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# Senate Votes \$1.3 Billion for WW2 Evacuees



ALL SMILES-April 20 was a happy day in the Senate for (I-r) Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and JACL-LEC Strategies Chair Grant Ujifusa after witnessing the successful passage of S. 1009, which passed was approved by with a solid 69-27 total.

# Japanese Americans Happy with Senate Passage

Statements compiled by the Pacific Citizen and JACL-LEC Office

Positive reactions in the Japanese American community were nearly unanimous after the successful Senate passage of S. 1009 on April 20. "We stood solidly together to uphold freedom and rights that are outlined in our Constitution. It was an uphill fight. No barriers—passage of time included-could detract us from our goal to petition our government to redress our grievances," said Grayce Uyehara, executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC)

"We are gratified by the tremendous bipartisan support," Uyehara continued. "We thank the many individuals and organizations who acted with us to address this civil rights issue. This action is long overdue."

Strength of Constitution

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), speaking about the intent of the bill, said, "The goal of S. 1009 is to benefit all citizens of our nation by educating our citizens to preclude this event from occurring again to any other ethnic or religious group or any person suspected of being less than a loyal citizen. This bill rein-

forces the strength of our Constitution by reaffirming our commitment to upholding the constitutional

rights of all our citizens.' Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) reacted to the Senate passage by saying, "The Senate has demonstrated its resolve and its faith in the letter and spirit of our great Constitution. The vote this afternoon is an inspiration to us all."

Also praising the Senate's action was Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), who said, "It was an impressive, historic vote. This issue has reached the level of acceptance that something must be done to correct a previous wrong," said Matsui, who felt that the vote indicated that "this country is strong enough, proud enough and sensitive enough to cor-

rect an error in its history.

Community, Individual Efforts Also crediting the efforts of the Japanese American community for the successful Senate vote was Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC legislative strategies chair. "I could see the influence of the community across the board when individual senators cast their ballots," he said. "The community should understand that their efforts have contributed to this."

Singling out individual contributions for commendation, Ujifusa referred to the longstanding friendship between Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and postwar JACL leader Mike Masaoka. "Without Spark Matsunaga, this would not have occurred in the Senate and neither without Matsunaga's relationship of deep personal trust with Mike," he said. "Mike's relationship with Spark was absolutely crucial to this effort."

According to Ujifusa, Harry Kubo, president of the Nisei Farmers League, also played a central role in the relationship between Congress and the administration. Kubo made a call to the Justice Department during the controversial confirmation hearings of Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.) for the post of

 See page 5 for Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan".

California state treasurer. Lungren was accepted by the state Assembly but denied by the state Senate. The Senate's rejection was partially attributed to the lobbying of Japanese and other Asian American groups.

"When the Lungren confirmation hearings produced negative fallout on redress at the Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget, Kubo's calls to the administration kept redress alive at the White House," Ujifusa said. "Kubo's action," he added, "diffused the partisan rancor within the administra-

**JACL Reactions** 

Expressing elation for the April 20 vote was JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi who said, "I am gratified that this Congress has taken action to address past injus-

# LEC Anticipates Reagan's Signature, But...

WASHINGTON - The JACL-LEC anticipates that President Reagan will sign H.R. 442 and S. 1009 into law. JACL-LEC Strategies Chair Grant Ujifusa, who describes himself as "much more than cautiously optimistic, said, "Contrary to some reports, the administration is open on this bill and they are considering it. And when they're ready to talk, we're ready to talk. But nothing is for sure in life or politics." Referring to an April 21 broadcast of "Good Morning, America" which reported that the president was set to veto the legislation, Ujifusa called it "erroneous."

White House Next Step

# S.1009 Passes on Strong Bipartisan Stand of 69 Yeas, 27 Nays, 4 N.V.s

WASHINGTON - By a 69 to 27 vote, House. the United States Senate on April 20 approved legislation to redress the "grave injustice" inflicted on Japanese Americans nearly a half century ago. A companion bill was passed by the House last September, 243-141.

Both measures provide for a formal apology and monetary redress for survivors among the approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans evacuated from the West Coast in early 1942 under Executive Order 9066. The evcacuation and confinement in inland detention camps during World War II was based solely on ethnicity.

Approximately 60,000 evacuees are still living and eligible for payment of \$20,000 each, to be distributed over five years. The bill also would make reparations to surviving Aleuts evacuated from their Alaskan island homes and sent to detention camps during the war. The total amount involved in the Senate version is approximately \$1.3 billion.

The Senate and House versions now go to a conference committee where minor differences are expected to be ironed out without difficulty. President Reagan has 10 days to sign or veto the legislation after it is delivered to the White

Congressional passage of the redress measure, designated S. 1009 and H.R. 442, culminates years of intense effort by Americans of various backgrounds. The legislation is based on the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. After lengthy investigation the Commission in 1983 determined that Execu-

 See page 2 for for breakdown of Senate voting results.

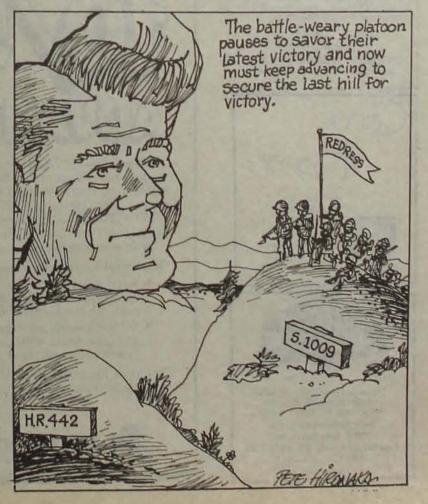
tive Order 9066, signed by President Roosevelt Feb. 19, 1942, was unnecessary and the Evacuation was the result of "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership.

## Senate Action

The bill was brought to the Senate floor at 4:20 p.m. on April 19 by Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee. His nine-member committee had unanimously approved S. 1009 by voice vote on Aug 4, 1987 and referred it to the Senate for floor action.

On April 20, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) delivered an eloquent speech which summarized

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# **Prompt Action Urged by JACL-LEC**

WASHINGTON - With the passage of the Japanese American redress legislation through the U.S. House of Representatives and now the U.S. Senate, JACL-LEC notes that although "two hurdles have been leaped," another is still ahead. President Reagan has ten days to decide whether or not to sign the redress legislation into law once it reaches

The JACL-LEC plans to send out Action Alert No. 9 with specific directions for mounting the campaign for the president's signature as soon as its office receives information on

what happens to the redress legislation in the House conference com-

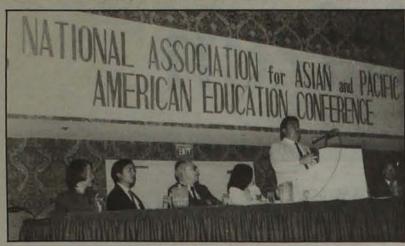
In the meantime, the Pacific Citizen has learned the campaign to have the president sign the bill has been stepped up with mailgrams and letters to the White House.

Mailgrams

Those wishing to send the \$4.50 Western Union mailgram can call 1-800-257-4900 and ask for Operator 9244 regarding the Japanese American redress bill. Callers should specify that the message is for the

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# NAAPAE Confab Looks at Growing Asian HAPPY American Presence in Schools



TEACHER TALK-Los Angeles School Board member Warren Furutani spoke at the tenth annual NAAPAE conference held in Denver April 7-10.

By Alan Tu

DENVER - The tenth annual National Association for Asian/Pacific American Education (NAAPAE) Conference held in Denver focused on the complex task educators have in dealing with different Asian cultures. The three-day conference, held April 7-9, attracted about 250 educators across the nation.

The conference opened with a keynote address from Warren Furutani, the first Asian American Board of Education member in Los Angeles. Furutani said the Denver conference helps break the Asian/ Pacific American "East Coast/West Coast" assumption, adding that communities that were once never considered Asian/Pacific population hubs are today facing problems educating Asian/Pacific immi-

'School districts that have never dealt with the fact that they're going to deal with Asian students, let alone Blacks and Hispanics, suddenly have Asian communities,' said Furutani, especially Southeast Asian refugees that are creating a cultural shock for both sides.

Folks that are from a completely different situation are plopped down in communities ... to be educated in the public school system,' said Furutani, who believes the cultural and language differences demand educators to become more

aware of Asian/Pacific needs. More APAs in Top Positions Needed

Furutani would like to see more Asian/Pacific Americans in top positions to make the changes required to meet the needs for the growing diverse Asian/Pacific American population. "We have to become the policy makers, in either a formal way by being elected to boards of education, or by having strong polit-

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ical power that will impact on pol-

Asian/Pacific non-English speaking students need to make the English language as a top priority, according to Furutani. "The clear thing that has to be made understood is that we have to transition into English. The maintaining of the home language is critical and important and valuable but we must transition into English. English is going to be ultimately the way people are going to get out of their communities or give them more mo-

It was appropriate that NAPPAE members began the conference with a tour of three Denver public schools to examine the "English as a second language" or ESOL program. The ESOL students are taught to adopt English as their primary

Traumatic Experiences

Richard Onizuka, Asian/Pacific Development Center clinician in Denver, works as a mental health counselor for clients experiencing problems assimilating into American society. His workshop focused on the unique problems refugees

Onizuka talked about the refugee experiences that separate them from the "model minority" perception that Asians are all achieving the "American Dream." "A lot of their skills do not apply in this country. Imagine going 50-years into the future," said Onizuka.

Many refugees are separated from other family members and some young children have been forced to assume adult roles. Onizuka said many of his clients

have gone through traumatic experiences such as watching pirates rape and/or kill family members. "Many kids are forced to be mothers and soldiers at an early age.'

Part of helping refugee children assimilate into American society, said Onizuka, is for educators to know the right questions to ask refugees. Understanding a child's past can help a teacher determine if mental health counseling is needed. Onizuka said by asking a refugee child to tell a story of what his/her family is like can lead to some important clues.

Onizuka said he urges teachers to be more aware of the unique circumstances that refugee children have to deal with emotionally in attending an American school.

### Assimilation

Many of the 42 workshops presented dealt with the problems with assimilating Asian/Pacific students into schools. One of those workshops included "techniques of teaching English to Asian language speakers" taught by Noriko Takada of the Evanston Public Schools in Illinois.

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Takada said that when teaching foreign born Asian students language tutors should control their vocabulary to the students needs which may be different than other minority students. "A chair is a chair. It's not a sofa or a couch," said Takada, adding, "Asians are very comfortable with one word expressions.'

The difference between teaching styles for Asian and American schools is about 40-years according to Takada, who believes, "many Asians are trained to be receivers.' Takada, an ESL teacher, felt, "Asian students' absorbtion level is much higher than other students because of the strict Asian school discipline used."

Joanne Yamauchi, professor of communication at American University, Washington D.C., and co-author of a report called "An Academic and Psycho-Social Profile", worked on a recently com-

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tices and rights infringements of Japanese Americans. The imprisonment, which was based on false accusations of disloyalty and race prejudice, left scars on those who suffered from the indignity of discrimination. The healing process can start and we can move on."

JACL National President Harry Kajihara stated, "The passage of S. 1009 represents the ability of American democracy to restore itself and to correct past injustices. This passage is testament to the perseverance of many Americans who were unwilling to allow racial injustice to stand without a challenge, as law of the land.'

Also commenting on the passage of S. 1009 was Jerry Enomoto, chairman of the JACL-LEC board of directors, who said, "We are one step closer to attainment or

a goal that not so long ago seemed to be the 'impossible dream.' We owe much to the leadership of Sens. Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye who, as Japanese Americans from Hawaii, were never incarcerated, but who made their outrage at the denial of constutional guarantees clear from the beginning of our

Clifford Uyeda, a former National JACL president, under whose term redress became a major issue for JACL, recalled the early days of redress. "Possibly one of the most difficult things was getting the Nisei behind it," he said. "It was the Sansei who goaded the Nisei into doing something about it. There was strong objection by those who wanted to let bygones be bygones. I think we have to thank Dan Inouve for the suggestion to initiate the Commission of Wartime Internment and Relocation of Civilians hearings."

# Roll Call Tally on S.1009

WASHINGTON - Passage of S. 1009, to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians that came from the House of Representatives as H.R. 442, was passed Wednesday, April 20, upon a roll call vote as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 105 Leg.] YEAS—89 Cohen (R-Maine)\* Conrad (D-N.D.)\*

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JACL-LEC Footnote: There were 71 co-sponsors including the prime sponsor present to vote, 47-D, 24-R. YEA votes (44-D, 25-R). NAY votes (7-D, 20-R), NOT VOTING (3-D, 1-R.) Sponsorship Symbols: PS Principal sponsor. \* Original cosponsor. \*\* Subsequent cosponsor. w Original cosponsor withdrew.

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# Japanese Canadian Redress—a Review

Below is a speech that was given by Roger Obata on March 30 at the St. Lawrence Forum. Obata was the first president of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association in Toronto in 1947.

By Roger Obata

I am glad that we are here this evening to discuss "fairness" because the whole history on the treatment of Japanese Canadians right up to the present has been anything but fair; in fact, it reeks of "unfairness," injustices and bigotry even

Prof. Cunningham has outlined the background history of the Japanese Canadians in B.C. prior to and after WW2. These are the atrocities for which we are seeking redress.

Many people have asked us why we waited so long to bring up the question of redress. In 1984, the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) began to campaign for redress in a positive and determined manner due to three developments which came together at this time, namely:

a) it was learned from government archives after the expiration of the 30 years' Official Secrecies Act that the mass exile of Japanese Canadians from the B.C. coast was not for military security reasons whatsoever, but based strictly on racism and economic exploitation.

b) The Japanese Americans were actively pursuing their own redress campaign for exactly the same reasons, and

c) the Japanese Canadian community, which had been forcibly dispersed across Canada, had managed to re-establish themselves sufficiently to undertake such a campaign. It is significant to note here that the whole experience of the mass expulsion was such a traumatic shock to Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry that it actually took forty years to recover from this

And so the Redress campaign was

officially adopted by the NAJC at its Winnipeg Conference in April of 1984. It was decided that we would seek from the government three basic commitments:

1) an acknowledgment of the injustices perpetrated on Japanese Canadians during and following WW2; 2) an amendment to the War Measures Act to ensure that no one would ever again be subjected to similar injustices in the future; and 3) compensation for the losses resulting from these injustices.

For the NAJC, redress was basically a question of principles. A grave injustice has been inflicted on a small minority group based on racism. The objective of redress was to undo the wrong committed by a government to its own citizens, and to ensure that such a violation of civil and human rights would never be repeated. Redress was never considered to be strictly a monetary issue, as some people may believe. It is clearly a justice issue.

When compensation was stated as one of the three objectives of Redress, perhaps the word "restitution" would have been more appropriate. We are only seeking the return of what was taken from us including the loss of gainful employment for seven years. We are not seeking damages or awards for wrongful imprisonment or mental anguish, even though we have every right to make such a claim. We are certainly not asking for a hand-out from the government.

For four years now, the question of redress has been dragged out through intermittent discussions with three cabinet ministers. In the meantime, hundreds of victims have died from old age, while the issue remains unresolved. I would like to review the chronological history of these discussions from the beginning and what has transpired, and let you decide whether the government has been "fair" or not.

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# **APAs Express** Their Support for Jesse Jackson

By Naomi Hirahara

LOS ANGELES — When she's not doing community work in Little Tokyo, Evelyn Yoshimura volunteers at Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign headquarters in Califor-

"He listens to Asians," said the Japanese American activist and mother of an 8-year-old girl. "Jesse was the first presidential candidate that supported redress. He spoke out about the Vincent Chin case. He is concerned about raising the living standards of Third World people.'

Yoshimura is only one of thousands of Asian Pacific Americans supporting Jackson's presidential bid. Another Japanese American, attorney Mike Murase, is the campaign director of the California headquarters located at 3960 Wilshire Blvd.

Other Asian Pacific Americans with staff positions in the Jackson campaign include Eddie Wong, national field coordinator, Washington D.C.; May Louie, New England field coordinator; Cindy Ng, New York state advisor; Butch Wing, Northern California field coordinator; Tracy Takano, Hawaii state field coordinator and Mark Mayemura, California state finance coor-

Supporters Active in Districts

Asian Pacific American support groups for Jackson have multiplied in various cities. In Los Angeles, Asians and Pacific Islanders for Jesse Jackson (APIJJ) is currently conducting an endorsement campaign. "Although I'm not a paid staff member, I feel like part of the campaign," said Jerry Yu, a member of APIJJ. "[Jackson] is open to learning about the Asian American community. He feels that he can learn from us. The relationship is of mutual respect, rather than of a sympathizer."

Many Jesse Jackson supporters are also active in their congressional districts. Yoshimura, the cochair of the 28th Congressional District's Jackson support group, as participated in voter registration drives in the Crenshaw area. As a result of these registration tables, hundreds of people have registered to vote.

Party delegates are determined by voters in each congressional district. Yoshimura, who is "seriously considering" running for a delegate seat in the district's caucus set for May 1, cites Jackson's influence in the registration of two million new Democrats in 1984. According to Yoshimura, it was these voters who provided the necessary margin in



RAINBOW PEOPLE—Evelyn Yoshimura (left)recently met with John Frierson (center), senior staff member of Los Angeles City Councilman Nate Holden's office, and Noma LeMoine at a recent fund-raiser organized by Asians and Pacific Islanders for Jesse Jackson. Yoshimura and LeMoine are co-chairs of the 28th Congressional District's Jackson support group.

gaining Democratic seats in both the U.S. House of Representative and Senate.

Rau Mona Tawatao, an APIJJ member and Los Feliz resident, is also interested in registering voters in the 24th Congressional District. "He comes from the same place that we do. So I feel that his commitment is genuine," said the labor attorney with the Reich, Adell and Crost law

Another individual concerned with labor issues is Mark Masaoka, an auto worker at the GM-Van Nuys plant. One of the founders of Labor for Jesse Jackson, Masaoka is also active in the United Automobile Workers (UAW) 645 Members for Jackson. The group plans to invite Jackson to the plant before the California primary on June 7.

### **Exposing Exploited Workers**

"While Richard Gephardt's message was aimed at foreign workers who he claimed were taking American jobs," said Masaoka, "Jackson talks about American corporations who take jobs overseas and exploit foreign workers. We need to improve conditions overseas as a means of restricting the ability of corporations to operate on sheer greed.

Some Asian Pacific Americans such as Cooke Sunoo also applaud Jackson's recognition that Asian Pacific American issues are distinct from Pacific Rim trade issues. "Other politicians do not make that distinction," said Sunoo.

While some critics have said that Jackson's solutions to the trade issues are not concrete, supporters point out his stand on international human rights. One example is Jackson's trip to Japan and Korea

'On these trips, he highlights the issue of workers," said Masaoka. "For instance, in Japan, the exploited workes include Koreans who are involved in home and cottage industries. Jackson helped Continued on page 10

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corded messages to choose from-A or B, message "A" is the one most recommended by the LEC office.

Sample Letter

The following letter may be copied and sent to President Reagan, c/o the White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

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I ask that you sign into law the bill which redresses Japanese Americans and the Aleut and Pribiloff Islands people.

The House and Senate overwhelmingly

passed the redress legislation with bipartisan

support. I am encouraged that our leaders in government recognize the importance of these bills. Their action has deeply moved me by reaffirming the belief of all Americans that our country is great because it is good.

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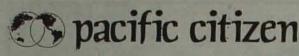
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### **EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:**

# A Pause That 'Recharges'

THE LONG-AWAITED passage of redress bill S. 1009 in the Senate last week by a strong bipartisan vote of 69 to 27 is another proud, historic moment for Japanese Americans for it accomplishes what many had felt was an impossible dream. A decade ago, passage of a bill in Congress offering a symbolic payment and an apology to Japanese Americans detained in camps during World War II was only a pipe dream.

As was noted curiously by Grayce Uyehara, JACL Legislative Educational Committee executive director who has been in the thick of this legislative zero hour to have the redress bills passed, "Many individuals and organizations who were part of the years of educational and lobbying effort have cause for pride and jubilation. The task was accomplished not by the powerful Japanese lobby (as some might sarcastically infer) but by committed people who believe in the democratic process of liberty and justice for all".

True, the task is not over - President Reagan's signature must be added to the bill - but this pause recharges our determination for the final push as well acknowledge the help from all sectors - veterans, church groups, social, political and community organizations and individuals. We have come this far together. Large-hearted tributes go-

To the men who served with the 442nd Infantry in Europe and with Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific by covering those regions where Nisei are few in numbers. The Nisei veterans were asking their non-Nikkei comrades-inarms there to encourage their own congressmen and senators for support.

To the women in the community, especially our indefatigable Philadelphia retiree, Grayce Uyehara, who was serving as the JACL Eastern District redress chair, and filled the vacant post of LEC executive director in Washington this past biennium at the bill's most crucial juncture.

To the Sansei in our midst-and many of whom were born years after their parents had endured the camp experience in silence until their children began to question them, deserve an embracing abrazo of love and appreciation.

To the civil and human rights phalanx, especially the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights based in the Nation's Capital, with its several score of church, labor, social, political and ethnic groups, for its presence addressed redress as a constitutional matter and an "American issue.

To the media for telling and retelling the redress story. The editorials in wake of the April 20 action in the Senate were on target—the President should

To the sponsors and cosponsors of H.R.442 and S.1009, much more will

continue to be heaped upon them in gratitude.

And finally to the American conscience of justice. Nobody in America should have to be detained merely because of race or ancestry.

The President's Corner

# In Pursuit of Revenue

By Harry Kajihara



sarily terse and not too enlightening read of themselves. I would like to elaborate on one significant motion which will materially enhance the 1988 JACL fund position, if the endeavors are successful.

The motion is titled "Fund-Raising." This motion authorizes the National Director to implement in 1988 (1) a dinner event in conjunction with corporate membership development and (2) membership upgrade in conjunction with the biennial sweepstakes.

To the best of my knowledge, this will be the first major fund-drive dinner initiated by a National Director since Director Karl Nobuyuki headed "An American Testimonial" event held on March 22, 1980. According to the preliminary event finance report appearing in the 1980 Millbrae Convention minutes, this dinner netted nearly \$80,000 for the JACL coffer.

The membership upgrade project will modify the sweepstake offering to include a membership upgrade

There were many important mo- provision. The contributors will be tions enacted at the February 13-14 asked if they will consider and allow National Board meeting (See PC, their sweepstake donations to be credited to membership upgrade. If the response is affirmative, it will be noted in the 1000 and Century Club membership categories, and the 1989 renewals will be solicited at the upgraded level. In the past, this membership upgrade program led to a 10 percent affirmative response. Can we obtain a 15 to 20 percent affirmative response this year,

> The National Director has prepared a plan and timeline for the JACL Support Fund Sweepstake. The National Board, National Convention Committee chairs, regional directors, and Headquarters staff all have this plan now. chapter presidents will shortly receive the 1988 JACL Support Fund Sweepstake plan. The 1986 Sweepstakes netted contributions of \$22,000. I am told that a net of \$108,000 is the maximum possible. This amount would be stupendous! Striving towards a more modest goal, let's try to top \$35,000 in 1988. We could accomplish this with the support from all!

# S. 1009

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the events of the incarceration. The role call was then called at approximately 5 p.m., leading to passage of the legislation.

Amendment Attempts

Prior to the final approval, Sen. Chic Hecht (R-Nev.) introduced amendment #1919, which sought to remove the authorization of appropriations and other funding, disbursement and expenditures provisions, effectively wiping out the money part of the bill. It was disapproved 67 to 30, with three not vot-

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) introduced another amendment, #1968. which would have provided "that no funds may be appropriated in any year in which there will be a budget deficit," but this amendment was also defeated 61 to 35, with four not

Then, by agreement, amendment #1970, introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), was accepted by Matsunaga. This amendment sought to "strike the language limiting appointment to some of the positions on the board of directors on the basis of national origin." The language removed stipulated that the board of directors for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund in the bill have at least five of the nine appointees be of Japanese ancestry.

Another amendment was introduced by Sen. Helms to "require the government of Japan to compensate the families of the men and women killed as a result of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, before any awards are paid out under the Act." This proposal received a swift and firm opposition from Sen. Matsunaga and was voted down 91 to four, with five not voting.

# **Letters to the Editor**

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## Seeking Respect for All

Mike Masaoka aptly spelled out the Nisei's basis for redress (Pacific Citizen, 4-8-88).

The Nikkei will not allow themselves to be swept under the rug, and in spite of what some educated nerds like James Kilpatrick and Minnesota congressman Frenzel say or write, the mistake F.D.R. made in putting his lousy signature to Executive Order 9066 is going to be fully corrected and the Supreme Court is going to reverse itself on the forced and unnecessary evacuation; and the longer it takes for these matters to be done the shoddier will our beloved country look in the eyes of history.

Some critics argue that there were some dissidents in the camps and that "a few rotten apples spoiled the whole barrel. It's understandable how the government felt." Well, apples are apples and people are people, and you treat American citizens different than apples. Or you should. In essence, beyond redress, what we seek is respect for all people here (or maybe anywhere), whether caucasoid, mongoloids, negroids, or something in between, and reverence for God and His commands, explicit and crystal clear.

We salute the people of America for their wisdom in enacting Amendment 22 of the Constitution. Except for George Washington there never has been nor will there with God's guidance be an indispensible man in the office of the U.S. Presi-

TARO KAWAKAMI Los Angeles, Calif.

## A Burden of Shame

(The following was written as an "open letter" to Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui and Gov. Ariyoshi on the eve of the Pilgrimage to Manzanar.) More than 45 years ago, the Japa-

nese and Japanese Americans in

this country encountered wholesale violation of their civil

More than 45 years ago, a hundred

thousand persons were relocated in desert camps across the West.

More than 45 years ago, these citizens-men, women, young and oldwere crowded together in racially homogeneous, substandard housing, isolated from the dominant soci-

We have learned a harsh lesson in civil rights. Or have we?

I am a third generation Japanese American. I have lived in Southern California for my entire life. I taught in Watts, worked with boys in a residential setting in Inglewood, and have searched

I have searched my soul for my own prejudices-and I have found many

Today, minorities continue to encounter violations of their civil rights. Vincent Chin comes quickly to mind.

Today, minorities-men, women, young and old-are crowded together in racially homogeneous, substandard housing, isolated from the dominant society. The barrios of East Los Angeles and the housing projects of South-Central Los Angeles are obvious examples.

It appears we have not learned our lesson.

The Asian American voice shouts its abhorrance over Vincent Chin's death, the harassment of Asian Americans over their choice of automobile, television sets, micro-chip technology. I have heard the clamor surrounding the abuse of fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico and family store-owners in urban America. I have heard the thundering cry for reparations for civil rights once violated by an executive decree.

But I have also heard the whispers. Whispers of racism. Acts of discrimination.

I know because I am from you! I am from your homes, your peer groups, your churches, your families. I know.

And I have heard the deafening silence of our voice in the civil rights movement.

The silence of our voices during the crisis in South Africa, the burning of Watts, the riots of East Los Angeles, the uprising in Miami, Howard Beach and Forsythe County. The silence of our voices in Westchester, in Idaho, in Philadelphia. The silence of our voices when four years ago I called upon "us" to gather support for a Black presidential candidate.

The silence of our voices shames

And now, while many Asian American activists endorse the candidacy of Jesse Jackson, while farmers, laborers and the dispossessed reach out to, not a black man, but a great man, many of us seek to withdraw our stripe from the Rainbow

I believe I know why. And I believe you do also. And while I cast my vote for the only candidate who has twenty years EXPERIENCE in civil and human rights; while I cast my vote for the only candidate who can truly understand as we do rejection from our country; while I cast my vote for Jesse Jackson-I will carry the burden of shame, for our silence.

GREGORY UBA Los Angeles, Calif.

# An Arrogance of Power

The most important advice I gave Harry Kajihara before and after he became president was to bring the organization back together and heal the apparent split at the national level. The problem developed between the so-called LEC leaders and the JACL redress leaders. One would think they should be one and

However, due to some strong personalities and perhaps some weak leaders, relationships cooled. I'm not sure which side was at fault, probably both-since some individuals got handled very badly depending on who had the power.

So I told Harry his number one priority should be to heal the split since there would be very capable and well meaning people on both sides and JACL was too small an organization for politics and vindictiveness. JACL needs all the good volunteers and good staff people it

Unfortunately, Harry either ignored my advice or has been too weak to hold off his supporters who are now in the power position to punish or get rid of those who have disagreed with them. One example was an attempt to bypass the vice president of Operations and punish staff by eliminating or greatly reducing the benefits and rights of employees. In addition, much of the authority of the national director has

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# First Hirabayashi Case Upholds the Curfew

By Marshall Sumida

and Joe Oyama

In the first Hirabayashi case, the fact that DeWitt's "Final Report" and the West Coast states amicus brief originated from the same source was not revealed to the Justice Department

The source was the Dies House Un-American Activities report, Background of Japanese Problem in California Sept. 1, 1941," which was written by James F. Fisk. Fisk was head of the California Joint Immigration Committee, the leading pre-war Pacific Coast anti-Japanese

Congressman Martin Dies was an

outspoken anti-Asian and anti-Black racist. That a connection existed between the amicus brief and the "Final Report" with the Dies Committee repor, first came from the "Congressional Record."

Since then, no judicial review has taken place of the "military necessity" to forcibly remove 120,313 American citizens and longtime resident aliens of Japanese ancestry and incarcerate them in concentration camps.

Harold Evans, Gordon Hirabayashi's lawyer, said, "It must be remembered that Hawaii is 2,400 miles from the coast, Midway 3,300 miles and Attu 2,600 miles." Evans added, 'It cannot be said because of military activity in these areas that California was about to be invaded.'

The Supreme Court ruled Hirabayashi guilty of violating the curfew and Public Law 503, laws which singled out only Japanese Americans.

Abraham Lincoln Wirin, American Civil Liberties union lawyer, said, "Race prejudice, not military necessity, was the reason for these orders." He criticized the Roberts Commission report as false and misleading. There was not one

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# 'Dun-Huang'

WATCH FOR IT at your area movie theatre later this year: "Dun-Huang" is the title of an epic movie which has been in the making for three years, involving Japan's Daiei Studios working jointly with a Chinese company. The adjective "epic" is not being lightly appliedthe filming was on location with shooting over four months and involved 100,000 extras plus 40,000 horses. One battle scene involved up to 2,000 horsemen, played by cavalrymen of the People's Liberation Army attired in ancient costumes. Production of the film took 214 days at a cost of \$34.6 million.

Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Last Emperor'-which recently took a number of Oscars-cost \$25 million. Which isn't cheap.

THIS MOVIE REFLECTS an ef-, fort on the part of the Japanese to look back at their historic roots, so to speak. Those roots are, in one very real respect, connected to the socalled Silk Road along, which lies the city of Dunhuang. The city is located about 200 miles south of the Mongolian border, in the heart of China. (I shifted to a non-hypenated spelling because that's the way it appears on the map.) Into ancient Japan arrived immigrant scholars from China and Korea, followed by the Buddhist religion being brought into Japan in the mid-500's by Korean monks, all of whom eventually assimilated into the Japanese society. Indeed, by the year 815, over a third of the some 1,182 noble families of Japan were Chinese and

So those AJA's who are taken for Chinese or Korean: be proud. Your lines may well lead to nobility.

THE STORY LINE is based essentially upon fact. Not far from Dunhuang are located Thousand Caves of Mo Gao," which are carved into the sides of Mt. Mingsha. In these grottoes reposed many Buddhas, and under this protection many scholars flourished, translating the writings of many. And it came to be that the writings that EAST WIND Bill Marutani

flowed into this center included Tibetan, Sanscrit, Iranian and Hebrew. To safeguard these documents, reaching up to the ceiling in many instances, walls were built to seal the documents from those with less

Hundreds of years passed before someone discovered these sealed documents, a priceless treasure

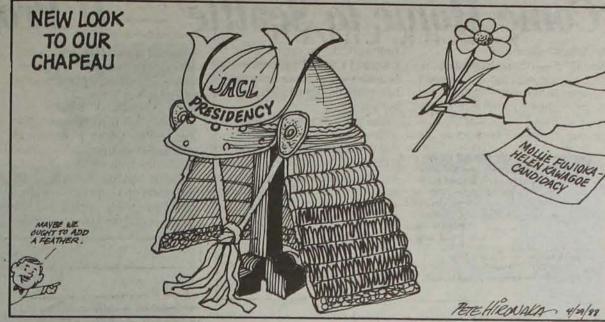
than honorable motives.

UPON THIS HISTORICAL background, it was in 1959 that novelist Yasushi Inoue wove a tale of karma and Buddhist philosophy of human insignificance. The central character is a young scholar named Zhao Xing-te, who, having failed in his quest for Chinese Imperial civil service, sets out to locate a military tribe that threatens the very Chinese empire itself. As fortune would have it, he's captured by the tribe and pressed into its military ranks. But he and the military chieftan become fast friends.

There is a beautiful princess rescued by our hero, but some ill fortune befalls her, inflicted by an evil prince. So our hero and the chieftan seek vengeance and the showdown takes place at Dunhuang. And for the preservation of the precious documents in the caves, there follows a colossal battle. The movie production was directed by a fellow by name of Junya Sato. I predict his name will be known to many after

SPEAKING OF ROOTS and the Silk Road, many treasures from China ended up in the ancient city of Nara. Indeed, it is said that the Buddha of Shodaiji Temple of Nara is a reverse image of those found in Dunhuang.

It's a small world after all.



# Senate Vote Reflects Years of Effort

FROM THE

FRYING

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Bill

This is being written in the warm glow of Senate passage of the redress bill less than 24 hours earlier. The reporter at the office had called to say the historic bill, authorizing payment of \$20,000 over a five-year period to some 60,000 Japanese American survivors of imprisonment during World War II, had been approved by the Senate by a 69-27 vote. Equally significant, the bill provided for an official apology by the government of the United States.

The news stories out of Washington said the Senate bill was likely to be reconciled quickly with the House version, passed last September 243 to 141. But the threat of a presidential veto, presumably on grounds of the estimated \$1.3 billion cost in a time of fiscal austerity, hung over the victory.

Nothing that President Reagan might do, for or against the bill, will diminish the lustre of this remarkable legislative feat. Numerous Japanese Americans, volunteers and paid staff, pushed, cajoled, implored, argued, reasoned and prevailed against seemingly impossible odds to persuade the Congress of the United States to redress a monumental wrong

The Movement in the 1970s

A couple of decades ago, when the redress idea began to stir again after being aired briefly as early as 1946, there was only faint hope of success. Somewhere in my files from the 1970s are letters from the late Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake, laboriHosokawa ously typed by a man who was virtually paralyzed, trying without much encouragement to stir up interest in seeking recompense from the U.S. government. His efforts, and those of his successors like Edison Uno

and Clifford Uyeda, were more

quixotic than promising. It was in Uyeda's time that those pushing the movement took a calculated risk, although they may not have seen it as such. They announced a dollar goal. They picked an arbitrary figure and said they wanted the government to pay each evacuee \$25,000. There were two dangers in this decision. It put a price tag on an outrage and sacrifice that were without price. And while the proposed individual payment was grossly inadequate, the total amounted to such a staggering sum that it risked outright Congressional rejection.

On the other hand, the price tag was something concrete the Japanese Americans could see. They could understand that the primary goal of the redress campaign was vindication, but it was easier to support vindication when there also were dollar signs. The momentum picked up, and that was the first big turning point.

Commission's Findings

The second came when strategists abandoned a frontal attack on Congress in favor the more subtle tactic of letting Congress itself carry the push for redress. They persuaded Congress to approve a commission to investigate the circumstances of Evacuation, and its report was a devastating indictment of the government's action in 1942. What happened was that the commission, a creature of Congress, came up saying what the victims themselves had been saying without being listened to. Conscientious members of Congress found it difficult to ignore the findings, particularly when the JACL's Legislative Education Committee continued to prod them.

The result was resounding success in what had seemed to be a mission impossible. Those most active in the campaign are rightly entitled to the Japanese American community's gratitude, but in a broader sense, to the gratitude of all Americans for having helped to right a historic wrong. And the Japanese American community can congratulate its collective self. Without its patience and exemplary conduct-characterics, incidentally, inherited from the Issei-when bitterness and disillusionment would have been understandable, it would have been infinitely more difficult to win vindication.

# NAAPAE CONFAB

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pleted study profiling the Asian American college student. She stressed that this is a preliminary study to provide the base for more specific research in the future.

Nevertheless, some of the report's findings include: Asian students excel in 1) natural sciences; 2) math/ computer sciences; and 3) social sciences. They perceived greater parental pressure to succeed academically in comparison to their non-Asian counterparts. They shared a similar grade point average of 26. Males reported studying an average of 21 hours per week outside of class with females reporting 24 hours.

The major advantages Asian American students reported about their Asian identity are: 1) rich cultural background; 2) increased sensitivity to other cultures; 3) a sense of being unique. Yamauchi said the intriguing part of the study is that Asian American students reported a dual perspective on being Asian.

The disadvantages students reported: 1) dealing with racial discrimination; 2) cultural adjustment problems; and 3) societal and parental pressures to succeed.

The conclusions reached are from a survey of 406 Asian American college students from the Western, Midwestern, Eastern and Southern regions of the United States.

Similar Study

In a similar study, Samuel Peng, officer of Educational Research and Improvement of the U.S. Department of Education, submitted his paper "Attainment Status of Asian Americans in Higher Education" to the conference.

Peng's findings show a tenacity for Asian Americans to stay in college, resulting in a higher percentage representation in American colleges and universities.

Asian American enrollment has more than doubled since 1976, from 198,000 to 448,000 in 1986 (1.8 percent vs 3.6 percent). 86 percent of Asian Americans who entered a 4-year college stayed in the same college in the following year as compared to 75 percent of Whites, 71 percent of Blacks, and 66 percent of Hispanic students.

In his summary, Peng stated, They are more likely to enroll in higher education, and complete and receive degrees." He attributed this to the value Asian Americans place on education. "Education is viewed as a potent vehicle for upward social mobility," he said. "While this concept is not unique to Asian Americans, it is put to work most successfully by Asian Americans.'

Consequences for Success

Sau-Lim Tsang, NAAPAE president, warns that although many Asian Americans appear to have overcome some major barriers, there is a limit for minorities. "However, in general in any society, these minority groups will be given a chance to prove themselves to the extent it doesn't affect the majority group," said Tsang.

Tsang said there are consequences to Asian success. "We see that coming out from special quotas for college admissions keeping the number of Asians down. Tsang calls this "backlash." "I think that it is very important for Asians to participate actively in politics, to make sure our civil rights are guaranteed" said

Next year's conference theme will probably be "Excellence Through Active Participation," to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 27-29.

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documented case of espionage or sabotage in Hawaii on part of Japanese Americans.

**Court Orders Conviction Vacated** 

On Sept. 24, 1987, the Court of Appeals ordered Hirabayashi's curfew conviction vacated. In November of 1987, the Justice Department sought a rehearing of the case by the Full Court of Appeals, which was denied in December 1987.

Does this mean Hirabayashi still stands guilty, upholding the government's wartime action as legal?

After the trial, Deputy Attorney Edward Ennis, under United States Attorney Francis Biddle, discovered the source of the amicus brief and the "Final Report" but did not learn of Wenig's deceptive role as liaison between DeWitt's office and state officials.

According to Dr. Peter Irons, "More than the contents of the brief, the actions of the War Department lawyers in crossing the line that separated parties to a lawsuit and those who stand as friends of the court in an amicus role raises disturbing legal questions."

The preparation of the amicus brief and DeWitt's "Final Report" needs review. Was there a conspi-

(Source: Peter Irons' Justice at War. New York. Oxford. Oxford University Press. 1983.)

Uphold the Tenets of the Constition

In these articles, it is our intention not only to uphold the Constitution but to safeguard the future. Addressing a Berkeley conference on WW2 internment (October 1987), University of California Professor Ron Takaki said, "Views have changed and they haven't changed. I've listened to a lot of talk shows on redress and a lot of calls are really racist. That's also the very reason why we should go for redress. Like a sore you've got to expose it to the sunlight." And might we add that the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans left a large hole in the Constitution. (Quotes

from the Pacific Citizen, 10/23/87.) Arthur Morimitsu, a veteran of the Pacific war, and president of the Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago, said, "On the whole American people are good people and fair, when the facts are known."

Army Gives a Semblance of Dignity Commemorating the 46th Anniversary of the Military Intelligence Service to this country, on Oct. 30, 1987, Shigeya Kihara, also a veteran of the Pacific war, in his speech said, "In that dark and bitter period of the Japanese American experience, [one] of anger, humiliation and shame, when the president and the Congress unjustly incarcerated innocent citizens in total disregard of the Constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection of the law, the army alone enabled us to

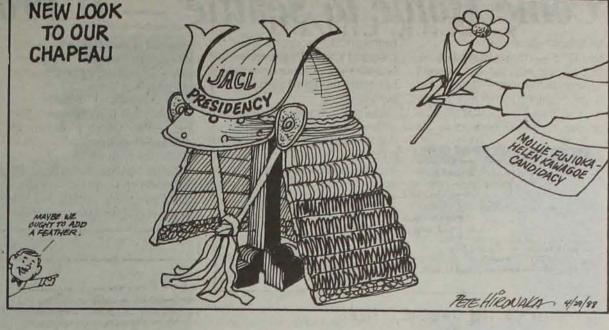
maintain a semblance of human dignity and individual worth and faith în America.

"The army gave us the opportunity to demonstrate our loyalty and fight for our country and make a contribution to victory.'

Speaking in the U.S. House of Representatives on Sept. 17, 1987, Congressman Robert Matsui said, "We have a responsibility to die for our country, but I'll tell you one thing that in a democracy, this democracy with our Constitution, a citizen does not have the responsibility to do: everyone does not have a responsibility to be incarcerated by our own government without charges, without trial, merely because of our race. That is what our constitutional fathers meant 200 years ago when they wrote the Bill of Rights. That is not a responsibility and an inconvenience of a democracy." (Quotes from the "Congressional Record," 9/17/87.)

Speaking at the Berkeley WW2 Internment conference, Hirabayashi reflected, "It's not the Constitution that I have the greatest quarrel with-it's the people who enforce it. We have the responsibility of looking after that.'

He continued, "Even before WW2 we were powerless. Discrimination was legal. When America fought England in the Revolutionary War they did not incarcerate all persons of English ancestry." (Quotes from Pacific Citizen, 10/23/87.)



# Come Home to Seattle' — It Promises to be Different!

By Robert Shimabukuro

SEATTLE - "Come Home to Seattle," say the ads, but don't expect home to be the same. Not only has Seattle changed in the 60 odd years since it hosted the first JACL convention, this year's convention has



Down the hallway.

undergone a radical restructuring from conventions past. The streamlined 1988 National JACL convention promises to be a memorable one, regardless of what happens during the business sessions. And you know that it is going to be different when the advice you hear from National Board members is, "Just

remember to bring a bathrobe."

The usual five days of business sessions have been reduced to three and a half days. In addition, other activities designed to draw a broader spectrum of people have been scheduled. Golf and tennis tournaments, along with leadership and education conferences will precede the business sessions.

The biggest change in format (and the one that is creating the most curiosity) is the housing of the convention at the University of Washington dormitories and Student Union Building rather than using more elaborate hotel rooms and facilities.

What were the reasons behind these changes? Convention chair Tomio Moriguchi said the convention committee "felt a responsibility

professional who cannot afford the time; and 3) there be pre-convention activities which could draw people other than those who attend the business sessions.

The golf tournament, subsidized with a grant from Miller Brewing Co., is expected to draw about 400 golfers. The two conferences, featuring top Nikkei educators, as well as big names such as Bill Ouchi, motivational consultant Lou Tice and news anchor Tritia Toyota, should also be popular.

The use of University facilities was the direct result of the first consideration that the convention be more affordable. Lodging at the dorm will run \$30/night, breakfast included. For those buying the fourday package, lodging for double occupancy will run \$89 total, breakfast included (single occupancy, \$109)

Since the Chicago Hyatt ran \$75/ night in 1986, the dormitory figure represents a considerable savings from the '86 convention.

Of course, no one would confuse Haggett and McMahon Halls) the two UW dorms which will be used) with the Chicago Hyatt. And there



THE UNIV. OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS—Lush green lawns carpet the grounds around the campus buildings facing Seattle's Lake Washington. JACL Convention site Haggett Hall at north end is near Gate 3.

designed facility.

McMahon Hall is divided into clusters, four doubles to a cluster, with a bathroom to each cluster.

Each cluster is separated by a hallway. A resident in a coed double might have to cross the hallway to find his/her proper facility.

Otani said that delegates would find it difficult if they decided to lodge off campus since the activities and business sessions are scheduled around a very tight schedule, and going on and off campus could be a real problem. But he also pointed out that for non-delegates, the University district has its share of activities, with its shopping areas, theaters and restaurants. And the dorms present a spectacular view of Lake Washington and Mt. Rainier.

Otani and Moriguchi acknowledge that the new format plus the less expensive accommodations have created problems, both in scheduling and lack of precedence.

'In many ways, we've made things difficult for ourselves," said Otani. "But we're working things out and we're going to put on a first-rate convention.

Moriguchi emphasized the importance of broader participation. "If we had just put on another Chicago convention, it would have been just a slam dunk for us. But we have to



Wash basins and mirror in bathroom at each end of the floor. Each will be designated for men and women.

be willing to try new things, to cultivate new blood. There is no guarantee, but it is worth the effort, If people like it, it will be repeated. Seattle has always been willing to try something different.'

Come home to Seattle in 1988. It promises to be a real adventure.



Ironing boards in the washroom on the one side for your convenience. The other side has sinks and a microwave

are restrictions which create some problems, for example a no-alcoholin-the-rooms regulation. (However, it may be argued that this is the time when JACLers can practice their resourcefulness and find some creative solutions to the restrictions; college students always seem to man-

Judging from the comments retrict governors, JACLer reluctance to stay in the dorms seems to be rooted in the bathroom question:

ceived from convention chairs Moriguchi and Ben Nakagawa, Pacific Northwest District Regional Director Tim Otani and a few dis-



The lounge area in the center of Univ. of Washington's Haggett Hall, locale of the 1988 JACL National Council meetings.

to make the convention more accessible to people who have not traditionally come to these affairs.'

We will always get our three to four hundred delegates, alternates and spouses, but we have to make an attempt to bring in the ones who don't bother to participate in district or national affairs.'

The major considerations, according to Moriguchi, were that: 1) the convention be more affordable, for those who have been priced out of previous conventions; 2) the convention be shortened, for the young What are the bathrooms like?

According to Otani, bathrooms will not be coeducational. However, bedrooms will be ... or at least, can be. The two halls are grouped differently. Haggett Hall is divided into wings, six doubles to a wing. Each wing, separated by a lobby, has its own bathroom. One will be designated a men's, the other a women's. If you are sharing a room with a member of the opposite sex (spouse, lover, tryst partner, or just plain friend), then one of you will need to cross the lobby to use the proper

# 1988 National Convention Highlights:

# Many PSWDC Delegates Opting to Stay at U.W. Campus for Aug. 7-10 Convention

By Harry Honda

LOS ANGELES-Roger Shimizu, the 1988 Seattle JACL president who served two terms as Progressive Westside chapter president in 1969-70, returned to thump the drums for the upcoming National JACL Convention at the Univ. of Washington campus Aug. 7-10.

He spoke at the first PSWDC quarterly session Sunday, Feb. 7, at Little Tokyo Towers.

Those coming a bit earlier to Seattle will be treated to the Seafair festivities, the Buddhist Church's grand Bon Odori, hydroplane racing and other attractions, he added.

The lower three floors of Haggett Hall (where the National Council sessions are to be conducted) are being blocked to house JACL delegates. Any overflow will be placed in the adjacent McMahon Hall. All major luncheons and dinners will be set in HUB-Student Union Bldg.

**On-Campus Stay Attractive** 

From the show of hands, it appeared a majority of the PSW delegates will opt for the plan to stay on campus: \$89 per person, double occupancy, plus breakfasts for the four days. Expectedly, some also inquired about off-campus housing and Shimizu mentioned a few possibilities and advised that one should be prepared to join the morning rush-hour traffic to the campus in time for the 9 a.m. council sessions at Haggett.

Both halls have other meeting rooms and spacious foyers that would accommodate committee or district caucuses. He also described the bathroom in the dorms. It will be unisex. Not many expressed any serious worries to the college dorm life style after Shimizu explained

the set-up.

The Convention committee trusts 300 would sign up to cover some of housing convention costs.

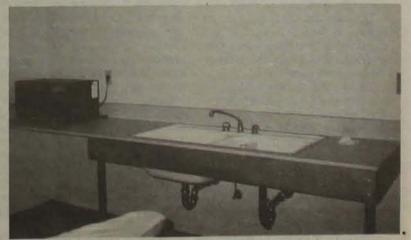
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While the actual package had not come in time for the PSW meeting, Shimizu reported the convention "deal" covering registration, all major luncheons and dinners will

Those planning to drive can make it in 23 hours nonstop from Los Angeles, 16 hours from San Francisco to Seattle.

Two days prior, the JACL Leadership Conference for Sansei will be conducted in Seattle on campus. Golf and tennis tournaments are also scheduled. (See Jan. 22, P.C. for golf tournament details.)

The P.C. is expecting further details from the Convention board, cochaired by Ben Nakagawa, Tomio Moriguchi and supported by PNW regional director Tim Otani (206) 623-5088.



Another look around the laundry room spots a microwave oven. It'll come in handy for warming your midnight snack.



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a few whales along the way.

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(Following individual events included in Regular Convention Package)

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(JACL non-member)	75.00	
Golf Awards Dinner only	20.00	25.00
Tennis	20.00	25.00
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(JACL member)	40.00	55.00
(JACL non-member)	55.00	70.00
Scenic City Bus Tour	20.00	25.00
Salmon & Clam Bake	30.00	35.00
"Miss Minidoka 1943" Play	5.00	7.00

Look for your official JACL National Convention registration brochure being mailed to your home in May.



# Calendar

### LOS ANGELES AREA

■ May 7—Annual Asian Law Day, 10 am-1 pm, community room of the Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St. Speakers: Donn Ginoza on nursing home care and Judy Nishimoto on low cost housing in Little Tokyo. Sponsored by the Japanese American Bar Association, the Little Tokyo Services Center, the Asian pacific American Legal Center and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Info: Martin Tachiki, 213 458-8336 or Dee Hayashi, 213 620-5402.

■ May 21—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (AADAP) 15th anniversary benefit dinner, Downtown Hilton. Keynote Speaker: U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui.

### SAN DIEGO

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■ May 13–15—The 8th Annual Nikkei Boy Scout Camporee, Camp Tamarancho, near Fairfax, Marin County. Host Troop: Troop 58. Info: Les Tokushige, 847 245th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121 or call 415 221-7088.

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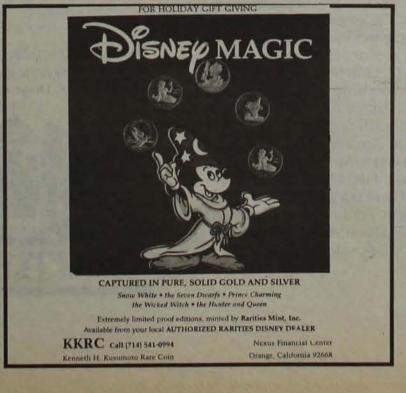
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# **JACKSON**

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bring these things to light."

Jackson has also rallied behind Ron Fujiyoshi, the Japanese American missionary who went on a hunger strike to protest the treatment of Koreans in Japan. The two attended the same seminary in Chicago.

Jerry Yu, an administrator at the Korean Youth Center (KYC), identifies with Jackson's stand on education. "Everybody has a right to a decent education—from kindergarten to higher education," said Yu. "Instead of putting money to build prisons, we need to tackle crime at its roots and prevent delinquency through education."

Yu voted for Democratic candidate Walter Mondale in 1984, but said he became a Jackson supporter after becoming involved in the Asian and Pacific Islander student movement. A masters candidate in public administration at California State University, Long Beach, Yu is helping the Asian Pacific Islander and Student Union (APSU) organize their tenth statewide conference in Berkeley in April.

In addition to education and crime prevention issues, Asian Pacific Americans have also been increasingly concerned about their image in the media. Sumi Haru, a producer and moderator at KTLA, is one of the founders of the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPAA). She also has endorsed Jesse Jackson.

Jackson has supported media is-



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Cameras & Photographic Supplies 316 E. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 622-3968 sues "from way back," said Haru, a Pilipina involved in several entertainment and Asian Pacific American groups. "The bottom line is that Jesse Jackson is someone whom I've personally met and has cared about our people 'then.' He took the time to participate in community affairs. He's been accesible to us."

Concerning Jackson's "electibility" issue headlining the mainstream media, supporters feel the civil rights leader has demonstrated his ability to shape opinions and instigate sound policies.

"Jackson has clearly taken the most pragmatic approach on the war on drugs," said Sunoo, speaking about Jackson's plan to reinvest money into the Coast Guard to prevent drug trafficking. "Tve noticed subsequently that Michael Dukakis and George Bush have taken the same stand. In response to those who say Jesse Jackson is incapable of leading national thought, I would say other leaders copying him is a clear indiction of his abilities."

In a way, Jackson has already won, said Yoshimura. "Jackson has redefined winning. He is strengthening the Democratic Party by winning back the people who voted for Reagan or were locked out of the voting process.

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On November 21, 1984, we presented our brief entitled "Democracy Betrayed" to the government, outlining our reasons for seeking redress. On December 15, 1984, we had our first meeting with government representatives. At that meeting, we were optimistic that serious negotiations would begin after a joint press release was issued by the Minister of State for Multicul-turalism and the NAJC stating the "establishment of a negotiation process." Within a matter of weeks, the government reneged on this commitment, refusing to accept a process of negotiation. Their policy was going to be an imposed unilateral settlement, which we learned as the discussions continued. In fact, Mr. Murta, the first minister to deal with redress, arbitrarily tried to impose two deadlines with a unilateral proposal in January and February of 1985. The NAJC could not accept such an unreasonable approach whereby adequate study into the economic losses and negotiations on the acknowledgment and the War Measures Act had not been carried out. We had stated from the outset that an independent Economic Study of the actual losses was mandatory in order to negotiate compensation in a meaningful way. The government refused to undertake such a study, so the NAJC was compelled to do so at its own expense.

On June 5, 1985, Mr. Murta proposed the establishment of a "memorialization fund" of \$6 million and the interest from this fund would be used for compensation. Such a proposal was so unrealistic that it was insulting. The NAJC rejected this offer.

Jelinek Bullies NAJC

A few months later, in August of 1985, Otto Jelinek was appointed Minister of Multiculturalism. Within a few months of assuming the new portfolio, Mr. Jelinek was also making threats to the NAJC that he was planning to take a proposal to cabinet without any input from the NAJC. Here again, the minister was taking the role of a bully wielding a big club, and picking on a small, insignificant minority group. Such was the attitude and atmosphere in our discussions with Mr. Jelinek. His condescending manner and arrogance left us with the feeling that we were begging for favors, rather than defending our rights as citizens. It was typical of the Uncle Tom attitude in the southern states with regard to the Blacks.

Loss Not Less Than \$443 Million

Then on May 9th, 1986, the Price Waterhouse study commissioned by the NAJC was completed, and its report stated that the economic losses resulting from the mass expulsion in 1942, amounted to not less than

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\$443 million in 1986 dollars. This figure does not include any claim for wrongful imprisonment, human suffering, loss of education, humiliation or destruction of a community.

Within two weeks of this report, the NAJC presented the same three part redress package, only now, specific figures could be attached to the compensation component. The NAJC was seeking a community fund of 50 million dollars and an individual compensation of \$25,000 per survivor, based on the Price Waterhouse report. Eight days after our proposal to the government on May 28th, Mr. Jelinek terminated all further discussions on redress.

One month later, on June 30, David Crombie was appointed the third Minister of Multiculturalism. He wanted to research and study the issue of redress so another year was spent educating yet another minister. Mr. Crombie spoke with and consulted a number of individuals and organizations across Canada, and finally came up with a figure of \$12 million. At the time he made the offer, I asked him where he got that figure. His answer was, "My pre-decessors had offered \$6 million so I just doubled the figure." Now wasn't that an intelligent process for a Minister to adopt? So, my next statement to Mr. Crombie was: "But that \$12 million bears no relevance whatsoever to the actual losses which have been quantified by

Price Waterhouse. His meek reply was: "I agree."

Our final meeting with Mr. Crombie was on July 11, 1987, when we asked him again to negotiate a compromise settlement. He said, "I am on a very short leash and the \$12 million is the final offer," at which point he walked out of the meeting. Another ultimatum.

In 1942, they imposed a unilateral decision, and today they're trying to do the same with redress. In 1942, they herded us into concentration camps as a group, violating our individual rights and freedoms. Today, Mr. Crombie refuses to accept the right of individuals to compensation. It seems that the government hasn't learned a thing in over forty

No Response from Murta

We realized by this time that Mr. Mulroney and his cabinet had established a bottom line on compensation and we weren't going to get anywhere unless we were able to change their minds. From the beginning, starting with Mr. Murta, we have asked each Minister to arrange a meeting between the NAJC and Mr. Mulroney with no success. We have sent telegrams directly to the prime minister's office requesting a meeting without success. The last telegram to the prime minister was the day following Mr. Crombie's termination of all further discussions in July of last year. To this date, we

have not had the courtesy of a response from Mr. Mulroney. And this is the man who as "leader of the opposition" said, "Canadian citizens whose rights were abused and violated and trampled upon, indeed should be compensated." For four years, he has refused to meet with

Treated Like Beggars'

Thus, in our discussions with the government we have been threatened, bullied and treated like beggars. Their offers of \$6 million and \$12 million were like scraps thrown to stray dogs. It was an insult, as it belittled the magnitude of the injustices. It showed no regrets or repentance for wrongdoing. In fact, it confirmed that the cabinet was not even taking the question of redress seriously. After all, \$12 million is at the bottom of the list of priorities. They had not had the decency to sit down with us to negotiate a mutually satisfactory settlement, in four years

But more important than the compensation itself is the moral integrity of a nation. If Canada is not prepared to erase such a blot in its history, by righting this wrong, what kind of a democracy do we profess to have here? Prime Minister Lester Pearson called this "a black mark against Canada's traditional fairness and devotion to the principle of human rights." If justice is not up-

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held in this case, what protection and assurance is there for other minority groups that make up our multicultural society in Canada.?

We as the NAJC, regard redress as the acid test for justice and fair play. If a precedent is not established where a severe penalty is extracted for racism, then this scourge will never be eliminated. That is where compensation comes in. If the persecution of a whole ethnic group for seven years can be bought off for \$12 million, it can happen again to any other minority group in Canada.

Up to the present, it has been a fight by Japanese Canadians against racism and arbitrary abuse of legislative powers, on behalf of all Canadians. We now have the support of other Canadians and we hope more will stand with us in our struggle for a better Canada. Even in the past four years, in our discussions with government officials, we have been subjected to injustices as I have al-

ready mentioned. Isn't it ironical that here we are trying to rectify past injustices and during the process, encounter more of the same? I wonder what the attitude of the government would be if we were not a visible minority, and if we represented a larger group? If that made a difference, would it not be racism all over again, and a case of bullying a smaller group? Would this be considered

For these reasons, the new approach by the NAJC is to appeal to the Canadian public. We feel that in the final analysis, the public is more fair-minded than the politicians. With this in mind, the NAJC is now organizing a National Coalition for Japanese Canadian Redress, made up of individuals and organizations supporting our momentum, which started in November of last year. We hope that this coalition will be able to influence the cabinet.

(Ed. note: Obata's speech concludes with his mention of the NAJC holding a public rally April 14 at the West Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Obata states that the rally's goal was to "try and persuade Mr. Mulroney to show leadership by negotiating with the NAJC for a just and honorable settlement of this crucial issue.")

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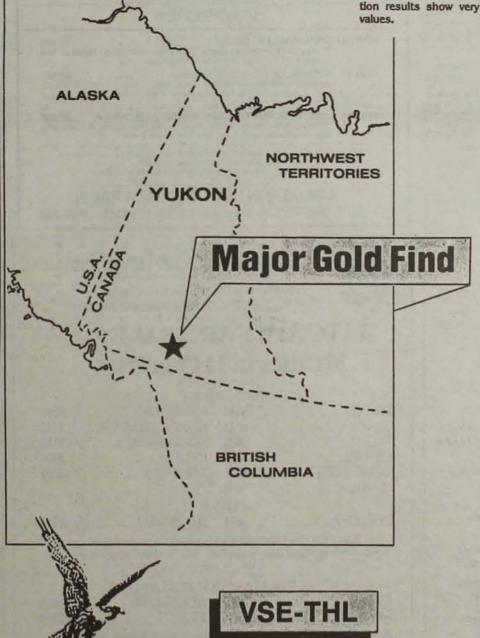
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### SNAKE RIVER

· Annual JACL Graduation Banquet, May 6, 7 pm, Eastside Cafe, Ontario. Keynote Speaker: Peggy Nagae-Lum, lead counsel for the Min Yasui coram nobis case. Info: Randy Harano, 503 889-5532.

# LETTER

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been taken away. These actions have demoralized staff and some people have left.

I see a pattern of staff members being forced out if they get on the bad side of certain people. I see where the P.C. has been going through an upheaval this past year with the editor and business manager leaving. For a while it seemed the bookkeeper and assistant editors were getting squeezed out as well.

In 1972, there were some leaders in JACL who wanted to get rid of what they called "radical" elements on staff (Jeff Matsui, Warren Furutani, Ron Wakabayashi, Ron Hirano, etc.) so they decided to put their own man in as national director so he could get rid of the so-called radicals. That arrogance of power probably set the organization back ten years: JACL had nothing but strife

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and settling lawsuits during most of the '70s. Unfortunately, most of the leaders today weren't around or don't remember the turmoil that some people can cause when a little power goes to their head.

Let's get some common sense back and heal the wounds. If redress passes as some of the LEC leaders are predicting, then JACL will have plenty to do and plenty to rejoice about without some of its members acting arrogant and vindictive.

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