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ALL SMILES—JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara and JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto enjoy a moment of levity during the JACL-LEC Board meeting held Feb. 12 at JACL Headquarters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mineta, Matsunaga, Show Films in Congress

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) scheduled the broadcast of filmmaker Loni Ding's *Nisei Soldier* and *Color of Honor* to all members of the House and Senate, via Congress' internal television network, on the 9th and 11th of February.

Heyman Apologizes for Insensitivity

SACRAMENTO — University of California, Berkeley, Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman publicly apologized Jan. 26 for insensitivity to Asians who questioned university admissions policies. "I wish I had been more sensitive to these problems than I was," Heyman is quoted as saying to the Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education, which has been looking into allegations that the University of California has been holding down its admission of Asian students. "Because anxieties could have been alleviated, I apologize for this." UC President David Gardner, however, was not present at the hearing. According to Lillian Sing, a member of the Asian American Task Force, Gardner had said that he was "aghast" at the high number of Asian students attending UC campuses.

Tokunaga Permitted to Hire New Attorney

LOS ANGELES — Melvin R. Tokunaga, the former deputy director of the Los Angeles school district's operations branch, has been permitted to hire new attorney Michael Zimbart. Tokunaga is charged with two counts each of grand theft, embezzlement by a public or private officer and conspiracy. He also faces special allegations for allegedly masterminding schemes to steal funds and property worth more than \$200,000 from the school district between October 1983 and December 1986. Deputy District Attorney Herbert Lapin has accused him of "playing games with the court" by making the last-minute request for an attorney. Lapin felt Tokunaga was making a delay tactic, as Municipal Court Judge Mel R. Recana granted to reschedule the hearing.

Fliers Urge Anti-Asian Sentiments

NEW YORK — The Coalition Against Anti-Asian Violence reports that, three months ago, 700,000 fliers warning residents of a "complete takeover" by Chinese and Koreans were distributed to households in South Brooklyn, Bensonhurst, Gravesend, Sheepshead Bay and Borough Park. Despite evidence of a discriminatory boycott, a series of window-smashings in two realty agencies and other incidents of harassment against Asian residents, all specifically encouraged by the fliers, the New York City Police Department has terminated its investigation for the fliers' authors. The coalition has been holding meetings in response to the fliers.

'Emperor' Shown Uncut in Japan

TOKYO, Japan — *The Last Emperor*, which recently won several Golden Globe awards, was reportedly to be shown in Japan minus 3½ minutes of footage of Japanese soldiers involved in the 1937 "rape of Nanking." The cuts of newsreel footage were requested by Japanese distributors of the film. Amid misunderstanding and controversy that cuts were then made without director Bernardo Bertolucci's permission, the film was shown Jan. 23 intact.

LEC Board: Redress 'Looks Good'

By George Johnston

SAN FRANCISCO — Good weather and good news greeted members of the JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC) Board of Directors. The fair weather experienced at the Feb. 12 meeting—sunny, no clouds and unseasonably warm temperatures—could be a cautious harbinger for the future success of redress legislation. "You have to be very careful when you make statements like this," said LEC Legislative Strategy Chair Grant Ujifusa, "but I think it looks pretty good."

"The Senate looks very good," Ujifusa continued. "I think the administration is going to be okay. We're probably inside the 20 yard line if you want to think about it in football terms... but life is uncertain and we could fumble or be intercepted at any point. But, we're getting there."

Redress Foes

One of the potential causes of a "fumble" or "interception" could come from redress opponents (see related article by JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto on page 5). According to JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara, there is an or-

ganized anti-redress media campaign intent on discrediting Japanese American redress efforts.

The campaign, which Uyehara called "distortions," includes mailouts sent to U.S. senators and representatives and is apparently encouraged on whenever there is mass media attention on redress progress.

Meanwhile, in a letter distributed to the 100 members of the Senate, JACL-LEC members Uyehara, Enomoto and Ujifusa reemphasized the importance of the redress legislation. A letter on behalf of Nisei veterans signed by Mike Masaoka has been mailed out, as have letters in favor of redress from civil rights and religious coalitions.

Republican Nikkei Vital

According to Ujifusa, the most important people for redress in the Nikkei community are "Republican and conservative Nikkei" since they are able to counteract the perception that the redress movement is controlled the "radical Asian left." Republican Nikkei should, according to Ujifusa, "Work through personal contacts and the state party structure to make their feelings

known."

In addition to noting the importance of Republican Nikkei, discussion also touched upon the upcoming JACL National Convention in Seattle and the possibility of a recognition of principle movers of redress legislation or a separate event in Washington, D.C., both dependent upon the successful passage of redress. The objective of such an event would be to recognize not only the persons in Congress who helped in redress, but the "behind the scenes" people as well.

Motions

Cherry Kinoshita, who was recommended by the JACL National Board, was unanimously approved as a JACL-LEC Board member following a motion by Mollie Fujioka, which was seconded by Mae Takahashi. Jim Tsujimura moved that JACL-LEC officers be retained; it was seconded by Peggy Liggett and approved unanimously. Mae Takahashi was reappointed as JACL-LEC fundraising chair following a motion by Gene Takamine, seconded by Jerry Enomoto. Mae Takahashi moved that a committee con-

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Budget Tops List of Concerns at Board Meeting

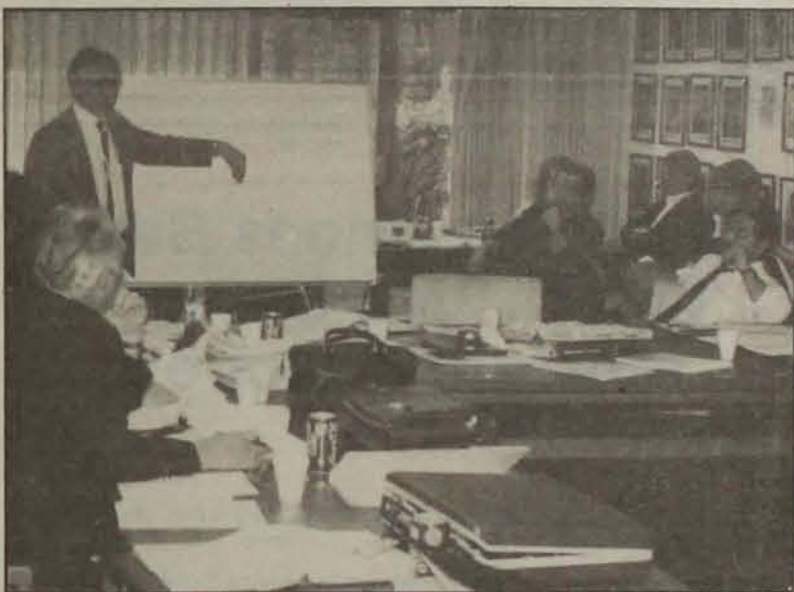
By Laurie Mochidome

SAN FRANCISCO — Supposedly, the meeting of the JACL National Board and staff, held Feb. 13-14 at national headquarters, was to result in recommendations from the board to the national secretary-treasurer on how to avoid the upcoming deficit of JACL's budget. Following a plan initiated by Pacific Southwest District Governor J.D. Hokoyama, however, the board decided to postpone its discussion until further information was provided.

According to National Secretary-Treasurer Alan Nishi, without a membership dues increase or a cutback in some facet of JACL operations, there would be a budgetary deficit of \$65,000 in 1989 and \$111,000 in 1990. Nishi attributed the deficit to production costs of the Pacific Citizen, increased costs in the Washington, D.C. office—because of a \$20,000 allocation toward a Washington representative—and normal increases in JACL general operations.

When Nishi requested input from the district governors, regarding the membership's budgetary concerns and what sort of changes it would tolerate, board members could not reach agreement on either of the two most commonly cited options of increasing membership dues or decreasing the number of Pacific Citizen issues produced during the year.

Denny Yasuhara, Pacific Northwest district governor, charged that a cutback of P.C. issues was logical, given the fact that he had received no complaints from his district when the paper was cut by 5 issues in 1987. However, Bill Marutani, vice president of planning and development, supported an increase of membership dues, saying that for



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BUDGET CRUNCH—JACL National President Harry Kajihara uses a visual aid to illustrate JACL budget condition Feb. 13 as JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi and other board members look on.

most members the newspaper is the only "link they have with JACL."

J.D.'s Proposal

Hokoyama finally suggested that the board study what the budget would be given a \$1 to \$3 membership dues increase before making its recommendations. In addition, he requested that further detail be provided on budgeted expenses, such as the \$10,000 proposed for national awards in 1990. If the district governors received these reports early enough, said Hokoyama, each could discuss the information with his or her chapters before the next board meeting in May. This would allow the membership to understand the situation and have some input on the eventual decision. Approving of the plan, Nishi agreed to send out a report by the end of February.

Significant Board Decisions

Significant board motions approved over the weekend include an increase from \$10 to \$25 of annual chapter dues to national headquarters, final adoption of the personnel manual and the official closing of the Min Yasui Memorial Fund

drive, as well as the subsequent establishment of a committee to allocate the drive's remaining funds. Appointed to this committee were Shig Wakamatsu, Terrence Yamada, Homer Yasui, Holly Yasui, Chiye Tomihiro and Bob Sakaguchi.

Also discussed were JACL membership recruitment and financial development. In addition, several motions were carried that involve credential and nomination guidelines to be submitted to the national council regarding JACL constitutional bylaws.

Credential and Nomination Guidelines

One of the more significant motions establishes a deadline date of 60 days prior to the first business session of the national council for the submission of a delegate, alternate names and proxy designation, as well as district and national dues.

Another approved motion, which limits a delegate to holding no more than 3 proxies, prevents a repeat of the controversy which overshadowed the JACL convention in 1986. During this convention's pres-

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BOARD MEETING

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idential election, one delegate held five proxies, swinging the presidential election in favor of a nominee.

Lastly, for consideration to the constitution, it was decided that only two candidates from each district could be considered for national board nominations by the national council.

JACLers in Attendance

Those present at the two-day meeting, chaired by National President Harry Kajiura, included Bill Marutani and Alan Nishi; Yosh Nakashima, vice president of operations; Cherry Kinoshita, national vice president of public affairs; Ron Wakabayashi, national director;

Gene Takamine, national legal counsel; Grayce Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive director; Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC legislative strategies chair; Ruth Mizobe, Youth Council representative; and Diane Kato, Youth Council chair.

District governors in attendance included Denny Yasuhara and J.D. Hokoyama; Hid Hasegawa—Intermountain; Steve Hasegawa—Mountain Plains; John Hayashi—Midwest; Molly Fujioka—Northern California Western Nevada Pacific; Mae Takahashi—Central California; and Tom Kometani—Eastern.

—Alan Nishi, Patty Paganini, Carole Hayashino and Harry Honda contributed to this article.

Matsunaga May Be Challenged by Senate Republicans

HONOLULU — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) may be challenged in his re-election bid this year by U.S. Senate Republicans who are willing to spend a six-figure sum to unseat him, says an article run in the Jan. 20 issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

According to the report, Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.), chair of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, said his committee does not consider the Democrat unbeatable and that the GOP expects to challenge each contested race in its fight to regain majority control of the Senate.

In the *Advertiser* article, politics editor Jerry Burris writes that the attention given to Matsunaga's race in Hawaii shows a recognizable change in position for Senate Republicans who have been treating the 2-term senator as unbeatable.

"This state could be in transition," Boschwitz told Burris. Boschwitz, who was elected in 1978, also noted that the state has already elected Republican congresswoman Pat

Saiki and Republican mayor Frank Fasi. In addition, he noted that it has gone Republican in presidential elections and challenged strongly with D.G. Anderson in the last gubernatorial race.

"Look, Minnesota is a very Democratic state and now we have two Republican senators," Boschwitz is quoted as saying. "If we have a good strong candidate, we could win."

In the interview, the Minnesota senator said that if a strong front-runner emerged, his committee would be willing to get involved, even at the primary election level. He also said that by law the Republican committee can provide up to about \$140,000 in cash and assistance to a candidate.

Boschwitz did not say who looked likely to endorse as a candidate, but did mention a list of names, which included Lawyer Jerry Jossem; Councilman David Kahanu; former senatorial candidate Frank Hutchinson Anderson and frequent candidate Maria Hustace.

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CJAA Offering Scholarships to JA Students

BERKELEY, Calif. — Applications are now being accepted at the nine University of California campuses for the 1988-89 California Japanese Alumni Association Scholarships (CJAAS) totaling \$15,000. The deadline for submission to the Office of Financial Aid at the local campus is March 10, 1988. Application forms are available there.

For eligibility, a student must be a continuing or returning undergraduate or graduate American citizen of Japanese ancestry. For this academic year, awards will go to those in liberal arts, education and social service. In succeeding years, other fields of endeavors will be covered to complete a three-year cycle. In addition to academic accomplishments, community service will be given great weight.

Since its inception four years ago, the CJAA Scholarship program has distributed \$58,000 to 38 students. Additionally the CJAA contributed \$10,000 to the Cal Alumni Foundation, which provides annual scholarships to students of Japanese ancestry at Berkeley. The 1987-88 winner was Elizabeth Aoki, an English/Mass Communications major from Sacramento.

Serving as co-chair of the CJAA Scholarship Committee are Mo Noguchi and George Yasukochi. Campus liaisons are Tak Shishino of Los Angeles, Tug Tamaru of Irvine, Thomas Sonoda of San Diego, Masato Okamoto of Santa Barbara and Gene Inouye of Riverside.

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Mitoma to Seek Re-election

CARSON, Calif. — City Councilman Michael I. Mitoma recently announced his intention to seek re-election to the council seat he won last year, and he pledged to continue on a course of fiscal responsibility and openness in city government.

"Over the past year, we've made some real improvements in the way our city government functions," said Mitoma, "but there's still a lot of work to be done."

"As a councilmember, my immediate future goals are to see that we channel more funds into vital city services, like police protection, infrastructure repair and other public works projects, and less into government administration and overhead."

Among his accomplishments since becoming councilman, Mitoma has played a major part in beefing up police protection citywide, reorganizing and trimming the city hall bureaucracy, and reducing the city's budget. Mitoma said the city council should continue to develop management



Michael Mitoma

policies which guarantee that the level of service for the city's parks, recreation and senior programs are maintained, and that additional funds are made available for graffiti abatement, police protection and public works projects.

Mitoma said he will soon announce the grand opening and open house of his campaign headquarters.

P.C. in Microfilm

Copies of the Pacific Citizen in microfilm are available. While the first reel features scattered prewar monthly issues from Vol. 1, No. 1 (dated Oct. 15, 1929) through March 1942 (the eve of Evacuation), plus the entire run of weekly issues of 1942 from June through December, the remaining years are contained in 25 reels. This 26-reel set is available at \$840.

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'Guest Workers' Aren't Welcome

By Kanji Nishio

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Sankei Shimbun

Some Japanese business leaders want the government to relax immigration controls and allow foreign workers into this country. Opinion makers have joined the chorus calling for a liberalized labor policy. But Japan should not repeat Europe's mistakes: There is no place for unskilled immigrants in this society.

Illegal aliens increased six fold during the first half of 1987, compared with the same period in 1982. Mainly from Southeast Asia, the women work as bar hostesses or prostitutes, and the men as manual workers. They enter Japan on tourist visas and remain beyond their authorized stay.

Proponents of a less restrictive labor policy seem to have a point. Their argument goes something like this:

—Japan can't remain an island of prosperity in a sea of Asian unemployment. We have an obligation as an economic superpower to extend a helping hand to the jobless abroad.

—Allowing non-Japanese to work here will earn the respect and affection of our Asian neighbors.

—The Western industrial democracies have opened their labor markets. Struggling with the problems of multiculturalism, they represent Japan's homogeneity, a factor

underlying our educational and cultural achievements.

—Americans seem to believe that Japan unfairly refuses to bear the burden of racial and linguistic diversity and compete under the same social conditions as everyone else.

—Japan must devise an immigration policy that satisfies foreign expectations. Otherwise, continued exclusion of unskilled labor will fuel charges of discrimination against Asians.

There is some merit to these arguments. By going along with the liberal chic of "international humanism," I could win plaudits as a concerned intellectual.

But my personal experiences in Germany and elsewhere make me skeptical. Lifting the ban on outside manpower seems like a fuzzy-headed way to deal with a subtle and potentially dangerous problem that will affect the lives of our children and grandchildren.

No country, in principle, now admits unskilled foreign workers. During the boom period of the 1950s and 1960s, Western Europe solved a severe labor shortage by inviting "guest workers" to take jobs their own citizens wouldn't do. West Germany's "economic miracle," for example, was supported by an influx of labor from Turkey, Yugoslavia, southern Italy and Spain. Certain London neighborhoods were suddenly full of Asians and Afri-

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Nisei Veteran Subject of Essay Contest

SAN FRANCISCO — "What Do You Know About the Nisei Veteran" is the subject of an essay contest being sponsored by the Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post No. 9879 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The contest is being held for junior high/middle school through high school-age Nikkei students living in the greater Bay Area.

The essay, which should be typed, double-spaced on 8 1/2-by-11" paper, is limited to 400 words maximum. Upon receipt, it will become the property of the VFW Post and Auxiliary. The Post and Auxiliary will be awarding a winner and first runner-up in each of the two school-age categories. Winners will receive \$100 each and runners-up \$50. Judges for the contest will be selected from those who are not members of the VFW Post 9879 and the Auxiliary.

The award winners will be announced at the Post and Auxiliary installation of officers' dinner on May 7. Dinner will be paid for the awardees and their parents.

Entry forms may be obtained by writing or calling Mike Iwahashi at 1305 Everett Street, El Cerrito 94530; (415) 233-6752 after 5 p.m. Deadline is April 1.

For more information, call Commander Mel Tominaga at (415) 527-4528 or Iwahashi.



TOKYO POP—Carrie Hamilton and Yutaka Takodoro star in Spectrafilm's new movie *Tokyo Pop*, set for a March release. The motion picture tells the tale of their learning about friendship, love and cultures.

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Hustace, a Molokai rancher, announced her candidacy Jan. 25. In another interview with the *Advertiser*, dated Jan. 26, the 69-year-old blamed Matsunaga as part of the reason the federal deficit has grown. Hustace had reportedly run unsuccessfully for various state and county offices, which includes Rep. Daniel Akaka's (D-Hawaii) 2nd Congressional District seat (Rural Oahu-Neighbor Islands) in 1986.

Said Boschwitz: "We're in all the races and we're in all races to win."

The senator, who was in Honolulu

on a return home from a trip to Southeast Asia and Japan, said he also spoke to Japanese officials about what he called the rising anti-Semitic trend in Japan and additionally addressed the critics of Sen. Dan Inouye (D-Hawaii).

Inouye, of late, has been criticized for attempting to pass an \$8 million appropriation to fund schools in France for North African Jews. He announced he was rescinding the bill Feb. 1. Boschwitz, noting the senator's achievements, said, "To jump all over him on this matter is both unfair and a mistake for the best interest of Hawaii. We help a lot of people, we help refugees all over the world."

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Getting Ready for 'Seattle'

MENTION of "Seattle" in this newspaper in the coming weeks should work up the expectations of JACLers and P.C. readers on what the 1988 National JACL Convention has in store at the Univ. of Washington campus site Aug. 6-11. Some will check in a few days earlier to compete in the golf or tennis tournament, or the JACL leadership development seminar, Aug. 4-5.

The schedule, which is being announced soon with registration costs, features 18 hours of national council meetings, the opening and sayonara banquets, PNW/1000 Club mixer Saturday, award luncheon Monday, women's caucus breakfast, several afternoon workshops, speech contest, candidates' forum, the Synkoa-Valeda reunion and the clam/salmon bake Wednesday afternoon. There may be some late time changes, but this pretty much should hold, according to the Convention co-chairs Tomio Moriguchi and Ben Nakagawa through PNW regional director Tim Otani.

Purpose here, however, is to preview a more serious side of the convention—the proposed National JACL-Pacific Citizen budget for 1989-90 which will require approval by chapters when their delegates convene in "Seattle" ... plus some observations of the National Board meeting chaired by President Harry Kajihara at San Francisco this past weekend.

National JACL treasurers have their own styles on how to explain the complex budget for it to be adopted by the delegates. Alan Nishi, current national secretary-treasurer of French Camp and a banker by profession, is promising the district governors—who bear a key role in "selling" any National Board proposal to chapters—a detailed explanation of the line items, what the options and costs are. The chapters, by reviewing the proposal, weighing the options & costs and "buying" the affordable, would then announce its own district-wide consensus on the budget by June-July. This may not eliminate any fight on the National Council floor on the budget. But this process, as described here, will either speed up the process or allow more time to dig deeper and question. There has always seem to be a convention resolution to keep the dues as is. But a realistic assessment of the budget with line-item increases due to inflation would suggest a couple of dollars increase in dues.

Only one side remark was heard about "lowering" dues—provided some fair Quota System were improvised, the rationale being that there may be more willing to support JACL if the dues were much lower than the current rate (varies between \$35-45, depending upon a chapter). JACL budgets were raised on the quota system in the post-WW2 era till the mid-'60s. It took a lot of bookkeeping, drawing of charts, etc.—but in this computer age, keeping track would be a minor routine today. The big debates then at the JACL conventions were over quotas for each district council. The district would, of course, determine the portion each chapter would raise—through the membership dollar.

Perhaps, the time has come to revive the Quota scheme. How about if National dues were at \$20 (plus another \$5 for district and chapters)? Assuming the chapter now has 100 members, it means \$3,400 in dues to National. The Quota system says to raise \$3,400 at (say) \$20 per member (or 170 members). Further considerations for family members, etc. would have to be arranged, as at present. For the Pacific Citizen, the impact would be favorable as it obviously adds to the subscription roll.

Kajihara wrote down on the chalk board these numbers:

	1987(a)	1988(e)	1989(p)	1990(p)
Biennium Budget				
National Expenditures	677,350	729,200	772,400	818,800
P.C. Expenditures	419,060	444,500	486,300	516,000
TOTAL	1,096,410	1,173,700	1,258,700	1,334,800

Without a doubt, the numbers are subject to change, but they indicate the size of the budget. It begs for minute scrutiny and the membership will duly oblige.

Observing the Observers

All National Board meetings are open to the JACL membership. Comments are welcome during the course of discussion. Sometimes they go into executive session. One welcome observer was Ron Ohata, PSWDC legal counsel, who gave useful examples of how other nonprofit organizations might regard a question before the National JACL. When a free-wheeling discussion about JACL went into long-range planning, especially in the post-Redress era, the pitches by JACL should be louder for civil rights (even to the possibility of merging or changing JACL's name), the Sansei attorney guessed JACL membership would drop considerably if JACL were all civil rights because so many are members because of insurance. But Ohata added JACL can do just fine living up to Article II—General Purposes in the JACL constitution ... Over the area of convention procedures, Ohata reported that about half of the delegates going to a state bar association were really "prepared". JACL's ratio should be higher. There was a lot of paper shuffling at the board meeting, indicative of what the chapter delegates can expect at Seattle. (Let's number the pages in sequence to speed up the flipping.) Resolutions to be presented at conventions are numbered, biennial reports are often distributed ahead of time, the budget must be ready for the chapters within 60 days prior.

Another unexpected remark, during the proxy amendment segment on the agenda, went like this: "Small chapters prefer sending a proxy instead of a delegate because of the cost!" Which says something about national conventions and the agenda.

An aside on establishing limits for national office campaigns interprets the current nominations committee guidelines as "cutting off volunteer participation". The volunteer here is the rich-uncle type who spends lavishly for foods and drink. In times past, enough food was available for each delegate who made the rounds so that dinner-on-your-own could be skipped. Monday night on the Seattle schedule is open for such activity this year.

WEATHER-WISE: It was perfect. Chicagoans came out of zero-degree weather. Angelinos left a summery 80-degrees for the crisp and clear 60s by day and below 50s by sundown ... The flowering plum trees were in full bloom in San Francisco Japantown. So were the fruit and almond orchards in the Central Valley, making the drive a bit more colorful than usual. The lupines are purpling the grassy hills and dales. Poppies are up, if the area is irrigated ... Such is California from the road-level at this time of the year. It won't be this way, however, come July-August when conventioners head for "Seattle."

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and no more than 200 words. A contact phone number and address must be included or P.C. will not print the letter. Letters may be subject to editing.

Masaoka's Legacy

They Call Me Moses Masaoka by Mike M. Masaoka (with Bill Hosokawa) is a remarkable story of courage, devotion, insight, commitment and vision—primarily focusing on the welfare of the Nikkei.

Since I was privileged to work with Mike for about forty years, his account of the pre-war, war and post-war periods was generally familiar yet exciting and enlightening because of heretofore unrevealed nuances—particularly to the agonizing decisions which Mike and the JACL had to make after Pearl Harbor. Since it goes with the territory, Mike has not only been lavishly praised but he has also been severely criticized.

My impression is that these critics never really knew Mike or the JACL. Moreover the most strident critics never walked in Mike's shoes. It reminds me of trying to bring down an elephant with popguns. I am confident that the war induced policies of the JACL will be vindicated by history.

Perhaps Mike's strongest points are his energy and vitality and his uncanny ability to persuade people to work with him. He was the "great communicator" of the JACL.

As one who observed Mike at close range at scores of JACL meetings, there were no Nikkei who could come close to him in forcefulness, charisma and leadership. Fortunately for us, Mike was the right man in the right place at the right time.

There are some who have expressed some reservations about part of the book title ("Moses"). Even so, above all others, Mike led our people from the depths of despair, confusion, shame and anger to a position of confidence, pride and dignity. Hence, "Moses" in the book title is not inappropriate. In fact it was his unshakable self confidence and commitment that made his and JACL's accomplishments possible.

I strongly urge all JACLers—particularly the younger Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei who never knew Mike to read his book. You will not only learn about your history and your heritage but may well be inspired to carry on the torch for freedom, justice and fair play. This could be Mike's greatest legacy.

ROY M. NISHIKAWA

Past National JACL President,
Past National JACL Treasurer,
Past Pacific Citizen Board Chair

Mike Masaoka a 10+

Civil rights groups and leaders are always at great odds to accomplish their goals. The reason is simple—they are going against the main current of the thoughts and feelings of society.

After a critical reading of *They Call Me Moses Masaoka*, what follows is my evaluation: Mahatma Gandhi had the majority of his people for support; Martin Luther King, Jr. in comparison, had a modest amount of Americans for support; and in final contrast, Mr. JACL Masaoka had an infinitesimal amount of Americans for support.

If there ever was a miracle or a success story in modern America—Moses Masaoka is a ten-plus on my scale.

FRANK TAKAHASHI
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Missing the Point

Assistant Editor George Johnston has assured me that no malice toward Mike Masaoka or JACL was intended in publishing the essay by Frank Chin in the Dec. 4-11 Pacific Citizen. I accept the explanation.

However, despite the importance of closing the matter and going on to other things, I must respond to the lame editorial explanation by "Editors," which was published with my original letter of protest in the Jan. 15 P.C.

Editors sought to justify publication of the Chin article on the ground that P.C. should be a forum of ideas. I did not protest its publication; I criticized the imbalance and unfairness demonstrated by presenting only an anti-JACL and anti-Masaoka side.

Editors contended that "by printing the Chin article, readers would have the opportunity to respond to its contents ... If the statements made in Chin's

article are unchallenged by JACL, this could only serve to hurt the organization's credibility ..."

True. But I contend P.C. itself had a responsibility to challenge vigorously what the editors later described as an "obviously biased" attack on the organization that sponsors it. Instead, P.C. took a see-no-evil stance with a we-don't-endorse-or-reject disclaimer. Shouldn't Pacific Citizen reject obvious bias? Isn't that what JACL is all about? I see only folly in P.C.'s piously expressed hope that, while JACL's newspaper was giving circulation to the distortions, maybe some reader would pop up to "correct that which was untrue, inaccurate and distorted."

Editors also said that if Chin were "unchallenged by JACL, this could only serve to hurt the organization's credibility." Regardless of whether it was done with or without malice, by giving additional exposure to a scurrilous attack without rebuttal the national organ of the JACL presented it with a credibility that it did not have previously.

I also find it preposterous that Editors excuse their failure to provide a review of *They Call Me Moses Masaoka* on the ground that they did not receive a copy until well after it was available in bookstores. Is it customary not to review what they described as "an eagerly awaited" book unless a free copy is provided?

Editors conclude their defense with a confusing red herring, asking: "To whom does the P.C. editorial staff owe its loyalty—freedom of expression, truth, fairness, and accuracy or the JACL as an organization?"

I am not sure what they mean, but obviously they missed the point completely. My protest was that the Pacific Citizen had failed the cause of freedom of expression, truth, fairness and accuracy by publicizing only a distorted point of view. Let's have no more of this damaging puerility in a publication that we can and should be proud of.

BILL HOSOKAWA
Denver, CO

Freedom for P.C.

If Mr. Masaoka is Moses, then Mr. Frank Chin is Confucius asymmetrically skewed in favor of Yang over Ying; but, oh my, the recent letters (Hosokawa and Horikawa: 1/15) full of righteous indignation and heat directed at both Mr. Chin and, more seriously, the putative impudence of P.C., functioning at the sufferance of JACL.

Mr. Hosokawa with circular arguments managed to generate large aggregates of words into the smallest amount of content. He, of all people, knows that compression is one of the first graces of journalism and that "news" should be able to be grasped at first reading.

Isn't it time to urge journalistic independence and freedom for P.C.? Loyalty to truth and facts as they see them should serve JACL well. It is a recurring observation that denunciation of the young is the necessary hygiene of elders (myself included) often disguised as wisdom.

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Maine

Bar Associations Oppose Lungren

We, the undersigned Asian Pacific American bar associations, oppose the confirmation of congressman Daniel E. Lungren for the office of State Treasurer. As members of the Asian Pacific legal community, we feel a responsibility to focus attention on the positions taken by Lungren on key social policy issues.

Lungren's voting record in Congress reflects a single-minded antagonism toward all legislation which would advance the civil rights of minorities and women or to enhance social programs for the poor, elderly, and disabled. His voting record is dismal on issues of particular importance to the Asian Pacific American community. He led the Congressional campaign to eliminate the individual reparations for Japanese Americans unjustly interned during WW2 (H.R. 442), opposed key enforcement provisions of the federal Fair Housing Act (H.R. 5200), voted to decrease or eliminate funds for the Legal Services Corporation which provides legal representation for low-income people (H.R. 4169), voted against the "Hate Crimes Statistics Act" which required the collection and monitoring of data relating to crimes motivated by

race, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity (H.R. 3193), and supported legislation to increase Social Security eligibility from age 65 to age 67 (H.R. 1900).

Lungren's supporters defend his voting record as one guided by legitimate fiscal considerations. But Lungren has consistently opposed legislation which would have furthered the cause of justice for women and minorities, even when there would have been minimal fiscal impact. For example, he voted against broadening the scope of the Civil Rights Act of 1984 (H.R. 5490), introduced legislation to eliminate the requirement of bilingual ballots (H.R. 3112), voted against the imposition of sanctions against South Africa (H.R. 1460), and voted against the Equal Rights Amendment in 1983. Moreover, blind and unbending allegiance to a policy of extreme fiscal conservatism cannot serve as a substitute for fairness or the sound exercise of judgement, especially where it relates to matters of importance to less powerful segments of our society.

Governor Deukmejian's nomination of Lungren to the office of State Treasurer is a direct affront to the Asian Pacific American community. The powerful office of State Treasurer should not be occupied by one whose record on budgetary matters is notable only for its overwhelming lack of sensitivity toward those in need.

We oppose Lungren's nomination and have sent letters voicing our opposition. We encourage you to do the same. The State Senate will begin confirmation hearings in mid-February and will be voting thereafter. Your opinion can make a difference. Some State senators who are presently undecided are: Joe Montoya (Monterey Park), Robert Presley (Riverside), Rose Vuich (Fresno), Reuben Ayala (San Bernardino), Alan Robbins (Van Nuys), Wadie Deddeh (San Diego), and Quentin Kopp (San Francisco). You can send your letter to these and other legislators to: State Capitol, Room 500, Sacramento, California, 95814.

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Lungren's Record

Four supporters of Dan Lungren—Jonathan Kaji, Cherry Ishimatsu, Stephen Nakashima and Patricia Saiki—have written letters published in the P.C. supporting Mr. Lungren's candidacy for California treasurer. Their letters seek to repackage Mr. Lungren as a man sensitive to the interests of Japanese Americans and a person we should support for California treasurer. I do not agree.

The Lungren supporters claim that Mr. Lungren "condemned" the internment throughout his tenure on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and that he shared "our abhorrence of this tragic episode." Mr. Lungren's half-hearted participation on the Commission and efforts to defeat H.R. 442 are far more indicative of his true feelings on redress and reparations than his apologetic rhetoric. His few words against internment bear no relation to the actions of the late Min Yasui and the others who worked so hard to achieve redress.

The Lungren supporters claim that his opposition to redress is the "sole basis" for Asian and Pacific Americans' opposition to Mr. Lungren's candidacy. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Mr. Lungren's opposition to redress only brought the scrutiny to his candidacy. Upon further investigation of his voting record in Congress we were shocked to find that Congressman Lungren voted to cut funding for legal services for the

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Encouraging Signs for Redress

By Jerry Enomoto
chair, JACL-LEC
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As we enter 1988, there are encouraging signs that the passage and signing of redress legislation may be a possibility. It would have been symbolically appropriate had our goal been realized during the bicentennial celebration of our Constitution last year. Nevertheless, the opening of the Smithsonian exhibit on Japanese Americans, with the emphasis upon the injustice of the internment, and the passage of H.R. 442 in 1987 in the House of Representatives, were significant milestones in the long fight to achieve redress.

Despite the continuing sniping from detractors, we have reason to be gratified by those who believe in the justice and importance of the cause who have "hung in" over the years, and the additional support from those we have reached through our educational efforts. There is every reason to be "upbeat" at this point in time, as we await the introduction of the bill in the Senate for the vote.

Redress Opponents

Late in 1987, I participated in a television talk show, where my role was to discuss the legislative aspects of the redress effort. That discussion became impossible because of the antics of a Howard Garber, a self-styled "expert" on the internment. He proceeded to spew his misguided, untruthful and distorted venom before the cameras. Garber appeared on the program as a last minute substitute for Lillian Baker. She is the organizer of the opposition, and in her zeal to fight the passage of the redress legislation, has spread half-truths and distortions. She is well known to those who have

followed the redress issue and the hearings conducted by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

I am amazed at the intensity with which individuals like this pursue their vendetta, evoking allegations that are patently false and clearly refutable by official documents. Identifying himself as Jewish, Garber emotionally decries the fact that the Japanese American internment has been described as imprisonment in "concentration camps." His ire focuses on a perceived analogy with the incomparable horrors of the Nazi death camps, an analogy we certainly never claimed.

Why is not this "patriotic" American's anger focused upon the fact that American citizens are not supposed to be locked up without regard for the rights guaranteed under our Constitution? Racism? I hope not. Tule Lake, Manzanar, Topaz, etc. were concentration camps, "American-style."

Lungren Opposition

Some concluding thoughts about the controversy surrounding the efforts to reject the nomination of Rep. Dan Lungren as California state treasurer. The bottom line here is that for all Japanese Americans, especially those living in California, Lungren's position on redress is ample reason to question his suitability for statewide office. The fact that he supported redress, but opposed monetary payments, makes his support hollow and his reasons for opposition illogical.

Furthermore, my opposition to him is based upon an examination of his voting record, which will discourage any Californian concerned

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Life After Redress

BY THE
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Bill Marutani
V.P. of Planning/Development

resolve the past the best we can, honorably, so we can face the future with clear hearts. That's important to me as a citizen of this country. I trust that it is just as important to her.

Looking ahead, particularly from the standpoint of the national JACL, the focus is obvious: civil rights. It is easy to pay lip service to the concept; it is not much more difficult simply to pass resolutions (although resolutions may serve a limited purpose) and then direct someone "to do something about it"; sometimes there are situations which may tempt us to sidestep or postpone taking a position on an issue; and there is the perennial problem of funds to implement decisions. (But not all positions necessarily require money, or some require very little money—although they certainly require time and, to be effective, bodies.)

There are times when taking a position on a civil rights issue is "inconvenient" or "inopportune." However, if an organization were to wait until it was "convenient" to take a stand on an issue, a stand would never be taken, for there is seldom

a convenient time on an controversial issue; or it could take a stand only when the issue is moot, dead. By this statement, I by no means intend to revive the debate of the National Board vote on the Bork nomination; for while I disagreed with the position taken, I nonetheless understood and accepted the majority vote. The point for the future simply is that rarely, if ever, will there be a "convenient" or "opportune" time for taking a firm position on a civil rights issue; otherwise, it wouldn't be an "issue" and thus wouldn't deserve a vote—or at least a meaningful vote.

In conjunction with JACL focusing upon the basic issue of civil rights, I should like to add a general observation coupled to revival of a proposition that I had made to the national JACL organization several decades ago. The general observation is that we must ultimately concern ourselves with the civil rights of *all* persons in the United States, for our well-being will be inescapably intertwined with those of other minorities—like it or not. The proposition, made several decades ago which, admittedly, was "before its time" (but now JACL may be behind the times); the JACL must begin to think in terms of an Asian American organization. We should be mature enough and self-assured enough to work within such a concept.

Actually, the concept is here and all around us. It's just that we've fallen behind.

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN BOOKSHELF:

Man Who Made A Difference

■ They Call Me Moses Masaoka. Mike Masaoka, with Bill Hosokawa. William Morrow and Co.; 383 pp, \$18.95 hard.

How does one read and then review an autobiography of a man one has admired, observed and respected since his boyhood days? Admittedly, this is a biased report. Often, the haloed one on the pedestal lets you down. Mike Masaoka does not. With the aid of Bill Hosokawa, premier Nisei author and former editor on the *Denver Post*, this story of a great American further verifies and strengthens our convictions.

I concur with Mike Mansfield, U.S. ambassador to Japan, who wrote in his introduction, "I have waited a long time for this book... because it is the story of how one man can make a difference, how he can fight injustice within the system and emerge victorious."

History books remind us that great crises produce great individuals. Time and time again, someone steps forward to take up the gauntlet. Masaoka, offspring of Japanese immigrants residing in Utah and just in his mid-20s, did that. In the atmosphere of racial prejudice and bigotry that reached its zenith following the outbreak of World War II, Masaoka used his brilliant oratory and amazing foresight to battle for the equal rights of Japanese Americans. He was arrested and jailed 17 or 18 times in different sections of the United States because he looked Japanese.

'Shocking Revelation'

Another shocking revelation: With the decision in Washington, D.C. to incarcerate Japanese Americans, some officials wanted reproduction prevented between men and women interned in separate camps. Some lunatic even proposed that all men of Japanese ancestry be sterilized! I reread that part several times.

Masaoka spearheaded a drive to permit the Nisei—people born in the United States or Canada to immigrant Japanese parents—to serve in the armed forces with fellow Americans. When the approval came to form an all-Nisei combat team, Mike was the first to volunteer. The heroic record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit in American military history for its size and length of service, has been well documented. All five Masaoka brothers served. Ben was killed in action, Mike and Tad were wounded and Ike returned disabled. Hank, a para-trooper, was the only one unscathed.

There is a local connection in the book. In 1948, a project of great symbolism, that Mike had been working on came to fruition. Two Nisei soldiers who died in Europe were interred at Arlington National Cemetery. One was Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi, older brother of Goro Tanamachi, a World War II veteran and longtime Dayton area resident.

Effective Lobbyist

As a soldier and civil rights leader, Masaoka was acknowledged as one of the most effective lobbyists in Washington. His battles and efforts were shared by his also dedicated and courageous wife, Etsu. As in all uphill efforts, it is apparent that Masaoka had a companion to share the burden which made the impossible become possible.

In a postscript chapter, the author reflects: "In my time, encouraging progress has been made in the human rights of all peoples. While there is much to be accomplished, even in the United States, Moses Masaoka can now visualize the Promised Land of human dignity and equality. We may not reach it in my lifetime, but I would like to believe that I helped to bring the reality closer."

—Pete Hironaka

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—Reprinted from the Dayton Daily News.

Nisei Stories Would've Delighted Alger

Horatio Alger, a clergyman who died in 1899, was famous for his books about poor boys who overcame obstacles and became successful through hard work, diligence and honesty. Generations of young Americans read Alger's fiction and were inspired to make something of themselves.

I thought about Horatio Alger the other day when I saw a clipping about S. John Nitta, who became wealthy and famous as a pioneer in the chick sexing business. Let me tell you about him. Nitta was born in Seattle in 1911. He was 9 years old when his parents took him to Japan for what was to be a short visit. There his father died unexpectedly. Three years later, at age 12, John returned to the U.S. alone to live with relatives, supporting himself with odd jobs while going to school.

After graduation from high school he visited his mother in Japan, heard about a school training chick sexors, and enrolled. (Segregating day-old chicks by gender may or may not be sexual discrimination, but it makes economic sense. The industry sees no profit in feeding birds that will never be able to produce eggs.) In 1937 Nitta organized the American Chick Sexing Associ-

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ation (Amchick) in Lansdale, Penn., to train technicians. The business, now operated by Nitta's son David, celebrated its 50th anniversary last fall. Nitta and his wife Ann are retired in Florida.

That's the kind of story that would have delighted Horatio Alger, but there are others among the Nisei.

Kay Sugahara was born in Seattle in 1909. The family moved to Los Angeles shortly, and his mother died in 1915, his father in 1922. Kay's younger siblings were taken over by an orphanage while he went to live in a church dorm. He worked for a customs broker while attending UCLA, then went into business for himself. During the war he served with the Office of Strategic Services.

The contacts he made during that period led eventually to formation of Fairfield-Maxwell, New York-based finance and management conglomerate that operates a fleet

of oil tankers and other cargo vessels. Sugahara retired recently, with his son K.G. taking over as chairman.

Then there's Fred Wada of Los Angeles who is involved in more civic activities than I can list. He was born in Bellingham, Wash., in 1907, sent to Japan as a toddler to live with grandparents when his mother died, and returned to the U.S. at age 9 to live with a stepmother and father he hardly knew. At 12 he was out on his own.

His accomplishments since then are legion. He organized a chain of produce markets, pioneered a farming venture in Utah during the Evacuation, became involved with the Olympic Games movement, Sister Cities, and Keiro care for the elderly in Los Angeles.

The late Mas Kawaguchi, born aboard a Puget Sound oyster barge during a terrible storm, was also sent to Japan as a small child. He returned at 16, overcame many problems and eventually became wealthy in the fish processing business in Los Angeles. Dozens of good causes benefited from his philanthropies.

There are other Horatio Alger stories to tell, stories to make us proud, but I have run out of space and they must await another time.

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poor: to eliminate bilingual ballots; against imposing sanctions on South Africa; against the Equal Rights Amendment; to slash the education budget; against the establishment of the Department of Education; against the Homeless Assistance Act; against key enforcement provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act; to cut funding for child nutrition programs; against the Hate Crime Statistics Act; against the Civil Rights Act of 1984; against creating a national commission on AIDS; against the Clean Water Act of 1987; against the 1987 catastrophic health insurance bill; and to increase the Social Security eligibility age from 65 to 67. Mr. Lungren has consistently taken positions adverse to the interest of the vast majority of Californians and Americans.

The broad-based opposition to Mr. Lungren from Asian and Pacific Americans, senior citizens, Blacks, Hispanics, Filipinos, women, labor groups, small business environmentalists, civil rights organizations, educators, bar organizations and others is based on his terrible record of disregard for our interests. If, as Ms. Ishimatsu says, we consider all factors in Mr. Lungren's "total legislative background," there can be only one judgement: he deserves our opposition.

CURTIS R. NAMBA
Sacramento, CA

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

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with issues that deal with the well being of minorities, the aged, women, gay community members and small business interests. The fact that the record was brought to our attention by his redress role is fortunate for us. So, let me make it perfectly clear, the opposition is not based on Lungren's position on redress, but his legislative record on major civil rights issues.

As stated by a *Sacramento Bee* editorial of Feb. 1, 1988, Lungren is a political appointment who is simply not qualified for the job of treasurer. Although his constituents may be satisfied by his voting record, those of us who are not do not want him foisted on us through appointment.

► Rose Ochi was named to an 11-member panel to help in the search for a new chancellor of the Los Angeles Community Colleges.

► Rep. Robert Matsui was selected as a permanent member of the 1988 National Democratic Convention Platform Committee.

► Jessica Saiki's book, *Once, A Lotus Garden* was selected by *Publishers Weekly* one of the best books of 1987.

► Tad Ichinokuchi, Ph. D. was selected to assume the role of the new editorship for the late Judge John Asio's book at the board meeting of the MIS of Southern California held Jan. 13. Daniel Aiso, John's brother, also agreed to assist.

► John E. Kashiwabara of Long Beach, Calif., was reappointed Feb. 2 to the California Cancer Advisory Board by Gov. George Deukmejian.

► Robin Tanabe, a senior at Cupertino High School in San Jose, will represent the San Jose JACL at the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C., from March 5-12.

► Mable Yoshizaki of Los Angeles participated in a National Leadership Conference sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in San Diego, Jan. 11-14. She was appointed by AARP as the assistant state director, California, to promote and coordinate association programs, services and activities.

► Rep. Norman Mineta, on Jan. 10,



Dr. George Tanbara

emphasized to an Orthodox Jewish congregation that the blatant violation of constitutional rights endured by 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry must never again occur. He spoke about the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 at the request of Congregation Sinai in San Jose, Calif.

► Dr. George Tanbara was recently honored with a Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Wash. for his professional activities and community involvement. He graduated with a degree in pharmacy from Idaho State University and then in 1951 graduated from the Minnesota Medical School. He and his wife Kimi have three daughters, Diane, Susan and Merilee, and a son, Greg.

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GUEST WORKERS

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cans.

England, West Germany and France didn't act from altruistic motives—to ease unemployment abroad or to win Third World approval. They needed workers and chose the quickest, cheapest solution.

When Japan faced a labor shortage in the late 1960s, we instinctively adopted a different strategy. Rather than hire foreigners, we increased automation and raised wage levels for menial and unskilled jobs.

Western Europe is now suffering for its mistake. Millions of unassimilated foreigners live in urban ghettos. Japan was farsighted. We owe our social harmony as much to this rational decision as to our unique culture and relative isolation. Why should we have a guilty conscience or assume that Europeans are more humane than we are?

No country has ever accepted alien laborers simply to help other nations reduce joblessness. Those who say Japan should be the first to do so or that excluding Asian workers reflects blind prejudice should stop and think for a moment about Paris.

The French capital has an ethnically based class structure: Arabs, black Africans and North Africans—Algerians and Moroccans—are on the bottom; Portuguese, Spanish and Italians comprise the next stratum; and the French are on top.

A Japanese friend lives in a Paris apartment house. The building

owner is a member of the French bourgeoisie, the superintendent is Spanish, and the men who collect the trash are black Africans and Algerians. The French owner is an absentee landlord; my friend has never even seen him.

For centuries, Parisians have taken it for granted that certain ethnic groups were there to be exploited. Racial discrimination is second nature to them; no one is outraged by it. In the United States, too, race and ethnic origins are a major determinant of social status. These are not models for Japan.

Suppose we allow 2.5 million foreigners, just 1 percent of the 250 million people who live in the six countries that comprise the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, to work in Japan. Are Tokyoites prepared to dominate an alien underclass? I wonder if we are like Parisians, so callous that we can blatantly discriminate against other Asians without batting an eye.

Japanese advocates of immigration reform have not thought through the implications of fine sounding phrases like "internationalization."

West Germans agonize over their ethnic minorities because they are not as cynically indifferent to racial exploitation as the French. If we follow in German footsteps, we may leave an even greater social catastrophe to our children.

We should open our doors wider to scholars, engineers, business executives and other talented people from abroad, but keep them firmly closed to unskilled workers.

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■ Feb. 29—Asian American Bar Association meeting, noon, Chicago Bar Association, 29 S. LaSalle St., 11th floor, rm. 5. Lunch available, \$10 each. Those planning to attend, please call in advance. Info: Irene Cualoping, 312 630-6320, Debra Wong, 312 222-6583 or Maureen Yamashiro, 312 443-5573.

DENVER

■ Feb. 29—"Improving Educational Opportunities for Minorities," a conference at the Auraria Higher Education Center, sponsored by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Participants will include Gov. Roy Romer, state legislators and university/college presidents. Info: Russell Endo, 303 443-9587.

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-March 27—The Scenic Art of Setsu Asakura, contemporary Japanese Stage Design, Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Noon-5 pm daily, closed Mon. Weekends, 11 am-4 pm.

■ Feb. 18—East West Players presents the world premiere of *Mother Tongue*, 8:00 pm, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. After the Thursday night premiere, the play run until March 6. Fri. & Sat.—8 pm; Sun.—7:30 pm. Opening Night Tickets: \$15; all other shows: \$12. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Feb. 23-April 3—"Paris in Japan: The Japanese Encounter with European Painting," UCLA's Wight Gallery (lower level), Tues., 11 am-8 pm; Wed.-Fri., 11 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 pm; closed Mon. Free. Parking: \$3. Sponsors: Washington University Gallery of Art, St. Louis and the Japan Foundation. Info: 213 825-9345.

■ Feb. 24—Solo dance concert by Young Soon Kim, 8 pm, Pendleton Dance Theatre, Pomona College, Claremont. General Admission Tickets: \$3. Info: 714 621-8176.

■ Feb. 25-March 24—Five Japanese films with English subtitles will screen at the University of Southern California. The free screening begins at 7 pm in rm. 108 of the George Lucas Instructional Building on the University Park campus. Feb. 25—*Station*; March 3—*The Yellow Handkerchief*; March 10—*Tora-san Goes Religious*; March 17—*Where Spring Comes Late*; March 24—*Home Village*. Screenings sponsored by the Japan Foundation, the USC Division of Drama and the USC School of Cinema-Television. Info: 213 743-6071.

■ Feb. 28—The San Gabriel Valley Singles meeting, 1:30 pm, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Guest Speaker: Mary Pawlaski, financial planner. Topic: "The New Tax Law and You—Repercussion of Black Monday." Info: 818 285-8895 or 714 861-9676.

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ Feb. 22 & Feb. 24-27—Likha Promotions presents *A Song for Manong*, a tribute to the first Filipino immigrants, the Herbst Theatre (Feb. 22) and the Fort Mason Center, Building B (Feb. 24-27). Info: Cherie M. Querol Moreno, 415 992-0169.

■ Feb. 26-28—Asian Americans in Higher Education, Oakland Airport Hyatt. Info: 415 921-5225.

■ Feb. 27 & 28—Benefit concerts for Kimochi and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California by musicians Richard

Kishimoto and Milton Oshiro. Feb. 27—7:30-9:30 pm; Feb. 28—2-4 pm. Location: Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Tickets: \$7 general admission; \$4 seniors and children under 12. Info: 415 952-2856 or Milton Oshiro, 415 661-3758.

■ Feb. 28—The Japanese American Services of the East Bay presents the Ninth Annual Benefit Crab Feed, 4-7 pm, Albany Veterans' Memorial Hall, Portland Ave. at Ramona St., Albany. Cost: \$15 tax deductible donation. Info: Bob, 415 848-3560.

■ Sept. 16-18—All Topaz Reunion. For further details, contact Fumi Hayashi, 1629 Jaynes St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

SEATTLE

■ Present-Feb. 28—Exhibition of paintings by Roger Shimomura, Greg Kucera Gallery, 608 2nd Ave., Tues.-Sat., 10:30 am-5:30 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

■ Present-Feb. 28—"Japanese Baskets: Weaving Old and New," 60 antique and contemporary baskets; "Contemporary Sumi Masters," 30 paintings by six Northwest artists, Bellevue Art Museum, 301 Bellevue Square, Tues.-Fri., noon-8 pm; Sat., 10 am-5:30 pm; Sun., 11 am-5 pm.

■ Present-March 1—"Japanese

Prints: Hiroshige to Hasui," 50 woodblock prints from mid-19th to early-20th centuries, Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 1st Ave. S., Mon.-Sat., 11 am-5 pm.

■ Present-March 3—"From Tea Master to Townsman," Japanese art and artifacts and 18th century porcelain from the museum's permanent collection, Seattle Art Museum, Volunteer Park, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Thurs. until 9 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

■ Feb. 24, 25, 26—"What Works," the National Asian American Conference on substance abuse prevention. Open to all Asian Pacific Americans interested in substance abuse prevention. Registration Fee: \$50. Sponsored by the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Drug Abuse in collaboration with Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, Alcohol Drug Abuse Mental Health Administration, Health and Human Services. Conference Coordinator: K. Patrick Okura, 6303 Friendship Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817 or call 301 530-0945.

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The following production companies will be recognized for their efforts to create balanced 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 cameras:

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United States Sen. Daniel K. Inouye will be this year's recipient of the AAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award. Said AAPAA President Ernest Harada, "We are honoring Sen. Inouye for his impact as a powerful and positive role model not only for the Asian/Pacific community, but for all Americans."

RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video will receive the Corporate Award for "outstanding interaction with the Asian/Pacific community." The Artists Organization Award will go to Great Leap, Inc., a community performing arts organization, for its body of work.

Dinner chair for the event is John P. Singleton, vice chairman of Security Pacific Corp. and chief executive officer of Security Automation Co. Honorary dinner chairs are Gregory Peck and Sidney Poitier.

AAPAA is a non-profit educational and cultural organization which sponsors media related activities for its membership and for the community. It serves as an ongoing liaison between the Asian/Pacific community and the entertainment industry.

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Other matters discussed were future fundraising for JACL-LEC, the continued contact between JACL-LEC and the Aleut and Pribiloff Island groups, the status quo of redress history and Japanese Canadian redress progress. Those present at the meeting were Grace Uyehara, Grant Ujifusa, Mollie Fujioka, Mae Takahashi, Peggy Liggett, Gary Glenn, Cressey Nakagawa, Jim Tsujimura, Harry Kajihara, Hank Tanaka, Gene Takamine, Arthur Morimitsu, Denny Yasuhara, Jerry Enomoto and Shig Wakamatsu.

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The left/right designations in the photo caption entitled "Changing of the Guard," on page 2 of the Feb. 12, 1988 P.C. are reversed. Sam Fujikawa was on the left and George Higa was on the right.

JA of the Biennium Nominations Open

By Don Ito

SAN FRANCISCO — As we enter 1988, we are reminded that the National Convention is fast approaching. At the Convention, JACL will honor Americans of Japanese ancestry who have received regional, national or international recognition for outstanding achievement in different fields of endeavor and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

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Don Ito, chair

JA of the Biennium Committee
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