japanese American National Museum. Info: 213 625-0414.

Sept. 12—The Nisei Singles 18th Annual Installation Dinner Dance, Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd. Members, ex-members and non-members welcome. Advance reservations and other info: Hasi Sato, 213 473-5373, before Sept. 4.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

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Sept. 6—The National Japanese American Historical Society will hold its 2nd annual picnic at the Mt. Eden Japanese Garden in Hayward. Tickets available at NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St., Rm. 161, S.F. 94103. Info: Daisy Satoda, 415 821-0164.

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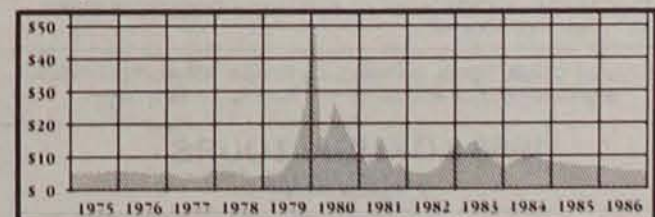
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Nagao (Seabrook) and Robert Maeda (New England) were installed.

I wish to extend acknowledgement and appreciation to the immediate past governors, Tom Hara (Midwest) and Mike Suzuki (Eastern), for their dedication and productive work on the National Board and their effective representation of their respective districts. Welcome, Tom and

John, to the National Board. I look forward to working with you.

Old and New Friends

It was great to meet for the first time, persons whose names I have heard mentioned frequently . . . John Hayashi, 1000 Club Chair, now MDC Governor; Ruth Hashimoto, pillar of JACL; Dr. Kaz Kimura, president, Dayton Chapter; Tom Nakao, Leadership Development Chair; George Ushiyama, president, Ar-

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kansas Valley Chapter; Holly Yasui, Min Yasui Memorial Fund Committee . . . and re-meet people whom I don't get the opportunity to see frequently . . . Presidents Diane Aratani (Milwaukee), Sharon Ishii Jordan (Omaha), Lillian Kimura (New York), George Sakaguchi (St. Louis), Dr. George Umemura (Hoosier), Harry Watson (New Mexico), Mas Yamasaki (Houston); officers and active JACLers Sam Honda, David Igasaki, Shig and Jean Kariya, Tom and Janet Kometani, Sam and Kathy Koshio, Fae Minabe (National Scholarship Chair), Chuck Nagao, Roy and Sumi Takeno, Dr. Gladys Stone, Dr. William Takahashi, plus all others whom I meet frequently.

Last but not least, whom

should I bump into in the corridors of the convention site but vacationing Oxnardians (my home town), JACLers Harriet, Robert and daughter Jennifer Hiji, and JACler Chiyoko Nishimori (with husband Minobu), attending her class of 1946 Ft. Lupton high school reunion held at the same hotel.

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ALAMEDA

■ Senior Citizens' Appreciation Dinner, 5 pm, Oct. 8, at Buena Vista United Methodist Church, RSVP. Info: Alameda Chapter/2311 Buena Vista Ave./Alameda, CA 94501.

GREATER LA JACL SINGLES

■ All Singles Picnic, Sept. 20, 10 am-5 pm, Mar Vista Recreation Center Stop 673 Picnic Area 3, 11430 Woodbine Ave., \$7 for bento with soft drinks, watermelon. Games, prizes, sports, music, dancing, etc. To order bento and for other info: 213 327-0099, 213 477-6997 or 714 637-9274.

MARINA

■ Chapter and Venice Pioneer Project are co-sponsoring a Las Vegas Nite Fundraiser on Sept. 12, 8 pm, at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Tickets, \$15 each. Proceeds to support community programs. Info: Terry Takeda, 213 202-6976; Sharon Kumagai, 213 826-8951; Gordon Tani, 213 402-6075; or Shirley Chami, 213 558-4255.

SCAN

■ The annual Personal Development Workshops, sponsored by the Southern California American Nikkei-JACL, Sept. 13, at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., 90012. \$12 each, includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Info: Dan Mayeda, 213 277-3333 (day) or 213 559-7282 (evening) or Paul Sumi, 213 207-2030.

■ Rod Miyata, graduate gemologist and owner of the Ace of Diamonds Jewelry Store, will talk on "Modern Jewelry: Diamonds, Pearls and Colored Stones," Sept. 15, 7:30 pm, followed by a Q & A period and refreshments. Info: (eve) 213 826-4262.

■ The second annual Car Rallye, Oct. 11, 3 pm, beginning in Mercury Savings Parking lot, 2920 Sepulveda Blvd. Entry: \$15/car of two, additional \$5/person. Info: Paul Sumi, (eve) 213 207-2030.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

■ JACL picnic, 11:30 am-4 pm, Sept. 5, at Lake Accotink Park. Last names A-N are asked to bring salad, O-Z, desert, with the rest provided. \$3.00 for non-members. Info: Ben Watada, 703 978-5365.

WEST LOS ANGELES

■ The board members of the WLA JACL and Auxiliary are holding an all-day planning session on Sept. 12, 9 am-4 pm at the WLA Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave. The workshop will allow the board members to develop a short and long-range plan with a specific objective and develop a mission statement.

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Geared to serve the interests of Japanese American women, collected references include nonprofit Japanese American agencies in Northern California, numerous health-care listings, businesses and women's work in the volunteer sector.

Unique features of the directory include its listings of qualified Japanese American women to fit professional and volunteer slots and agencies which are especially suited to fill the unique needs of Japanese Americans in Northern California.

Although the directory is expected to be available for sale at "A Faire for Women," an event to be held by the Women's Concerns Committee on Sept. 19 at Laney College, copies may be obtained for \$5 each, plus an additional \$1.50 for postage and handling. Make checks payable to Resource Directory Project and send to P.O. Box 854, Sebastopol, CA 95473.

To help defray the cost of printing the nonprofit book, congratulatory or business advertisement donations will be accepted until Aug. 25. For information, contact Mei Nakano at (707) 829-0854.

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