DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2002

Law Experts, New Book Reflect on Internment Legacy at UCLA DOR Event

By TRACY UBA Writer/Reporter

Prominent American law experts from around the country shed light on the Sept. 11 fallout through lessons learned from the Japanese American internment on Feb. 16 in a Day of Remembrance public forum commemorating the 60th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066.

The forum, "Learning from the Internment in a Post-9/11 World," was co-sponsored by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

"When we saw the tragedy of September 11th, we all felt enormous outrage at the loss of innocent lives. We felt sadness, profound sadness, for the victims, the families," said keynote speaker Dale Minami, a civil rights attorney in the Fred Korematsu chronic.

"JAs were particularly affected by the aftermath of 9/11 in which Muslim, Sikh, Arab Americans and others were targeted in hate incidents because they too had been targets of discrimination and government racial profiling after the bombing of Pearl Harbor," Minami said.

"Both groups were a racial minority. They were born with the appearance that sometimes is not recognized by others as American and have ancestral ties to the land and heritage," he said. "We speak out against you with violence and discrimination, we will reject racial profiling, we will dissent when our conscience demands and we will be heard.

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Impact of the McCarran-Walter Act on Arab Americans Today

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA Assistant Editor

Most Japanese Americans are familiar with the McCarran-Walter Act as the law that granted U.S. citizenship to the Issei.

For Michel Shashid, however, the McCarran-Walter Act (also known as the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952) has been at the core of the U.S. government's 15-year attempt to deport him.

While Shashid, the Western regional director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), did not go into detail on this pending case when hekeynoted the Los Angeles Day ofRemembrance on Feb. 16, he nonetheless broke from his immediate post-Sept. 11 silence to discuss foreign policy and urged members to examine American actions in the Middle East in an effort to make sense out of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Referring to those living in the Middle East, Shashid, a legal U.S. permanent resident who immigrated from Palestine in the 1970s, said, "They long for justice, peace, security and freedom but many have been denied these rights, and often see MCCARRAN-WALTER/ page 3

Ownership Dispute Over San Francisco YWCA Settled

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A legal battle that evoked painful memories of a time when Asian immigrants were prohibited from owning land has been settled, with the YWCA agreeing to transfer ownership of a Japanese landmark building to a community daycare.

A YWCA board member, on Feb 22 said it would transfer ownership of the Julia Morgan-designed building at 4000 Geary Blvd.

Little Friends, a community daycare and preschool program that already occupied the site, has the option to purchase the building in 10 years.

"It's the conclusion of a lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court in September 1997 by a group of Buddhist churches serving the Japanese American community. The suit sought to enforce a promise the YWCA allegedly made to Japanese women in the 1920s.

"At the time, the churches and the Issei women formed the Japanese Community Union, which used the YWCA and raised money to buy the property at 1303 Sutter, according to the lawsuit. But because Japanese immigrants couldn't own property under California's alien land law, they turned to the YWCA, which said it would hold the building in trust for the Japanese YWCA, the lawsuit alleged.

But in 1996, the YWCA put the building up for sale for $1.65 million, saying it was the owner.

The case could have gone forward without jeopardizing classified information. He said Trulock would appeal.

"The ownership dispute will likely be completed in 30 days, according to a statement from Soko Bokai, the group of church elders serving the YWCA.

"The group was pleased to reach a resolution that should ensure the building will continue to be used for the community's benefit," Bokai said.

The YWCA of San Francisco and Marin was "very pleased with the settlement," said board member Michele Stanoo.

"We are not done, but we are not going to be linked to lawsuits," she said. "We are looking to the future."

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A Thank-you From the Pacific Citizen

A few weeks back you might remember a column in the Pacific Citizen by JACL Executive Director John Tashio announcing PC's Wish List, a compilation of much-needed computer equipment and software.

A few days after the issue was published, calls of support came rushing in. As mentioned in the letter to the editor in this issue by Ted Namba, the Arizona chapter of JACL has launched its challenge to the other chapters by generously donating $2,000 to go towards PC's wish list. They are hoping that others will also join in supporting PC.

In addition to the Arizona chapter's generous donation, John Tashio received a call at national headquarters from an anonymous donor who indicated that he wished to give a total of $14,100 towards PC's equipment needs. Other individuals and chapters have also showed their support including a donation of $1,000 from the San Fernando Valley chapter, and donations from Audrey Mizokami, Edna Chang, and Masayo Ishihara.

The P.C. staff would like to say a huge thank-you to all of our generous donors. Your continued support means a great deal to us.

After only a few weeks we have already received enough money to begin purchasing much-needed computer equipment, software, and camera equipment.

Over the past several months you may have noticed several articles in the P.C. reporting on JACL's current financial situation. The national organization has been struggling with its finances due to a deep in membership and the stock market downturn, especially hard hit after the events of Sept. 11. At JACL's national publication, P.C. is directly impacted by this financial situation.

In response to JACL's financial problems, you've seen P.C. go from a weekly to a semi-monthly, and now with additional budget cuts, the newspaper has gone from a 12-page semi-monthly to only eight pages.

With your continued support we are hopeful that we will be able to increase the number of pages in our issues and eventually the frequency of the publication.

The P.C. staff is committed to delivering a high quality newspaper. You may have noticed some of the recent changes to the paper including a new banner, a new easier-to-read type face, and new sections including regular sports and entertainment section and our popular book page. We've received positive responses to these changes and we will continue to update and innovate the paper as we look towards the future.

Again, thank you to all our generous supporters and readers.

Caroline Ayagi
Executive Editor

Letters to the Editor

$2002 Challenge

In response to National JACL Executive Director John Tashio's request to financially help the Pacific Citizen, I would like to make a donation to the PC, but also encourage other chapters to do the same.

We believe that since we are the oldest and largest civil rights organization in this country, it is important for us to have open lines of communication for all of our members. In many areas of California, JACL members have an opportunity to interact with members from other chapters on a regular basis. In other chapters; i.e., Arizona, some members may rarely have an opportunity to interact with members from other chapters. The PAC is an opportunity for all of us to meet and to support each other.

Randy Nakagawa (third from left), representing the Arizona chapter, presents a check for $2002 at the PSW district meeting as part of the Arizona chapter's 2002 challenge to fund the Pacific Citizen's wish list. Accepting the check are (l-r): Pacific Citizen Editor Caroline Ayagi, P.C. PSWD Representative Deni Ujeima and P.C. Editorial Board Chair Ken Inouye.

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The JACL-sponsored Group Insurance Plans allow you to apply for the insurance protection you need at affordable group rates.

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San Francisco, CA 94115

Allow 6 weeks for address changes.

To avoid interruptions in receiving your P.C., please notify your postal service to include periodicals in your change of address (SGS Form 3579).
National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

٠ Lee Becomes First AA Woman to Serve in State Legislature

WASHINGTON—Susan C. Lee was appointed Feb. 18 by Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening to a vacant seat in the House of Delegates. She is the first Asian American woman to serve in the state legislature, filling the seat vacated by Nan- icy K. Kopp, who was elected state treasurer this month.

“It is a great honor and privilege to serve as delegate in the Maryland House of Delegates,” Lee said. “I will work hard to be a strong and ef- fective advocate for my district and Montgomery County in the state legislature. But I will also strive to ensure that all our elected officials, as represented, particularly the Asian Pacific American, Latino, African American and other communities who have been underrepresented in our state legislature.”

Lee’s district is located just above the Washington border and includes Beltsville, Glenarden and Suitland. She will complete a four-year term that began in January 1999.

Lee has never held elected office, but has been an attorney with Geb- harten & Gebhart, a D.C.-based employment and civil rights firm, since 2001. She is also the co-chair of the Montgomery County NAACP Multicultural Community Council in Place, a co-founder and board member of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APACIS).

٠ Matsunaka to Run for Congress in District of Governor

DENVER—Senate President Stan Matsunaka dropped out of the race for governor Feb. 18 and said he will instead run for Congress, where he believes he can make a bigger difference.

Matsunaka said he changed his mind about running for governor after he received calls from friends, neighbors and House Democratic Leader Dick Geerhart of Colorado, who said he could accomplish more for Colorado by representing the 4th District.

With a 10-vote difference be- tween Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. House, pollster Floyd Crul said Democrat only have to win a few key seats to take control. “Congressman Geerhart talked to me about the issues that I care about deeply and which I have championed even before I went into health care, education, rural issues and transportation,” said Matsunaka, who was heading to Loveland to explain his decision to supporters.

His great-grandparents originally settled in this district, I grew up in this district, raising my family in this district and working for this district. After listening to my friends in rural Colorado, I believe they want better, I want to run to the better representation in Congress. It’s time for me to get back home to where my roots are and help jointly achieve our goals in Congress,” he said.

Others running for the congressional seat include state Sen. Marcini, Marilyn Maguire, R-Fort Morgan, and Republican attorney Jeff Bedingfield of Greeley.

٠ Portland’s AAS a Diverse, United Group

PORTLAND, Ore.—There is no dominant ethnic group among Portland’s Asian Americans, mak- ing it one of the most diverse in the nation. A recent survey shows AAS make up about 6 percent of the area’s population.

Roughly equal segments trace their heritage to Vietnam or China, and similar numbers are from Ko- rea, the Philippines, Japan or India. There are also significant numbers from Laos, Cambodia and even Mu- canc. Portland has had Chinese and Japanese American residents since the 1880s, and the num- ber of Asian immigrants came after 1970.

In an area that is 10 percent white, AAS outnumber blacks, who make up about 8 percent of the popula- tion, but not Latinos, who make up more than 7 percent.

Although leaders of the various AA ethnic communities largely work together over shared concerns, education, respect for native cultur- es and languages, fair treatment of AA businesses and employees and political empowerment—they say they still get overlooked as a group.

About 100,000 AA and Pacific Is- landers, nearly twice as many as in 1990, live in the four Portland-area counties Malheur, Washington, and Clackamas in Oregon and Clark County, Wash.

٠ Medal of Honor Recipient Davila Dies

VISTA, Calif.—Rudolph Davila, awarded the Medal of Honor 56 years after he was saved 130 American soldiers during World War II died of cancer Jan. 26. He was 85.

In 1944, Davila’s machine gun platoon was going over a hill near Arena, Italy, as German gunners were about to arrest him to explain his decision to flee.

His platoon hung back, but Sgt. Davila swept the footsills with 750 rounds. Then, after spotting a rifle barrel in a wide ditch and throwing about 50 yards away, he grabbed a rifle and two grenades, crawled and ran to the bunker on the hillside. The grenades upstairs and shut at the troops inside.

Two years ago President Clinton bestowed the Medal of Honor on Davila and 21 other WWII war time num- bers, mainly Japanese Americans from the 100th/442ndRCT.

Davila, of Filipino, and Spanish descent was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Watts. He met his wife of 54 years at Camp Ramona, the military hospital where he was treated.

Davila is survived by three sons, Jesus of Santa Ana, Jeffrey of Cal- istoga and Roland of Evergreen, Calif., and daughters, Teresa Lemmonnes of Clintonville, Wis., and Jill Link of La Habra; and nine grandchildren.

٠ CA County Seeks ‘Yes’ Vote in Proposition to Save Japanese American Internment Camps

LOS ANGELES—The California Japanese American Community Leadership Council urged voters in the Sansei generation to support a ballot proposition to save the historic Japanese American internment camps in California by voting “yes” on Proposition 40 at the March 5 ballot.

Proposition 40 is a $2.6 billion bond measure which includes $267.5 million for histori- cal and cultural preservation. If approved, Proposition 40 will fund the preservation of the three Japantowns in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose as well as for some of the cultural and preservation funds which would help preserve cultural trea-


For more information, visit www.californiabahon.org.

Blue Shield health plans for California JACL members

Blue Shield of California offers group health care coverage to current JACL members age 18 and over who reside in California. Plans may include a wide range of benefits, including vision care, worldwide emergency coverage, dental care, prescription drug benefits and more. For information about these plans, call the JACL Health Benefits Trust today at 1-800-400-6633.

Website: http://www.jaclhealthbenefits.org

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as a direct result of American influ- ence or intervention. When we Americans ask, "Who are the Arabs and what do they want?" very few of us actually seem to be willing to hear the answer, and this is wrong.

Sheehad is a lead respondent in the "LAB" case, involving the 1987 arrest of seven Palestinians at the Israeli Consulate in Kansas City.

Since the IRS designated the FFPL as an "international terrorist and communist organization at that time, the LAB was initially arrested and charged under the anti-commu- nist provisions of the McCarran-
Bidding a Brighter JACL

National JACL is currently gathering signatures for an amendment to the 2002 convention in Las Vegas. Proceeds from this auction will assist in increasing membership, focusing on an effort to make the JACL a more vibrant, progressive and influential organization. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are not looking for anything in particular. However, we are seeking items that will not cost us any money, and where we have an estimated value greater than $50. The item can be new or used, a good or a service (e.g., stay at a vacation location, airline mileage, time share, golf rounds, etc.).

Please understand that we sincerely want to make this a winning situation for the entire JACL. With that said, we are giving the donors the option of splitting the proceeds 50/50 between national JACL and their chapter or district. JACL staff will set both at all levels — nationally, at the local level and at the single membership level (the winning bidders). This is a terrific opportunity to generate funds for your districts and chapters for your operational expenses, 2002 convention or special programs (e.g., membership drive, youth, etc.).

I want to encourage you to get creative with this auction. I think we often become trapped in a certain mindset, so let us think about all the different types of things we bear which others may not. Many clubs are not about only objects that you have in your home or chapters but also things that are not as obvious, such as services that you or a third party can offer, items that you can produce solely for this occasion or items related to leisure. Just think about some of the types of items that we already have: redo words, autographed programs, celebrating the appointment of Kapo Minta at Secretary of Transportation, a trip for two to Cancún (via donated airline miles), and shown from Adults-only, an already-built website (usable by a district, chapter or individual, with your input). A bricks and mortar for a chapter/program/project, an autographed ball by Ichiro, dollies by a local artist, signed paintings of the outside or inside of the building.

There think of the outside. If you have something to donate that you estimate is worth $50 or more, contact me at 206/228-7926 or e-mail rhins@yahoo.com. Ask about inclusions, space will be limited, so don’t procrastinate. Your offers of selling any of your items during this auction improve the quicker you respond! As always, I eagerly await the opportunity to work with you.

San Mateo to Co-sponsor ‘91 Community Dialogue’

The San Mateo JACL is co-sponsoring a California Council for the Humanities ‘91 Community Dialogue March 16 from 6-9:30 p.m. at the College of San Mateo, Little Theater, 1700 W. Hilltop Drive, San Mateo, Calif.

The ‘91 Community Dialogue’ is free and invites all members of the community, particularly those who want to discuss the implications of the Sept. 11 events.

Topics will include: hate crime prevention, understanding and avoiding the impulse to stereotype others, understanding how language and media shape public understanding; understanding and protecting civil liberties and the right to peaceful dissent.

Other co-sponsors are the San Mateo branch of the American Association of University Women and the College of San Mateo.

The experience of the Japanese American internment will provide a historical context for analysis of current events, and a traveling display of a timeline, quotations and photographs related to the internment will be installed.

Humanists scholars, including Al Acena, dean of Social Sciences and historian, Masao Suzuki, professor of Economics, and Kaori Moritaya, professor of Communication Studies, will relate parallels between past and current events.

Florian Host to 20th Annual Time of Remembrance

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi will be the featured speaker at Florian JACL’s 20th Annual Time of Remembrance Program on March 9.

Tateishi will speak about the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II and the similarities with the thousands of Arab Americans who have been targets of racial profiling, since the horrific events of Sept. 11.

Born in Los Angeles, Tateishi was interned at Manzanar at the age of 3. A graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Davis, he has taught at the University of London and the City College of San Francisco. Tateishi was the national JACL director and is the author of the book “And Justice For All.”

The program will also include presentation of awards for community service, education and civil rights, followed by a candlelight ceremony conducted by immediate past chapter president Andy Noguchi.

Historical exhibits about the internment will be on display including a replica of a barracks. There will also be a literature table with several books available for purchase, including “We the People” by Mary Tidfrid and Elizabeth Pinkerton, and “Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region” by Wayne MacIntosh. All books will also be available for order, including “Free To Die For Our Country” by Eric Muller and “Justice for All” by Tateishi.

The Florian program will take place from 2-4 p.m. at the Buddhist Church Hall, 7235 Pritchard Road. There will be a general admission of donation of $10 for the event. $2 for students.

San Mateo Community Dialogue is May 11

This week is California Community Dialogue is May 11.

St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks new members

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members.

Apply to the White House Office of Public Liaison for the 26th and 39th and should be interested in assuming a leadership role in the community and nationally.

The seminar will consist of mentors, management directors of mental health, substance abuse and human services programs, meeting national leaders in the field of administration, policy making, philanthropy, politics, human services and civil rights; meeting and being briefed by the APA congressional delegation on Capitol Hill, participating in workshops and briefings provided by APA leaders in government and private industry; briefing with the White House Office of Public Liaison; and being leaders in the private sector; and learning how social change is brought about.

For information regarding applications, write, call or fax Lily A. Okura, Executive Director, Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817, 301/530-0550; fax, 301/530-0552.

Applications will be postmarked no later than March 16.

The seminar is sponsored by the National JACL, the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt public foundation incorporated in the State of Maryland in 1988.
American Minorities Make Mark at Winter Games
By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—Fourteen years after figure skater Debi Thomas became the first black athlete a Winter Games medal, American minority athletes have made an unprecedented showing in Salt Lake City.
With only a dozen minorities among the 211 athletes representing 76 countries, they have combined to win a disproportionate share of a seven U.S. record 30 medals.

On the ice, Torrance, Calif.-native Michelle Kwan won a bronze after being upset by Sarah Hughes in figure skating. Julie Chu, a teenager from Connecticut and a forward for the U.S. national hockey team, helped the Americans woman land a silver after beating the favored Koreans.

On the track, Deirdre Fielden of Los Angeles, also owns a gold and a silver, while another Asian skater, Jennifer Rodriguez, of Miami, earned two bronzes.

Both were previous inline skaters who made the successful transition to short-track speedskating.

Basketsworld Vonetta Flowers, the first black Winter Olympic gold medalist, didn't even see the inside of a bob sled until she was 26. She was a track star in Alabam-Birmingham who saw a flier for bobsledding after losing out in a bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics.

"I was just at the right place at the right time because they didn't have snow in Alabama," Flowers said. "Hopefully, this will encourage other Asian American boys and girls to give winter sports a try." The governing bodies for winter sports are required by the U.S. Olympic Committee to try to attract and train minorities if they want to receive Olympic funding.

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Short-track Speedskating: Ohno Takes Gold and Silver

Canada ended up winning the gold, with Italy taking silver and China the bronze. The Americans were defending world champions in the relay.

Maggie Gagnon and Guimette also gave Canada a 1-2 finish in the 1,000-metre final.

Still, Ohno couldn't complain about catching a bad break in a high-risk, fast-paced sport that has been compared to roller derby in the 1,000, he was leading on the final lap when a crash took out all but one skater. After hitting the board and sliding his left thigh with his own skate, he staggered across the line to get the silver. He got six stitches to close the wound.

Ohno went on to win the 1,500 on Feb. 20, despite crossing the line second behind South Korea's Kim Dong-sung, who was disqualified for an illegal block.

After that race, the U.S. Olympic Committee reported receiving over 16,000 threatening e-mails regarding Ohno, mostly from sources in South Korea. The e-mails have been turned over to the FBI for investigation.

JACL Joins Olympic Celebration

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY—Michelle Kwan's medals collection is still incomplete, as she lost the gold Feb. 21 to another American teenager, Sarah Hughes, in one of the most stunning upsets in Olympic figure skating history.

"I made a few mistakes, but I'm just going to keep on going strong," Kwan said, who won the bronze medal. "It just wasn't meant to be.

Russia's Irina Slutskaya took home the silver.

Although she was in first place after the compulsory figures, Slutskaya didn't have a perfect long skate. She fell on a triple flip, two-footed, and she divided her attention and didn't skate with the passion and fire that has become her trademark.

Kwan, who won the silver medal, came fourth from place to first to win the free skate and she tied the title with the performance of her life.

She knocked off seven triple jumps, five in combination, including a huge triple toe-loop-triple loop combo.

Four years ago in Nagano, Kwan lost to another American teenager, 15-year-old Tara Lipinski.

With four world championships and six U.S. titles but no Olympic medal, Kwan is unsure whether she will go on to compete at the 2006 Turin Olympics in Italy.
Commentary

National JACL to Hold Resisters of Conscience May 11

By ALAN TERUYA and ANDY NOGUCHI
Co-chairs, JACL Resisters Ceremony Committee

During this time of BIG Suziki back-lash against innocent Arab, Muslim, and Jewish leaders who are caught as the latest round of terror attacks on Sept. 11, the importance of standing up for people civil rights and religious freedom is only enhanced. Today’s crisis as a backdrop, the na-

tional JACL will hold a public cer-
mony to recognize and reconcile with the Nisei Resisters of Con-
science who stood up for the Con-
stitutional rights of Japanese Americans during World War II. This will be the first release of camp and given full con-
stitutional rights. When this was not done, Congress refused the draft, for which about 282 were tried and sentenced to federal prison. President Truman said to Nisei veterans, "You have achieved fair and just recognition. You have labored to defend the constitution and your country, the United States and to meet the challenge of this war as citizens of your country... You have lived up to the high traditions of the American people and to the fundamental principles and ideals of the American Way of Life." This 2003 resolution to honor the Nisei resisters passed in 1998 by the American Legion resolved to "repudiate the action of the American Congress in 1943 which resulted in the conservation of the Nisei resisters and their families during the war... and to repudiate the 1943 action for the good of our nation..." This 2003 resolution to honor the Nisei resisters passed in 1998 by the American Legion resolved to "repudiate the action of the American Congress in 1943 which resulted in the conservation of the Nisei resisters and their families during the war... and to repudiate the 1943 action for the good of our nation..."

Who are the Resisters of Conscience?
The Resisters of Conscience are a group of over 300 Nisei men who were arrested by the FBI for the loyalty oath, with the qualification that they would willingly serve in the military if their petitions were granted. This is a significant moment in the history of the Japanese American community, as the Nisei resisters forged a path for future generations to stand up for their rights. The Nisei resisters were the first to recognize their constitutional rights and to demand justice for their community. They were arrested for their courage and their commitment to the values of freedom and justice. This is a momentous occasion, as the Nisei resisters are finally being recognized for their courage and their commitment to the values of freedom and justice.

Why is this ceremony important?
1. Recognition of a principled stand taken to support constitutional rights even in today's restrictive society against male and re-
gionary minorities.
2. Reconciliation between Japanese Americans and the government unjustly incarcerated and unfairly forced to make deci-
sions about loyalty from behind barbed wire.
3. Leadership by the national JACL to heal divisions and strengthen the community in order to more effectively meet today's challenges.

What issues are being clarified?
1. Resisters of Conscience are distinct from other groups in the camp. The draft was not used against the Nisei veterans, who had been in the military and returned to service.
2. Loyalty oath was not a useful tool in the war effort.
3. The Nisei resisters were not a threat to national security.
4. The draft was a tool used to reinforce discrimination and segregation.

Girlyo, San Benito County and Watsonville -Santa Cruz JACL Hold Joint Installation

The Girlyo, San Benito County and Watsonville -Santa Cruz JACL held their joint installation of officers Jan. 25 at the San Juan Oaks Golf Club. The JACL members and guests are welcomed for the evening.

JACL member Mike Honda, D-San Jose, made a guest appearance, while JACL P.O. Box 21889, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Contemporary Asian American: A Multidisciplinary Reader

This is the first book of its kind, which focuses on the historical and cultural context of Asian American experiences. The book includes chapters on the experiences of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Filipino Americans, as well as interviews with prominent Asian American leaders and activists. It covers a wide range of topics, including history, politics, literature, film, and art. The book is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of Asian American experiences and to encourage further research and discussion. The book is aimed at a broad audience, including educators, students, and anyone with an interest in Asian American studies.

The book is available for $30, plus $3 shipping and handling. It can be ordered through the JACL website or by contacting the JACL office. This is an excellent resource for anyone interested in Asian American experiences and culture.
LORD, Monday, March 7—Book signing with Jeanne and James Houston, authors of "The Song of Manasseh." 7 p.m. Tomlinson Heights Church, 1540 St. N.

Sanchez, Tuesday, March 8—Sacramento Tank Driving and Damming: 6:30 meeting. 7 p.m. book signing with author Susan Skin- ner, formerly of the Buckingham Park District, Sacramento. MECO Community Center, 1515 St. N. Information: 884-6996, 595-Earth.com.


San Francisco, March 16—San Francisco JACL, volunteers will anchor the KDOS-PB pledge drive, 7:20-9:30 p.m., directly after the Koolava pro- gram on KDOS.

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tionality of the initial charges made under the McCarran-Walter Act.

But the case didn’t end there because Congress repeated the McCarran-Walter Act in 1990 Immigration Act, which inci- denced a new terrorism deportation program. The new law, ad- mpted to defeat the LAS under the 1990 Act.

The LAS again challenged the new charges under the 1990 Act with the case going all the way to the Supreme Court. In May 2000, the case was sent back to the immi- gration judge, who, on May 28th, held that the immi- gration judge’s credentials that they had renewed their efforts to have the 1990 Act charges dismissed. Later the immigration judge issued an order that Judge Bruce E. Jinishor ruled that the LAS cannot be deported based on charges that were not in existence when they were first arrested, and are attempting to have the cases con- tinued their prosecution under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act, al- though the act has since been repe- nced.

In August, a month before the Sep- tember 11th attacks, the LAS filed an appeal, and the case has been pending since then.

The terrorist att- acks will affect the LAS case re- mains to be seen, according to one LAS officer, said Shepard. "But there is a new law called the Patriot Act which is going to be used by the government to try to deport us." He added that the LAS attorneys have pointed out that the LAS were involved in lawful ac- tivities that should be protected un- der the First Amendment. But She- phard has come to realize that Muslims do not always enjoy the full rights given to Americans-born citizens.

"This is why we are fighting," said Shepard. "We are fighting to prove that immigrants are protected under the Constitution."

The LAS case also successfully represented in the court in legalizing the concept of secret evi- dence, which is classified information that foreign law enforcement agencies share with the judge but with- hold from both the accused and his attorney on grounds that secrecy is needed to protect confidential government sources.

Shepard said he was amazed that when the Arab and Muslim groups tried to file suits with the Southern California FBI field agent in October (see P. oat), the FBI didn’t have any knowledge about the use of secret evidence. "We got the FBI to keep things about making us up the word, secret evidence," Shepard recalled. "They are saying that making us up to that certain evidence, is a book language, a legal language. We have been fighting for eight years. So how do you get to know about this? But he denied it so I told him I’d send him some information about the rights." He added that Shepard was to help him send some infor- mation about his case to the FBI.

Shepard has been lobbying for an as fuel to the war in Iraq, some say it is a real step forward for the U.S. to take. The Los Angeles Times has reported that Shepard was planning to discuss with the judge in the court hearing the plant’s ability to hold a defense.

Shepard is an experienced lawyer who has helped other people in the past to assert their constitutional rights. She said he was in a position to do so because of his experience in the legal field.

Shepard, who is a lawyer herself, has been active in the field of immigration law. She has worked with many different clients, including those affected by the War on Terror, to ensure that their rights are protected.

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Panel speaker Fett Buckass, a law- professor at the University of California, UNESCO and the British Council, added, "The Japanese Americans have taken their cue from the British, the Australians and the Kiwis. They know how to fight for their own community, fight against discrimination, but also, it is always about self-protection, about self-defense, about self-esteem, about self-help."

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