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Support shown for Civil Liberties Act amendments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Spokespersons for the Japanese American community testified March 26 in support of the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992 that would provide increased funding for eligible redress recipients.

Testimony on H.R. 4551, which would amend the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that established redress for Japanese Americans interned during the war, was heard by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations.

If passed, H.R. 4551 would increase authorization for the Civil Liberties Act by \$320 million to provide funding for all eligible redress recipients, about 15,000 more than original estimates and extend redress to non-Japanese spouses who were

interned. H.R. 4551 would also provide funding for the education fund. In the budget proposal for fiscal year 1993 drafted by the Bush Administration, the education fund was eliminated and appropriation figures were significantly lower.

H.R. 4551 was introduced Mar. 24 by Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) and Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). Testifying in support of the bill were, Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), and Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), and Dennis Hayashi, national director of JACL.

Hayashi said, "The JACL fully supports increasing the level of appropriations to cover the estimated 15,000-17,000 (additional) eligible recipients. Further, the

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Matsui supports amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Robert Matsui testified March 26 before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations in support of H.R. 4551 which would make up for shortfalls in redress appropriations.

In support of the bill, Matsui said, "It would increase the authorization to provide adequate funding for all eligible recipients. The new authorization would cover the payments for all surviving recipients and maintain a fund created

by Congress to educate the public about the internment history.

"We have an obligation to make good on reparations for those who were removed from their homes and interned fifty years ago. This legislation will bring that obligation



MATSUI

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This act could hurt—not help—minorities

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House voted down Mar. 26 an amendment to the Higher Education Reauthorization Act that would have pitted minorities against each other in competition for scholarships by a margin of 276 to 94.

Proposed by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), the resolution sought official congressional opposition to bias against Asian Americans in college admissions. But many civil rights organizations, including the JACL and the Organization for Chinese Americans (OCA), contend that the amendment is a veiled attempt to undermine affirmative action programs given Rohrabacher's past opposition. A 1989 resolution, proposed by Rohrabacher, expressed similar intent and was opposed by Asian American groups on the grounds that it pitted Asian Americans against other minority groups.

Speaking against the Rohrabacher amendment, Rep. Norman Mineta said, "The implication of the (Rohrabacher) amendment is that Asian Americans are harmed by university programs to recruit and expand education opportunities for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Mr. Chairman, that is simply not the case and it is not the position of the Asian Pacific American community."

Rep. Robert Matsui, adding his voice in opposition, said, "At the very least, the Rohrabacher amendment is unnecessary. At its worst, it is an inappropriate attempt to pit Asian American students against other underrepresented groups under the guise of equality of opportunity."

"Rohrabacher's amendment does not stem from a sincere desire to protect the rights of Asian American students, it is an attack on affirmative action. We must work with diligence to protect the rights and opportunities of Asian American students, but we also must acknowledge that the challenge before us is to work together to further the academic opportunities for all minorities and women."

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, added in written opposition to the amendment, "The JACL believes it is inappropriate to set the interest of Asian Americans against those of other minorities or women seeking equal opportunity."



Holding court with big Bill

U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.), a former pro-basketball player, recently met with 24 Asian Americans from New Jersey and New York. Bradley was informed by two JACL representatives about the community's concern regarding Japan-bashing and its effect on all Asian Americans. The senator, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, chairman of the subcommittee on International Debt and a member of the International Trade Subcommittee, was told that many people are unable to differentiate among Asians, and that members of Congress should refrain from blaming Japan and other Asian countries for the economic troubles of the United States.

Pictured above, from left, are Grayce Uyehara, former executive director of the JACL Legislative Education Committee; Sen. Bradley; Lillian Kimura, president of the New York Chapter, JACL; and host Sandra Lee Kawano, vice president of Harold Lee & Sons, Inc. Also present were George Ikeda, attorney with Enprotech Corp.; Arnold Kawano, attorney with the firm of Inouye and Ogden; Cindy Fukui Gim, Asian American Legal Defense Education Fund and founder of the New York Women's Foundation; and Charles P. Wange, vice chairman of the Federal Commission of Civil Rights.

German American loses redress case

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A challenge to redress by Arthur D. Jacobs, a German American internee, was turned down Mar. 27 by a federal appeals court.

In a unanimous decision, a three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 granting reparation to Japanese Americans interned during WWII. Jacobs in his suit claimed that he was unfairly denied redress because he suffered identical injustices as a 12-year-old who accompanied his German-born parents to the Crystal City internment center.

In handing down the decision, Chief Judge Abner J. Mikva refuted Jacobs' claim of racial prejudice. "Congress' finding that Japanese Americans were the victims of prejudice, while German Americans were not, is broad enough to cover children as well as adults; and it is

amply supported by historical evidence that the internment policy extended to Japanese American but not to German American children," Mikva said.

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, hailed the decision saying that "a large shadow which has lingered over the Civil Liberties Act has been removed today." Hayashi was one of the attorneys representing the group which submitted a friend-of-the-court brief in opposition to the lawsuit. Other attorneys and organizations representing the group included: the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco; William Tom of the law firm Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus and Vlahos, San Francisco; Karen Kai of San Francisco; and Dale Minami of the law firm Minami, Lew, Tamaki and Lee, San Francisco.

Jacobs said he intends to appeal the decision.

Museum moves into new facility

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American National Museum has recently moved into its new site in Little Tokyo, preparing for its dedication scheduled for April 30, 1992.

The new facility is the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist

Temple built in 1925. Historically, the building has served as a place of worship, community center and movie house.

Museum move

NEW ADDRESS: 369 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012
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During World War II, the building was used to store the property of some of the evacuees who were forced into internment camps by the United States government.

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Mariners team may soon be dealing with Japanese

SEATTLE—Seattle Mariners owner Jeff Smulyan has agreed in principle to a deal with The Baseball Club of Seattle, headed by Nintendo Corp. of America, according to the March 27 edition of the *Seattle Times*. If the sale agreement is completed, the issue will then go to the major league owners to decide upon.

Reports in the March 24 *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* claim that the deal has received support from Fay Vincent, baseball commissioner, and Fred Kuhlmann, ownership committee chairman and president of the St. Louis Cardinals. Vincent had earlier expressed skepticism to the deal. The commissioner has as yet neither confirmed nor denied the *Post-Intelligencer* article.

Hate crimes

● TORRANCE, Calif.—A Thai man, mistaken for Japanese, was beaten up Mar. 15 in the laundry room of his apartment complex.

According to the *Rafu Shimpo*, Suthin Siwasathienat, 47, was folding his laundry when a Caucasian male approached him and said, "What are you? Are you Japanese?"

Siwasathienat suffered bruises and a three-inch laceration to the ear. The suspect was said to be in his early 20s, with brown hair and medium build, about 6 feet tall and 190 pounds.

● LOS ANGELES—Racial slurs against Asian Americans were scrawled on the wall of a dorm at the University of Southern California's College University Dormitory.

Written with a blue felt tip pen, the message read, "F--- you, Nippers." The message was written on the front door of a room where two Asian Americans live. It was discovered by students Mar. 22.

Earlier this month, "Asian Americans die now!" was appeared on a sign on the Pomona College campus.

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Calendar

Colorado

Denver

Aug. 3-8 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

Saturday, May 23—Denver Central Optimists' annual pilgrimage to the former site of the relocation center at Amache. Arrangements for transportation will be made at nominal cost. Information: Art Moriya, 3835 W. Raddcliff Ave., Denver CO. 80236, 303/798-0268 or Kent Yoritomo, 5946 W. Jowa Pl., Lakewood, CO. 80232, 303/936-1292. Response requested by April 17.

Spring fashions



Photo: Hiroshi Tamura International

West Los Angeles, JACL is sponsoring "Spring Elegance," a luncheon fashion show scheduled for Sunday, May 31.

Featured will be evening wear and casual separates by Kanojo, Hitoshi Tamura International, Charmaine Yamamoto, and Karen Okada. Among the models will be Nisei Week and formers West Los Angeles queens.

Following the fashion show will be a boutique sale and a display of jewelry. Cost: \$40 for the luncheon and fashion show. Tickets and information: Mitzi, 310/827-3414; or Eiko 310/820-1875. Priority seating for early response.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Saturday, October 10—Davis High School Alumni and Friends Reunion, Little America Hotel & Towers, 500 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Cost: \$30 per

person. Information: George Hirabayashi, 3042 S. 1000 W. Syracuse, UT. 84075, 801/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

Arizona

Scottsdale

Friday, April 10, to Sunday, April 12—"Out of the Shadow into the Light, Steps for the Future," sponsored by the Arizona Students in Action (ASIA) of Arizona State University, lectures and discussion. Registration plus accommodations, \$50; registration only, \$34. Information: Madeline Ong-Sakata, 602/371-9452.

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17—53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale. Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832.

California

San Francisco Area

Wednesday, April 8—Forum on Japanese American Reparation, "Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Its Significance Beyond the Japanese American Community," University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim, McLaren 250. Panel members from Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and the San Francisco Chapter, JACL, discuss act's linkages to broader civil rights issues. Campus located on Golden Gate Avenue between Parker and Masonic Ave. Information: 415/666-6357.

Friday, April 10—Social dancing classes for beginners, seasoned dancers, sponsored by the Marin Chapter, JACL, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Lucas Valley Community Center, San Rafael. Learn waltz, fox, trot, cha-cha, samba, swing, etc. George and Helen Yoshida and Leo and Margaret Saito. Cost: \$30 per person. Classes held Fridays, April 10, May 22, June 5 and 12; Thursday, May 14. Information: Moss Fujii, 415/388-3449.

Los Angeles area

Friday, April 10—Greater L.A. Singles JACL hosts a talk by Rev. Tetsuo Unno on "How we can enhance our relationships," at Founders National Bank, 2001 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, 8:30 p.m. Information: June Furuta 213/323-2783.

Saturday, April 11—Join the Marina JACL in viewing the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve. Bring a potluck picnic lunch. Carpooling available departs 9:30 a.m. Information: Arleen 310/822-3568.

Sat. Sun., April 11-12—The Orange County Buddhist Church's Hanamatsuri, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim. Featuring a food bazaar, cultural exhibits and a stage show. Admission: Free. Information: Orange County Buddhist Church, 714/527-9186 or 827-9590.

Sunday, April 12—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, Japanese American Culture and Community Center, 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Room 4B. Speakers: Richard Kagawa and Doug Umeta of the Saneel Insurance and Financial Services, Torrance, discuss "Tax Strategy." Information: Karl Oike, 213/837-7662, or June Ichonose, 818/288-7169.

Reminders

• Twin Cities Chapter, JACL, will participate in the Minnesota Festival of Nations, May 1-3, St. Paul Civic Center. Eighty-five different ethnic groups present authentic foods, music, folk dancing, cultural exhibits, art demonstrations, and an international bazaar. Twin Cities will feature two cultural booths, presenting Japanese arts and crafts demonstration and exhibit by Gloria Kumagai and Lil Honda—origami, ribbon fish, and paper dolls; a cultural gift shop coordinated by Linda van Dooijeweert and Charles Tatsuda. Tickets: \$5, adults; \$4, youth. Information: Mark Honda, 612/458-5258.

• San Mateo Chapter, JACL, and Community Center co-sponsor forum on AIDS, Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Among participants—Jimmy Naritomi and Dr. Les Hata. Meeting open to public. Information: San Mateo, JACL, Community Center, 415/343-2793.

• National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) and the Military Intelligence Service of Northern California (MIS NorCal) announce 12-week paid summer internship to college or graduate-school-bound student interested in hands-on experience in oral history and collections management on the Nisei of the Military Intelligence Service of World War II.

The summer internship will be based at the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco for 12 weeks reviewing MIS archives, meeting and interviewing former MISers and planning a presentation of a special project about the MIS.

Stipend of \$3,000 is provided. Special assignments, travel expenses will be covered. Application: NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St., #161, San Francisco, CA, 94103; 415/431-5007 (fax, 415/431-0311). Applications must be postmarked by April 25, 1992.

Mountain Plains plans golf tourney

JACL chapters of the Mountain Plains District will hold its first team golf championship at the national convention in Denver, Colo.

Rules for the tournament, to be held concurrently with the JACL national golf tournament, are as follows:

• Teams will be selected by districts on a district basis, and will be limited to a maximum of two men's and women's teams to

represent the district council.

• Team selection should include representation from different chapters comprising the council. If districts find that this requirement is difficult to meet, they should contact Mas Yamasaki or Randolph Shibata by May 15.

• The team championship will be played at 36 holes at full handicap. Contestants should submit an accredited USCA handicap or equivalent, based on the current

USGA handicap system.

• Entry fee for the competition will be \$125 per team. All profits from the tournament will be given to the JACL Legacy Fund.

Districts interested in entering a team should contact Mas Yamasaki, 9797 Leawood, #405, Houston, TX, 77099, or call at 713/568-3761; or Randolph Shibata, 2821 Cuervo NE, Albuquerque, N.M., 87110, or call at 505/883-1258.

Asian Pacific conference scheduled in Virginia

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Council (APAHC) will hold its first national leadership conference, "Vision and Mission for the '90s," Thursday, April 30, through Sunday, May 3, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Va.

The conference, which kicks off Asian Pacific Heritage Month, will host organizations throughout the United States. It will open with a leadership briefing at the White House and a congressional luncheon at the Capital Hilton.

The opening banquet will be held May 1 with Vice President

Dan Quayle and the presidential candidate from the Democratic party as keynote speakers.

Workshops will focus on anti-Asian violence, the aging Asian Pacific American population, equal employment opportunity and discrimination, and non-traditional careers. A career fair will feature representatives from corporate American and government agencies.

During the awards banquet on May 2 seven APAHC scholarships totaling \$13,000 will be awarded.

The 14th annual APAHC Festival, to be held May 3 at Freedom

Plaza, on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., will feature cultural performances, arts, exhibits and food sales. APAHC is also co-sponsoring, with the Kennedy Center, a Korean cultural program in the Concert Hall May 8.

APAHC is a non-profit coalition of more than 20 national and local groups representing Americans of Asian Pacific descent.

Conference information: Roger Rivera, 202/223-9135; Heritage Month information: Carole Huang, APAHC president, 703/734-0301. ©

Japanese American National Museum

OPENING EVENTS

- April 30, 1992—Dedication in parking lot adjacent to building
- May 1-3—Preview days for donor wall contributors, upper level members and out-of-town charter members
- May 2—Museum takes part in Little Tokyo Spring Festival
- May 5-10—Charter members preview museum and exhibit
- May 8—Museum associate members will take part in a reception and preview tour

MUSEUM

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ment. When Japanese Americans began returning to Los Angeles after the war, the building provided needed shelter.

The inaugural exhibition for non-members of the museum, scheduled for May 16, is called "Issei Pioneers; Hawaii and the Mainland, 1885-1924." The exhibit will focus on the first Japanese who arrived in Hawaii and eventually the mainland. It follows their journey from migrants to settlers, their building of fami-

lies and communities, their fight for equal rights and their innovations in industry, agriculture, and the arts.

The museum will also present its Legacy Center, a family activity area designed to enhance the enjoyment of the collections and exhibitions. Interactive exhibits will be made available for the whole family. Initial activities in the center will include workshops on weekends, including tracing family trees, collecting oral histories, and organizing and preserving family photo albums.

In the museum's Education Center, brief programs will be offered Friday evenings. Museum staff members Dr. Akemi

Kikumura, exhibit curator, Karen Ishizuka, moving images archives curator, and Karin Higa, internment art curator, will give short presentations on their current work. The Education Center will also feature classes and demonstration on the traditional Japanese arts.

Opening to the public

WHEN: May 15—Museum opens to general public or non-members.

HOURS: Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Box office closes 30 minutes before museum does. Museum closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day.

ADMISSION: \$4, adults; \$3, students ages 6 through 17; students with ID and senior citizens 62 and over; free, children 5 and under. Groups rates available.

INFORMATION: Japanese American National Museum, 213/625-0414.

Reader finds Nisei GIs who ended up at Battle of Bulge

SALT LAKE CITY—A Pacific Citizen reader, Ernest Seko, submitted the names and addresses to the Los Angeles-based 100th-442nd-MIS Memorial Foundation of 57 Nisei GIs originally destined for the 442nd RCT who were diverted to the Battle of Bulge in the spring of 1945. It was in response to a query (see Jan. 31 P.C.) that the Memorial Foundation wanted to know about the 300 Nisei headed for the 442nd in Italy but who landed in France.

"As I remember it, there were about 150 of us at Fort Meade, Md., waiting to be shipped to the 442nd in Italy. The War Department decided the war there was almost over, so we were held over for nearly three months (Feb. 23-April 9, 1945). Normal stay — 1 week. Our group from Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Fla., was

the first, I believe, to be shipped to an integrated army combat unit," Seko revealed.

"We arrived in LeHavre, France, on April 28 and were sent as replacements to replenish a decimated 159th Infantry Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division — they had just been sent to Germany from the Battle of the Bulge when we joined them — they were still shell-shocked and battle weary. We served with the 159th (May 9 - July 22) until it received orders to go to the Pacific War. All Nisei were then transferred to the 627th Field Artillery Battalion in Heilbronn, Germany."

Seko added that his brother Harry's group had shipped out to the 442nd two days before he arrived at Ft. Meade. "His was the last group of Nisei to be shipped to the 442nd, as I recall," he added.

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Anti-Japanese sentiment increases

According to an ABC News poll published in the *Washington Post*, anti-Japanese sentiments have dramatically increased in the United States. Further, more and more Americans are now trying to avoid buying Japanese products, the report said.

The *Post* said the survey also indicated that the public may be "rallying in defense of U.S. workers, recently characterized as lazy and unproductive by a Japanese political leader."

In a Nov. 19, 1991, survey, 22% of Americans believed U.S. workers were harder working than their Japanese counterparts. In the Feb. 9, 1992, poll, the percentage rose to 37%.

The ABC poll, the *Post* reported, also suggests that President Bush's trip to Japan has increased anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States.

The survey said that white males 25 to 49 years-old are most likely to say that anti-Japanese sentiment is rising.

Nearly 7 out of 10 people in the Northeast and north-central states expressed "Buy America" sentiments, as compared to 54% in the West.

"What the polls are capturing is massive uncertainty and massive misunderstanding among Americans and Japanese about each other's economies and cultures," Robert Emmertman, senior research associate at Columbia University's East Asian Institute, said in the *Post* article. "People don't know what to think. That's why it's dangerous, because it can be moved in any direction."

1 of 5 U.S. workers illiterate, says report

One of the controversial issues between the U.S. and Japan is the perception of workers in each country. When Yoshio Sakurachi, speaker of the Lower House in the Japanese Diet, said that a third of all U.S. workers are illiterate, the verbal exchanges have heated up.

A report by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce released early in the year, however, says that one in every five U.S. workers has literacy skills below the fifth grade level.

According to the *Journal of Commerce*, quality defects at U.S. factories "run at 8 to 10 percent of production," as compared to 1 percent in Japan.

"In the three essential elements of competitiveness—technology, production processes and the skilled work force—we are no closer to solving our problems than before," the report said.

By the year 2000, the U.S. will "face a shortage of 23 million 'technology literate workers,' the Chamber of Commerce predicted.

U.S. said to be spying on Japan

U.S. intelligence agencies, including the National Security Council (NSC) and the Central

Intelligence Agency (CIA), have increased spying activities on Japanese companies, according to the *Yomiuri Shimbun* of Japan.

Quoting unidentified sources, the newspaper said the NSA uses high-tech surveillance equipment, including a computer that is able to intercept fax, telephone, and voice-mail transmissions from Japanese companies. The aim, the newspaper said, is to monitor "for evidence of antitrust activity or violations of agreements limiting the proliferation of military equipment."

The *Yomiuri* said that since the Soviet Union breakup, U.S. intelligence agencies have switched to "economic espionage" to maintain its existence.

Ford chief praises Japanese car firms

At least one head of a U.S. car manufacturer is acknowledging Japan's success in the field.

"It's been expressed in so many different ways, but what it really is, is the cohesiveness of the Japanese nation, the Japanese people," Philip Benton Jr., Ford president and chief operating officer, said in a recent *Dallas Morning News* story. "They have a vision that Japan has to maintain a very high level of exports in order to survive, let alone prosper. They all understand that, and a sense of sacrifice to achieve that," Benton said while attending the National Automobile Dealers Association's 75th annual convention in Dallas.

Speaking at that event, Richard D. Recchia, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America Inc., said the rhetoric against Japanese automakers has "reached down to tap latent racial prejudice."

"Please don't misunderstand me," Recchia said. "There is nothing wrong with Americans' being patriotic. And there is nothing wrong with trying to create more jobs for Americans rather than sending employment overseas. But, it is wrong to claim that the Japanese are responsible for every problem with the U.S. economy. Those are purely emotional claims that are not based on fact."

Jim Perkins, vice president of General Motors Corp. and general manager of Chevrolet division, said that the economic chauvinism in this country is "not a campaign that says 'Buy American.' I think it's more prudent and more worthwhile to say 'Try American.'"

"My guess is that the Buy American sentiment is just fluff, it's not going to last. The American people don't have a very good track record of supporting American industry in the last 20 years. It's not just the car business," Perkins said.

Airport to study minority contracting

The Los Angeles Department of Airports will conduct a comprehensive study of the department's

contracting practices with minority and women-owned businesses.

The objective of the study, to be conducted by Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd., is to help the Department of Airports assess the historical participation of minority and woman-owned businesses on the department's contracts. Airports involved in this study include the Los Angeles International Airport, Van Nuys Airport, Ontario International Airport, and the Palmdale Regional Airport.

Mason Tillman Associates of Oakland, Calif., is a minority/woman-owned business firm specializing in minority business program development, public relations, and market research.

Church opposes Japan-bashing

The Dayton, Ohio-based United Methodist Church recently announced strong opposition to "racially motivated anger toward Japan by politicians and others in the United States."

"The recent development of blaming Japan for the worsening American economy, and insensitive remarks by Japanese politicians, have created an environment that triggers violence, harassment and racial slurs directed at Asian Americans," governing members of the Commission on Religion and Race said in a statement adopted unanimously.

Asian Americans, "whose first loyalty rightly belongs to the United States... have become the target, unjustly, of American racially motivated anger toward Japan."

Hawaii calls for end to bashing

The Honolulu Chapter, JACL, and other organizations are calling for a resolution to halt the Japan-bashing and America-bashing that could lead to physical violence against Asian Americans in Hawaii.

According to a story in the *Hawaii Hochi*, the JACL chapter, lawmakers, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and other groups are all supporting the measure.

A member of the ACLU reported dramatic increases in the number of complaints from people who say they were verbally harassed because of their Asian ancestry.

Japanese still spend money in Hawaii

The Japanese still find Hawaii a favorite place to spend time and money.

According to *Honolulu Advertiser*, daily visitor expenditures by the Japanese in 1991 was \$344, up 17% from 1990.

The newspaper also reported that tourism dollars nearly hit the \$10 billion mark last year, despite a 2.8% drop in the number of days spent there by visitors.

Total Japanese spending amounted to \$2.8 billion or 28.2% of the total.

Small kid time



TESTIMONY

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JACL supports both proposals' expansion of the definition of "Japanese ancestry" to include non-Japanese spouses and parents, most of whom were voluntarily interned so as not to break up their families."

"It is our belief that maintenance of an education fund which serves to remind the public about the consequences of racial prejudice directed at a targeted minority is critical."

Speaking on behalf of the Bush Administration, John Dunne, assistant attorney general of the Department of Justice, said the education fund was not included in the budget recommendations because the work of such a fund had been undertaken by "other entities, including other arms of the federal government," as well as private efforts, "largely within the Japanese American community."

Alan Nishio, president of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR), said, "We're working with JACL to encourage the House to pass H.R. 5451. I understand President Bush put (redress appropriation) in as pay as you go. Given President Bush's approach, H.R. 5451 is probably the safest way to seek additional appropriation at this time."

Nishio said that NCR is planning to conduct a grass roots letter writing campaign encouraging Congress to pass the bill. Noting that many California members of Congress already signed on to the bill, Nishio said, "It looks like it has bi-partisan support, but it's not assumed that it's going to go smoothly. In the current environment, any bill like this will garner a certain amount of letter writing from those group of die-hards that supported the Jacob case. People think redress is over, but there's still a lot of work that needs to be done."

Talk to Congress

The JACL is urging individuals to send letters and/or schedule appointments to meet with their congressional representatives urging co-sponsorship in support of H.R. 5451. In addition, JACL is encouraging letters to be sent to members of the judiciary committee urging a favorable vote out of the committee.

The following serve on the House Judiciary Committee: Majority members—Jack Brooks (Tex.), chairman; Don Edwards (Calif.), vice-chairman; John Conyers, Jr. (Mich.); Romano L. Mazzoli (Ky.); William J. Hughes (N.J.); Mike Synar (Okla.); Patricia Schroeder (Colo.); Dan Glickman (Kan.); Barney Frank (Mass.); Charles E. Schumer (N.Y.); Edward E. Feighan (Ohio); Howard L. Berman (Calif.); Rick Boucher (Va.); Harley O. Staggers, Jr. (W. Va.); John Bryant (Tex.); Mel Levine (Calif.); George E. Brown (Ill.); Craig A. Washington (Tex.); Peter Hoagland (Neb.); Mike Kopsch (Iowa); and Jack Reed (R.I.).

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MATSUI

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to its fruition and relieve the pains that have not healed by time."

Matsui also discussed H.R. 4553, which he introduced Mar. 24 before the House, a bill that would exclude redress payments as a factor in determining eligibility for federal benefits. As reported in the Jan. 17 issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, pension benefits to a number of Japanese American veterans were cut off because they reported receiving redress payments. The Matsui bill is an attempt to clarify the intent of the original Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

"Without the clarifying provision in H.R. 4553, those veterans and survivors who also receive redress payments would lose their eligibility for VA pension benefits, which is a stark departure from the intent of Congress."

Matsui said that officials from the Veterans Administration were consulted on the issue. "To his credit, VA Secretary Edward Derwinski recognized the Congressional intent and sought to make the corrections administratively. However, legal obstacles have prevented him from doing so, and as a result I am offering this bill to include these pension programs under the Civil Liberties Act," said Matsui.

Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Celebrating Dr. Togasaki's 88th birthday

Several weeks ago, in writing of the death of George Togasaki at age 96 in Tokyo, there was inadequate space to mention another event involving the pioneer Togasaki family. That would be the 88th birthday celebration for Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, being sponsored by the Diablo Valley chapter of JACL, honoring her for a lifetime of community service.

Dr. Yoshiye is the fifth of the remarkable Togasaki siblings, and one of three Togasaki sisters who became physicians.

(Both the others became victims of Alzheimer's disease; Dr. Teru died nearly two years ago and Dr. Kazuo, in her 90s, now requires total care. In 1988 an informal organization that called itself "Friends of the Togasaki Family" invited contributions to help pay for the care of these two women who "played such a caring and sensitive role in the lives of countless Japanese and Japanese American families." Hundreds, strangers as well as those who were

helped by the Togasakis, gave to the fund which is administered through the Japanese Cultural and Community Center in San Francisco.)

Dr. Yoshiye, fortunately, remains in good health and continues to maintain her home in Lafayette, CA. She, friends say, is "sharp as tack," and remains involved in the San Francisco East Bay community she served for so many years as a public health officer supervising scores of public health clinics.

The organizations with she has worked are too numerous to list here. There are dozens, ranging from civic and human rights groups to education and health care.

Sponsors of the dinner are not unaware that the 88th birthday has a particularly happy symbolism in Japanese tradition. In fact, there is a string of happy birthdays of which the 88th is the most felicitous. The 61st is *kanreki* celebrating the completing of a cycle of life, when a person is entitled to enter a second childhood; the 77th is *kinajo*,

or year of gladness, and the 88th is *beiji*, or rice year when a celebrant wears red garments as a symbol of gladness.

Perhaps a more meaningful objective of the celebration is to raise funds for a scholarship in Dr. Yoshiye's name. Mollie Fujioka, co-president of the Diablo Valley chapter, notes that while Dr. Yoshiye has received many awards, there is no scholarship in her name and establishing one would seem to be a fitting tribute. (All the nine Togasaki offspring were privileged to get college educations, in no small part because George gave up dreams of a career in medicine to go into the family business and help pay for the education of his brothers and sisters.)

The 88th birthday celebration was held at the Silver Dragon restaurant in Oakland on March 28. Contributions to the fund may be made c/o Diablo Valley JACL, Yukio Wada, 2817 Trotter Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. ☐

Letters

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Empathy for plight of Japanese Americans

Please permit the cliché "Misery loves company." I find Norm Kobayashi's letter in the Pacific Citizen, Feb. 21, parallels my views accurately. His greatest misfortune is that he was born other than an "identifiable" version of the all American white, Anglo Saxon citizen of this great nation, one that is dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. That is, equal only if one is white and Christian.

I have empathy for Mr. Kobayashi, well knowing the frustration he and his brethren endure. He can't hide his identity and as a result of his physiognomy he must bear the brunt of a viciously bigoted orchestrated attempt to relegate him to second class citizenship. For shame, the rams in Washington bleat and the lambs follow. Our own leadership, yes this current one, has fanned the flames of hate and bigotry in order to cast a shadow over their mistakes. Adolf Hitler also stirred his populace to blame minorities for their problems. The theme is an old one and has played many

times in the United States. Leaders precipitate bigotry with the constant cry of "Buy American."

I am an American Jew. I can hide my identity, but won't. My parents escaped Czarist Russia and its pogroms so I cherish my freedoms and am willing to fight for them. I am a so-called survivor of Pearl Harbor, and subsequently fought against the Japanese army in Burma. Animosity born of a war is one thing, but to carry the hatred for a lifetime is another. My animosity died with the end of the war.

As a Jew I have experienced bigotry all my life. The Jew's attitude has been to excel in all endeavors, just as the Japanese do today. Success with what we attempt must disturb the bigots, whether an intellectual or rabble, for their reaction to Japanese and Jewish success is always incendiary. Do we experience anti-German feelings? Do the buyers of Mercedes Benz cars know they employed slave labor (Jews) during the war? Have you ever seen a Mercedes sledgehammered? Why was there never anti-German demonstrations during the war? One answer? They are so like the "identifiable all American Anglo Saxon."

For you, Mr. Kobayashi, and for myself we must assert ourselves with chutzpah and never turn the other cheek and then perhaps the bigots will disappear. I am looking for a better America so my beautiful Japanese American Jewish grandchildren will enjoy the fruits of the Constitution. American, to you and me, means more than the sale of a baseball team.

Arthur Katz
Mission Viejo, Calif.

Response to Oprah

The Oprah Winfrey Show on March 10, was about Japan bashing and its effect on the Japanese Americans.

One question raised from the audience that did not get answered fully was, "Why do you call yourselves Japanese Americans? Are you Japanese first? Where is your loyalty? Why don't you call yourselves American Japanese?"

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To answer the question—yes, we would rather be known as "American Japanese." Better yet, we would prefer to be called "Americans" period, but to one is as American as the native Indians.

They have the distinction of being called "American Indians" which is a privilege they rightfully deserve. Everyone else originally immigrated to the United States from Europe, Africa, Asia etc. and were labeled by our government with "origin first-American second" to determine nationality.

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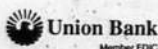
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Inoue, Dyke T., 84. Torrance, Feb. 14; Manhattan, Kansas, Civilian, veteran, survived by wife Betty, son John, daughter Nani Ann Harvey, mother Fujio Inoue (San Jose), 4 brothers Tadashi (Philippines), Hiroaki, Michael, Calvin (Hawaii), sister Marie Izumi (Las Vegas), brothers-in-law Jack Munemitsu, Toshio Nozaki.

Inouye, Isaac T., 69. Gardena, Feb. 9; Wahiawa-born, survived by wife Mitsue, son Takero, daughter Jean K. Petty (Wash.), Ellen Ojima, Tamano (Hawaii), 7 grandchildren, stepmother Tamano Inouye (Hawaii), mother Kinjo Hirokazu, brothers Hiroaki, Matsuo, sister Charlotte Kobata (all Hawaii).

Ishihara, Sam L., 63. Stockton, Feb. 20; Ogden-born, survived by wife Shizuko, daughters Frances Durrill, Janet Menor, Sue, parents Tetsuo / Shizuko, brothers Teruo, Toshio, Tadashi, sister Miyoko Kawamura, 3 grandchildren.

Kato, Kuru, 84. Los Angeles, Feb. 11; Shizuoka-born, survived by her daughter Fumiko Kawamoto, Masako Yokokura, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, sister Hise Nagata (Kyoto).

Kashimoto, Shizuo J., 78. Tuljunga, Feb. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Haruyo, sons Kenny, Ronald, Gary, Ricky, 2 grandchildren, brother George, sister Helen. **Kobayashi, Jennie, 78.** Santa Maria, Jan. 26; San Dimas-born, survived by husband William, sons David (Lomita), Tom (Fresno), Dwight (Fresno), daughters Debra Iabell, Eunice Kappmeyer (Los Ows), brother Harry Tanaka (Tacoma), 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Kobayashi, Katsuo, 88. La Puente, Feb. 16; Shizuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Larry, daughter Teiko Otsubo, Satsuko Shiro, Yuriko Naimak, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Kodama, Nobuo "Lefty", 73. Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 10; Los Angeles-born, survived by brother Sadao Kodama (Los Angeles), brother-in-law Tom Tsubaki.

Koga, Iwakawa Horyu, 89. Los Angeles, Feb. 6; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Shigeo, Tetsuo (Jpn), daughter Hirono Tsubaki, Akiko Kanayama and Yutoku Kodama (both Jpn), 12 grandchildren.

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Miura, Tomiko "Lily", 78. Los Angeles, Jan. 21; survived by husband Clarence, son Donald Shintani, daughter Lily Shintani, stepsons Richard & Michael (San Diego), Howard Miura, grandchildren, sister Helen Adachi, brothers-in-law Thomas & Shigeru Miura (Hawaii), sisters-in-law Harriet Miura and Hilda Nakamura (Hawaii).

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Onizuka, Tsuneo, 80. Foster City, Feb. 3; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Katsumi, David, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Otani, Yoshio, 73. Los Angeles, Feb. 10; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Ruriko, 3 daughters Ilme, Barbara, Sandra, 2 brothers Tomokazu Kawasaki (Delano), Haruo Kawasaki (Jpn), sister Toshiko Ehara (Richmond), sisters-in-law Nobuko Kawasaki (Sacramento), Chizu Kawasaki (Jpn).

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