Nikkei Group Honors Frank for Redress Efforts

By Laurie Mochida

LOS ANGELES — According to the two California congressmen, passage of the Japanese American redress bill through the U.S. House of Representatives could hardly have taken place without the help of the Japanese congressman from Massachusetts.


Frank, who chairs the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, said he was to get the bill out "as Frank with the assistance of the subcommittee chairman," Rep. George Ozawa, JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara, JACL National President Harry C. Kapphan, Rep. Frank, Co-Chair, Mr. Kapphan, Kawahara, Rep. Robert Matsui and Master of Ceremonies George Takei. Frank holds the award presented by JACL.

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Many friends voiced their thanks for Frank’s support before the redress legislation that passed the House in midnight of Feb. 1, 1987. They included his father, Mr. Kapphan and Cora, his mother, as well as Rep. Robert Matsui, his co-chair, Mr. Kapphan, Kawahara, Rep. Robert Matsui and Master of Ceremonies George Takei.

A number of nations in the world now and historically have used war and the threat of war as an excuse to abrogate people’s rights, Frank reminded his audience, "You have given this country a chance to do a very important thing. It doesn’t wipe out the memory but... it gives people of the world an example of how to behave.

Walter-McCarran Act of 1952

Another issue which concerns Frank is a provision of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952. The act had been supported by the JACL, because it removed the racial bars to immigration previously denied Japanese immigrants. However, it was severely criticized for, among other reasons, its immigration quotas, which were later amended. Today, the act still plays its role for its provision which allows the U.S. government to exclude any aliens it feels might "engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest, or endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States."

Noting that this law has been used against political figures who pose no threat to national security, Frank has already introduced an amendment to deny entry only to individuals with clearly criminal intentions.

Possible Vote in February

Those who appeared at the reception to present Frank with numerous resolutions and recognitions were California State Senator Art Torres, Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Molina, Garden Grove City Councilman Mas Fukai, Torrance City Councilman George Nakano, and JACL National President Harry Kapphan.

Also honoring the congressmen were representatives from the offices of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo, California Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, Congressman Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), California Assemblyman Richard Floyd and California State Senator Ralph Dills.

Another event, which was ennobled by Actor George Takei, was sponsored by the Southern California Friends for Redress. This group includes the JACL-LEC, JWSWDC/JACL, National Coalition Against Redress Reparations, the Japanese American Democrat Club of Los Angeles and the Marcum Committee.

Cooter slips, Kills Asian Man

NEW YORK — The family of Vuthikul Thiamvong, who was shot to death by a transit officer, has retained an attorney to investigate the exact circumstances of the killing. Thiamvong was a JFK, of Fung Chun Ng, 41, a fifteen-year-old resident of the U.S. from Thailand, was 442, times after apparently attacking transit officer Nelson Bronereo with a knife shortly before 8 a.m. on Dec. 12, 1987.

According to the family’s attorney, Eric Poole, “We have been forced to hire our own pathologist and private investigator in order to determine the truth that be known.”

Cookey Gookey, the manager of Ozar Hatorah, an organization of 30 Jews living in France, announced Feb. 1 in Los Angeles that an organization that aids Jews from North Africa. Responding to these charges, Inouye said, “I was disappointed, hurt and angered by the accusation that I had supported the earmarking because of a $1,000 contribution to my reelection campaign. Never before have I been accused of taking 10 pieces of silver.”

Inouye also answered critics who accused him of “sneaking” the appropriation on the stopping funding bill, saying, “I did not sneak a pet project of a campaign contributor into the bill. I do not behave that way... I was not aware of any opposition from unnamed State Department refugee officials. Only after the president signed the bill into law did I become aware—under a cloak of secrecy—begin to make their spurious charges.”
WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has announced and enhance educational opportunity and Secondary Education Initiative for native Hawaiian children U.S. Senate as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Improvements Act of 1987. In addition, the unique problems of native Hawaiian children, included in Title X of the education legislation designed to protect the American continent. Although the American system of education is one of the most diverse and inclusive systems, it is not without its problems. Native Hawaiian children face unique challenges, including limited educational opportunity, cultural disconnects, and language barriers. Matsunaga has introduced legislation to address these issues, including funding for family-based early education programs, gifted and talented programs, and increased support for Native Hawaiian language immersion schools. For more information, contact Tsuyako Kitishima at (415) 952-1524.

Physician Honored for 48-Year Career

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Sakaye Shigekawa’s 48 years as a general practice physician, including more than 10,000 successful deliveries, were honored Jan. 6 at her 75th birthday party hosted by the board of directors and staff of Queen of Angels Clinic and Family Care Center. Joining physicians and other mid-Wilshire medical specialists attending the celebration were admiring patients, including two-generation families of mothers delivered by Dr. Shigekawa, who came with their children who were delivered by the doctor.

Dr. Shigekawa, or "Dr. Shiggy," as she is affectionately known, received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California and her medical degree from Loyola University’s School of Medicine in Chicago. She returned to Los Angeles to begin her medical practice, but was interned at the Santa Anita Assembly Center during the War. In the few months she remained there, the center, Dr. Shigekawa delivered the babies at the camp. Appealing her transfer to a permanent internment camp, Dr. Shigekawa wanted to volunteer as a military physician. But she could not fulfill the height requirement of five feet or the weight requirements.

Physician Shigekawa was also awarded the Moving to or In Reaching a Destination, the Doctor of the Year award. Contact the Southern Nevada Bank, 500 Sunnyvale, Sunrise, Red Rock, Las Vegas, NV 89119, 702-790-9000.
WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif) announced Jan. 25 that he will be sponsoring a small business conference in cooperation with the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. The day-long workshop will be designed to help area entrepreneurs expand their businesses. The conference will be held on Feb. 19 at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1100 14th Street. Workshops and panel discussions will run from 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. in the Convention Center’s Yolo and Solano rooms.

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In addition, the conference will feature a special workshop on how small businesses can increase trade with foreign countries. Businesses and trade experts from Canada, Japan, Taiwan and other countries will discuss their nation’s trade policies. Other featured speakers will include federal and state officials who will discuss the practical mechanics of securing approval to engage in business with foreign markets as well as the advantages of special incentive programs.

"U.S. trade may be on the upswing, but small businesses are still very reluctant to expand their markets abroad," Matsui said. "The opportunities are there for many area manufacturers. All we need to do is get the information out. That’s what this conference is all about."

For more information about the conference, contact Matsui’s Sacramento office at (916) 351-2846 or in Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-7165.

**New Consul General** — Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) and members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors welcomed new Consul General of Japan Hirokoto Seki to Los Angeles on Jan. 6. (l-r) Michael Antonovich, Deane Dana, Hahn, Seki and Pete Schabarum. Seki replaced Taizo Watanabe who is now in Washington.

**Physician**

Dr. Shigekawa still maintains regular hours at her offices at Artmore and Santa Monica Blvd. She reports that the high cost of medical insurance has forced her to give up delivering babies, but her nonsurgical practice continues.

She volunteers as a member of the Physician’s Advisory Council of the Queen of Angels Clinic and Family Care Center. With two other volunteer physicians, Dr. Shigekawa reviews medical, material and surgical charts, providing quality assurance of the care provided by the Center.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GEN. MGR. OPERATIONS: 1987: Good News Again

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Why Inouye?

Each year the Association of Asian Pacific Americans (AAPA) Media Awards recognizes feature films and episodic television for work that enriches the image of and realistic images of the Asian/Pacific in the media, and for providing equal employment opportunities for the Asian artist in front of and behind the camera. Despite bright spots, Hollywood has done a poor job of portraying Asian Americans on television and in film. Politically, AAPA's Media Awards are helpcounter the trend.

In 1988 Lifetime Achievement Award A man for his "impact as a powerful and influential role model for his people's choice Sen. Daniel K. Inouye. Daniel K. Inouye is a great role­model, hero alone verifies this. His leadership in the Senate furthers his American Impress to present with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

There are, however, a few people for whom the award might bere more appropriate. James Shigeta made a number of films in the late 60's and early 70's, but there are far better candidates for this year's award than a man who never dared to negative stereotypes. His job puts him in the spotlight, but he isn't an enter­preneur; he is covered by the media, who often reduce acting to their primordial survival behavior. This is war, the author of this book believes. The question that came up in the minds of many Japanese American soldiers was, "How will we realize what sacrifices the soldip.rs are called upon to make. Both will understand the horrors of war, and its debasing of human values."

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN BOOKSHELF:

Japanese American Soldiers

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The original script of this book appeared as a series of eight articles in the leading Japanese monthly magazine Bunsetsu in 1988. The translation into English by Shubert Library editor Peter Dunn of Oxford University Press Masayo Uyeda is an author with acute sensitivity and knowledge of Japanese American culture. Her research is extensive. Her descriptions are eloquent.

Born during World War II, she studied in Japan and has researched the Japanese American soldiers' stories since 1948. With intimate knowledge of Japanese Americans, she has been able to effectively convey the significance of their experience to the people of Japan.

The book begins with the formation of the Japanese American unit in Hawaii who are later joined by volunteers and drafted from the mainland detention camps. The clash between the Hawaiians and the mainlanders in training is both amusing and revealing about their differences.

In 1949, in front of the United States and Canadian consular officials have many opportunities to meet and get to know Japanese American officials. With the exception of Anchorage, Seattle, Portland, Honolulu, Kansai City, New Orleans, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and New York—because there are very few Japanese Americans. Sometimes one may wonder why Japanese American officials are interested in meeting others. By meeting a wide cross-section of Japanese American officials, one can develop a better understanding of the differences and similarities between the two cultures.
The Jealous Society

By Saburo Kawamoto
Film critic: Minoru Hayashi

Japan's tightly knitted self-contained society stresses conformity and group norms. People who stand out from the crowd are regarded with a mixture of suspicion and envy. Today, many Japanese youngsters are returning home after prolonged stays abroad to find that they no longer fit in; their "un-Japanese" attitudes make them strangers in their own land.

That was the theme of "Belonging," a drama aired recently by the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NIKKAN), a public service network. A Japanese teenager, Tomoya Yano, returns from Florida, where his father, an employee of a large trading company, is assigned. When Tomoya enters the eighth grade, he is bullied continually for being "different." Unable to readjust, he eventually returns to the United States.

"Belonging" is a heartrending introduction to this society. Bullying, of course, is not confined to teenagers. Children have often been harassed by classmate for minor manifestations of individuality. But when a young Japanese is tormented so badly by the prejudice he finds in another country, things go too far.

The story opens with Tomoya's return from Florida, seven years away. His parents are still in Florida and he lives with a grandmother. Tomoya is preparing for the entrance examination to a good high school, the key step to a prestigious college. We brag about our pluralistic values and cosmopolitan society, yet we fail to realize what we preach in our daily lives.

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- 10—The Japan Information Service of the Japanese Consulate in 
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- 12—"Living Silent", an event sponsored by the 
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NOT FORGOTTEN—Late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington stands with former JACL President Paul Igasaki and Board Member Joy Yamasaki in a photo taken at the 1984 Chicago Chapter Inaugural.

Remembering Harold
By Paul Igasaki

On Nov. 25, 1987, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington died of a heart attack, just a few days before his 60th birthday.

Harold Washington was my boss. He was the first mayor of Chicago to afford a JACL the kind of attention and programming. He hired me as his liaison to the Asian community. He hired Joy Yamasaki (Chicago Chapter Board member) in his Community Relations program. He worked with Art Morimura on Veterans Affairs and on the needs of the aged. He did so much for us because he hated prejudice to the extent that he had committed his life to opening doors to Asian Americans.

But that is not why I will miss Harold the most. He was one of the most innocent, human beings that I have ever known. He loved people, especially children and the elderly. He remembered a verybrief encounter he had with my grandmother months after it occurred at a JACL dinner. But Harold was nobody's pushover. When somebody was doing something wrong, Harold was like an avenging angel.

A Sense of Pride
As a minority male, I feel that too often I have been afraid to speak out or be aggressive. As a lawyer, I have had to get over that. But even now, when I prepare to advocate for our community or for some other interest, I am nervous and concerned that there are no flaws in anything I am about to assert. Being with Harold, watching him stand up to those that were willing to grind all the work of the city to a halt to slow the work of the city's first Black mayor, I felt a sense of pride. One should never be afraid to stand up for what we think is right. Harold made me proud. He helped me become stronger in my sense of my own self-esteem. One is not a bad person for fighting for justice, only in running from that fight. If Harold Washington touched me in this way, a middle-class Japanese-American raised in the suburbs, I wonder how he touched the poor, Black youth of the inner-city. When everything around you smells of hopelessness, when all you see in the future are unemployed, uneducated, broke adults, how does one avoid thinking there is no future that is what you deserve?

Harold Washington provided an alternative. The future need not be drug addiction, poverty, and abasement. It could be pride, courage, and honor. He wouldn't put up with injustice, he would not accept that we were powerless to build a fairer, more secure society.

A Complex Man

Harold was Chicagost. I was at a reception he put on for the city's veterans the night before he died. He was joking with everyone there, full of life and his love for people. I have seen the warmth in his eyes and his smile when he met a child, and the respect and affection he felt for senior citizens. But I was also with him when he angrily challenged those that would stand in the way of progress he felt so deeply needed and reform. I'm glad I was on his side. Like our city, our mayor was a complex man, with a tough-as-nails approach to politics; but the most profound sense of human tenderness and heartunderneath.

We'll miss you, Harold. But we'll carry on. I only know you'd want that way.
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week, namely celebrating diversity and increasing awareness of the his­
tory and politics of Asian Pacific Americans.
"I Told You So" was a collage of imagery, poetry and music about the poet's home in the San Francisco Bay Area. The song "Spindles" documented the fight against employment discrimination in the building trades while the song "Spindles" highlighted the courage and resilience of those who stood up against prejudice and discrimination.

LA CHINATOWN CONSTRUCTION—Construction is beginning for Bamboo Plaza, a $9.5 million parking and retail center at 989 N. Hill St. in the heart of Chinatown. The facility, a joint venture of the Community Redevelopment Agency and Fanimation Limited, will provide a much-needed, accessible public parking garage built atop a 2-level retail center featuring a variety of shops and restaurants accessible from the sidewalk or through the center court. The community parking facility, funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency, will help ease traffic by providing urgently needed, affordable parking in the heart of Chinatown. Completion is expected in fall of 1988.

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Tananaka outlined several aspects of the organization, ranging from the kind of profile the organization might assume in the future to six current issues which he felt had serious and far-reaching implica­
"Tanaka stated that four of the is­
s were drawing and not timely for an organization which needs to reeducate itself to become truly a human and civil rights organization, consistent with its mission state­
ment: monitor civil rights legisla­
tion, protect the rights of minority groups and participate in activities which help educate the public at large.
"Tanaka offered these thoughts: It is the Washington, D.C. Office. The office has a current budget of $175,000, exactly $40,000 is sup­ported by JACL funds ... if we wish to continue to have a strong pre­

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$50,000 GRANT TO JCCCC—Moira Sheik So, executive director of the mayor's office of Community Development presented a $50,000 grant to JCCCC chairman of the Board Nobukake Fukuishi. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently approved a recommendation by the mayor's office. The funds will complete plans for the establish­ment of the multipurpose center, which includes a community hall/gym.

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enemies, to his American friend.
"Belonging" portrayed these chil­
dered Tomoya to keep a low profile. The brightest students are often sub­
jected to the worst forms of psycho­
logical and physical harassment. The old adage, "The nail that sticks out gets hammered down," still applies.
Many gifted children are forced to lead a double life, hiding their creative spark under a conformist demeanor. This stunts personal growth and deprives society of origi­
nal talent. We secretly envy those who are smarter or better than ourselves. Group pressures, including physical violence, are used to bring them down a peg.
Tomoya's English teacher, whose pronunciation is clearly inferior, notes him. A female classmate who also lived abroad urges Tomoya to hide his ability and emulate others.
Tomoya is tormented relentlessly by this knowledge. Just once he cries out, "I hate the Japanese. They don't play fair." His anger and frustr­

Topaz Holding First All-Camp Reunion
SAN FRANCISCO — The first all­Topaz, Utah, War Relocation Au­thority (WRA) camp reunion will be held Sept. 16-18 at the Holiday Inn, located at the San Francisco airport. All former residents, employees and administrators of the camp are in­
ited to attend.
Officially called the Central Utah Reunion Center, Topaz, with a population of 3,000, was one of the ten detention centers established by the WRA during World War II. The camp housed some 110,000 Japanese Amer­icans who were uprooted from their homes on the West Coast during WW2. Topaz was in use from August 1942 until November of 1945. Named for the Topaz Mountain nearby, this wartime desert town, bordered by a barbed wire fence, was ironically referred to as the "Jewel of the desert."
The majority of the persons in­
carcerated at Topaz were initially from the San Francisco Bay Area. Later, evacuees from the Tule Lake Center, originally designed as a de­tention facility for Japanese Amer­icans in Oregon and Washington, were transferred there as well as a limited number of persons from Hawaii.
Because the roster for the mailing list is incomplete, former Topaz in­
terns who wish to receive informa­tion about the reunion should send in their own names and ad­
dresses and those of family mem­bers, neighbors and friends who were also interned in Topaz.
Army Intelligence Relied on Nisei

By Shigeki Kihara

MONTREAL, Calif.

In the summer of 1941, with a global Crisis that was deepening due to the situa­tion of Japanese Americans, so young and without organization and leadership, was uncertain and precarious. They had no economic base. No political party counte voted their views. They were a non entity in the power structure of America and Japan. The threat of internment and discrimination, they were less than sec­ond class citizens. It was a time when even in the ideological conflict that was tearing apart the southern Pacific coast, democracy was being challenged and eroded.

The only thing going for them was a small group of intelligence specialists in the military intelligence division of the General Staff of the War Depart­ment, frantically planning for an almost inevitable war between America and Japan as news from Europe and Asia was coming in. This group was the brainchild of the Japanese language program that had been in place since the 1920s.

(End Note: By January 1941, military in­telligence on foreign nations focused almost exclusively on Japan. "Mimi" decoding and translation became a obsession for many, but the latter was the worst for lack of experts To make matters worse, the messages were in Roman — subject to a multitude of cancellations. Diplomatic language also required highly qualified interpreters because of phonology. (At Dawn We Sing, Prange, p. 64).

STUDYING HARD—MISLS students "crack the books" during WWII. Mastery of the Japanese language was an arduous but necessary task.

Col. Clyde Durenberry of the John F. Kennedy, Wallingford, Moore, Moses Pettigrew, Butterfield (a 1914 West Point graduate who headed the Army's Far Eastern director of mil­itary intelligence in the late 1930s and through the 40s) and Clouseau Headquar­ters were convinced that Japanese Amer­i cans were loyal to America, but more than anything, they believed that the language was the key to understanding the Japa­nese military. There is no denying that language and culture are the key to understanding any nation.

The group, known as the MISLS (Masters of the Japanese Language at Stanford) were organized by Lt. Col. John Hayamizu, president of the 100th Infantry Battalion. The MISLS were responsible for training the Nisei officers and men to read and write Japanese. The MISLS were divided into two groups: the MISLS at Stanford and the MISLS at the University of California.

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