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AAJA Convention

Has 'Write' Stuff

By George Johnston

LOS ANGELES - The first Asian American Journalists Convention awards for excellence honored K.W. Lee and Tritia Toyota. Lee, an investigative reporter with the Sacramento Union, earned the AAJA's "Excellence in Print Journalism," and Toyota, an anchor and reporter for KCBS-TV in Los Angeles, earned the same award in broadcast jour-

The awards were presented during the Sept. 24 luncheon at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel during the convention, held Sept. 23-24. The AAJA's criteria for the awards included encouraging aspiring Asian Americans to enter journalism, improving coverage of Asian Americans, pushing for greater hiring and promotion of Asian Americans at all levels of journalism and serving as a personal role models by maintaining high standards of excellence in their professional work

The four-day event attracted over 500 journalists and would-be journalists nationwide to learn, meet, discuss issues, exchange ideas and find employment. Corporate sponsors included the Gannett Company, Times Mirror, Cap Cities/ABC, CBS-TV, and Coors. AAJA Executive Director (and former Pacific Citizen editor) Karen Seriguchi called the



Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston Ha, Ha, Ha-K.W. Lee of the Sacramento Union and Harry Honda of the Pacific Citizen laugh it up during a panel discussion at the AAJA convention. Lee won the first AAJA "Award of Excellence for Print Jour-

convention a "resounding success." The learning sessions covered topics useful to any journalist, such as Speciality Reporting: Covering Your Beat Without Being Beaten," 'Investigative Reporting: Who Does It and How They Do It," and "Good Writers Talk About Good Writing.' Topics of particular interest to Asian American journalists included 'The Role and Future of Ethnic Media." and "Violence Against Asian Americans." JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi participated in the "Coverage of Asian Americans and Other

Minorities" session. Distinguished speakers, guests, and panelists were many and included Representatives Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Robert Matsui (D-Calif.); Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo; Irene Natividad, president, National Women's Political Caucus; Allen H. Neuharth, chairman, Gannett Co.; Van Gordon Sauter, former president, CBS News; and Jack Nelson, Washington bureau chief, L.A. Times. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) was scheduled to

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Coram Nobis Case

Court Overturns Wartime Convictions

SAN FRANCISCO - Citing a suppressed government report which provided evidence that the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during WW2 was due to racial rather than military reasons, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the wartime convictions of Gordon Hirabayashi on Sept. 25.

In 1942, as a 23-year-old student at the University of Washington in Seattle, Hirabayashi was arrested for his intentional violation of the curfew imposed upon citizens of Japanese ancestry to stay home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. and for failing to report to a civilian control center, the first step toward placement in an internment camp.

The curfew and internment cases of WW2 "have never occupied an honored place in our history," said the unanimous three-judge decision of Judges Jerome Faris, Alfred Goodwin and Mary Schroeder.

Old Documents Found

Writing for the court, Schroeder said documents uncovered since WW2 demonstrate that curfew and internment convictions of Japanese Americans "were unjust."

"They demonstrate that there could have been no reasonable military assessment of an emergency at the time, that the orders were based upon racial stereotypes and that the orders caused needless suffering and shame for thousands of American citizens," said Schroeder.

Discovered in 1982 by researcher Aiko Yoshinaga Herzig and University of California, San Diego professor Peter Irons, the documents included a previously unknown original version of the 1942 report by the Military Commander of the West Coast, Lt. Gen. John DeWitt.

It said that all people of Japanese ancestry would have to be evacuated until the end of the war because due to racial traits it would be impossible to separate the loyal from the disloyal, or, as DeWitt wrote it, 'the sheep from the goats.'

This statement, however, was deleted in the official report in favor of the explanation that the emergency military situation allowed no time to decide which Japanese Americans were loyal.

Key Appellate Ruling

According to Donald K. Tamaki, one of a team of lawyers who has fought the curfew and internment

violation convictions, the recent decision is "the first federal appellate case repudiating the military curfew orders.

Of the more than 110,000 Japanese Americans interned in camps during WW2, only a few were charged with violating curfew or other military orders, said Tamaki. According to Tamaki, Hirabayashi was one of only three Japanese Americans to make constitutional challenges, which had been rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1943 and 1944.

Two others who filed petitions were Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui. Korematsu, whose case was based on the 1944 Supreme Court ruling upholding the internments, had his conviction overturned in November of 1983 by U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel on grounds similiar to those of Hirabayashi's case. Yasui, who died in November of 1986, had his conviction of violating curfew orders vacated by a federal judge who refused to conduct a fact-finding process to address allegations of government misconduct

Hirabayashi Explains

In an article published in the Rafu Shimpo, Hirabayashi, a retired sociology professor from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, explained his reasons for intentionally violating the curfew. "I decided to ignore the curfew," he recalled, "unless the authorities said the curfew was for all citizens, or unless they said I was dangerous, but to impose a curfew just because of my ancestry was unacceptable. I believed I was protected by the Constitution. I decided to stick by the Constitution.'

Although last year, Hirabayashi's conviction of failing to report to the control center had been overturned by U.S. District Judge Donald Voorhees, the curfew conviction had stood, with Voorhees saying it was a lesser restriction on liberty than an internment order.

But the appeals court disagreed with the ruling, ordering both convictions set aside.

According to Schroder, the Supreme Court would not have distinguished between the two convictions if it had known of the suppressed evidence. 'The Justice Department argued a single theory of mil-



Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston Champs-Mikko Mayeda and her guide-dog Glory were present for the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 14th Annual Dinner of Champions held Sept. 17 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

MS Fund-raiser Honors Mayeda

By George Johnston

BEVERLY HILLS - The battle to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is far from won. But, those who would put an end to MS were out in force Sept. 17 when the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Southern California Chapter held its 14th annual Dinner of Champions at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Contributing to the national research to find a cure and treatment for MS was a Japanese American woman, Mikko Mayeda.

Mayeda, 26, was honored at the fund-raiser as an equestrian champion. Her past achievments as an equestrian are many - she was the 1983 national champion in Texas, the International Olympic Equestrian champion in New York in 1984, a four time California state champion, the 1985 national champion in Michigan and this year, in Sweden, she competed in the World Games where she took second place in an international dressage competition.

You Must Have MS

Diagnosed for MS as a teenager, Mayeda is also blind as a result of the debilitating disease. Although she has had MS for 11 years, it took six years to diagnose it. As a teen she started losing her vision, began experiencing neurological changes and became very depressed for no apparent reason, to the point of being put into a psychiatric hospital. "It starts out so subtly . . . they do not know what causes it, they do not know how to treat it, they do not know how to diagnose it," said

Mayeda, relating why it took so long for the doctors to diagnose her condition correctly. "The only way they can tell you is you deteriorate to a certain level and they say, 'You must have MS'.'

The daughter of physicist Ted and the late Patricia Mayeda, Mikko began taking advanced English riding lessons before her onset of MS. "I think that's the basis why I'm so good now, if I must say," Mayeda laughed, as she talked about her winning ways. A few years ago, despite her deteriorating condition, she began participating in equestrian events after hearing about a handicapped horseback riding group. This brought back memories of her childhood, and eventually she began competing.

Others Honored

Also honored at the dinner were actresses Madlyn Rhue and Sunni Walton, both diagnosed for MS. Other celebrities on hand included members of the L.A. Lakers, Monty Hall, Paul Williams and Olympic gold medalists Candi Costi-Burke and Bruce Jenner.

"Tve tried to give up, I've lied around in bed feeling sorry for myself," said Mayeda, "and now I only get angry at that thought. As long as you have your mind and you have your health, do as much as you can and learn as much as you can and even if you don't have your mind and your health, you can still do more than you think you can.'

Korean Man Assaulted by New York Police Officers

NEW YORK - On Sept. 4, two officers from the Third Highway Precinct allegedly attacked and se-verely assaulted a Korean citizen. Yong Kook Ou, 20, was stopped by police for riding his bicycle against traffic during rush-hour in midtown Manhattan.

According to Sharon Holmquist, one of about 40 witnesses, "One cop looked like he was trying to break his arm, and the other was almost on top of him." Holmquist also reported that Ou screamed for help as he "was being crunched on the street while they banged his head on the ground."

Another witness, accountant Debra Miles, said, "I was coming down Lexington Avenue and was amazed to see a police officer just reach out and snatch somebody off his bike.

Blood and Bruises

Several witnesses said they were shocked at the excessive force, and began protesting Ellen Texeira, a witness who lives near the site of the incident, said officers appeared to become violent when Ou failed to let go of his bicycle. At that point, she said one of the policemen "threw him on the pavement, while the other began punching him in the back."

apparently As onlookers screamed for the police to stop, Texeira said that the police then stopped hitting him and handcuffed him. She also said that Ou was bruised on the neck and bleeding from the right arm when he got up. Texeira, after telling one of the officers to calm down, said one of them told her, "If you open your mouth once more I'm going to put you with

Another witness, Lein Chen, told representatives of the Coalition Against Anti-Asian (CAAAV) that the beatings lasted from five to ten minutes.

Ou told The New York Times that the police called him "scum," and told him, "If you don't cooperate, you're going to jail."

He said that when he replied, 'Let's go there, I know my rights," the officers pushed him to the pavement and began to hit him.

According to the police, Ou was stopped by two officers, identified as Anthony Venturella and John Giglia, at about 5:40 p.m. on Lexington Avenue and 54th Street. Police spokesman Sgt. Maurice Howard said, "He couldn't produce any I.D. and became loud and vicious." Howard also said the matter was being investigated by the department's Internal Affairs Division.

In a telephone interview with the Times, Ou acknowledged that he did not have any identification with him at the time of the incident and said he was surprised when one of the officers "gave me a push off the

Many in the crowd of witnesses. apparently outraged by what they had just seen, followed the young man and the police officers to the

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17th precinct, where Ou was charged with traffic violations, disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration. Ou has contacted the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund for legal advice and is due to appear in court on Oct. 20.

CAAAV Demands

The CAAAV, a coalition consisting of 15 diverse New York Asian American organizations, including the New York JACL, has taken action by writing to Mayor Koch, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward expressing outrage at the officers' unnecessary violence and for the "racist treatment Ou received." They have also demanded that all the charges be dropped immediately against Ou.

'We further demand that the arresting officers be suspended and prosecuted for assault, and that there be a timely and complete investigation of the attack, including an evaluation of the conduct of the arresting officers and the 17th Precinct," the CAAAV wrote.

The CAAAV regards this incident as "yet another clear-cut case of unprovoked police brutality against a person of color. Regardless of whether or not racial slurs were used in the attack, the coalition feels that this incident is part of the pattern of consistent police violation of civil rights against Blacks, Latinos and Asians.

Ou has lived in the U.S. for three years and studies architecture at the

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Lungren as State Treasurer Opposed

LOS ANGELES — The recent announcement of California Governor George Deukmejian's consideration of Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.) to fill the State Treasurer position has met strong opposition by members of the Japanese American community. Best known as the author of an amendment seeking to destroy the compensatory portion of redress bill H.R. 442, Lungren will possibly fill the vacancy created by the death of Jesse Unruh.

In a letter sent to the governor, Ron Wakabayashi, national director of the Japanese American Citizens League, explained that the congressman's presence on the commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians had shown his familiarity with what has been seen as the racially motivated internment of Japanese Americans during WW2. Wakabayashi then cited Lungren's proposed amendment to H.R.442 as offering "to discount jus-

"We have a remarkable guiding document, the Constitution, which

celebrates its 200th anniversary this year," Wakabayashi wrote the governor. "One of the qualities of a great democracy, the foundation of ours. is the ability to constantly heal itself. Congressman Lungren had a special opportunity to strengthen what is best in this nation. Despite all of these enhancements, he failed.

"The practice of democracy is a fundamental responsibility of the political leadership of this country.' Wakabayashi continued. "This state cannot accept less. Mr. Lungren has eliminated himself from this practice. He ought not to be considered for appointment. I strongly urge you to find this state a Treasurer, committed to all our people.'

Lungren, representative of the 42nd District in Long Beach, California, had described the \$20,000 compensation awarded by H.R. 442 as a misguided notion that the dollar sign is the only contrition." His amendment, introduced to the House Floor during the Sept. 17 vote on the redress bill, was defeated by a vote of 237 to 162.

Leadership Skills Focus of Seminar

By B.J. Watanabe

An advanced leadership seminar for JACL members was held on September 19 at the Carson Community Center in the Los Angeles area. Cosponsored by the Pacific Southwest District JACL and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), this seminar was organized by the PSW Leadership Committee and planned as a follow-up to their successful leadership conference held in March

Entitled "Making More of a Difference," the seminar focused on inproving leadership skills, promoting leadership opportunities in JACL

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and strengthening the Sansei in the PSW.

Participants chose two workshops from the four offered: "Essentials of Successful Boards," presented by Alice Spilberg of the Kellogg Training Center; "Communication Skills," conducted by Audrey Noji; "Strategies for Effectiveness in the Corporate Sector," presented by Hideki Hamamoto; and "Nuts and Bolts," a session on the dynamics of effective meetings offered by Irene Hirano and J.D. Hokoyama.

For many, the highlight of the day centered on the team-building activ-Continued on page 3 Allow 6 weeks advance notice to report address change with label on front

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LEAP Symposium to Be Held

LOS ANGELES - "Partners in Progress: The Private Sector and the Asian Pacific Community," the second annual symposium of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), will be held on Oct. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Los Angeles Hilton, 930 Wilshire.

The symposium will feature workshops, panel presentations and major addresses on how corporations can become more involved with the Asian Pacific community. Other major issues to be covered include employment, reaching Asian Pacific through the media, marketing to the Asian Pacific consumer, economic development and corporate public affairs.

Luncheon speakers will be Richard Sherwood, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Asia Society, and Dr. William Ouchi, professor at UCLA's Anderson Graduate

The symposium also marks the first time two leadership awards will be presented, one in recognition of an outstanding Asian American leader and another in recognition of a corporate leader who has made an outstanding contribution to, or provided support for, the development of Asian American lead-

"The purpose of the symposium

is to bring together Asian Pacific community and corporate leaders to form a partnership in developing Asian Pacific leaders," said Irene Hirano, symposium planning committee chairperson.

"It is also our intent to focus on the need for more corporate involvement in the Asian Pacific community," Hirano added

Claiming to be the largest organization of its kind in the U.S., LEAP is a nonprofit community organization whose goals are to integrate Asian Pacific Americans into leadership roles in business, government and community affairs and to inform the public and private sectors of the needs of the Asian Pacific community.

The event is being co-sponsored by Southern California Gas Co., General Telephone of California, ARCO, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, National Conference of Christians and Jews and UCLA Extension. Cochairing are Robert M. McIntyre, chairman and chief executive officer of Southern California Gas Co., and Ouchi.

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on a rationalization of his anti-re-

■ Mo Nishida: "What [Shumway]

seems to be saying is, the real issue

is the U.S. government's respon-

sibilities regarding past wrongs

done to whole groups of people.

These would be nonwhite people

who have faced racism past and pre-

sent... In every instance for non-

European people, the U.S. govern-

ment and the white European-

American politicians turned their

collective backs on us, their 'brother

Americans' (brothers in time of war)

in total and complete defiance of

'our Constitution.' . . . this, I believe,

is his real argument-if 'we' have to

give in to this group, then we will have to give in to the rest of 'them'..."

dress arguments...

Below are exerpts of letters which appeared in the Sept. 27 opinion section of the Los Angeles Times in response to the opinion piece by Rep. Norman Shumway (R-Calif.), which was printed in the Sept. 16 issue. Shumway's statement asserted, among other things, that passage of redress bill H.R.442 would rekindle anti-Japanese sentiments

Kiyoka Kurumada: "The internment of Japanese Americans cannot and should not be compared to pre-Miranda arrestees, or schoolchildren (separate but equal) before Brown vs. Board of Education . . . [Shumway] talks of veterans who fought in the Pacific theater and American civilians here and abroad who suffered grievous losses; he forgets that we, too, are Americans who fought in the Pacific theater and suffered grievous losses including the loss of our constitutionally guaranteed civil rights . . .

Arthur M. Tsuneishi: "Does not the congressman realize that ours was a very unique situation where our own government incarcerated us behind barbed wires-notwithstanding the fact that a goodly majority of us were American citi-

Phil Shigekuni: "When we were herded off to the internment camps we were told that the government really had our best interests at heart; we were being put away to protect us from a hostile American public. Now we have a U.S. congressman saying we shouldn't seek an accounting for what happened to us because they would only make people mad at us again. The original



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speak at the Saturday dinner, but canceled just before the start of the convention.

In addition to the practical aspects, the AAJA convention also included a "fun night" which included music by Deems Tsutakawa, the jazz fusion group "Visions," and excerpts from Great Leap's musical, Talk Story. On Saturday, the Washington, D.C. AAJA won \$500 in scholarship money in the 'Journalistic Jeopardy" trivia game, hosted by Mario Machado. There was also a tour of Los Angeles' China Town, Korea Town and Little Tokyo. Furthermore, a literary reading, "Asian Women: Through the Minefields" was presented to an overflowing crowd and entertaining participants with both solo and group performances was internationally renowned musician Toshiko Akiyoshi.

The AAJA also awarded two scholarships of \$2,500 to Frank Woo

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ity organized by Jimmy Tokeshi and Bill Kaneko. After dividing into two groups, participants were given the task of building the tallest tinker toy structure in a 30 second period after having only 5 minutes to plan and organize the job. Later, the task was to build the most "aesthetically pleasing" structure."

will be hosting an Asian/Pacific em-

ployment development seminar for

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tions on Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. in Meitus

Hall of the Wilshire Boulevard Tem-

ple, 3663 Wilshire Blvd. The effort

is designed to provide information

for retail executives on the avail-

ability of qualified Asian/Pacific

adjustment to the "corporate cul-

ture" and employers with issues re-

lating to career advancement and

employees in the area.

The process was videotaped, replayed to the group and critiqued by observers who commented on the dynamics of the group process and the roles that individuals played. For example, it was noted that both teams worked more efficiently when specific tasks were given to each person who carried them out during the building process. If certain members neglected to follow through with their jobs, the entire

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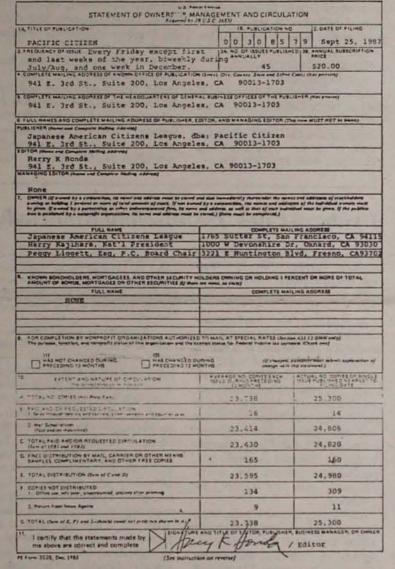
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group process was affected and efficiency was reduced. Through these and other observations, participants learned more about how groups operate and by participating in the exercise, built feelings of camaraderie with team members.

During the day, Helen Kawagoe, Carson City clerk, dropped by to greet participants and describe her involvement with JACL and with Carson city politics. Her enthusiastic and tenacious efforts with the Gardena chapter raised the membership from several hundred to a 1,200 member organization. In describing her less-than-enthusiastic and sometimes hostile reaction from potential members and supporters, she urged the JACL members to "keep at it" and "never quit."

Toward the end of the day, participants broke into small groups and

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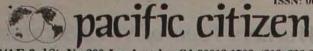
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN: Human Side of the Hirabayashi Case

THE big bang of H.R. 442 being passed by the House on Sept. 17 was repeated seven days later with the glorious verdict in favor of Gordon K. Hirabayashi by the federal appellate court. On that score, what can we expect on Thursday this week? The Senate passage of its redress bill, S. 1009?

It was last year that the U.S. District Court in Seattle had vacated Hirabayashi's conviction for declining to report to the Wartime Civilian Control Administration's evacuation center in 1942 as per the civilian exclusion order but let the curfew violation stand. The Hirabayashi case is important in history because he violated the curfew and exclusion orders. The court was asked in 1942 whether citizens residing in areas not subject to martial law could be subjected to curfew and exclusion by the military. Since there was no precedent, the question was put to the Supreme Court, which held DeWitt's order was a "constitutional exercise of the war power of the President derived from the Constitution and statues of the United States." The Supreme Court agreed with the military and the Congress that the presence of Japanese Americans constituted a special danger and found the curfew was constitutional.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week overturned the wartime curfew conviction in a unanimous decision and cited a previously unknown original version of a 1942 report by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding the West Coast defenses, that all persons of Japanese ancestry had to be evacuated to detention centers for the duration of the war since it was impossible to separate the loyal from the disloyal because of racial traits.

In the spring of 1942, Hirabayashi (now professor emeritus in sociology at the Univ. of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada) had dropped out as a student at the Univ. of Washington because the Evacuation process had started and the curfew order would become effective on March 27. A Quaker and a conscientious objector to military service, he was also called by his draft board to report at a civilian labor camp in Oregon. On the day he was to leave home for camp, the same draft board cancelled the order. He had been working with the American Friends Service Committee, which was assisting the evacuating Japanese families to the assembly center (Camp Harmony at Puyallup), experienced an awful let-down after each load had left. The whole process convinced him it was wrong and as the days passed, (and as recalled in a letter from King County jail) he "became emotionally unable to sanction this order."

He was not going to cooperate with the government policy of race discrimination, he had so written that morning when he and his family were to report to the WCCA Civil Control Station (Maryknoll Mission in the University District) near his home. The deadline to report was Saturday noon, May 16. With a suitcase in hand and with his attorney, Hirabayashi instead turned himself in to the FBI who, at first, were not sure just how to handle the situation. The FBI took him to the WCCA office where he again declined to fill out the papers. After a four-hour wait while officials conferred, he was put into the Federal tank. Four days later he was arraigned and charged with two violations of P.L. 503 dealing with curfew and the civilian exclusion order. Bond was set for \$500, then raised to \$5,000. A week later, he was one of 17 prisoners in the chain gang brought to court to witness the formal seating of the grand jury, which later declared his case to be a "true bill."

Proceedings of the trial as well as the ACLU conflict and debate over the Hirabayashi case are recounted in Justice at War (Oxford Press, 1983) by Peter Irons. After listening almost daily on FM radio to the Senate hearings on the Judge Bork nomination to the Supreme Court, the colorful action and details in Irons' book appear brighter than ever.

In February, 1976, Hirabayashi was honored by the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council and the E.O. 9066, Inc., the same week President Ford formally rescinded E.O. 9066 with his "American Promise."

Reflecting on his trial and the evacuation experiences, the human side of the Hirabayashi story surfaced in the Pacific Citizen story (March 5, 1976). While awaiting trial in Seattle, he said that he had been in the tank for over three months, long enough to be called "mayor" and responsible for assigning new inmates to different cells. One of the "inmates" turned out to be his father from Tule Lake, a government witness. Of course, they bunked together. His mother who was also summoned as a witness stayed at the women's jail. And because there was no Japanese interpreter in court (the U.S. government wanted to show Hirabayashi's parents were from Japan), Gordon, the defendant, volunteered to assist the court. The trial lasted five months, ending up in Spokane.

Upon conviction, he was given 90 days for curfew violation and another 90 days for violating the exclusion order. The judge decided to make them concurrent, a technicality that Irons explains became the Supreme Court's excuse for avoiding a rule on Hirabayashi's refusal to report for evacuation.

It was going to be 90 days at a Federal roadcamp. The nearest one in Tacoma was in the prohibited (to Japanese Americans under the E.O. 9066 Civilian Exclusion Order) area. The U.S. marshal in eastern Washington assigned Hirabayashi to the camp in Tucson but there were no transportation funds available, so Hirabayashi hitchhiked from Spokane (1,600 miles via Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Phoenix). He did buy a bus ticket from southern Utah to Vegas. The marshal in Tucson wasn't expecting him and told him to take in a movie while he checked things out. Gordon did that and returned after supper. The papers were found and he completed his sentence. He was given a bus ticket to return to Spokane. Ironically, Hirabayashi later discovered Tucson was also in the prohibited area.

While working with the Friends at Spokane, the draft for the Nisei was reinstituted and he refused to report. For that he was sentenced and served 12 months at McNeil Island penitentiary—again inside the prohibited area—in

Reese Article Calls Redress Issue a Second Attack on Pearl Harbor

The below article was published in the Sept. 21 issue of the Orlando Sentinel. It is the opinion of Sentinel staff writer Charley Reese on the passage of H.R.442.

By Charley Reese

Certain members of Congress are about to launch a second sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. They are pushing a bill that would pay \$20,000 to each of 60,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens who were interned during World War II.

The proposal passed by the House is an outrage and one more Orwellian effort to rewrite history.

Most Americans have been propagandized to believe President Franklin Roosevelt, caught up in hysteria and racism, ordered all Japanese-Americans to be rounded up after Pearl Harbor and slapped into prison. It is further asserted that, of course, all these people were 100 percent loyal Americans.

None of that is the whole truth.

Moreover, about 1947, the Congress of the United States compensated those Japanese-Americans for all economic losses as a result of the action. Thus, today's bill would be a second compensation.

Now, for the truth.

Americans went to bed on Dec. 6, 1941, at peace and generally, as we prefer to be, in happy ignorance of foreign affairs. On Dec. 7, while the Japanese envoy was presenting peace proposals, Japanese forces

struck at Pearl Harbor, killing more than 3.000 Americans and destroying much of America's fleet.

Suddenly Americans were in a global war. In the weeks after Pearl Harbor. Japan heaped defeat on America-Wake, Guam, the Philippines all fell. People born after that war cannot imagine what total war is like: the intensity of the national effort, of wartime propaganda and of the feelings against Japan.

Concentrated on the West Coast were 120,000 people-some Japanese-Americans born in the United States, some Japanese aliens, some illegal Japanese aliens. The West Coast was a center of defense industries and the embarkation point for most of troops and material going to fight the Japanese.

The War Department, rightly or wrongly, feared sabotage and espionage. The Japanese government required as a price of allowing its citizens to emigrate that they send their children to Japan for their education. Thus, some people had children and other relatives in Japan. Could Japanese agents use this to induce them to spy or sabotage the U.S. war effort?

It was impossible, given the lack of manpower and time, to conduct 120,000 background investigations. So President Roosevelt issued an order-contested but upheld by the Supreme Court-that Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans be evacuated forcibly from certain West Coast areas. No Japanese-American outside this critical area was affected.

Those evacuated went to relocation camps because, as American officials belatedly realized, 120,000 people simply cannot pick up and move to Kansas or Nebraska. Long after they were free to leave the camps, the vast majority wisely chose to remain in them for that reason. They were provided with food, shelter, medical care and education. After the war, the Japanese-American Citizens League honored the American official who administered the camps.

Now, as to loyalty. It is a fact that several thousand demanded to be returned to Japan. This was done. It is a fact that a hard core of the detainees refused to sign loyalty oaths and employed violence and intimidation against others to prevent them from signing. These were identified and isolated in one camp.

There is no logical basis for asserting all were loyal or for asserting some were disloyal. At this point, we shall never know.

We cannot know if the War Department's fears were justified, because it took action that effectively prevented the acts they feared. For those loyal Japanese-Americans, it was an ordeal, but the war itself was an ordeal. They suffered no more than other Americans and not as much as some. There was no lavish compensation for the children and widows of Americans killed or those grievously wounded.

Uyehara Cites 'Insufficient Knowledge' of Sentinel Piece

The following is a rebuttal of the points made in Reese's article by Grayce Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive direc-

According to staff commentator Charley Reese of The Orlando Sentinel (Sept. 21), the House of Representative's action on H.R. 442 (the Civil Liberties Act of 1987) is "an outrage." The real outrage is that Charley Reese would write such an article, despite insufficient knowledge and understanding of the facts surrounding H.R. 442. Also outrageous is that The Orlando Sentinel would publish an article that distorts reality and fans intolerance for pluralism.

The historical base for this bill is that during World War II, more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes. Most were incarcerated by the U.S. Government, solely on the basis of ancestral heritage. The U.S. Government singled out persons of Japanese ancestry, and blatantly denied them due process of law. Individual charges were not presented; hearings were not held, and equal justice before the law was denied. All these rights were infringed, despite the fact that most were U.S.-born citizens of the United States.

Contrary to Charley Reese's incorrect information, more than twothirds of the incarcerated individuals were U.S.-born citizens at the time of evacuation. Almost all of the Japanese aliens were residents of the U.S. for more than twenty years, but were precluded from becoming naturalized citizens because of discriminatory legislation that made them ineligible for citizenship.

H.R. 442 passed in the U.S. House of Representatives, with 243 aye and 141 no votes. By passing the bill, the House affirmed the findings of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians,

The promulgation of Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity. The broad historical causes which shaped these decisions were race prejudice, war hysteria and failure of political leadership ... A grave injustice was done to American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who.

evidence against them, were excluded, removed and detained by the United States during World War II." (Page 18, Personal Jus tice Denied, A Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civi-

House Backs Compensation

In light of the outrageous infringement on constitutional and rights, the House bill included provision for individual compensation of \$20,000 per person. An amendment to eliminate the individual compensation was offered by Rep. Daniel E. Lundgren (R-Calif.). This amendment was soundly defeated by the House. Another amendment, offered by Rep. Norman D. Shumway (R-Calif.) called for a "formula" approach to compensation (based upon age of the individual at the time of incarceration and length of incarceration). This amendment was also defeated by the House.

The assumptions presented in Reese's article, "Compensation Plan Would be a Second Attack on Pearl Harbor," are the same sort of dangerous assumptions that led to en masse incarceration of a group of people, exclusively on the basis of ancestral heritage. The House saw through these types of mappropriate, insensitive and dangerous arguments, and took action to press for equity and justice.

Reese makes the assumption that Americans of Japanese ancestry are synonymous with Japanese from Japan. He lumps both groups together, just as the U.S. Government did, more than 40 years ago. In the same vein, however, neither he nor the U.S. Government used the same standard (of grouping people according to ancestral heritage) to apply to Germans and Italians.

Far-Fetched View

To say that people could leave the concentration camps-but that they stayed long after they were free to leave-illustrates simplistic and insensitive consideration of the facts and circumstances. By probing and analyzing the full range of forces that were at work, he would have realized how far-fetched this statement is. Persons of Japanese ancestry were prevented from returning

to their former homes on the West Coast, for years after their incarceration.

Furthermore, the range of discriminatory action-from individuals, groups, and governmentscreated hostile environments, and oftentimes made migratory movements impossible.

With regard to the issue of "loyalty," Reese submits that some did not sign a loyalty oath, and that some "demanded" to go to Japan. Reese fails to address the fact that people were incarcerated by their own government. Some, out of disillusionment and anger, protested their plight. At the same time, these protesters encouraged others to speak out against the racist treatment they were receiving from their govern-

Nisei GIs Hailed

While Americans of Japanese ancestry were being saddled with the rhetoric of being "disloyal" or "potentially disloyal," they at the same time, served their country. Many persons came out of the concentration camps and enlisted in the military service. According to General Mark W. Clark, "They... performed magnificently on the field of battle I've never had such fine soldiers. Send me all you got." In agreement, General George C. Marshall said, .. They were superb! They took terrific casualties. They showed rare courage and tremendous fighting spirit...everybody wanted them ...

Reese closed his article with the following paragraph:

We cannot know if the War Department's fears were justified, because it took action that effectively prevented the acts they feared. For those loval Japanese-Americans. it was an ordeal, but the war itself was an ordeal. They suffered no more than other Americans and not as much as some. They were no lavish compensation for the children and widows of Americans killed or those grievously wounded

These comments are arrogant, insensitive and offensive. Reese displays his arrogance by undercutting the years of study that have been done about this incarceration case and replacing it with his own conclusions, based upon his surface-

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MIS and Rose Innes

EAST WIND Bill Marutani



THE OTHER DAY, while rummaging through the upper shelves of my closet, out tumbled a copy of my government issue of Rose-Innes' Beginner's Dictionary of Chinese-Japanese Characters. Sometime before I left Ft. Snelling, it had been issued to me, and when I was discharged from the service, it was not turned in. At the back of the book, its edges distinctly yellowing, is the admonition stamped in full capitals: "Property of U.S." I don't know whether I'm in violation of some U.S. law, although I noted that ,for reasons I don't now recall, there is a scribbled notation that I sent \$100 to some A.P.O. address

Maybe I've paid for the book, although \$100, particularly back in those days, seems like a stiff tab. Even if it included a fine. Well, the government knows where to come get me. (Maybe it's wishful thinking, but I have a hunch that there may be a few other copies of Rose-Innes out there, their pages also turning yellow in someone's closet.)

THE ROSE-INNES dictionary is quite out of date, I find. In leafing through its pages, I came across some mezu-rashii (kanji) characters. So outdated are some of them that if one were to utilize them in communications to Nippon, or elsewhere, puzzlement would be engendered. A number of the kanji characters have extra strokes that were long ago dropped. (Take a look at "sen" as in sen-mon [specialty], in your MIS copy of Rose-Innes.) I happened to look up tan-jō (as in "tan-jōor birthday) and was surprised to read that "tan" is defined as "to be born; to deceive; arbitrariness; self-will. Uso lie.

On the other hand, however, when I hear some tell people their ages, maybe the Japanese might be using the appropriate *kanji*.

NOT BEING ASSURED by Rose-Innes' elaboration of "tan" as meaning uso. I proceeded to check it with my Kenkyusha (which was definitely paid for). Well, friends, the two are completely different kanji To begin with, the radicals to the left are different: one is kuchi-hen (the "mouth" radical) whereas the other is gom-ben ("speech" radical). In fact, in my Rose-Innes I could not find the uso character that I saw in Kenkyusha. The Rose-Innes is battered, its back glued together, some of the inside pages taped down, and the outside bound by heavy duty tape. But no pages appear to be mis-

UPON FINDING Rose Innes, I figured that the box of 500-cards of basic kanji must be somewhere. I hadn't seen it for decades. Moving a few things around and groping about, there it was. (Also government issue). The cards were numbered consecutively, obviously starting with the easiest character "ichi" for "one") and progressively growing more difficult to #500. Since the cards were not in sequence, I dumped them on the bed and Vicki and I began to sort them out in five piles of 100 each. Some of you out there also might look a bit more deeply in the closet: if you come across a stack of cards about the size of hana cards, that's it. These cards are quite handy tools for learning kanji: on one side is the character, and on the reverse side are the pronunciations, meaning and the compounds. The trick is to stop flipping them over for a peek. Which brings me to a basic problem.

I FIND THAT it's one thing to studiously review kanji and compounds; it's quite another thing to remember what they were a few days later. And even if one remembers, it's quite another thing to be able to string them together.

Frustrating.



'Xanadu' Xenophobe's Xanthous-Peril Playhouse



On a recent and brief Bay Area vacation, Shimi and Grace Shibata took us down the coast to visit the Hearst castle. As Californians are aware, this is the astonishingly lavish home and showplace on a hill looking out over the Pacific, about midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It was built by William Randolph Hearst, the publishing tycoon.

After Hearst's death in 1951, the heirs could find no way to support the castle and offered it to the state of California. It is now a tourist attraction, like a museum or a park, owned and operated by the state and, apparently, a money-maker. An impressive collection of motels has sprung up at San Simeon, a short distance from the castle, to accomodate visitors.

The state runs four separate tours of the estate. They are so popular that in summer it is necessary to buy tickets in advance and wait at the visitors' center for your bus to be called. There is little to do while waiting, so perhaps it was natural that I should be struck by the irony of my paying hard-earned money to view the opulence created by a publisher whose newspapers prospered by whipping up hate.

As early as 1905 the Hearst press warned of the danger Japan posed for the white man. A Hearst cartoon showed an evil-looking Japanese soldier casting a long shadow across the Pacific and over California. In a later time, Hearstling Damon Runyon was among the first nationally syndicated columnists to charge that enemy agents lurked among Japanese American aliens.

During the post-Evacuation period, when demagogues in Washington were leading the attack on Japanese Americans, Ray Richards, Washington correspondent for the Hearst papers, followed few rules of objectivity in reporting the politicians' allegations.

Years before all this, Hearst newspapers were held up in journalism schools as horrible examples of bias, unfairness and rabblerousing. William Randolph Hearst ruled his publishing empire with a press lord's arrogance. Editorials over his signature appeared occasionaly on page one of newspapers in his chain. It has been written that his editors regularly received from his headquarters instructions which began with the words, "The Chief says..."

Heart prospered in a time when newspapers had no competition from radio and television and income taxes were modest. He poured millions into the creation of his castle, furnishing it with art treasures purchased in Europe. He entertained the rich and famous like a feudal lord, and they came at his beck and call.

Today the Hearst empire is a far different creature. Hearst's newspapers, those that remain, have lost their arrogance. They have become respectable, and some of them are examples of fair and constructive journalism.

I have seen ancient castles in Europe and palaces in the Far East, and all are dark and dank in comparison to the one that Hearst built. I was amazed by the opulence of Hearst's San Simeon, but I would have appreciated it more if I had not known of the kind of newspapers that had created the fortune that went into its construction.

Letter Offers a 'Reasoned Response'

The following was submitted to the Los Angeles Times regarding Rep. Norman Shumway's (R-Calif.) opinion on the passage of redress legislation, which appeared in the paper's Sept. 16 issue. Copies have been sent to the Sacramento Bee and the Stockton Record.

By Jerry Enomoto

The "Opinion" — "Restitution for Internees: A Wasteful, Bad Precedent" by GOP Representative Norman Shumway demands another opinion. Although, as Mr. Shumway says, it is "suffused with emotion, rather than reason," it calls for a reasoned response.

I would preface that response by noting that Shumanway's "love of Japan, its people, its culture and even its language" has nothing to do with the need to redress a major violation of the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry. It does remind me of the inability of some to remember that we are Americans, not Japanese.

Adherence to the due process requirements of our Constitution, whose 200th birthday we celebrate, is not "newly refined thinking," as Shumway puts it. If the Constitution is to be respected and our integrity as a nation is to be affirmed, acknowledgement of the kind of injustice that occurred deserves compensation. Such compensation is a basic foundation of justice in our society.

The \$20,000 is a symbolic sum, determined by Congress to be reasonable payment. No one claims that it makes up for the property and as-

sets lost, emotional, physical and mental anguish suffered, years of productive life lost. Does any amount of money ever make up for limbs lost, sight lost, loved ones lost as the result of someone's negligence? Don't worry about my sensibilities, Mr. Shumway, I will not be insulted by the \$20,000.

The comment about providing compensation only to those who are still alive is a shallow point added to bolster his point of view. I lost my mother, who was interned, some years ago. She is not here to be "enriched," but I suspect that she would appreciate this symbolic compensation and would respect the justice inherent in it, for all of us. Shumway's words, "the purpose of the bill is to enrich the lives of some, rather than make amends to all," are insulting.

The congressman's assertion that the bill's enactment would be detrimental to Japanese Americans reminds me of those who claim that we were locked up to "protect us." With friends like that, we don't need enemies. If he is so concerned about our well being, I suggest he direct it toward efforts to deal with the "wave" of anti-Asian violence that is already here.

Contrary to Shumway's analysis, what we have before us is a bill that is indeed "highly charged with emotionalism." When Americans are deprived of their civil rights, it is indeed an emotional issue. It has a rational focus based upon an American tradition that justice delayed is better than no justice at all.

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The Mountainous Ordeal of Passing Redress

"Great things are done when men (women) and mountains meet; this is not done by jostling in the street."

(Parentheses are mine.)

—Wm. Blake Notebook

—Washington

On Sept. 17, on the floor of the House of Representatives a momentous and much-awaited vote on H.R. 442 took place. The redress bill passed with 243 ayes to 141 noes and 1 present vote. All of us who worked on redress were elated with the result of the years of disciplined work and commitment. Certain individuals have given an enormous amount of their personal time to raise funds and to lobby the legislators over the

long period. At the beginning of this first session of the 100th Congress, there was skepticism that the redress bills would pass in this Congress which is faced with a major budget problem. Still, the unfinished business had to be completed. A momentum had to be developed to overcome the skeptics. Individuals who never had participated in lobbying their legislators had to be convinced of their strength and important role. This is the appropriate year to focus on redress as a constitutional issue for all Americans, not just for Japanese Americans.

Thanks to the vision and boldness of both JACL and JACL-LEC, a decision was made at the June. 1985, board meeting, under the leadership of Min Yasui, to begin a full time lobbying effort based in Harry Kajihara Washington. launched the fund-raising drive to underwrite the lobbying program. The drive got off to a slow start during those summer months, but JACL-LEC decided to start with the \$50,000 we had in September. It was our feeling that once the lobbying and the development of an active network of grassroot lobbyists were established, the necessary funds would be forthcoming. This decision proved correct as the momentum to lobby Congress built up within our community

Washington Office Team

The Washington office of JACL-LEC was established on October 1, 1985. I began as acting director and, in February, was asked to become executive director. Colleen Darling was already in the Washington office, having worked for Ron Ikejiri and John Tateishi. Rochelle Wandzura was also in the Washington office as secretary-receptionist for JACL, working for Tim Gojio, Washington representative.

On June 1 of this year, Stephen Nishiura of Detroit, who graduated from Wesleyan University in 1986 and was working in Washington, came on staff as an intern.

On September 1. Rita Takahashi of Spokane joined the JACL-LEC staff as associate director. Takahashi, who has a Ph.D. in Social Work Administration from the University of Pittsburg, came from her teaching position at the University

of East Washington. She has taken on the responsibility of supervising staff assignments and preparing press releases.

The staff worked 12-hour days during the two week blitz. The work will not subside until the Senate bill is passed and the bill from conference goes to the President for his signature.

The 243 representatives who voted for the bill received personal letters of appreciation from JACL-LEC, the staff of Reps. Mineta, Matsui and Saiki, and 40 individuals and organizations who gave time and support to lobby with us. A special letter of thanks went to those representatives who took a major responsibility for moving H.R. 442, a bi-partisan group. We are sending the Pacific Citizen copies of a few of the "Dear Colleague" letters to show the extent of Democratic and Republican support.

The Blitz

The H.R. 442 blitz on the Hill was initiated after Congress returned from their August break on Sept. 8. In the meantime, thousands of letters were arriving in Washington from all over the country asking the legislators to support H.R. 442 and to vote for the bill as amended and reported by the Judiciary Committee.

At this point in time, the whirlwind of replies that the grassroots efforts had produced could no longer be acknowledged for the cam-

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Sansei to Intern With Arizona City



Lisa Takata

PHOENIX, Ariz-Lisa Takata of Visalia, Calif., has been selected for a one-year management internship with the City of Phoenix.

She will learn city management first hand as a staff assistant in the city manager's and city council offices on a three-month rotational basis; then, as a member of the management and budget department for six months, her duties will include researching city administrative and organizational problems, policies and practices, assisting citizens' committees and attending professional conferences.

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itary necessity" in support of both convictions in 1943, she said.

The Next Step

The case is now being sent back to the District Court with instructions to have the curfew conviction vacated and Hirabayashi's entire re-

So far the Justice Department has declined to comment on whether it will appeal the decision.

LEADERSHIP

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described any significant changes or progress made since the March leadership conference. Several participants made commitments to JACL for the coming year, motivated by the many leadership activities sponsored by the district, including the March conference, the L.A. Program on Public Affairs, the recent seminar and the upcoming Washington, D.C. Leadership program, sponsored by national JACL.

Commitments ranged from continuing on chapter boards and running for chapter president to running for the district board.

The day was marked by enthusiastic comments from the participants and remarks about the practical nature of the workshops. One chapter president remarked that he wished that he had had this information earlier in his term. A potential chapter president said that she felt much more confident about her decision to run for president after taking the sessions on chapter boards and effective meetings.

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RESPONSE

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Lastly. I know that attempts have been made Japanese American constituents in Shumway's district to seek his help in passing H.R.442. On at least one meeting, he declared that he was not opposed to monetary compensation. Yet, on September 17, he actively allied himself with Representative Lungren in an attempt to kill monetary payment through amendment. His recent written views clearly indicate his strong feelings and hostility toward the bill. His interaction with Japanese American constituents never revealed that.

As an internee and national chair of the Japanese American Citizens League's committee to help enact H.R.442, I resent Congressman Shumway's distorted and biased published views, and condemn his lack of candor. In the political arena, I hope that his Japanese American constituents remember this "friend's" actions.

It does apply practical standards. It is not counter-productive because, if anti-Japanese bias is aroused by enactment of this bill, it is further evidence that racist feelings exist that must be dealt with.

If enacting the bill is, as the congressman puts it, an attempt to "solve problems by throwing money at them...in typical congressional fashion," he displays an ignorance of the issues involved here, and indicts the very body of which he is a

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Yamada Receives Hiram Award

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Akira Yamada, member of Magnolia Lodge No. 242, has been named recipient of the lodge's highest honor, the Hiram Award. Yamada, also a member of the Santa Barbara chapter of JACL, was honored for his "untiring service to the lodge and the community.'

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paign reached a crescendo in August and early September. For the hardworking staff, it was exciting to see the level of lobbying at this critical point. We even received a few letters written in Japanese asking for sample letters and brochures.

The confirmation of position taken by the representatives were transferred to the computer scorecard daily and when the time to develop strategy and review the possible votes arrived, we were pleased that we could provide the information to the offices of Representatives Mineta, Matsui and Saiki. With the pertinent information on the scorecard, we prepared a priority list for each Nikkei member and we began to see more support for H.R. 442. This priority list was also sent to the district and chapter redress coordinators so that the focus would be on those where the response would be favorable.

The states we could not sufficiently cover were covered by our network of Redress Task Force members who took on their own outreach program through their newsletters and selective lists of active civil rights workers throughout the county. They knew the decision would be around the payment issue and their own in-house information letter addressed why there should be individual payment. The Redress Task Force was established under the umbrella of the Leadership Con-

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- Present-Oct. 16—Bunka Shodo Exhibition, 12 pm-5 pm, George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., 90012, closed Mondays. Free. Info: 213 628-2725..
- Present-Nov. 6—"Bijyutsu, Hogaku: Japanese," a group exhibition of Los Angeles contemporary artists, at the FHP Hippodrome Gallery. M-F, 10 am-4 pm, Tues. until 7 pm. Info: 213 432-
- 2-4—The 26th Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Association National Conference, LAX Marriott. Info: 213 327-9400.
- Oct. 3—"NCRR Luau," 6:30 pm, doors open; 7 pm, dinner; 8 pm, enter-tainment. At the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Featuring Robert Ito, host; "Sentimental Journey;" Charlie Laborte, comedian; Merv Maruyama, "Tsuma Koi Dochu;" Nobuko Miyamoto, performance artist; Scott Nagatani & Band; Jude Narita, performance artist and Mary Nomura, "Songbird of Manza-nar." Tickets: Adults, \$15 ea.; children, \$10 ea. Info: Meg Imamoto, 213 660-0366 or Alan Nishio, 213 498-5148.
- Oct. 4 & 10—"Senior Empowerment for the Asian Pacific Community." Of-fered by the Asian Human Care Center and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. The first forum (Oct. 4) is 1:30-

3:30 pm, Union Church, 401 E. 3rd St. and the second forum (Oct. 10), 7-9 pm, is at the E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Info: Yumi Tsukahira, 213 933-8537.

Pacifics and the Southern California Gas Company. Fee: \$85. Info: 213 381-5068.

- Oct. 8-"The Private Sector and the Asian Pacific Community," 8:30 pm-3 pm, L.A. Hilton, 930 Wilshire Blvd. Copm, L.A. Hilton, 930 Wilshire Blvd. Cosponsored by UCLA Extension, Leadership Education for Asian Oct. 10—Meet Sen. Spark Matsunaga at "Luau 87," sponsored by 'California Friends of Sparky. 5 pm—Social Hour; 6-7 pm—Dinner. Southeast Japanese Center, 14615 Gridley Rd., Norwalk. Donation: \$25 ea. Info: Larry Wong, 213 534-5937; Tats Sugino, 213 924-4301.
- Oct. 14—The Japanese American Republicans Dinner, "An Evening Honoring Japanese American Appointees by Gov. Deukmejian," 6:30-7 pm, Kawafuku Restaurant, 1636 W. Re-dondo Beach Blvd., Gardena. M.C.: George Takei. Guest Speaker: Clar-ence Pendleton. \$35 ea. Info: 213 427-

NEW YORK

■ Present-Oct.25—Sayonara, at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Wed.-Sun., 8 pm. Matinees: Thurs., 2 pm; Sat. & Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$16 to \$30, call 201 376-4343.

- Oct. 5-11—The Universal Jazz Coalitiion's 4th annual "Asian/Asian American Jazz & Cultural Festival," at the Jazz Center, 380 Lafayette St., in the Village. Info: 212 505-5660.
- Oct. 13-Nov. 7-Rosie's Cafe, the "prequel" to *Yellow Fever*, by the Pan Asian Repertory, Playhouse 46, St. Clement's, 423 W. 46th St. Box Office: 212 245-2660.

SAN DIEGO

■ Present-Nov. 8—"Black Sun: The Eyes of Four," San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park. Info: 619 232-7931.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

- Oct. 3—Annual Keiro Kai dinner, honoring seniors from the Japanese community who are 75 years or older. San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 4pm-6pm. Info: Kathy Higuchi, 408
- Oct. 3-4—"The Palo Alto Japanese Festival '87," 11 am-4:30 pm, Mitchell Park, East Meadow & Middlefield.

SEATTLE

Oct. 2-4-Second annual "Asian American Film Festival," U.W. Kane Hall. Tickets, info: International Examiner, 206 624-3925.

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ORDEAL

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ference on Civil Rights. The four cochairs are Ralph Neas, executive director of LCCR, David Brody, Washington director of ADL of B'nai B'rith, Wade Henderson, associate director of the Washington office of ACLU and myself.

The Democratic Whip Task Force and Mineta's aide, Carol Stroebel, and Matsui's aide, Ed Hatcher and the members of the Redress Task Force met on Friday and Tuesday before Sept. 17 for a strategy meeting to begin the count on the votes. The assignment was to call the representative's office to check out the commitment to vote for the bill and specifically to ask, "Will the representative oppose any amendment which eliminates or changes the individual payment of \$20,000 as stated in the bill from the Judiciary Committee?" With crunch time on such an enormous project, we had to call on volunteers from the Washington, D.C. chapter.

The same assignment was made to the district coordinators to increase the lobbying pressure. Tom Kometani, EDC coordinator, called back with the impressive support from New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

At least 12 "Dear Colleague" and "Dear Representative" letters were distributed or mailed on the Hill on the two days before the vote. Rochelle and Steve from our office worked with the Mineta office staff to cover the three House Office buildings.

This report will be concluded in the following week's column as there are individual stories which should be shared to explain how some of the interesting new votes appeared in support of H.R. 442.

At the same time, it would be remiss on my part to fail to report that we have time for any let-down. We have climbed one high mountain but there are others before us. Let us take them one at a time but we do want you to know that we are considering how we should get to the top of the others. Anyone having any ideas or who want to help with those hurdles should call us at the Washington Office, (202) 223-1240.

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JACL Chapter Pulse

ALAMEDA

 Senior Citizens' Appreciation Dinner, Oct. 8, 5 pm, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, RSVP. Info: JACL, 2311 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, CA

CHICAGO

· New Horizons Singles Club's "Lake Geneva Luncheon Cruise," Oct. 10. Meet at the JASC parking lot 8 am for roundtrip bus ride to Lake Geneva. Approx. return time — 3 pm. Fee: \$24.50 ea. by Sept. 24. Mail to Jim Murata, 570 N. East River Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

CLEVELAND

• Midwest District Council Fall Meeting, hosted by Cleveland JACL, Oct. 16, 17 and 18, at the Hollenden House Hotel, 610 Superior Avenue. Registration: \$20. Hotel rates, reservation info, etc.: Henry Tanaka, 216 229-2491 or Suzi Nakashige, H/216 842-0443 or W/216 771-4444.

OUTRAGED

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level knowledge and faulty assump-

Columnist's View 'Obscene'

Reese's comments are also insensitive, as he ignores the experiences people suffered through, as a result of their own government's policies. Instead, he links this experience to American military personnel that was killed and injured during World War II. Again, he is insensitive to the fact that incarcerated persons were neither military personnel, nor enemy subjects. They were U.S. citizens and resident civilians that were incarcerated by their own government-the U.S. Government. [Note: The issue Reese raises, in regard to the compensation to military personnel and families, is another issue to reckon with-but not one to get confused with this incarceration issue.]

 Second annual Car Rallye, Sun., Oct. 11, 3 pm, begins from Mercury Savings Parking lot, 2920 Sepulveda Blvd. Entry: \$15/car of two, additional \$5/person. Info: Paul Sumi, eve./213 207-2030.

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AAJA

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and Asra Nomani, as well as other scholarships to Elizabeth Aoki, Linda Chong, Wey-Wey Kwok, Peggy Lee and Andrea Louie. A special \$1,500 scholarship from KCBS-TV was awarded to Craig Kawamoto for broadcasting.

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