Upcoming Redress Hearings Need Public Support

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

More than $45 million in grant money to educate the public about the Japanese American World War II experience may become available, in addition to securing redress equity for Japanese Latin Americans (JALAs) and for JAs who served during the war, according to Campaign for Justice (CFJ), a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization, which has been spearheading this movement.

"The push for public education funding reminds Congress and the American public that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 had two major components — public education and redress equity," said Richard Katsuda, CFJ member and resident of Chicago, according to a press release from CFJ. "Preventing Congress from considering the legislation may be indicative of membership. It is very important that this funding component for both lost justice and prevention is highly dependent on proper funding of diverse programs.

Under the CLA, only $5 million of an expected $50 million was issued in public education grants.

Although many fine projects were developed through the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, it did not have nearly enough wherewithal to get the education to the public," said Katsuda, an educator in the Los Angeles Unified School District. "The key element in public education is ensuring that educators are not only effectively exposed to and digested by the public, and that is a component of this legislation which requires much sophistication and resources."

He added, "Congress recognized the enormity of this task, and that's why it intended $50 million of one of the CLA to be used for public education. Because only $5 million was actually appropriated for CLPEF, the $45 million called for in the new legislation will provide the means toward fulfilling Congress' original intent in 1988.

Current Redress advocates argue now is the time to act.

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Northern Calif. Counties Resolve 1943 Anti-Japanese Resolutions

By CAROLINE AOTAGI
Executive Editor

History Professor Sandy Lydon was researching his book on Japanese Americans in the Monterey Bay region in the San Benito County Archives when he reached for a box, and from the top shelf a piece of paper fell to the floor. Picking it up, he was amazed to discover that it was a copy of a 1943 county resolution protesting the release of JAs from the internment camps.

Four years later, Lydon is now part of a group of individuals in Northern California who are helping to right a wrong that occurred almost 60 years ago in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito, some of the many California counties that passed anti-Japanese resolutions during World War II.

"It's a little piece of unfinished business that allows us an opportunity to talk about how and those of who did the right thing," said Lydon, author of "The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region: A Brief History" and a member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter. Through their efforts, the counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz both unanimously passed resolutions last month rescinding the 1943 resolutions. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors took up the matter on Feb. 19, a date chosen by Lydon for its historical significance as the 60th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, an order by then-President Franklin Delano Roosevelt forcing all JAs on the West Coast into America's infamous concentration camps.

"It was a sweet moment. They GOT it," said Lydon. There was no need to lobby the various supervisors or to push hard in their efforts to educate the members about JA history, he said. [The supervisors'] didn't hesitate at all. They just took care of it.

Lydon was joined by several community members at the Monterey meeting, some of whom were former internees. Larry Oda, Monterey JACL chapter president who was born in the Crystal City, Texas, camp, called the resolution to rescind the '43 action "symbolic." He noted that...
Dear Editor,

My name is Lorenzo M. Ibbie. I am currently the Commander of Nisei Post 8985 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sacramento, Calif. I am also the first and only year veteran of the U.S. Army having served from 1976-1999. I am one of the current generation which is starting to assume prominent leadership roles within the JACL. I am thankful for the opportunity to write this letter. I am like my counterparts in the JACL. I am not trying to "rewire" historic progress in a more favorable light for those who refused to serve their country during World War II.

The purpose of my letter is to attempt to draw closure to the simmering controversy concerning the proposed formal apology to the resisters. As stated in a resolution initiated by VFW Post 8985 in 2007 and endorsed by 18 other Japanese American veterans' organizations, we recognize the right of the now "Organization of Consensus" to take the stand they took during WWII and hold no grudges against them. We also have no problems with the JACL's extending an act of forgiveness and the Members of the Organization of Consensus toward the resisters. The veterans' attitude is, "let bygones be bygones." However, we do take strong issue with the JACL of today ceremoniously "honoring and apologizing" to the Organization of Consensus leaders and their advisors taken 60 years ago during WWII!!

So, if the JACL is to proceed with the scheduled May 11 formal apology ceremony to the resisters, they are not speaking for the 4,500-plus members of the 18 Nisei veterans organizations opposed to this action. As the apology is extended to the resisters, know that these veterans are doing an "about face" and turning their backs to the ceremony. The organizations include: Gardena Nisei VFW Post 1906, Gardena, Calif.; Mission Viejo Nisei VFW Post 3670, Orange County, CA; Asian Pacific VFW Post 9001, Los Angeles, CA; Golden Gate Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9789, San Francisco, CA; JACL Members Memorial VFW Post 9938, Los Angeles, CA; District Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9902, Monterey, CA, Sacramento Nisei Memorial VFW Post 8985, Sacramento, CA; San Fernando Valley VFW Post 4140, San Fernando, CA; Nisei Liberty VFW Post 5889, Harvard, CA; San Jose Nisei Post 4599, San Jose, CA, Sierra Nisei Post 6499, Fresno, CA; 100th American Legion Post 100, Gardena, CA; and the Japanese American Veterans Organization (JAVO).

The JACL will have to live with whatever ramifications that occur from the act of apologizing to all of our VFW Post members, who are also JACL members, that once the apology is extended, we as a Post cannot do anything else. We have repeatedly expressed our opposition to the apology, but it has apparently fallen on deaf ears. Eighty and thirty-two Nisei gallantly fought and gave their lives for the United States during World War II and we feel the magnificent historical record of valor displayed by the 100th/442nd in Europe, along with the fine record of service by the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific Theater, greatly serves to dispel the release of the JAs from the internment camps. I know personally, that several veterans have expressed an interest in getting the work that will disenfranchise a large segment of the JA community and doing nothing to heal a healing wound.

Loren M. Ibbie
Commander, Nisei VFW
Post 8985

March 28 Nominations Deadline Approaching for JACLer of the Biennium, Civil Rights Award and George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award

A reminder to all eligible JACLers to submit nominations for the following three awards: JACLer of the Biennium, the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award and the George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award.

JACL members are encouraged to submit nominations to the nearest JACLer of the Biennium, the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award and the George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award.

Nominations and forms for these awards are available at all JACL local offices. All nominations must be received by 5 p.m., Thursday, March 28. Please send them to: National Awards, JACL, National JACL, Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Legacy Fund Grant Applications Now Available

Applications are now available for the 2001-2002 Legacy Fund Grants. The application form can be downloaded from the JACL website at www.jacl.org. Hard copies can be obtained by contacting district governors and regional offices.

Most proposals are not restricted to new projects — grants may be made available to existing programs. A meeting JACL’s Program for Action. Grants may also be awarded to projects that support ongoing, planned program for Action award amount for each grant is $3,000 and the maximum award amount for a project is limited to $10,000.

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

In a year of bitter campaigns and comeback bids, the March 5 California primary elections featured a number of Asian Pacific American candidates vying for state and citywide offices, including Bob Ada, who defeated Kimiko Burton in the hotly contested race for San Francisco Public Defender.

Despite spending nearly $1 million to keep the public defender's job, Mayor Willie Brown orphaned her to last year, Burton was trounced by a rival she had fired after he won the race last year.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting March 6, the daughter of Democratic state Senator leader John Burton lost to Ada, receiving 45 percent of the vote to his 55 percent.

Burton had run a campaign touting her experience, although Ada actually had more experience in the department, having spent over 15 years as a chief attorney and deputy public defender.

Burton also raised far more money than Ada, including more than $330,000 in political action committee contributions known as soft money and $57,770 in cash given directly to her campaign.

Ada raised $245,166, none of which was soft money, according to the city's Ethics Commission.

Meanwhile, March 6 was a victory for the Civil Rights Act, which had been passed nearly two decades, was successful in her effort to return to the Capitol, as Majority Leader Joe Annada, who had been a minority leader, was elected to a position at the state Capitol.

The first Chinese American elected to the state legislature, the first Asian and only the second woman to be elected to a position in the Assembly, wrote the law adopted by the legislature that day.

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APAs in the News

Apologies, Announcements

Pat Okura, past JACL national president (1962-64), will be inducted into the Montgomery County, Md., Office of Human Rights Hall of Fame during a March 21 dinner ceremony at the Spring Indian Country Club, 1350 Lailby Road, Silver Spring, Md. In 1963, he conceived the JACL national board to approve of JACL's participation in Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington. Okura, 90, currently serves as treasurer on the Washington, D.C., JACL board of directors. Ann Matsushima, of Torrance, Calif., was recently selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from March 19-24 in Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Matsushima will be among 340 national school students chosen from around the country to participate in a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club and meet with a senator, representative or staff member to discuss issues facing the nation.

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At the March 5 election, a second candidate ran for the Harmony under the name "Harmony," which included the top 10 APA candidates in California, west of San Francisco and a large portion of the state.

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In other races, San Francisco Supervisor Leland Lee easily won the Democratic nomination for the 12th State Assembly district, which includes the heavily APA Democratic, west side of San Francisco and a large portion of the state.

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West Coast GFBEF teacher training facilitator and member of national JACL’s education committee, summarized and explained the various teaching techniques to be employed and the best use of available resources.

Participants included teacher Tom Takano and Emy Young, daughter of Watsonville cartoonist Jack Matsuka, and instructors and professors from UC Santa Cruz and CSU Monterey Bay.

The workshop was funded by the GFBEF, who provided the educational materials and curricular guides as videos and books given to each of the 36 teachers who attended. Watsonville-Santa Cruz also provided each participant with a ticket to the chapter’s re-enactment of the Internment of 1942 scheduled for April 27 at Watsonville’s Santa Cruz County Office of Education providing staff assistance and the facilities.

Evaluation of the teacher training workshop was extremely high. “It was the best educational workshop I have ever attended in my 23 years of teaching,” wrote Jim Hagan, a high school U.S. history teacher.

JA Korean War Vets Plan Hawaii Tour and Cruise

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) are planning a 10-night, 4-island cruise on the Royal Caribbean luxury liner, “Vision of the Seas,” departing from Honolulu on Sept. 26. Stops will be made at Lahaina, Maui; Niihau, Kauai; and Kailua Kona and Hilo on Hawaii. The cruise will end in Ensenada, Mexico. From there, chartered buses will take passengers to Los Angeles and San Diego for concerts to benefit the JAKWV.

The JAKWV Tour and Cruise Committee recommends that participants arrive in Honolulu on Sept. 23 for planned activities prior to the cruise, from Sept. 24-26, including the opening of the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit at the Japanese Cultural Center in Honolulu. In addition to the opening ceremony and reception for the exhibit, a ceremony will be held at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial at the Hawaii Capitol Grounds, where retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ono and Medal of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura will speak.

Other events include a laser, golf, and optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Punch Bowl, as well as activities and tours on the other islands. In addition to programs and services provided on board the Royal Caribbean, special activities planned for the JAKWV group will include a bon voyage cocktail party, line dancing instructions, card games, a slot tournament and concert performances.

Special group rates for the cruise have been obtained from CruiseMasters, and JAKWV has reserved a block of rooms at the Ala Moana Hotel for the 10 days prior to the cruise ship’s departure.

For information: from the mainland, call Victor Murakoa, 818/897-1533, fax 818/897-1714, or Frank Kurnia, 310/515-1369. From Hawaii, call Sano Iwagawa, 808/696-8989.

By the Board

GARY MAYSEDA, Na'l P.V. of Membership

2001 Saw Increase in JACL Membership

Membership is increasing. The numbers for the year-end 2000 have been tallied and there is an increase of 3 percent over year-end 1999.

Considering the unfortunate economic times and increasing at-
tention to the welfare of our members, it is wonderful to see that this is the beginning of a healthier and more vital membership for our JACL chapters.

The district with the greatest percentage increase was the Inter-
mountain District Council with an overall increase of 16 percent. The greatest number gain was in the Northern California Western Pacifc Nevada District with an in-
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East Bay Nikkei Singles Offers Scholarship

East Bay Nikkei Singles is offering a $500 scholarship for Asians of single-parent households.

Applicants must be high school graduates planning to attend a trade school, business college, college, university or any institution of higher learning in the fall of 2002.

The deadline for all applications is April 15. Application forms are available by writing to Eleanor Tao, 45017 Pasco Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94539 or by calling 510/805-5449.

Newly Formed Sawtooth Chapter Elects Officers

Recently elected officers of the newly formed Sawtooth chapter in the Intermountain District of JACL are pictured with National JACL, President Floyd Morin. (l-r) Ron Jameson, vice president; Matt Kato; Kimberly Gochnour, JACL's community service chair; Sandra Bosteder, president; Crystal Contreras, JAYS secretary; Ron; Maya Hata Lemmon, secretary; Dr. Robert Sims, board member; Irene Mori; Wayne Christenson, JAYS president; Beau Craner, JAYS human rights advisor; Micki Kawakami, membership co-chair; and Ralph Peters, board member.

Officers not pictured are: Janet Reegan, secretary; Jenn Holloway, JAYS vice president; Ray Meyer and Louis Jones, JAYS activities co-chairs; Liz Koyle, JAYS guest housing coordinator; Mitchy Tilley, JAYS director of transportation; Corey Westfall JAYS treasurer; and Roger Shimeri and Dan Sakakura, board members.

The new chapter is located in South Central Idaho, and more than half of its members are JAYS. JAYS projects will include clean-up at Minidoka, participating in 60th Anniversary of Internment events, starting a talk groop, and networking with other JACL chapters.
The GLAS (Greater Los Ange- les Singles) JAC is seeking qualified student applicants for their annual Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship of $1,000. Students must be graduating high school seniors with a high achievement record, from a single-parent family, of Japanese descent, and a resident of Los Angeles or Orange County. Applications are made through students’ high school college counselors’ offices. If their school has not received application forms, counselors should request them from the GLAS Scholarship Committee chairperson.

Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2002. They will be reviewed by the scholarship chairperson and a committee of selected GLAS board members.

COLUMNS

Muslim American communities.

Column writes: “Secretary Mineta is burning with hatred for America.”

The annual Cincinnati and Dayton Joint Installation Dinner was held recently with over 18 other Dayton-JCJ organizations. Pictured above are the newly installed Cincinnati and Dayton JACL officers (l-r) and their chapter, identified by “C” for Cincinnati or “D” for Dayton: Ron Kiltz of Hana Uno (C), Hana Uno President (D), Mikosuke Nakama (C), Sel Sagada (D), Sue Sugimoto (D), Ronald Matsuzumi (D), Izumi Allen (D), Thomas Flynn (C), Marie Matsunari (C), Eric Koenig (C), Jacqueline Vidor (C), Shika Tanaka (C).

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The Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation Looking to Update Honor Roll

The Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation, which operates the original World War II military honors roll at the former Heart Mountain War Relocation Center in Wyoming, is asking the public's help in locating anyone whose name is listed on the roll (see box text), as they want the list to be as complete as possible.

The original honor roll had weathered to the point that no names remained, and therefore was taken down and stored in two areas of the Bureau of Reclamation in their archives in Casper, Wyo. The foundation is pleased to build a replica honor roll listing all the names that were on the original.

In addition, the foundation is placing the flagpole that originally stood behind the original honor roll and be installing an interpretive sign explaining the significance and history of the honor roll. The ceremony is expected some time later this year.

Brian Sakata, a former Heart Mountain intern, has worked for many years on collecting the internment of Japanese Americans abandoned from Heart Mountain and some of those families were interned at Heart Mountain.

We are grateful to Bacon Sakata for initiating the concept that a replica honor roll be installed, and for his tireless efforts in collecting and naming so that this honor roll will memorialize those who served their country during World War II," said RMMF President David Reetz.

The foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to keeping the public aware of the historical events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans at Heart Mountain during WWII.

Contact the foundation by writing to HMFIF, Box 557, Pocatello, ID 83245; or calling 307754-2689; or e-mailing pwolfe@wave.com or visit the website www.heartmountain.org.

For more information about the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation and its goals please visit our world wide web site at heartmountain.org.
2002 Winter Olympics Wrap-up
Salt Lake Games Produce Role Models for Minority Athletes
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO—Ronda Chau was 7 years old when she began twirling, gliding and spinning around in ice skating tights. "Michelle Kwan inspired me," said Chau, sporting braided pig tails and a turtleneck and navy blue dress. Now 10, she spends six hours a week practicing at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center.
Instructor Annette Garcia Weiss sees lots of little girls who want to be the next Michelle. But for Asian American girls like Chau, "there's probably something really special to see someone who looks like you doing something, and doing it so well," Weiss said.
The Winter Olympics produced a multitude of black, Hispanic and Asian role models for aspiring minority athletes. Across the country, young minorities were following the performances of Olympic heroes who looked like them with a sense of pride and a new realization that maybe, someday, they could do it, too.
In Chicago, 15-year-old Magallon watched Mexican American speed skater Derek Parra win gold and silver medals and Cuban American speed skater Jennifer Rodriguez win two bronze medals.
"It made me feel proud," said
Magallon, who is Mexican American. "It just shows people that anybody could win a gold medal, or a silver medal, or a bronze medal, that Mexicans could also be in the Olympics." Magallon, a member of Chicago's Miners Square Jr. Girls Club, has already had a taste of the Olympics. He carried the Mexican banner when it passed through Chicago.
Seeing Parra and Rodriguez win medals "made me think I could have a chance to do it too, because they're my race," said Magallon, who skates at a local rink a few times a month. "It made me believe if they could do it, I could do it."
In New York, Jonathan Dry and Ryan Sherman, both 13, followed bobsledder Venneta Flowers, the first black athlete to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics, and speeding gold medalist Apollo Anton Ohno, whose father is Japanese American.
The two watched ice hockey several times a week at the Ice Hockey in Harlem after-school program.
"Minorities don't usually get into winter sports," said Sherman, "but it's black and Mexican, and it makes you feel good just to see we're moving on, we're becoming better and better. Minorities are being well represented."
The achievements of Flowers, Parra, Rodriguez and bobsledders Randy Jones and Garrett Hines, the first black U.S. men to win a medal in the Winter Olympics, made Dry, who is Hispanic and black, think his dreams of going to the Olympics may not be so far off.
"If I tried, probably the Olympics might welcome me with open arms one day," he said. "It might be easier for more Hispanics, more blacks."
Lloyd Ward, executive officer of the U.S. Olympic Committee, said minority achievements in the games are the first step in attracting more minority participation.
"We have African Americans, Cuban Americans, Chinese Americans," said Ward, the committee's first black CEO. "There's this wonderful representation of the world and the diversity of the United States." But Ward also wants to bring more Native Americans, Hispanic neighbors, perhaps through things like portable bobsled runs with bobsleds on wheels.
In the past, "we tended to say, if you want to know about the ethnic experience, come to us, in Colorado Springs or Lake Placid training centers," he said. "We want the Olympic dream to be a dream which every American can embrace." Memorable Olympics for Ohno, Speedskaters
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
SALT LAKE CITY—The ending could have been better, but Apollo Anton Ohno and the rest of the U.S. speedskating team had no complaints.
The long-track team had eight medals at the Utah Olympic Oval, equalling the 1980 squad as the most prolific in U.S. history. Derek Parra and Jennifer Rodriguez won two medals apiece, four other skaters accounted for one each and two had fourth place finishes.
"We all knew that we had a very strong team coming into the Olympics," Rodriguez said, "but I don't think that any of us expected it would be this strong." De La Salle, which has not lost a game in nine seasons, will travel outside of California.
"It's a great win for our program and I think it should be exciting for the whole state to see how a team from Hawaii can compete against one of the nation's top-ranked teams for the last decade," said St. Louis athletic director Clay Lee.
Amenyia said the HSSAA will cover all the costs involved in the game, including transportation and accommodations. He estimated it would cost more than $100,000 to send the team.
Any profits would be shared with the Oahu Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Hawaiian Interscholastic League of Honolulu, Kalani, St. Louis and the HSSAA.
Hawaii to Face California in Prep Football Showdown
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The game will be the first night. This is incredibly special for short track," Ohno said. "Most of these people have never even seen it. Hopefully, this will bring more attention to the sport."
Ohno, whose father is Japanese American, was among those who brought diversity to the once all-white sport. Parra’s heritage is Mexican, Rodriguez’s father was born in the Philippines, and three former Speedskaters switched sports for the chance at Olympic glory.
"I hope children of all races come out and challenge themselves," said Parra, 31, who declared he wouldn’t return for the 2006 Turin Games.
Ohno, only 19, will almost certainly return.
Story by Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press
GOLF Wie Shoots 74
WAILEA, Hawaii—Tiger Woods that perhaps the Olympics might welcome me with open arms one day," he said. "It might be easier for more Hispanics, more blacks."
Lloyd Ward, executive officer of the U.S. Olympic Committee, said minority achievements in the games are the first step in attracting more minority participation.
"We have African Americans, Cuban Americans, Chinese Americans," said Ward, the committee's first black CEO. "There's this wonderful representation of the world and the diversity of the United States." But Ward also wants to bring more Native Americans, Hispanic neighbors, perhaps through things like portable bobsled runs with bobsleds on wheels.
In the past, "we tended to say, if you want to know about the ethnic experience, come to us, in Colorado Springs or Lake Placid training centers," he said. "We want the Olympic dream to be a dream which every American can embrace." Memorable Olympics for Ohno, Speedskaters
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
SALT LAKE CITY—The ending could have been better, but Apollo Anton Ohno and the rest of the U.S. speedskating team had no complaints.
The long-track team had eight medals at the Utah Olympic Oval, equalling the 1980 squad as the most prolific in U.S. history. Derek Parra and Jennifer Rodriguez won two medals apiece, four other skaters accounted for one each and two had fourth place finishes.
"We all knew that we had a very strong team coming into the Olympics," Rodriguez said, "but I don’t think that any of us expected it would be this strong." De La Salle, which has not lost a game in nine seasons, will travel outside of California.
"It’s a great win for our program and I think it should be exciting for the whole state to see how a team from Hawaii can compete against one of the nation's top-ranked teams for the last decade," said St. Louis athletic director Clay Lee.
Amenyia said the HSSAA will cover all the costs involved in the game, including transportation and accommodations. He estimated it would cost more than $100,000 to send the team.
Any profits would be shared with the Oahu Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Hawaiian Interscholastic League of Honolulu, Kalani, St. Louis and the HSSAA.
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For more information about NAATA, call 415.896.3418 or e-mail naata@naata.org.
Asian CineVision Announces Scholarship Semi-finalists
Asian CineVision, the New York-based non-profit media arts organization, announced two semi-finalists for the 2002 ABC New Talent Development Scholarship Grant Program. They are Joanna Lee and Kimi Takebus, both of New York City.
The competition, now in its sec-}ond year, is sponsored by ABC and the Walt Disney Company. The grand prize is up to $20,000, will be used for completing film projects. Selected participants will also be paired with a mentor during the 12-month grant period. The program concludes with a three-day work shop in Los Angeles at ABC En- tertainment, Disney Studios and Walt Disney Imagining.
Lee’s project, a dramatic feature called "Serendip," follows a Korean mother trying to break up her daughter’s relationship with a Korean-Jewish boy. "I was inspired to write the film," Takebus wrote, produced and di rected her project, "The Summer of the Stepdad," a 22-minute fictional narrative set at a community swimming pool about an unlikely yet compelling bond which forms between two people from different worlds.

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Teikoku Heigen — Imperial Valley Beckons

Harry Honda

The Honolulu JACL, along with others who had a high opinion of Hawaii, recently held its annual Day of Remembrance commemorations. The event was sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Committee of the Richardson Law School at the University of Hawaii, and the event marked the 60th anniversary of the issuing of Executive Order 9066. As always, it was just one of many similar DORs that take place across the country.

Being from California, I've been known to make a pass at all these events, as well as helping to organize the ones here over the past few years. Over that time, I've noticed a few differences between DORs in Hawaii and those in the 48.

One is the relative attention these types of events get. In California, you would get covered by the local Japanese American newspaper, but seldom by the mainstream media. Only on rare occasions would elected officials or other dignitaries attend, unless they were being honored or had been asked to give a talk or article. Though Honolulu DORs have generally been smaller in terms of attendance, they have been covered by both the mainstream and ethnic media. This year's event was partially due to the favorable coverage in one of the Honolulu mainstream daily and was covered by multiple media outlets the day before and the day of the event. Two local television stations sent reporters and cameras to cover the event and the events on the local news.

It is also common for elected officials to attend DORs and other similar events. Lt. Gov. Mauiola Horono and a number of state legislators attended the event in Honolulu, including Rep. Barbara Marumoto, a San Francisco Bay area native, who, along with Hirono, had been interned as a child.

The greater mainstream attention paid to events such as DORs here is due to a number of factors. One is certainly the small size of Honolulu society and culture. As I noted last time, everyone seems to know everyone. Whereas in Los Angeles, there might be dozens of groups or events throughout the city, often diluting news coverage of any one of them, DORs don't have to compete with nearly as much here.

Part of it is also due to the relative size and improved profile of the local JA community. Though AJAs no longer make up the majority of the local population as they did a couple of generations ago, it is still a sizeable percent of the population. I was in Southern California last year and it reminded me that AJAs know a good deal about these events, since they probably have more direct contact with them. Conversely, many—especially youngerlies—attend in order to learn more.

Whether here or in the 48, DORs have become a tradition in the JA community, one that now goes back several years. As my continued misgivings about the date of the event (which commemorate a date when something had been done to us, rather than a date when we would make something noteworth?), it is important for us to continue to hold DORs wherever there is a significant JA community. As we have seen, the racial and ethnic prejudices that drove the mass internment are still here in our society. We need to continue to educate people about the extent of such prejudices to help insure that such things won't happen to any

The number had ballooned to 25,000 armed Japanese in Imperial Valley ready to take the field in case of war. Brawley JACL (or who else?) took immediate action.

The commissioner refused to discuss the matter with Brawley JACL leaders: Ernest Fujimoto, Lyle Kurisaki, Fred Hirasuna and H.H. Hasegawa. That last representative later wrote in response to na- tional JACL, saying he had two witnesses to his statement, asserting one to be a Fil- ipino boy aboard the Navy dirigible USS Muncie. (At the Maritime Museum in Monterey, we saw a newspaper front page about the Muncie crashing off Point Sur in February 1935 — weeks before the Chronicle car- ried the story.) The other witness was a Legation who was told a Japanese fishing boat off the Mexican coast was really a fleet of war vessels ready to occupy a vast tangle in Baja California to be used as an Argentine base.

An investigation by the Los An- geles Illustrated News, pub- lished March 14, 1935, and JACL, exposed the self-styled ex- perts and the commissioner, B.A. Harrington, who had in fact been a deceased JACL pointed out any gathering as large as 1,000 Japanese Ameri- cans in California would be impossible "by its very numbers." The Pasley story in the Chronicle was said to be a "story by the year," an extreme example of prejudice and propaganda that Issei and Nisei battled in the prewar years.

The Brawley Buddhist Temple was dedicated in December 1927. A JACL-sponsored Boy Scout troop met there in the '30s. The great El Centro earthquake of 1940 forced families into San Diego County, potable water had to be trucked in from points north. During the war, the temple was closed and used to store personal and household items. Returning families found many pieces mis- sing. The county declared the church a worthlessness and time and it owed back taxes. With anti-Japanese hostility still strong after the war, and a scarcity of jobs and leasable land for the Issei, the church was finally torn down.

The JACL at the time was a Na- kano Congressional Fellowship winner, was keynote speaker at the reunion banquet, attended by 300 from around the country. His father hails from Holvite, a farming town east of El Centro. Speaking about the future, the recent San Diego JACL president noted Sept. 11 was a "wake-up call to what is truly important in life — family and commitment to community."

He stressed the lessons born from the past be never forgotten. "The changes we make today will make the biggest difference for tomorrow. For the sake of our future, let's rise to the occasion and build something that will last."

Taking up his challenge with an- other Imperial Valley reunion seemed like a wise move. This year's intriguing "Look Who's Here" list re- veals 64 percent of 300 were Cali- fornia residents, 15 percent inside the Valley and 21 percent outside of the State. The Nikkei population grew from about 2,800 and tripled during the midwinter melon season. The count is now down to about 25 families. ... Did I hear right?"

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that the U.S. government invested $1.65 billion in total re- dress funds as required under the CLRA. The U.S. estimated $200 million in interest — enough to continue a public edu- cation campaign to explain the redress to the remaining JAs and JAs.

To make their point, NCNR and Joe Suzuki filed a class action law- suit in 1998 charging malfeasance on the part of the NCNR for failure to invest the redress funds as mandated by the act. The lawsuits claimed that the U.S. District Court Judge Charles Legge without addressing the is- sue of management. The lawsuit was upheld on appeal by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that the U.S. government was not liable for the redress because the funds had been terminated and its administra- tion board no longer exists.

While the public education fund did not receive the expected full $200 million, the money made available went to support 155 proj- ects in 20 different states and the District of Columbia. It was ad- ministered through the now de- funct CLPEF board. Beneficiaries of the education program included teachers, theater-goers, museum, learners, Nisei veterans, camp dissi- dents, and many others.

The $5 million spent on CLPEF projects was just a start. It is the early years of programming that have continued so far and is encouraging to know that the mater- nal and kindergarten programming programs have continued to reach out to people. From the national CLPEF office, the state organizations, and local programming sites such as in California and Washington and to soon be in Hawaii.

In light of the new goals of edu- cating the population was met. However, the goal of preventing the civil liberties to people of the people of non-Jews of NCNR, added Masuda. "With the events in the world today, personally, people have been unfairly singled out and many innocent lives have been lost. There is a great deal of unfortunate and unorganized associ- ation to terrorism. While patro- nizing the whole publication is good thing to happen to become a deterrent to society when it comes at the cost of indi- viduals, it is a difficult situation. Personally, the goal of strengthening the sense of the country while protecting the crown; we have to be one that can be met with more funding to a public education fund.

With a possible Senate Judicia- ry Committee hearing on S 1237 the week of May 23rd, the bills, CFJ is asking the public to contact their representatives in Congress. In particular, they are asking that the public contact Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Sen. Diane Feinstein of California, who may be the pos- sible Senate sponsor. A Senate Committee hearings on the redress case.

"CFJ encourages everyone to write letters to their representatives," said Kasuda. "We need to reach all of the Congress throughout the country. In addition, we need funds to send a delegation of the hearings to and meet with congressional members in Washington D.C.

To put it simply, they have to be broken into the most parts: 1) write to the Congress, 2) write letters to the organizations and individuals can help by urging the Senate Ju- diciary Committee to move forward on the hearing process for S1237, 2) donate — "Grass roots" to organizations like Campaign for Justice, JACL, and NCNR will help the members in these organizations help bring the bills to fruition; and 3) volunteer — "The organizations need peo- ple to bring this chapter of redress to the forefront. We need a lot of people have been touched by ei- ther redress or redress education." Themselves more have never yet been better.

For information or sample let- ters, contact the Senate Judicia- ry committee — Richard Katsu- da at 323-6536-023, PO. Box 253 San Bruno CA 94066-023, rikatsu@earthlink.net. Northern California chapter — Grace Matsuura at 425-362-8280. Box 1384, El Cerrito, CA 94530. jpdp@prodigy.net

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By Priscilla Lee
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In this collection of poetry, be prepared to read about Kuin Yin and Christmas lights, shark-fin dumplings and slabs of tequila, the sound of mah jong tiles and sładow punk rock; the title is taken from Hayday Bay's Celebrations Poetry Series.

Moving Poetry
By Shirley Cehn-In Lim & Page Richard
HKU Press
136 pp., $14.95 paperback

This book showcases the talents of the young Hong Kong poets, and projects their diverse voices into the future. Growing out of a poetry-writing workshop for children led by a group of Hong Kong's foremost poets, this anthology has particular significance for parents and teachers. It shows that using English freely and personally is an important step towards full command of the language.

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Haiku Picturebook for Children
Edited by Keisuke Nishimoto
Kojo Shimizu House
32 pp., $14.95 hardcover

This haiku book was written by some of Japan's most well-known artists. It is provided both in haiku and in Romaji text as an English translation with a brief explanation.

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Between the Lines: Asian American Women's Poetry
By Yunah Hong
WMM (Women Make Movies)
60 minutes, color

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The film can be found at the website www.wmm.com/Catalog/pjades/c_1553/index.html. More information about Women Make Movies, 462 Broadway, Suite 500E, New York, NY 10012; or call 212/929-0606.S030, fax 212/925-2052; e-mail at orders@wmm.com. Prices are: rental video $50; VHS Sale $250. The order number is E02754.