WASHINGTON—Six of the oldest eligible Japanese Americans will be presented their $20,000 redress payment in a ceremony here next Tuesday, at the Great Hall of the Department of Justice.

Assistant Attorney General John R. Dunn for the civil rights division will make the awards under the Civil Rights Act of 1988 to recipients, ranging in age from 101 to 107 years old, who are traveling here for the ceremony and registration.

"The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) should be commended for their unwavering commitment to locating eligible Japanese Americans, verifying their identification, and ensuring the government's payment to the individuals," said Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

"The injustice of the forced evacuation and relocation during World War II was a result of a baseless and unjust government policy. The passage of time can not nullify the due process of the law was a constitutional travesty," Dunn said. "As such, the civil rights division has aggressively pursued the full implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1988 to reaffirm the government's commitment to the civil liberties of all people."

Process Under the Law

Since the signing of the Act by President Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988, the ORA has verified the eligibility of 22,900 of the oldest Japanese American, without requiring a legal action.

The act delegates the responsibility for implementation of redress to the Attorney General and prohibits the federal government from undertaking any application for redress, specifying the Attorney General must identify and locate persons who may be eligible.

"It is the government that must prove each individual's eligibility for redress, rather than the opposite," noted Robert Bratt, ORA administrator, "which makes the redress program truly unprecedented."

Progress since the ORA's opening its doors in September, 1988, has exceeded expectations, Bratt said. "Identification and processing of cases has proceeded substantially completed within one year, as recommended in the act."

Also recommended in the act states the Attorney General shall endeavor to make payments in the order of age, beginning with the oldest.

In the nine months since the signing, nine counties have been processed. The current size of this already is a tremendous administrative challenge, but to do it in a orderly and to track down and process these cases as well, makes for added complexity, Bratt said.

"To identify the universe of potentially eligible individuals, ORA received and historical records at the local, state and federal libraries & record centers. ORA took 18 months to track these records in all forms and conditions, and varying in size and content. The data was then compiled and compartmentalized into a single master listing. Inclusion in this list constitutes historical proof of an individual's potential eligibility for redress.

ORA's Extensive Outreach

At the same time, ORA launched a public outreach to locate eligible.

"Complex legal and financial systems nationwide, Japanese Americans were encouraged to volunteer their current status and to assist in identifying Japanese Americans."

In order for the ORA to begin the process, implementation regulations had to be finalized and the June 21, 1989—four years after the law's enactment. In the meantime, the free form application funding had to be appropriated by Congress, and a moratorium to an amendment that the established redress bill would set a schedule for payment, beginning with $500 million in October 1990.

Redress checks are not subject to federal taxation. Each state, however, has its own rules regarding taxation, information is available from state agencies handling finance and taxation. Redress payments are not to be included as income for purposes of eligibility for benefits such as Social Security. Food stamps are not to be counted for determining eligibility and other federally-funded benefit programs as defined in the act.

Seattle JACL Holds 'Phase II' Redress Talks

SEATTLE—Notice to redress recipients to a two-part seminar on "Phase II" Redress talks will be scheduled by the local JACL, with the state JACL, the NAACP, the ACLU and the Washington Coalition on Redress.

The first part, " Beware of Frauds, Schemes and Scams," was conducted Sept. 29, by the staff of the Washington Coalition. A seminar to be conducted including part. "Plan Ahead," will be presented by the state JACL, on Thursday, Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St., attorney Marcia Ohashi, Seattle, and speaker Sheryl Chinuku, CFP, as speakers. No fees or costs are being charged.

JACL Statements on ORA's 'Big Day'

seem as soon as possible so that the program can begin without any more of our oldest survivors losing the opportunity to witness this long-overdue justice." According to Washington JACL Representative Paul Igarashi, "It is still not clear (as of Oct. 2) whether the full $50 million allocation will be available. Checks will not go out from Oct. 10.

"Until a final budget is passed and signed by the President, the possibilit will still exist under the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act.

There is no reason, however, for the roughly $340 million that would be unaffected by the automatic cuts, or the Gramm-Rudman to be held. Hopefully, a budget that full the full $50 million allocation can be negotiated for those that will participate in the ceremonies, checks should not be expected before these dates, National JACL, Headquarters explained.
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MIS-JACIler Ending 45-Year Japan Stay, Heading for San Jose
Special to the Pacific Citizen

TOKYO—Col. Hiro Fukahata (ret.), U.S. Army, and Life Member, JACL, Japan Chapter, is "going home" after 48 years of service, devoting most of these years in promoting close, cooperative relations between the U.S. military forces and the Japanese defense forces, as well as in broader areas of Japanese-American partnership.

In recognition of his contributions to U.S.-Japan relations, the Emperor of Japan conferred on him the high honor of the Third Class Order of the Rising Sun. Harry and his wife Teruko will leave Japan but have plans to return periodically.

Ten Year Old Violinist to Launch New Season
POMONA, Calif.–Ten year old violinist, Shin wataru Tomoki Kawaiika, will launch the 1990-1991 season for the Pomona Valley Community Concert Association at the Pomona Valley Community Auditorium, 150 S. Western, Oct. 14 at the Garfield Spring Auditorium in Ontario. The youngster, who started violin at the age of six, is a scholarship student at the R.D. Colburn School of Performing Arts.

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Seabrook JACL
Honors Graduates at June Installation

SEABROOK, N.J.—Some 100 members and friends attended the dinner to honor area graduates and new officers of the Seabrook JACL, recently at the Centerton Country Club.

A moment of silence was held for the late vice-president, M. Masumoto, who championed for the cause of civil rights, as well as others who died during the past year.

As the keynote speaker, Paul Sadde, Deputy Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, stated, "25,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated during World War II should receive redress payments and a letter of apology in October of this year."

Sadde gave an informative update of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and maintained that continued education to avoid such grave injustices in the future.

The speaker was introduced by C. Scott Nagao, EDC vice governor.

Dinner Program

Scouting coordinator Roy H. Kanehira, Boy Scout Troop 47 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Eastern District Governor Bryce Uyehara administering the oath, Ellen Nakamura was installed as chapter president for another term along with officers in her cabinet. Nakamura announced that the Council had seeded the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (ECC) and that former chairman president John Miyasato will head the steering committee for this long-term project.

As an outstanding highlight of the program, scholarship chairman Chester Nagai recognized the area graduates of all levels and presented over $1,000 in scholarship awards and JACL Scholarships. The recipients were:

- Mary and Timothy Uyehara, ECC
- Al MASB’s Banh Pham, Bridgeton High School, and Kimberly T. Fugate, Cumberland Regional High School

Also in attendance were EDC delegates from the New York, Washington, Philadelphia, and Seabrook chapters, who met all day long.

LOW at the Seabrook JACL award while Mary and Timothy were awarded the Mary C. Nagao Memorial Scholarship.

Seabrook Miyako Dancers entertained the program by performing with two festive numbers and later were cited by JACL for their 15 years of outstanding performance and support. The group director and organizer, Sumiko Oye, was presented with a plaque and a bouquet of roses by Esther Oye, reconnaissance chairman.

Seabrook JACL 1997-1998 Officers


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Storied WWII Air Group in 45-Year Reunion, Peace Monument Unveiled

WENDELL, Nev.—The veterans of the 509th Composite Group who dropped the first atomic weapon on Japan gathered Aug. 25 to dedicate a peace monument here by the Utah-Nevada border. But to keep the activities peaceful, they suddenly canceled a scheduled speech by a prominent journalist from Japan and the playing of “Kamikaze,” the Japanese national anthem.

Journalist Hideaki Kase had arranged the veterans the night before at a banquet by saying the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was not necessary to end the war.

“This story must be kept alive so that no nation is ever tempted to use an atomic weapon again,” declared Rep. Barbara Vucanovich (R-Nev.) at the morning ceremonies, quoting from notes taken by her father, the late Gen. Thomas F. Farrell, who was a member of the 509th and was based in Amagasaki in July 1945 when the bomb was tested.

Retired Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., 75, who dropped the bomb from Enola Gay, said in his dedication speech that he cannot discriminate between innocent people and “inanimate objects” when using modern weapons of war and said people are not combating the atomic energy.

The United States was never more solidified than it was at the time of the bombings, Tibbets added.

Retired Gen. Charles W. Sweeney, 70, who flew Bock’s Car, the B-29 that dropped the bomb over Nagasaki, Japan, in the atomic wave was present.

The 16-feet high monument honors the 509th Group which trained for the secret mission in “44-45, the Manhattan Project scientific teams that created the weapon and “the loss of lives of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” Farrell, and Japan especially recognized in this memorial for their sacrifice to mankind’s struggle for a more peaceful world. May this monument stand as a symbol of hope that mankind will reason and work together for the ultimate goal of world peace.”

About 250 men, with their families, and the 1,700 of the original group attended the three-day reunion. Nearby are the Bonneville Salt Flats, famed for its speedways for 300-400 mph versions.

Asian Artists Discuss Stereotyping in Media

LOS ANGELES—Two of The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPA) board members, Er, Harmoni and Paul Chu, held a discussion for the AAPA’s "Stress the Times" state to air on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Harmoni led the discussion which included the history of Asian-Pacific performers in Hollywood, past and present media images and their impact on the community, and AAPA’s role in assisting fair and balanced representation of Asian-Pacific Americans.

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pacific citizen
The Persian Gulf crisis has dragged on for weeks and no end is in sight. By far the largest share of military build-up has been provided by the United States. Costs to the American taxpayer are soaring.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the two nations most directly affected by Iraqi aggression, have pledged billions of dollars to help the U.S. Members of NATO have made modest contributions. But it is understood that U.S. political leaders are demanding that other countries whose economies are heavily dependent on Middle East oil accept a greater share of the burden.

Japan, and to a lesser extent Germany, are the primary targets. In recent weeks, House majority leader, among the most vocal in insisting that Japan must do more. There are many who agree with him that Japan's offer of $4 billion in compensation, no small portion of which is a loan, is woefully inadequate. As one Japanese parliamentarian put it, a half billion dollars in aid for Japan is not as meaningful as it should be. For this reason, Japan could well be contributing more than its fair share.

Many of the latter-day chrysanthemums are saying that because of the importance of Middle East petroleum to Japan's powerful industrial complex, it is unacceptable that Japan should profit from the sacrifice of others. In other words, Japan should take an active military role.

On this point the Japanese encounter an extremely difficult problem. Like the United States, Japan is governed by a constitution. That constitution was virtually dictated by the U.S. Occupation after Japanese interpretation of Article 9 of the peace treaty. The force were not designed for a well-defended home defense force. The electorate is not prepared for the dispatch of a medical team and chartered planes and ships to move goods, is not enough.

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**Harada Appointed Administrator of JACL Legacy Fund Campaign**

SAN FRANCISCO — Clay K. Harada has been appointed administrator of the JACL's Legacy Fund campaign by National JACL Director William Yoshino, effective Oct. 1.

Since 1989 Harada has served as the assistant director of membership and administration for the national JACL, where he has been responsible for implementing programs, coordinating campaigns, providing leadership in the major goal of fund raising, coordinating eight district governors, National Treasurer Tom Nakaj., National Director Rudy T. Ogasawara, and National Executive Director Gene Nakagawa, national president, sets into motion the JACL's $10 million major capital effort since 1952. The commitment is chaired by Grayce Uyehara.

The campaign will span the next three years with a fundraising goal of $10 million over the next three years.

The Harada appointment assures the JACL, the JACL has a "major opportunity to establish the Legacy Fund — a perpetual endowment from which the earning will be used to implement the organization's mission, its purpose and its biennial program for action," established at the June national convention in San Diego.

**District Governor's Role**

In carrying out the three year effort district governors will appoint campaign managers. Dale Roda, Central California district governor, said, "The legacy fund will make every effort to fulfill its promise to the Washington DC JACL for a successful completion."

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Harada will oversee all aspects of joining and implementing the major campaign, coordinating the major donor campaign, production work, processing and acknowledging contributions, and developing and implementing special events, promoting and public relations work will be coordinated by Bill Yoshino and Carole Hayashida.

The Legacy Fund project, noted Yoshino, must be entrusted to an able individual. "With Clay's strong administrative background, he will carry out all of his projects and duties in an exceptional way over the period of time that he has with the JACL," he said that person.

Since joining the JACL, Harada has had the opportunity to meet many people within the organization and learn the internal workings of the JACL. He has added Yoshino, "That knowledge and familiarity with people goes a long way."

Harada has the JACL's "Looking forward to serving the organization across the country to publicize the Legacy Fund campaign," said Harada. "As a Samoan, I am enthusiastic about assuming the unique and challenging opportunity that will directly influence the continued success and financial security of the Japanese American Citizens League."

**CLAY K. HARADA**

Prior to working for the JACL, Harada was an administrative assistant to a special consultant for the Asian American Health Forum in San Francisco, national non-profit advocacy organization established to promote the improvement in health status for Asian Pacific Islanders in the U.S., responsible for maintaining employee records. Harada was the primary ledger coordinator and travel planner for meetings and conferences. He also conducted an extensive demographic study and analysis for the Forum.

A graduate of San Francisco State University, Harada is married and a father. Despite his hectic schedule he has found time to participate in his local San Francisco community.

He is a former member of the board of directors of the Asian American Residential Recovery Service, Inc., in San Francisco, a non-profit organization which oversees programs involving substance abuse treatment, youth substance abuse prevention and Aids education and prevention. Most recently Harada chaired the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's community-wide picnic.

Redress Payment Caution Issued for Public Assistance Eligibility in California

SAN FRANCISCO—Redress recipients in California who receive public assistance or Medi-Cal should not be confused with the federal Medicare program and the Pell Grant Program. Clay K. Harada, the Director of the American Civil Liberties League, has been appointed administrator of the JACL's Legacy Fund campaign by National JACL Director William Yoshino, effective Oct. 1.

Redress payments will not affect a person's eligibility for either public assistance or Medi-Cal. However, any interest or investment income earned on the $20,000 will be counted as income and may affect a person's eligibility for public assistance and/or Medi-Cal. Applicants will be notified of this change.

In many cases, interest or investment income will reduce the amount of any public assistance benefits.

There are no spending limitations on redress payments—a person can purchase anything they want without being penalized.

**For more information, contact JACL Headquarters (415) 921-JACL**
TRAGIC STORY OF HAWAII’S FIRST JAPANESE SHOP KEEPER IS RETOLD IN HERALD

ALLAN BEEMAN AT OVEREND RD., HONOKOA, on the Big Island. On the night of Oct 28, 1889, this road, near the main thoroughfare, Katsu Gotô was ambushed on the Island of Hawaii. Goto fulfilled his contract on the Island of Hawaii.

BEEMAN — The 943 Japanese passengers aboard the City of Tokio, which anchored off Honolulu Feb. 1885, found strange experience awaiting them. None would meet with as bizarre a misadventure as their fellow passenger, Katsu Gotô.

Most of the passengers had come under three-year contracts to labor on the Islands. In Japanese immigrant history, Beeman concentrates on the events leading to the lynching, the search for perpetrators, their identification and trial.

Book Marks:

UCLA Asian American Studies Center's "JACL, The American Journal (3) explores Hawaiian and Pacific Islander nationalization andrade Don Nakamura's tenure covering Dr. Haumea-Kay, director of the Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii, analyzes the role of the U.S. intervention and moves for self-determination in the Pacific Islands.

Don Nakamura provides a personal perspective in his essay while a host of his colleagues and supporters examine the three-year tenure struggle. Other pieces of interest in the issue delve into the field of Western education in the Pacific, followed by Japan's development and the Office of Strategic Service during WWII, Korean immigrants in Chicago, and an assessment of the current student movement among Asian-Pacific Island Amer­icans by seven Russell C. Leong and graduate student Amon Goom.

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SDI—For Californians

Unfortunately, many California workers are not aware of the benefits due them under the state-sponsored disability insurance program, which can range from $50 to $26 per week for up to 42 weeks. Employers, doctors and hospitals have claim forms or information.

EAST WIND

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OUT today's China.) Of course, there were those who early discovered and developed advanced skills in science and mathematics (“Wasan” being a particularly Japanese form of mathematics)—even as others were similarly en­couraged, such as Isaac Newton, scholar-in-­ancient Ghana, etc.

This book is sure to arouse some of the old Nisei feelings, but hopefully for the last time.

AMONG THE 1,700 AT THE KONA REUNION—Making a strong presence at the 1990 National AJA Veterans Reunion on Kona were several hundred Nisei veterans. The reunion, held October 1-4, is credited by the Canadian Nisei for having them entered by British troops in need of Nihongo translators late in World War II. (A right-wing group began harassing Pearl Harbor survivors in 1984.

By Harry Honda

KONA, Hawaii—While the next National AJA Veterans Reunion remains scheduled because of other celebra­tions focusing on the 50th anniversary in the establishment of the MIS, 100 and 442d in the coming years, what is scheduled is the project of the “Mussal Sons and Daughters of the 442d” to build a 100th/442d Memorial Center in Walla Walla, Wash. As a second generation AJA group to a 100/442d chapter in Hawaii, Leonard Oka of Kahului, Maui, announced the ambitious plan to commemorate the 100/442d at the welcome banquet of the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion here June 27.

"As a Nisei who wanted to do something for future generations to tell them what you did and why—because they might be afraid to ask," Oka said. "The center will be situated on 2 acres, consisting of some 4,000 square feet and allow offices for community and civic groups, a large purpose hall with kitchens facilities and serve as a repos­i­itory for oral and written history, memorabilia and text pertaining to the Japanese in Hawaii. Estimated cost will be $4.5 million, another $360,000 will be required to operate the center for the three years. Solicitations from the private sector—corporations, foundations, and individuals—has started.

The Maui Sons and Daughters of the 442 were organized in 1981 by 10 members with the support of the Maui 442 Veterans. Oka said he was inspired by the fact that his son, Brandon, was the grand­child of two 442 veterans—Masaru Tanaka and Clarence H. Oka, two Co. L men. In 1965, the group received its state charter and its BBS non-profit status. In 1987 it secured land from Alexander & Baldwin’s War Subdivision. Currently, it has 100 members. For further, P.O. Box 882, Walla Walla, WA 99363, or Leonard Oka (808) 871- 9751.

MISLS REUNION IN 1991

KONA, Hawaii—The first of several upcoming Nisei veteran celebrations with a golden touch will be the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in 1941 or Oct. 29-30 at the Presidio of San Francisco where the school was founded in 1941 and on Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at the Presidio of Mon­tgomery where its successor, the Defense Language Institute, has been in the post-WWII era.
International Financing Review

Japanese writers

The Japanese edition of International Financing Review is looking for experienced bilingual Japanese financial journalists to report on European banking and capital markets. The reporters would work from one of IFR’s ex-Japan offices—London, Paris, New York or Zürich—and report to the Japanese edition’s editor in Tokyo. The Japanese Edition was successfully launched in June this year, while International Financing Review itself has been operating in Tokyo since the early 1990s. Apart from full-time written Japanese and fluent spoken English, the successful candidate will need excellent reporting skills and a good understanding of financial markets. However, further training in international finance will be offered by the company if required. Very competitive salary and benefits packages will be offered to the right candidates. IFR Publishing Ltd is a fast-growing subsidiary of The Thomson Corporation. Its headquarters are in London and it has offices in New York, Paris, Zurich, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

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BERGLEY—A memorial service was held Sept. 29 at the United Methodist Church for the late Asami (Kiyoko) Oyama, 71, who died peacefully the early morning of Saturday, Aug. 18, at her Berkeley home. She was a member of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, East Bay Women’s Concerns, Berkeley JACL, and a member of the Berkeley United Methodist Church, where she was ordained in 1985 as assistant manager. In October, before leaving for James WRA Center in Arkansas, she married her husband Joe Oyama. Accompanied by two attendants and joined by Oyana’s parents, the wedding was held outside of camp at the Pasadena First Methodist Church. As of her wishes, she was buried in Arkansas. 

Oyama was an expert in the field of Japanese American studies, having served as editor of the JACL newsletter, “Voice of the West,” and as assistant manager of the Berkeley United Methodist Church. She was a member of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, East Bay Women’s Concerns, Berkeley JACL, and a member of the Berkeley United Methodist Church.

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