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L.A. Program Commemorates Redress Efforts

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — A celebration of community redress efforts pervaded the eighth annual Day of Remembrance program held Feb. 20 in the Japan America Theater. Sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRP) and the JACL Pacific Southwest District (JACL PSW), the event brought together nearly 550 not only in commemoration of the 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066 but also in observance of the recent success of the redress legislation to remedy its injustices.

Themed "Redress and Reparations: Progressing Toward Justice," the program was technically a tribute to Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.) and Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), all primarily responsible for the movement of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 through Congress. The act, which would redress those of Japanese ancestry who suffered the wartime internment ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, successfully passed through the U.S. House of Representatives on Sept. 17, 1987 and is now awaiting a vote in the U.S. Senate, where it is also expected to pass.

Alan Nishio, Southern California chairperson of NCRP, recalling when the idea of passing a reparations bill was not more than "a dream," said of the event, "I think it really commemorates the type of effort that we have seen within our

community."

The gains made in 1988, said Nishio, come from "those of you who have been willing to share your personal experiences and speak from your own emotional perspectives of what happened to us and the willingness of the community to unite and demand justice."

Sense of Guilt

Matsui, the only honoree able to attend, compared the difficulty many Issei and Nisei face in talking about their internment experiences with the mental ordeal of a rape victim.

He acknowledged that the hearings held by the Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981 broke much of the silence. Nevertheless, alluding to an analogy he attributed to the late Edison Uno, Matsui said, "Here she is a victim but because of the act, her virtue comes into question. Some would say how could it happen unless she made some suggestions, statements or remarks."

"That is what happened to the 120,000 of us," he continued. "We were incarcerated by our government, accused of being disloyal to our country, a potential enemy alien, and there's the presumption that if you're jailed you must have done something wrong. So we had this sense of guilt, of shame that we must have done something wrong to warrant incarceration."

Giving Voice

Matsui commended the Japanese

American community for its effective letter-writing campaign on behalf of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987. However, he cautioned community members not to "rest on the laurels of last year." Speaking about when the act reaches the president's desk, he said, "I think we should prepare ourselves for that moment."

"Letters do have impact in the White House," he said. "Your efforts will not go unnoticed... it will be absolutely essential, critical, that you make your voice heard and known."

The congressman also took time out to address the role many Japanese American groups played in opposing the confirmation of Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.) to the office of State treasurer. Lungren had attempted to "gut" H.R. 442 during its House vote by introducing an amendment to destroy its award of monetary compensation to the former internees.

"I am convinced," said Matsui, "that if the Asian American community had not taken action to oppose Representative Lungren, his nomination would've been confirmed already."

"It's not so important that Rep. Lungren be denied," said Matsui. But in opposing his confirmation "the Japanese American community and the Asian American community for one of the few times in American history... put its neck out... to say [it was] for or against a principle." This act, said Matsui,

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Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston

SIGN LANGUAGE—Protesting inaction on the part of *Rolling Stone*, picketers demonstrate in front of the magazine's Beverly Hills advertising office on Feb. 17. The magazine's office was closed until 3 p.m.

Unhappy With Inaction

Korean Americans Picket Rolling Stone's L.A. Ad Office

By George Johnston

BEVERLY HILLS — Not content with promises of "good intentions," over 100 picket-bearers, mostly Korean Americans, demonstrated in front of the Beverly Hills advertising office of *Rolling Stone* magazine on Feb. 17. They were protesting what they felt was a lack of action and bad faith by the magazine to rectify the ill-will generated by an article entitled "Seoul Brothers," which appeared in the Feb. 11, 1988 issue.

According to Korean American Coalition (KAC) President Yoon Hee Kim, a meeting between the magazine and community leaders to discuss and rectify the problem was tentatively set after a Feb. 4 news conference. "Such a meeting was set and they refused it," said Kim. "When we gave them the notice of the meeting, they gave me the run around... Friday morning in our office we received through express mail a letter that basically stated that *Rolling Stone* would not meet with us on the 17th and that the actions that they had taken so far were proof of their good intent."

More Demands

At the Feb. 4 press conference where Robert Wallace apologized

on behalf of the magazine, the Korean American community listed five requests to pop culture publication. Since then, they have further demanded that the writer of the article, P.J. O'Rourke, be fired, and that the magazine purchase advertisements in major Korean papers to publicly apologize. Should no action be taken, KAC Public Affairs Committee Chairwoman Ada Chun, threatened that the Asian community would initiate a letterwriting campaign to *Rolling Stone* advertisers "ordering them to sever all future economic relationships" with the magazine.

The bad feelings were aroused when the article made fun of the sound of the Korean language, the smell and effects of kimchi (a Korean staple) and the Koreans themselves, whom O'Rourke characterized as all looking alike. As a result, Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo held a press conference denouncing the article. The magazine's executive editor flew in from New York City and apologized for the article. The March 24, 1988 issue of the magazine is scheduled to print the apology and some of the letters concerning the article.



Bert Nakano



Robert Matsui



J.D. Hokoyama

Loni Ding's New Film

Award Winning Filmmaker Examines Color of Honor

By George Johnston

Is one man's honor better than another's? Are there different types of honor? Is honor real or perceived? What is honor?

Loni Ding's new film, *The Color of Honor*, takes a look at the nature of that which is known as honor. The documentary focuses mainly upon Japanese American Military Intelligence Service (MIS) personnel who served in the Pacific Theater of WW2, as well as upon Japanese American military resisters, many of whom spent time in federal prisons.

Ding, a multiple-awards winning filmmaker and University of California, Berkeley professor, is probably best known among Japanese Americans for her *Nisei Soldier*, a film about soldiers of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team. *The Color of Honor*, which took five years to make, examines the lesser known but also heroic exploits of the Nisei

intelligence men who greatly aided the American war effort, even though many had family members behind barbed-wire camps, by deciphering Japanese documents, translating Japanese radio transmissions and interrogating Japanese prisoners.

Intense Studies

"The central story in this film is the role of the Military Intelligence, the Nisei in the Pacific as translators and decoders and interrogators. Their role was so unique... they were the only ones with that skill. No one can train quickly in the conversational Japanese," said Ding. "You have to work hard to build ability to read, but to be able to speak... all those subtleties of the Japanese spoken language alone are so complex. You almost have to be born to it in order to do it readily." That was not the only quality that the Nisei MIS men had. "They had the capacity to work

hard," said Ding.

In order to achieve proficiency in written and spoken Japanese, many MIS men went through the most intense, rigorous study periods they could ever experience, under incredible wartime pressure. "Everyone describes it as the hardest study period they had ever undertaken in their lives," said Ding. "The pace and intensity was mind-boggling." The MIS Language School training meant countless hours of Japanese study for those who needed to be "brought up to speed" in Japanese. After this, many went to the Pacific to use their skills in do or die situations in the field, where their interpretations of enemy intelligence had no luxury of time for double-checking.

The MIS men had White bodyguard soldiers in the field to insure that fellow Americans didn't mis-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mineta Commends Heyman

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), on Feb. 11, commended University of California, Berkeley Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman for his testimony before the State Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education. Heyman had apologized for his lack of sensitivity regarding the controversy surrounding the low admission of Asian and Asian American students to the campus. Mineta said, "I am pleased that the university has taken steps to address the charges that there are enrollment policies which discriminate against Asian and Asian American students." Mineta went on to say that "a pattern of unconscious bias, if not addressed, could mean we have a de facto quota system." He also stressed that UC Berkeley should not be mistaken as an isolated case. "Just because this issue has yet to receive much national attention does not mean it is not a national problem. We must continue to be alert and aware and ready to ask questions."

Barry Gets 'Foot in Mouth'

NEW YORK — An item published in the *New York Daily News* criticized television commentator Rick Barry for a racist statement he made while calling the action in the NBA slam dunk contest, which took place Feb. 7 in Chicago. Barry, a former pro basketball great, described one of Michael Jordan's moves as "his Chinese Superman dunk. He came in on a slant approach." In the wake of the Jimmy the Greek fiasco, the item said, you'd think that nobody would again knowingly engage in nationally televised "foot-in-the-mouth behavior."



Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston

REMEMBERING ELLISON—On hand to attend the late astronaut Col. Ellison Onizuka's second anniversary memorial service were (l-r) Ryo Muneoka; Matt Matsuoka; Onizuka's widow, Lorna Onizuka; his mother, Mitsue Onizuka; and his brother, Claude Onizuka. The service was held Feb. 6 at the Nishi Hongwanji in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Onizuka Continues Husband's Commitment to U.S. Space Program

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — Disillusionment with the U.S. space program is what one would expect to hear from a widow of a Challenger crew member.

Lorna Onizuka, however, was supportive of NASA as she met with reporters Feb. 6 in the Nishi Hongwanji Temple prior to attending memorial services for her husband, the late Col. Ellison Onizuka. Continuing his promotion of the U.S. space program, she was on stopover en route to Japan to view a satellite launch and meet with the prime minister. Col. Onizuka had perished, along with six others, in the Jan. 28, 1986 explosion of the Challenger spacecraft.

Lorna, who still resides in Houston and receives letters of support from around the world, admitted the accident put her in a "paradoxical position."

Addressing allegations that NASA was negligent for rushing procedures to get the Challenger's launch off in time, she said, "Like anything, sometimes you get very upset when they do things certain ways." But the program is "why [Ellison] chose to enter that career. As it turned out, that's what he died for. I guess that's why I hope it gets back on its feet."

Of the recent reports that the development of booster rockets, which have been attributed to the Jan. 28 explosion, may still be being rushed for the next shuttle launch, she said, "I think the Rogers Commission came up with a lot of safety improvements that needed addressing."

"Personally I would hope very

very hard... that all of the recommendations are respected and that they do make the program as safe as possible... I hope they do not cut corners because that is something they cannot afford to do."

In discussing events prior to and after the accident, Lorna revealed what life was like for the family of the first Japanese American astronaut.

Meeting Ellison

She met Ellison while both were attending the University of Colorado in Boulder, she said, although they had known of each other while growing up in Kona, Hawaii. After marrying in 1969, they eventually raised two daughters, Janelle and Darien, now 18 and 12. When Ellison began working for the U.S. Air Force, they moved the family to the McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento and later to the Edwards Air Force Base in Lancaster, California.

About her husband's evident aspirations to become an astronaut, Lorna said, "He kidded about that, but he never really talked about it that often..."

"In fact, when he applied for it he never even told me," she said, explaining that he'd been away in Tennessee for six weeks. Even after he went through a series of screenings, the family refused to get its hopes up. According to Lorna, Ellison was one of 35 chosen from approximately 80,000 applicants.

Making Adjustments

At first, adjusting to his new station was not easy. After years of living on a military base, the Onizuka

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Horikawa Speaks Against Lungren Confirmation

By Bill Wong

SACRAMENTO — Los Angeles Attorney Harvey Horikawa appeared before the Senate Rules Committee Feb. 18 to speak in opposition to the nomination of Congressman Daniel Lungren (R-Long Beach) to the position of State treasurer. The surprising element of Horikawa's testimony is that he is a Republican and a Deukmejian appointee to the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, which is the state's civil rights commission.

Citing Lungren's civil rights voting record, most specifically his adamant opposition to redress, Horikawa took the podium to speak against Lungren's confirmation, knowing full well that it could mean he won't be reappointed to the commission in September.

"It's a matter of conscience," said Horikawa. "My parents were incarcerated, so this is a very personal thing with me. Every elected official must swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and Congressman Lungren has not shown me that he is prepared to do that."

Also testifying in opposition were Mollie Fujioka, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District governor of JACL; Fred Hirasuna of Fresno; Midori Watanabe Kamei, president of the South Bay chapter of JACL; G. Akito Maehara with the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Long Nguyen of Santa Ana, representing the Vietnamese American Bar Association and the Vietnamese American Citizens Co-

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alition; and Ferdinand Galvez, representing the Asian Pacific American Coalition.

In an emotional appeal, both Fujioka and Kamei related personal stories of their families' internment. Kamei's father-in-law, who was very ill with pneumonia at the time of evacuation, died shortly after being sent to camp after appeals by the family to hospitalize him were denied.

Many of the Asians in the audience were incensed when Lungren took a long recess during the testimony of the Asian witnesses. As cited by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, this action resembled Lungren's pattern during the testimony of the Asian witnesses when the redress hearings were held in Congress.

Bobbi's Outburst

Very early in the proceedings, Congressman Lungren's wife, Bobbi, in an emotional outburst, stated that her husband is not a racist. This occurred after Bishop H.H. Brookins from Los Angeles made a statement to the effect that many people use fiscal conservatism to

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caused other minority and civil rights groups to study the congressman's voting record and demonstrated that politically the Asian American community has "matured as a people" and become a "force to be reckoned with."

Eternal Vigilance

Matsui also spoke of the importance of looking back on the event of Feb. 19, 1942, a sentiment which was shared by Matsunaga and Mineta, who both spoke via video projection. Said Matsunaga: "[The event] is a reminder that eternal vigilance is the price we must continue to pay to preserve individual liberty and the civil rights guaranteed to all Americans."

Mineta's statement added, "Today we come together, our ranks swelled with success and problems, and we know this truth: The lessons we've struggled so very hard to learn and to teach must never be allowed to be referred to in the past tense."

Others speaking over the course of the evening were Japanese American Cultural and Community Center President Toshikazu Terasawa, Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo, JACL PSW District Governor J.D. Hokoyama and NCRS Spokesman Bert Nakano.

Program events included the posthumous presentation of the "Fighting Spirit" award to the late Hana Uno by NCRS and the presentation of a plaque, given on behalf of Mervyn Dymally, to NCRS for its redress efforts. Members of the audience were also treated to a performance by the Kinnara Taiko group and excerpts from the play *Tachinoki*.

NCJASC Hosting Conference

On May 13, 14, and 15, 1988, the Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers, formerly Bay Area Japanese American Senior Centers, is hosting a conference, "Nikkei Forum: Issues and Concerns of Japanese American Elders". According to NCJASC president Ich Nishida of San Lorenzo, by bringing together outstanding leaders in the field of aging (gerontology), NCJASC hopes to give older Nisei and their adult children or relatives tools with which to deal realistically with the many, complex issues they face at this important and potentially difficult point in their relationships.

What kinds of resources can they draw on in their own communities? Where or to whom can they go for help? How can Sansei, who are busy raising their own families, trying to establish their own careers or professions, best help their parents who have reached or are reaching retirement age, and who may themselves, still have elderly parents to support? How can they work together to enhance their interpersonal relationships so that these years may bring happiness and satisfaction? Complex issues like these will be discussed in workshops at the coming Nikkei conference.

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Hosokawa to Speak at Sac'to Program

SACRAMENTO — Priscilla Ouchida, Sacramento JACL chapter president, has announced that Bill Hosokawa, noted author of many books and articles on Japanese Americans and former editor of the *Denver Post*, has been secured as the keynote speaker of a day of remembrance dinner to be held March 20 at the Sacramento Inn, 180 Arden Way.

Hosokawa, whose last speaking engagement in Sacramento was in

1969 during the Aizu-Wakamatsu celebration, will be available to discuss his latest book, *They Call Me Moses Masaoka*, during a social hour at 5 p.m. The following dinner and program will be held at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained from Percy Masaki, (916) 441-2188; or Toko Fujii, California First Bank (916) 441-7900. Those desiring more information can also contact Fujii at home, (916) 421-2112.

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The 1987 reel is available at a \$32 pre-publication price if ordered before March 31, 1988. Cost after that date will be \$42.

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take them for the enemy. As the war progressed, they were called upon to persuade Japanese soldiers and civilians to surrender to the United States instead of committing suicide. They did all this with very little recognition... even years after World War II was over. The accomplishments were kept classified.

War Resisters

The Color of Honor also looks at another group, a group some in the Nikkei community feel ashamed of. Years later, Ding's film also takes a look at the ones who, for a number of reasons, decided to resist military service. It's still a touchy subject for many. "I saw that what the resisters were doing as acts of conscience. The decision to go or not to go are all acts of conscience, are honorable of acts... the color of honor has many colors, there are many forms of honor."

"The ones who decide to go off to war see their buddies die and then... it becomes very difficult to accept that your buddies who died maybe should have never had to face that situation in the first place. The fact is that they did die and you don't want to detract from the value of the life that they sacrificed."

As for whether or not *The Color of Honor* will help heal any perceived rift between those served and those who didn't, Ding said, "I certainly think it's high time for reconciliation to happen."

Aiso's Contribution

The late John Aiso played a major part in the MIS Language School, and thus appears in *The Color of Honor*. "John Aiso is very key in the story," related Ding. "John Aiso tells

how he started off as a student, and then within the week he became part-time student/instructor, and within ten days or so, became head instructor."

"John Aiso is the one who had overall responsibility for developing a program that would work," said Ding, "and for maintaining an incredible pace of learning." Ding feels that Aiso's death was a "terrible, terrible loss." "I think that he's known by many people as a jurist... but the most unique achievement that he has for this country is his role in creating that school, in creating that program and in maintaining the level of training and preparedness so that those men going could have the best training they could get in a short time."

The Color of Honor will be shown in a benefit screening on March 6, 2:00 p.m., at the Japan American Theater. Tax deductible tickets are \$50.00. A reception for Loni Ding will follow the screening. For information and reservations, call Visual Communications at (213) 680-4462 or the Japan America Theater at (213) 680-3700.

HHS Scraps AFDC Program, Matsui Calls Decision 'Deplorable'

WASHINGTON — An angry delegation of California legislators told the federal government on Jan. 28 that it is outraged over the recent decision to scrap a \$40 million program designed to aid 30,000 homeless families in the state.

In a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Otis R. Bowen, the bipartisan delegation of U.S. congressmen and senators said the department's position reflects "a convoluted effort" to squash California's "first and only significant effort to address the serious crisis of homeless families."

The conflict centers around a unique bill passed by the California legislature last year that would provide shelter assistance to homeless families through the federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. The bill was later signed into law by the state's republican governor.

On Jan. 26, 1988, HHS announced

that it would not allow California to implement its AFDC homeless plan as submitted. The department cited two reasons for its denial: 1) that the program was inequitable because it would only aid families that are homeless and not families that just want to move; and 2) that the program would not make homeless assistance payments to families with liquid resources over \$100.

"We have carefully reviewed the reasons for your disapproval and have concluded that they have no basis in federal law or regulation," the letter to Secretary Bowen states. "In fact, they appear to violate section 9118 of the recently passed Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987."

Said Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.): "It is deplorable that HHS should object to this program on the grounds of 'inequitable treatment.' The program's requirements are neither arbitrary nor inequitable. They are simply designed to provide assistance to those families who need help the most, period."

Matsui, who drafted the letter to HHS, has been meeting with California officials since the conflict began.

"HHS's decision to delay funding comes at the worst possible time," said Matsui. "Winter time is a 24-hour-a-day nightmare for the homeless. This is when they need help the most, not two months from now when the federal government realizes it made a mistake."

The AFDC-homeless program was scheduled to be implemented on Feb. 1, 1988. California legislators are urging HHS to reverse its position in a timely manner so that the program can meet its scheduled start-up date.

Asian American Alliance Supports Confirmation

IRVINE, Calif. — Describing Congressman Daniel Lungren's five congressional terms as exhibiting "extraordinary competence and integrity," the newly formed Asian American Alliance of California approved a resolution supporting his nomination as state treasurer on Jan. 24.

Although groups opposing the congressman form their opinion on what they term his "poor voting record" on civil rights issues, the alliance argues that Lungren's role in passing the Immigration Reform Act of 1986, the Voting Rights Act and the measure establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is proof of his concern for minority groups.

The organization says while it disagrees with Lungren's opposition to the individual monetary compensation for Japanese American and legal resident alien evacuees of WW2, it supports Lungren's approval of an apology for the injustices suffered by the former internees and his proposal of an award of \$50 million for public education about the event.

Dr. Julian Lee, chairman of the alliance, accuses organizations opposing Lungren, such as the Californians for Responsible Government, of using "inflammatory rhetoric" and "giving a false impression that most Asian Americans oppose his appointment."

Board members of the organization include Eunice Sato, Dr. Oscar Domondon, Dr. Jason Lai, Tony Lam, Jessica Wei Lee, Marie Marcelo, Dr. Hakto Pak and Mas Odoi.

Inouye, Matsunaga, Join JAMN Governors

LOS ANGELES — Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both of Hawaii, will serve as co-chairpersons of the Japanese American National Museum's Board of Governors, announced Bruce Kaji, president of the museum, at the board's annual meeting.

The recent meeting, held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, gathered together the representatives of the museum, as well as honoring various local dignitaries. At a dinner culminating the full one-day event, Congressman Robert Matsui from Sacramento addressed the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, while Congressman Norman Mineta of San Jose installed the new trustee officers.

Presented with medals of merit were Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Little Tokyo Community Rede-

velopment Agency (CRA) Project Manager Cooke Sunoo, California State Senator Art Torres, and CRA Chairman James M. Wood. "These individuals in their own way, contributed to making this museum a reality," said Kaji.

Both Congressmen Matsui and Mineta are members of the Board of Governors, who will help the Board of Trustees in fund-raising efforts and gathering resources. Representing eight different geographic locations throughout the United States and also Japan, the governors will continue to broaden the museum's scope.

Other members of the board of governors are:

Harry Kajihara, president of the Japanese American Citizens League, Camarillo, California; Toy Kanegai, Los Angeles

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Japan's Whaling Industry

FRONT-page attention to Japanese whaling a la 1988 continues to be administered in the American press. While Japan has agreed in principle to abide by an international moratorium on commercial whaling from this year, the press noted the sailing of Japanese whalers last December to the Antarctic on a research mission to haul 300 minke whales to prove some whale species are robust enough in number to support commercial whaling indefinitely. And while the stated purpose of the Japanese fishery agency of whaling is to gather data on life span and reproductive patterns, the whale meat from the harvest is to be sold to help defray the cost of the 60-day expedition. The conservationists in Japan are calling this commercial whaling in disguise.

In the mid-70s the issue had courted National JACL's concern because U.S. conservationists, to educate the public on the whaling issue, were employing ugly racist tactics against Japanese Americans and the Japanese people. They called for a blanket boycott of Japanese goods in full-page advertising in major dailies that affected businesses of Americans citizens in Japantowns, staged anti-whaling demonstrations in Japantowns, issued bumper stickers "to stop the whale killers" and waged an obviously one-sided campaign at the time.

At the 1974 National JACL convention in Portland, the whaling conservation issue had reached the level where a white paper was published by Dr. Clifford Uyeda and his ad hoc committee to acquaint JACLers with the controversy. The paper recommended JACL's position to be twofold: (1) condemn tactics which are misdirected against Japanese Americans and Japanese as people, and (2) support a 10-year moratorium as a reasonable time in which to establish effective international controls and to allow some recovery of the depleted whale stocks.

The JACL resolution condemning the racist campaign was unanimously passed 96-0. The whale issue committee continued its general information program through the '70s and maintained its watchdog stance against the recurrence of racism in this sphere. The racist overtones to the save the whales had waned — in wake of the formal presentations of the Japanese American points of view in the controversy.

What may be adding to the reduction of whale killing is the change of Japanese eating habits: in 1960, the average Japanese ate 3.5 pounds of whale, double the amount of chicken in the diet at the time. Last year, that per capita figure was 3.5 ounces—compared to 10 pounds of beef and 22 pounds of chicken. Whale was a staple in school lunches in the immediate post-WW2 years as a source for protein. Today, whale remains as a cultural legacy—offered at weddings and New Year celebrations in Japan.

The Japanese American community today is being spared what transpired some 15 years ago over the whaling issue. The often lonely educational pursuit of this small JACL committee and its success comes to mind whenever the whaling season starts. We bring it up to assure it's not forgotten.

Samples: 1970 Anti-Whaling Issue

(JACL White Paper on Whaling, Nov. 8, 1974)

As "white papers" go in JACL, this was one of the very few to be published and distributed. While some 14 years old, it is a definitive study of an issue still retaining relevance. It is a format that others today might emulate.

The (1973-74) boycott campaign was aimed primarily at Japanese products (and) Japan as a nation. And the Japanese people were being targeted as the culprits in the fight to save the whales.

The paper featured the biased nature of the boycott had been recognized by some conservation groups, such as the Project Jonah of Bolinas, Calif., and the American Cetacean Society, Marina del Rey, Calif.

The JACL white paper comments here that the boycott was a shot-gun approach to the problem, injuring and angering thousands of innocent victims in a hope that some of the pellets would strike the right target. "If boycott is advocated, it is hypocritical unless every whaling nation is similarly targeted and unless cultural, athletic and other secondary boycotts are also followed. The boycott also affects American jobs and market in terms of the \$18 billion foreign trade," the paper pointed out. The paper urged that national leaders negotiate directly with the whaling countries for a moratorium.

BECAUSE THE Japanese in the U.S. as a group are more visible than the Russians, a call for a boycott produced hostility aimed only at persons of Japanese ancestry. The white paper cited some incidents of Japanese American families and establishments being harassed by "anti-whalers":

Dec. 12, 1973—Opening day of the Antarctic whaling season: Sixty school children demonstrate at the San Francisco Japanese Cultural and Trade Center.

Feb. 15, 1974—Young Japanese American students are target of cruel remarks and jokes in the San Juan Capistrano/Dana Hills area in Orange County, California. (Pacific Citizen).

June 5, 1974—Forty demonstrate at the San Francisco Japan Center mall in front of Japanese American business establishments.

July 13, 1974—Several JACLers, including the National Director, are told by anti-whaling picketers in San Francisco to "go back to Japan."

Undated incidents—The children's crusade is degenerating into a gross caricature of Japanese as a race of cruel people, unjust and barbaric... Japanese American school children are being teased and slandered as "Jap Whale Killers."

JACL's white paper concludes with a brief history on whaling, noting that Commodore Perry opened Japan in 1854 to give American whalers ports in which to repair and resupply their ships. At one time (1846), U.S. had 735 whaling ships at sea. The norm for catching whale by harpoon was one whale per month per ship. With mechanization, it came to one whale per ship per day. The U.S. whaling industry operated until 1971 when it became unprofitable.

It describes other key components, such as: (a) International Whaling Commission, which was created in 1946 by 15 nations, to regulate the industry, setting quotas for the season and selective moratorium by specie; (b) Japanese whaling industry, its fleet devastated by the war and revived by government subsidies and accounting for 40% of the total annual world catch by 1973; (c) other cetaceans—porpoises, dolphins; and (d) whale meat and whale products.

Racial Discrimination Hurts Japan's Image

"There is no place for unskilled immigrants in this society... 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."

This quotation is reminiscent of the kind of speeches heard in America's past when it was popular to attack the influx of "cheap coolie labor" from China and Japan. It reflects the kind of thinking that led to the Chinese exclusion act of 1882, and the immigration law of 1924 that blocked immigrants from Japan. That law told the Japanese that they were an inferior and undesirable people, and led ultimately to the tragedy of Pearl Harbor.

Unfortunately the quotation is not from America's benighted past. It appeared recently in the Sankei Shimbun, a large and respected Japanese economic daily. According to the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center which translated and distributed the article, it was written by Prof. Kanji Nishio of the University of Electro-Communications.

Nishio was making a curious point. He observed that countries like England, West Germany and France had invited "guest workers" in the 1950s and 1960s during a severe labor shortage to take jobs

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



their own citizens wouldn't accept. This, he says, has led to a stratified society at the bottom of which are millions of unassimilated foreigners, and this is not what Japan wants.

"For centuries," he says, "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 U.S., too, race and ethnic origins are a major determinant of social status. These are not models for Japan."

He explains that Japan enjoys social harmony because of its unique culture and relative isolation, and that should not be endangered by the false altruism of allowing an alien underclass to enter the country as immigrants.

What Professor Nishio is advocating is somewhat parallel to, but also quite different from, the arguments against Oriental immigration heard in this country a couple of generations ago. Japan today is a vastly

overcrowded nation with extremely limited land. Early America was underpopulated and could, and did, absorb millions of immigrants. Nishio could make a much more convincing case for Japan by citing overcrowding.

As I understand his logic, however, he is advocating discrimination in order to avoid discrimination. I wonder what our Issei parents would have said about this line of thinking.

Professor Nishio is not the only one in Japan griping about foreign labor. A recent Japan Times story reports that the union representing Japan Air Lines' cabin attendants has protested the hiring of 67 British women and 3 men, 21 Chinese-speaking women from Singapore, and 22 West German women to work on flights between Japan and Singapore and Japan and Europe. The foreigners would replace two Japanese stewardesses on each flight. The union's reasons for complaint, including language problems and fear of a lower quality of service, are not entirely convincing.

Over the decades when Japan was an underdog developing nation, it was the target of unwarranted and unfair racial discrimination. Now that Japan is rich and economically powerful, the role of racial discrimination ill fits its image.

Letters to the Editor

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A JACL 'No Position' Is a Side with Racism

I applaud Glen I. Kitayama's letter in the last issue. As someone who joined JACL in the belief that it was a clear-thinking organization dedicated to promoting civil rights and justice, I too was shocked to learn about the so-called "no position" on Robert Bork's nomination. It appears that JACL is making the same mistake concerning Dan Lungren.

With regard to Robert Bork, there was an important reason why a diverse coalition of national organizations worked together for the first time to defeat his nomination. He represented one of the most serious threats to all our civil liberties, and it is a sad commentary on JACL that it chose to look the other way.

Taking "no position" actually means siding with the likes of Phyllis Schlafly, Jerry Falwell, and Jesse Helms. It reminds me of those who took "no position" during the internments, the atomic bombing, and the war in Vietnam—all genocidal acts on the part of our government.

Whether out of fear or a misguided desire to be accepted by those who actually oppress all people of color, the JACL "no position" is actually a reactionary decision on the side of racism.

JOHN CATON
San Francisco, CA

Redress Straitjacket

Mr. Yasuhara expostulates his passion (P.C. Jan. 22) with such intense directness, I would certainly want him on my side on any issue. However, I must disagree, for one, that redress is the "most significant compelling civil rights issue of our times"; just review the Black and American Indian histories. Isn't it that we made civil rights history in the shortest span of constitutional archives and can't seem to understand or consume the past? (Is it possible with exorcism of redress we will become a fossil minority, a past history?) Furthermore, JACL's and other minority groups' successes

gained mightily from the post-war civil rights ferment led, lest we have forgotten, by the Blacks.

His implications that some of us too often demonstrate the courage of noncombatants are misdirected and even mean-spirited, overlooking that the majority of us have been in the "trenches" at one time or another—JACL, concentration camps, and/or the Army. Some of us are not so confined in the redress straitjacket to not pay attention to the present in order to structure the future.

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Maine

Censorship Not Good in Civil Rights Paper

We people of free mind and body have the ability to draw our own conclusions on issues of controversy. The notion that individuals cannot come to a decision on their own without the aid of a guiding hand is insulting.

I believe most of us understand that when an opinion is written by an individual, obviously, the parameters of the subject matter being discussed remain those of the author. Ignorance to that fact shows a great lack of foresight. Opinion pieces written by an individual remain just that—opinions.

Individuals also have the ability to rebut an opinion that does not agree with their own points of view. One of the qualities of this democracy is that it's okay to express an opinion and/or publish one, and for others to ask questions and pose another point of view.

It is the prerogative of the individual to find for himself or herself the answer to their own questions and not simply leave it up to a governing body to decide.

Different points of view are important. They raise one's conscience above the clouds of indifference. In addition, they have the right to be heard in the same forum. There needs to be a balance of both points of view in a publication.

The editorial staff of the Pacific Citizen should not be blamed for printing anything that contradicts the ideology of JACL, especially when the article in question is clearly an opinion piece. Conflicting

points of view serve to help people form their own decisions. They allow for broader scope of an issue and provide for growth and change.

Exclusion and selective reasoning should not be applied to the agenda of a publication in a civil rights organization.

JIMMY TOKESHI
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\$400 Mil Figure Too Low

Continued use of the clearly inaccurate figure of \$400 million as the amount of World War II economic losses of the Japanese community does harm to those who lost so much. This is particularly regretful when some who should know better supply ammunition to those who would deny just compensation either through legislation or in the court.

The report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) states on page 120: "For years, writers and commentators have cited an estimate by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco that evacuee property losses ran to \$400 million. The Commission has inquired of the Federal Reserve which can find no basis in its records for the number. In short, the \$400 million figure appears to be unsubstantiated." It cited Roger Daniels in his *Concentration Camps, USA* as a source of the \$400 million figure.

Sandra Taylor, in an excellent analysis, "Evacuation and Economic Loss," edited by Daniels, states: "Daniels reported that the first person citing the \$400 million figure was Mike Masaoka... in a document entitled 'Final Report' dated April 22, 1944." Taylor continues that Masaoka testified before a House subcommittee in 1954 that the Federal Reserve Bank estimated there was a \$400 million loss and that he did not cite a further source of that figure. She lists other authors who used that amount, including Allan Bosworth, who cited a Masaoka article in the Pacific Citizen, Gardner and Loftis in *The Great Betrayal*, and William Hosokawa in *Nisei: The Quiet Americans*. Taylor repeats that the Federal Reserve Bank disavowed any connection with that figure, and Daniels concluded that he

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was convinced that a bank statement was never made "at least in that form."

In "Papers for the Commission," the ICF experts in a CWRIC consultant study estimate total economic losses to the Japanese American population of between \$2.7 and \$6.2 billion in 1983 dollars, assuming the wartime losses were to reflect inflation and a "modest" investment of 3 percent annual return.

Just as the continued use of the government's term "evacuation"

beggars what really happened, the use of the \$400 million fantasy distorts the losses in economic terms. Of course, even the \$6.2 billion can't buy back the pictures and letters of relatives in Japan that were destroyed, the piano that my wife's father was trying to pay for that was sold for \$10, and the hopes and faith that were demolished by the acts of those who misused their authority and still do not recognize what grave wrongs they committed.

JACK HERZIG
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Insightful Governor Gets Hero Vote

Editor's Note: The following reprint of Gene Amole's column originally appeared in the Dec. 10, 1987 issue of *The Rocky Mountain News*.

By Gene Amole
Unselfish.

Lacking any involvement whatsoever with personal bravery, I fall back on Will Rogers' observation that "We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." Tomorrow is the 100th anniversary of Ralph Carr's birth, and I'll be sitting on the curb, clapping, as the memory of this courageous man passes by.

MOST OF the heroes I have known just happened to be at the right place at the right time. It wasn't so much a matter of valor as it was of chance. The real hero is one who ignores personal risk and goes ahead and does something because it needs to be done and because it is right.

I started thinking about this because Sen. William Armstrong (R-Colo.) has begun a campaign to put another statue of a distinguished Coloradan in National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. Each state is entitled to honor two of its citizens. Colorado has only one statue, that of Dr. Florence Sabin.

All sorts of names are being kicked around for the second honoree, including Zebulon Pike, David Moffat, F.G. Bonfils, Horace Tabor, Molly Brown, Chief Ouray, Charles Boettcher, John Evans, Jack Dempsey, Robert Speer, Lowell Thomas and even cannibal Alferd Packer. The danger, of course, is to confuse notoriety with genuine, unselfish public service.

My vote goes to Carr. When World War II broke out, he was the only western governor to welcome loyal Japanese Americans who were

being rounded up in West Coast states and sent to concentration camps. Against a wave of anti-Japanese sentiment, Carr went on the radio 46 years ago today and said, "We cannot test the degree of a man's affection for his fellows or his country by the birthplace of his grandfather."

IT WAS not a popular stand. Both *The Denver Post* and the *Rocky Mountain News* had whipped up knee-jerk, anti-Japanese bias in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor three days earlier. Colorado Sen. Ed Johnson made the clear implication in a statement that the Colorado National Guard should be called out to keep Japanese Americans out of Colorado.

Carr held firm, however, pointing out that loyal Japanese Americans had the same rights as others under the U.S. Constitution. His stand ended his political career. George L. Robinson, an administrative assistant in Carr's office, wrote just a few days ago: "So, what thanks did he get? He lost his chance to become a U.S. senator. He told us working for him that it might, and it did."

In the years that have followed, Congress has voted to apologize to these loyal Japanese Americans who were unjustly forced to leave their homes and who were denied their rights as citizens. Note of this will be taken at noon tomorrow when a ceremony honoring Carr will be held at the state capitol.

What this brave man did in Colorado at a precarious time in American history honors all free men everywhere. For this reason, I believe his service should be commemorated by placing a statue of Ralph Carr in the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

He was a genuine hero.

Stephen Nakashima, an attorney from San Jose; Nih Hul, president of the Cambodian Business Association of Long Beach; and Trong Nguyen, owner of La Boulangerie, Inc., from Sacramento.

Nguyen, a Democrat, testified that although he had just met the congressman the evening before at a Chinese New Year's party, he was impressed with Lungren's record on immigration. Nguyen's sense of humor brought some comic relief to the often tense atmosphere of the committee hearings. He stated that Lungren's rejection would make him more famous than "Humphrey the Whale."

The most emotional appeal for support came from Sato, who cited that although she personally did not go to camp her living conditions in Colorado at the time were comparable, if not worse, than the living conditions in the internment camps. She stated that she did not believe in reparations because "the loss of our liberty cannot be paid back by any amount of dollars." Sato went on to compare the nominee with "a diamond," calling Lungren a "brilliant and shining statesman."

Following Lungren's closing statement, the Senate Rules Committee voted 3-2 to recommend to the full Senate floor a non-confirmation.

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hide racism in voting against social programs to help Blacks.

Bobbi Lungren rushed to the podium and decried the supposed accusation. Sen. David Roberti, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, assured her that no one was suggesting that her husband was a racist and that the term were merely used in the context of describing votes.

His voice filled with emotion, Roberti said, "Mrs. Lungren, I understand how difficult it is to sit here and listen to people say negative things about your husband, but these witnesses represent minority groups that have been oppressed for many generations so they are and have a right to be emotional too!"

In addition to the Asian witnesses, opposition was also heard from representatives of labor unions, senior citizen and women's organizations, the gay community, Black and Hispanic civil rights groups and environmental groups.

Sato Supports Nominee

Among the Asian Pacific American witnesses testifying in support of Lungren were Eunice Sato, former mayor of Long Beach;

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for a specific city.

WHETHER IT BE the Portuguese, or some other nationality, that picked up *jih-pun* from the Chinese and corrupted, or otherwise changed it, to end up "Japan," inevitably other cultures do the same thing. Even the Japanese in naming their own country. The Japanese just as easily could have adopted *jih-pun* "as is." Instead, they took the same two kanji characters—*nichi* and *moto*—and called it "Nippon" or "Nihon." In so doing, they mixed up the Chinese (*ohn*) pronunciation with the Japanese-created (*kun*) pronunciation. Had they stuck consistently with the *kun* reading, the name of Japan would come out "Nichi-moto," which sounds like some ordinary, family name. Nothing wrong, mind you, with "Nichimoto" or anything similar to that. Why some of my best friends bear family names sounding strik-

ingly similar to "Nichimoto." Be that as it may, one can hardly name a nation with a family-sounding name, now can you? (Although, come to think of it, "America" is derived from Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian navigator. Do you realize how close we came to be known as "The United States of Vespucci"?)

THE FASCINATION of *kanji*, particularly in the hands of the *Nippon-jins*, takes on a chameleonic character, especially when it comes to names of families and places. Take this columnist's family name, for example: Marutani. In Chinese, it's "gan-ku." In fact, the *maru* part retains its Chinese (*ohn*) reading as a compound character, e.g. *gan-yaku* (medicinal pill). Yet in other compound forms, it may retain its Japanese (*kun*) reading, as in "Marubeni." But Marutani may also be pronounced, as written, as "Maruya." There probably are a few "Maruya's" out there who write their surnames in the same characters as I write mine. So ephemeral are Japanese family names that one literally needs a dictionary of names. (I don't have one, yet.)

WE'LL STOP here so that you can go to the medicine cabinet and get yourself a *gan-yaku*. Triple strength.

Rolling Stone's Ignorance

Rolling Stone magazine and writer P.J. O'Rourke have received the ire of the Korean American community because of the "Seoul Brothers" article. Much of the article was really not too objectionable; some of O'Rourke's observations are quite good. The offending matter came from just a few lines in which O'Rourke wrote that Koreans (and, by implication, all Asians) "really do all look alike." He also made fun of how the Korean language sounds and how he was "overwhelmed by the amazing stink of kimchi."

Realistically, Koreans shouldn't be too upset by the cracks about kimchi and the sound of the Korean language. That kind of observation is his opinion and so be it; I could find Asian Americans (including Korean Americans) who would say the same thing.

The unfortunate part of the affair is that *Rolling Stone* let that line about Koreans all looking alike actually reach print. Such an observation is also opinion, but it shows tremendous insensitivity, latent racism, astounding arrogance, and ugly ethnocentrism, as well as condescension and ignorance. That kind of thinking dehumanizes an entire group of people, robbing each Korean of individuality.

O'Rourke's comments, made in jest, reveal a mean-streak from the same poisoned thought patterns of those that told us that the Japanese were like prints made from the same negative, that a Jap is a Jap, that the Vietnamese value life less

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George Johnston



than Euro-Americans, that the only good Injun is a dead Injun, that the Irish are drunkards... you get the idea.

The meanspiritedness behind O'Rourke's comments are especially sad in light of the way *Rolling Stone* tries to portray itself. I've been a frequent *Rolling Stone* reader for over 10 of its twenty years, and my impression of the magazine was that it would stick up for the little guy, the underdog, the oppressed, the rugged individualist. Those few lines of "Seoul Brothers" are a steel-toed boot in the teeth of that illusion.

It also got me thinking about *Rolling Stone* magazine itself. At the press conference where *Rolling Stone* executive editor Robert Wallace initially apologized about the article, the question about institutional racism came up. Wallace denied that this was true. I've no doubt he was sincere.

But, if actions speak louder than words, what do past issues of *Rolling Stone* tell us? It tells me that they

might as well have such a policy considering how much space they've given the Asian American.

In addition to celebrities and occasional politicians, *Rolling Stone* dedicates much of its contents to the coverage of rock and popular music. Other than Yoko Ono, (and comedian Tommy Chong) how many of persons of Asian ancestry have graced their cover? How much coverage has been given Asian American musicians and groups? When (if ever) was the last time they've run anything about the band Hiroshima? How about the pop, rock and fusion musicians of one of the world's largest music consumers, Japan? How about music out of Hawaii? How about actor John Lone? We're talking some mighty slim pickings.

In the meantime, I've got to disagree with those who advocate that *Rolling Stone* get rid of P.J. O'Rourke. It would merely repeat the same mistake that CBS Sports made by dumping Jimmy Snyder. Canning O'Rourke would foster resentment; sensitizing, educating and enlightening him and his magazine, while more time-consuming and difficult, would do everyone a favor.

We've all got a long way to go to repair damage from bad press, negative perceptions and ignorant stereotypes. But, with a some clear thinking, this latest in a long line of ignorance can be turned into an constructive opportunity.

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educator, William "Mo" Marumoto, founder and president of the Interface Group, Ltd., Washington, D.C.; Dr. Julian Nava, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico and professor in history, California State University in Northridge; K. Patrick Okura, president and treasurer of Double "O" Associates, Bethesda, Maryland; Lorna Onizuka, public speaker and widow of astronaut Col. Ellison Onizuka, Houston, Texas; Congressman Edward Roybal, Los Angeles California; Congresswoman Patricia Saiki, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dr. Paul Tsukahara, Gardena city councilman; S.K. Uyeda, Los Angeles businessman; and Harry Yamamoto, Los Angeles businessman.

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Robert N. Takiguchi
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Hirano.

► **Irene Yasuko Hirano**, executive director of T.H.E. Clinic for Women, has been chosen as the executive director of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. Hirano, who will assume the full-time staff position in mid-April, will oversee administration and programming at the museum, as well as work on an international fund-raising campaign.

► **Rodger K. Shimatsu** has been appointed as brokerage supervisor for Transamerica Life, announced Okuno Associates, Inc. Shimatsu also holds a dual role as president of both the Silverlake Advisory Council and the Foothills Association of Life Underwriters.

► **Eiko Nobel** a multi-million dollar salesperson in Fred Sands Realtors Brentwood, Calif., office, has been named Pacific Rim representative of Fred Sands Estates. Her primary responsibility is to assist clients from the Pacific Rim with their Southern California real estate investments.

ONIZUKA

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family had to suddenly assimilate into what Lorna calls "a civilian type" of community. In addition, she said, the family, which had grown accustomed to Ellison's absences while he worked for the military, had to become even more independent because of the greater time required by the space program. Most difficult, she said, was accepting the sudden public exposure.

Following the accident, the Onizuka family began meeting "quite often" with the other families of Challenger crew members in a support group that continues to this day. Ellison's dedication to the space program, which has been duly noted by the 50-odd memorials established in his name, is shared by his wife, who works full-time as the assistant to the director of the National Space Development Agency of Japan in Houston. In addition,



Shimatsu.

► **Ron Uchida** has been named full-time executive director by Colorado SuperNet, Inc., the statewide computer network. Uchida's professional experience includes management training with Proctor and Gamble and consulting engineering with Woodward Clyde and International Engineering. He lives in Lakewood, Calif., with his wife and two daughters.

► **Hayward Nishioka**, widely acclaimed Judo practitioner, teacher, and author of more than 100 survival articles, received a Distinguished Alumni Award in the School of Health and Human Services from the California State University, Los Angeles' Alumni Association on Feb. 25. A professor and chair of the Department of Physical Education at Los Angeles, he is a member of the board of directors of the Southern California Judo Association and founder and first president of the Southern California Collegiate Judo Conference. Others

Lorna now makes public appearances four to five times a month, excluding the months of January and February, with the aim of restoring faith in NASA.

Commitment to Space Program

Explaining her support, she said: "I really believe that we cannot turn that aspect of leadership, the space program, back to our allies or to the Soviet Union. We need to make a real commitment to that."

"I see that as a great deal of part of our future. Perhaps not for our generation but we've got people to follow... We have to keep an active role in that."

"The [explosion] traumatized a whole lot of people," she continued. "Even the people at NASA suffered... If you watch the strength with which they trying to rebuild, you can't help but support them."

"There's always going to be a handful," she added, "[that'll] make mistakes. But you can't give up that commitment, you can't give up that spirit."

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► **Sen. Spark Matsunaga**, has been awarded the Renewable Fuels Association Outstanding Leadership Award for his contribution to the development of the nation's ethanol fuels industry. Matsunaga, a strong advocate of legislation for the development of alternative fuels, said he was proud to be associated with the growing use of ethanol fuel, which reportedly benefits the environment, aids the agricultural economy and enhances the nation's energy security.

► **Gloria S. Hom**, of Palo Alto, Calif., has been reappointed by Governor Deukmejian to the State Board of Education. Hom, 47, has served since 1984 and is a member of the Faculty Association of Community Colleges, the California Teachers Association and the board of trustees for Dominican College (San Rafael). Her term will expire Jan. 1, 1992.

► **Tina Mochizuki**, of South Pasadena, Calif., was one of seven athletes chosen to enter California State University, Los Angeles' Athletic Hall of Fame. Mochizuki, a runner-up in the U.S. Tennis Association singles championships for Cal. State L.A., was the No. 1 ranked female tennis player in Southern California in 1979.

► **David Fukuzawa**, a Yale graduate and former pastor at St. Gerard Catholic Church in Detroit, has become director of the Asian American Center for Justice in Southfield, Michigan. The Seattle-born minister says he hopes to use his position to increase awareness about the diversity among Asians.

► **Roland M. Kotani**, 33, has been appointed to the Hawaii state House from the 44th Dist. (Pearl City-Pacific Palisades). He replaces former Rep. Eloise Tungapalan.

Nominations
to Open Feb. 29
for 6 JACL Offices

SAN FRANCISCO — Nominations will open on February 29 for six (6) National JACL offices for the 1988-90 biennium. These offices include: president; vice president for General Operations; vice president for Public Affairs; vice president for Planning and Development; vice president for 1000 Club, Membership and Services; and secretary/treasurer.

Candidates should be nominated on the basis of qualified background, experience, leadership ability and knowledge of the goals of JACL. The person must be able to attend the National Council meetings to be held in Seattle, Washington August 4-11, 1988.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to your district representative on the Nominations Committee. Nominations Committee representatives must receive the completed forms postmarked no later than May 6, 1988. Official filing closes on this date. All nominations forms must be sent by the district nomination representative to:

JACL Regional Headquarters
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The nomination representative must send the completed forms to the Chicago regional office postmarked no later than May 10, 1988.

It is the duty of the district nominations representative to see that all nomination papers and forms are in good order for filing and that postmarked deadlines are honored.

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Board Elections

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For the Record

The Biennium Budget numbers appearing in the Feb. 19 P.C. editorial did not total properly but it need not be considered at this time. The code in parentheses alongside the years is explained below:

Expenditures	Nat'l	P.C.
1987 (actual)	677,350	419,060
1988 (estimate)	729,200	444,500
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Community Calendar

FRESNO

■ March 7-13—Amerasia Week, a weeklong celebration of the Asian American heritage, at California State University, Fresno. Sponsored by the Asian American Studies Program and the Amerasia Club. March 7—*Living on Tokyo Time*, 7 pm; March 10—Hmong Cultural Night, 7 pm; March 13 Filipino Cultural Night, 7 pm; March 12, Festival Night. All the listed activities are scheduled for the Satellite College Union and are open to the public. Amerasia is co-sponsoring with the Fresno Metropolitan Museum and the Central California Asian Pacific Women the premiere showing of Arthur Dong's film *Lotus*, Tower Theater, March 10. Admission fee required for this event. Info: 209 294-3002.

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.
■ Present—March 6—East West Players presents *Mother Tongue*, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Fri. & Sat.—8 pm; Sun.—7:30 pm. Tickets: \$12. Info: 213 660-0366.
■ Present—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.

■ Present—March 24—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. 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.

■ March 11-13 and March 17-20—East West Players presents a return limited engagement of Edward Sakamoto's *Stew Rice*. All shows begin at 8 pm except Sunday performances, which begin at 7:30 pm. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ March 6—Hina Doll Festival and demonstration of kimono dressing, 1 pm, New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Japanese roof garden. Free. Info: 213 937-0708.

RENO

■ May 13-15—The 5th Poston III

Camp Reunion, at Bally's Hotel. All Poston III Camp internees and their friends welcome. Info: Poston III Fifth Reunion Committee, 440 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128-2590.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ March 4—Tomo Shoji's one-woman show *Born Too Soon ... It's Never Too Late*, 7:30 pm, the Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Admission: \$4 for non-students. Info: 415 848-0173 (am) or 415 849-1289.

■ March 6—Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition's 2nd Annual Membership Party, 2-5 pm, 152 20th Ave. Entertainment by comedienne Sachiko Nakamura. Info: 415 668-3473 or Leslie Owyang, 415 752-6997.

SEATTLE

■ Present—March 1—"Japanese Prints: Hiroshige to Hasui," 50 woodblock prints from mid-19th to early-20 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.

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• 1988 Joint Installation Dinner/Dance, Feb. 27, Los Angeles Airport Hyatt Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd. Dinner: 7 pm; Dancing: 9 pm-1 am. Music by the Music Company. Info: Shirley Chami, 213 558-4255; JoAnn Nakaya, 818 884-1439; Tak Fujii, 213 666-1335; or Bill Kaneko, 213 324-

5644.

SAN MATEO

• 1988 Scholarship Program—the chapter will award freshman scholarships to deserving students from the local area, with top applications to be forwarded to National JACL HQ. Applications: Local San Mateo County high schools and community colleges as well as from the JACL Community Center, 415 South Claremont in San Mateo. Deadline: April 1. Info: 415 343-2793.

SCAN

• Game Night, Venice Community Center, March 5, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles. Potluck Dinner: 6 pm. Games: 7 pm. Barbecue will be provided. SCAN challenges all interested JACL chapters to team pictorial, trivial pursuit, etc. Info: Arthur, 213 616-4915 or Laraine, 213 826-4262.

VENTURA

• Ventura County JACL Singles Bowling/Breakfast Outing, 9 am, March 6, Wagon Wheel Bowl, 2801 Wagon Wheel Rd., Oxnard. All JACL members, family and friends are invited, too. Info: Stan Mukai, 805 388-2974.

'Color of Honor' Benefit Premiere Set

LOS ANGELES — Filmmaker Loni Ding's *The Color of Honor* will be shown in a special Southern California benefit screening on Sunday, March 6, at the Japan American Theatre in Little Tokyo at 2:00 p.m. *The Color of Honor* is a new documentary film about the experiences of Nisei Military Intelligence Service veterans and draft resisters during WW2.

The screening is co-sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District of JACL, the Military Intelligence

Service Veterans Association of Southern California, Visual Communications and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Tickets are \$50 and are tax deductible. All proceeds from this event will be used to help defray production costs of the film.

A reception for Loni Ding will follow immediately after the screening of the film. For information and reservations, call Visual Communications at (213) 680-4462 or the Japan America Theater (213) 680-3700.

JACL CHAPTER NEWS

Detroit Holds Installation Dinner

By Toshi Shimoura

DETROIT — Missing a major snow storm by a day, members and friends of the JACL Detroit chapter gathered for the chapter's 42nd annual installation dinner, held at Southfield Charley's in Southfield, Michigan, on Feb. 13.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Shimoura introduced speaker Abe Takahashi, deputy director of the Michigan State Police. Takahashi, originally from Hawaii and now of Lansing, Michigan, spoke on the need to be involved in social and civil rights issues and used his personal scrutiny as an example of realization. His audience's response was very positive as many were able to relate to this experience.

Recognitions made throughout the evening included Award Chairman Frank Watanabe's presentation of JACL's silver pin to Jean Izumi and Peter Fujioka. George Otsuji received, on behalf of the Calendar Club, the Certificate of Appreciation for the club's perennial

contribution to the chapter and Mary Kamidori received a special recognition and plaudits from David Maxon, out-going president, for her untiring contribution to JACL and the community. In addition, Lisa Archer, a new member and incoming president, was awarded the JACLer of the Chapter award for her contribution in the redress letter-writing campaign to Washington.

Entertainment was provided by Dennis Santillan of the Plymouth Community Choir. Invocation and benediction were given by David Fukuzawa.

April Goral of Milwaukee, first vice-governor of MDC installed the following chapter officers and board members for 1988: Lisa Archer—president; Scott Yamazaki—president elect and secretary; and Mary Kamidori—treasurer. Ex-officios are Dave Maxon, Peter Fujioka, George Iwaki, Dr. Kaz Mayeda, Dr. Gerry Shimoura, Toshi Shimoura and Bob Tera.

Trust Fund Committee Elects Officers

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest District JACL Trust Fund Committee elected officers for 1988 at its annual meeting held Jan. 10. Leslie Furukawa was elected chairperson and Fred Y. Hoshiyama was elected secretary/treasurer. Furukawa replaced Dr. Roy Nishikawa at the post, which he held for the past 12 years.

PSWD Governor J.D. Hokoyama appointed the following persons to the following terms of offices:

Roy Nishikawa, 5 years; Leslie Furukawa, 3 years; Fred Y. Hoshiyama, 2 years; J.D. Hokoyama, 4 years; Sandi Kawasaki, 2 years; Ken Inouye, 2 years; Bill Kaneko, 2 years; and Ron Ohata, legal counsel.

Grant application deadlines were

set at March 1 and Sept. 1. To expedite the processing time for the applications, it was decided to eliminate one hearing step, that of the PSWD Council Board meeting. Chapter representatives will have a chance to speak for or against a given application and provide input before it goes to the JACL Trust Fund Committee which will meet a minimum of twice yearly, immediately after the second and fourth quarterly PSWD Council meetings.

Interested organizations can apply through John Saito, JACL PSWD regional director, at (213) 626-4471 or write 244 S. San Pedro St. #507, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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1988 GROUP TOURS

(Revised Jan. 25, 1988)

- # 3 Caribbean Cruise
Feb 7 - Feb 14
Ray Ishii, escort
- # 4 New Orleans Mardi Gras
Feb 13 - Feb 17
George Y. Kanegai, escort
- # 5 Best of Florida with Epcot
Mar 4 - Mar 12
Yuki Janet Sato, escort
- # 6 Japan Cherry Blossom
Tour - Mar 25 - Apr 9
Toy Kanegai, escort
- # 7 Australia and New Zealand
Apr 28 - May 18
George Kanegai, escort
- # 8 Sendai/Ura Nihon Tour
May 7 - May 20
Ray Ishii, escort
- # 9 The Historic East Tour
May 13 - May 21
Bill Sakurai, escort
- #10 The Best of Europe
Jun 3 - Jun 22
Toy Kanegai, escort
- #11 Japan Summer Tour
Jun 24 - Jul 6
Veronica Ohara, escort
- #11a Spain, Portugal & Morocco
Jun 23 - Jul 9
Alyce Komoto, escort
- #12 Alaska and the Yukon
Jul 4 - Jul 16
Toy Kanegai, escort
- #12a See South America
Jul 13 - Jul 28
Masako Kobayashi, escort
- #12b Scandinavia & Russia
Jul 21 - Aug 11
Alyce Komoto, escort
- #13 Canadian Rockies Tour
Aug 9 - Aug 20
Bill Sakurai, escort
- #14 Japan August Tour
Aug 12 - Aug 26
Nancy Takeda
- #15 Yangtze River / China
Sep 7 - Sep 28
Jiro Mochizuki, escort
- #15a India & Nepal
Sep 10 - Sept 28
Alyce Komoto, escort
- #16 Europe Highlights Tour
Sep 22 - Oct 9
Galen Murakawa, escort
- #17 Fall Foliage Tour:
New England/Canada
Oct 1 - Oct 14
Yuki Sato, escort
- #18 New Orleans - Deep South
Sep 17 - Sep 25
Veronica Ohara, escort
- #19 Hokkaido/Nagoya Festival
Tour - Oct 6 - Oct 20
Toy Kanegai, escort
- #20 Australia, N.Z., Tahiti
Oct 6 - Oct 24
Eric Abe/Veronica Ohara
- #21 Japan Basic Tour
Oct 7 - Oct 22
Bill Sakurai, escort
- #22 Okinawa & Kyushu Tour
Oct 22 - Nov 4
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