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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The following is my first of three articles to inform the readers why the need to repeal the Alien Enemy Act of 1798 and the need for JACL to take the lead in order to revitalize our community specifically and this country's need to regain its courage to protect our Constitutional principles through JACL leadership.

JACL WAS THE FIRST RECOGNIZED CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION [TO SECURE FROM THE] GOVERNMENT AN UNAMBIGUOUS, UNEQUIVOCAL APOLOGY AND REPARATION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO 120,000 CITIZENS AND LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY.

In 1976, 200 years after the Dec-

laration of Independence, during the National JACL Convention held in Sacramento, Calif., Dr. Edison Uno and five young adult JACLers argued and after a vigorous debate succeeded in persuading the National Council to place the issue of redress and reparation on the next Biennium to be held in Chicago in 1978.

The rest is history.

Congress passed HR442, and President Ronald Reagan signed it into law on Aug. 10, 1988, ending a 10-year sociopolitical legislative battle, chock-full of lessons yet to be told. The Nikkei community was never the same since.

The redress movement secured JACL a permanent forefront place in the civil rights movement. JACL

is the only civil rights organization to ever fight for and secure an apology and reparation from the U.S. government for abridging the civil rights of 120,000 citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry.

Today, governments and politicians continue to target, for political purposes, emerging communities, immigrants — documented and undocumented alike — claiming necessity for the protection of our way of life and national security. They continuously persist on victimizing the helpless, the powerless, the voiceless.

Why?!

The next article will discuss how in spite of HR442, why attacks continue to occur, scapegoating individuals/groups, taking advantage of racial prejudices, war hysteria



and abusing political power.

JACL has the experience and track record to address this dilemma permanently and make our democracy work, attractive to those who aspire to enjoy the fruits of a nation struggling to be a MORE PERFECT UNION.

Sincerely,
Congressman
Mike Honda

Dear Editor,

Spring is a busy season that brings lots of activity preparing for JACL scholarships, our annual convention and the Legacy Fund Grants program. As co-chair of the Legacy Fund Grants Committee, I encourage all JACL Chapters



and Districts to consider applying for a grant this year. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. The online application and instructions can be accessed at <https://jacl.org/legacy-fund-grants/>. The deadline to submit applications is April 8.

Legacy Fund Grants have provided critical financial support to an extremely diverse range of projects.

In fact, diversity is key to the vitality of the Legacy Fund Grants program itself. Full participation from chapters and districts has fallen off in recent years, but it's never too late to breathe new life into JACL projects at the local level.

Reflect on your chapter's or district's local accomplishments and then leverage those accomplish-

ments to craft a vision for your next achievement. Where are the gaps in your community that could be filled with innovative JACL programming that puts our strategic plan into action while enriching the fabric of our local communities? Are there opportunities to engage the next generation of JACL youth to move the organization and your community to even greater heights?

Let these questions and other issues of importance to your constituents plant a seed that inspires your chapter or district to apply for a 2020 Legacy Fund Grant.

Our Issei and Nisei ancestors intended for their generous contributions to sustain JACL far into the future. It is our responsibility

as their descendants to honor their sacrifices and continue their stories through the Legacy Fund Grants program that they made possible.

Please feel free to contact me at rbarton4106@comcast.net or my Co-Chair Toshi Abe at tabe@jacl.org to discuss any aspect of the Legacy Fund Grants program. Each district has also appointed a committee representative as a resource at the local level.

We know that JACL is blessed with many visionary, talented members. We look forward to receiving your Legacy Fund Grants applications this spring.

Sincerely,
Roberta Barton,
Fresno, Calif.

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Dr. Leana Wen, George Washington University

CHINA'S VIRUS SLOWDOWN OFFERS HOPE FOR GLOBAL CONTAINMENT OF CORONAVIRUS

By Associated Press

The slowdown in coronavirus cases out of China offers a sliver of hope that the global outbreak can be controlled, but whether that can happen anytime soon without drastic measures remains to be seen, public health authorities said.

With China accounting for the overwhelming majority of the world's 94,000 infections and 3,200 deaths since the virus first surfaced there in late December, it's hard to see the country as a success story. But some experts believe the easing of the crisis — there are now more new cases being reported outside China than inside it — suggests containment is possible.

But the path to containment outside China is sure to be rocky, and no one is predicting when the outbreak might end.

There is some consensus among public health experts: The virus is likely to be around for quite some time, perhaps many months, and will continue to spread to many places, but it can probably be controlled with standard public health measures, though not as quickly as in China.

There is another consensus: China's outbreak has given other countries the advantage of knowing what they're up against.

But Dr. Amesh A. Adalja, a senior scholar at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, said there is a more ominous message from the Chinese outbreak: "Authoritarian, free-speech restricting, individual rights-violating policies can panic populations, make conditions in an outbreak zone worse, and still fail to contain worldwide spread of a virus of this nature."

Emergency medicine physician Dr. Leana Wen, a public health professor at George Washington University, said widespread quarantines, lockdowns and travel bans of the sort ordered by China's regime are unlikely to be used in other countries. How those less-aggressive approaches will play out is unclear, she said.

As China's numbers have stabilized, "we are seeing this rapid escalation around the world. At this point, I believe things will get much worse before they get better," said Wen on March 3, "and we have no idea what the trajectory will look like now that there is person-to-person transmission around the world."

While the crisis appears to be easing in China, alarming clusters of thousands of cases each have turned up in Italy, Iran and South Korea and Japan. The U.S. has more than 420 cases in at least 35 states, with 19 deaths at press time.

Dr. Albert Ko, a professor and department chair at the Yale School of Public Health, said there were signs that the spread in China might have started slowing down even before authorities there implemented a travel ban and closed off Wuhan, the epicenter, in late January. That's an argument for more conventional public health measures, including widespread testing, limiting of social gatherings and the closing of some schools.

"Travel bans and lockdowns of cities, those are drastic measures that have really large costs with respect to social disruption, stigmatization and so forth," Ko said.

Encouraging the public to take action may be more effective, he said.

"The lowest-hanging fruit for us is really

beefing up what people can do, why it's important to stay home when you're sick, why it's important to do hand-washing and other preventive hygiene," Ko said.

Dale Fisher of the University of Singapore said the four large outbreaks outside China suggest what the next few weeks of the COVID-19 epidemic might look like.

"I think the virus is behaving very much as we would expect it to," he said. "There are now four parts of the world with heavy transmission rates, and there will probably be one or two more next week. One or two of these might come under control, but there will likely be activity elsewhere."

Mistakes and slowness in the U.S. effort to start large-scale testing for the virus have limited officials' ability for the moment to get a handle on the scope of its spread, said Dr. Carlos Del Rio, a specialist in infectious diseases and chairman of the global health department at Emory University in Atlanta.

Many state labs have yet to develop their own tests because of early federal restrictions, since removed. It is still taking four to five days to get results back from tests that must be sent on to more distant labs, Del Rio said. And federal guidelines, though revised recently, continue to limit who gets tested, he said.

Federal health officials "dropped the ball, period," he said.

The high number of deaths in Washington state relative to the few dozen infected suggests that many people with the disease are being missed, he said. Aggressive testing is likely to reveal many more cases, Del Rio said. ■

CONGRESS REACHES DEAL ON \$8.3B BILL TO BATTLE CORONAVIRUS

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Capitol Hill negotiators have reached agreement on an \$8.3 billion measure to battle the coronavirus outbreak that's spreading and threatening a major shock to the economy and disruptions to everyday life in the U.S.

The measure immediately went to the floor for a brief, bipartisan debate; the House will vote on the bill on March 4, and Senate leaders are pressing for a vote in that chamber by the end of the week.

"The government's greatest responsibility is to keep Americans safe," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) "This emergency supplemental addresses the coronavirus and takes critical steps to protect the American people from this

deadly and expanding outbreak."

President Donald Trump is sure to sign the measure, which has the blessing of top Republicans.

More than \$3 billion would be dedicated to research and development on vaccines, medicines for treatment and diagnostic tests, including \$300 million for the government to purchase such drugs from manufacturers at "fair and reasonable" prices to distribute them to those who need it — which is the standard applied in earlier crises like the 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak.

It would also provide more than \$2 billion to help federal, state and local governments prepare for and respond to the coronavirus threat, including \$300 million for the Centers for Disease Control's rapid response fund. Another \$1.3 billion would be used to help

fight the virus overseas.

Another almost \$1 billion would provide medical supplies and other preparedness steps like \$350 million to aggressively go after the virus in "hot spots" like Washington state, \$500 million to buy drugs, masks and other medical supplies for states, local governments and hospitals and \$100 million for community health centers.

It would devote \$500 million to Medicare for remote "telehealth" consultations that would permit sick people to get treatment without visiting a doctor. "The American people are apprehensive about the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S. and abroad. Global financial markets are on edge," said Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), chairman of the Appropriations Committee. "Both are resilient, but vigorous action is needed to calm nerves, stabilize the situation and get our arms around the crisis." ■

THE FACTS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control has issued the following advisory related to the coronavirus disease.

FACT 1: Diseases Can Make Anyone Sick Regardless of Their Race or Ethnicity: People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT 2: The Risk of Getting COVID-19 in the U.S. Is Currently Low: Some people who have traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 may be monitored by health professionals to protect their health and the health of other people in the community.

FACT 3: Someone Who Has Completed Quarantine or Has Been Released From Isolation Does Not Pose a Risk of Infection to Other People.

FACT 4: You Can Help Stop COVID-19 by Knowing the Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Seek medical advice if you:
- Develop Symptoms AND
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room. Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

FACT 5: There Are Simple Things You Can Do to Help Keep Yourself and Others Healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Source: Centers for Disease Control



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(From left) Noriko Sanefuji, Shirley Ann Higuchi, Sec. Norman Mineta, Dr. Anthea Hartig, Ann Burroughs and Nancy Ukai before the start of the program.

PHOTO: JULIE YOSHIKO ABO/HEART MOUNTAIN WYOMING FOUNDATION



(Right) Dr. Anthea Hartig director of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, recalls when the artifacts were put up for auction and the outrage that occurred.

PHOTOS: RICHARD STRAUSS/SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY



Dr. Phil Tajitsu Nash (above) speaks during the program.

Pictured in front of a case holding Allen Hendershott Eaton's book "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" are (below, from left) JANM's Clement Hanami, JACL's Matthew Weisbly and NMAH's Noriko Sanefuji.

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MORE JAPANESE AMERICANS KNOW THEIR HISTORY BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESSFUL FIGHT AGAINST THE ART AUCTION

In observance of Day of Remembrance, a special panel discussion is held at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

By Ray Locker

Shocked and angered by the threat of a public auction that threatened to scatter art and artifacts created by prisoners at War Relocation Authority camps, Japanese American activists bonded together to create an enduring partnership, a panel at the National Museum of American History said on the 78th anniversary of Executive Order 9066.

In March 2015, a New Jersey-based auction house announced it would sell works collected during World War II by Allen Hendershott Eaton, a folk-art historian and author of the 1952 book "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire."

After legal action taken by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, led by Shirley Ann Higuchi, and a social media campaign by Nancy Ukai, the auction was stopped, and the art was sold to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. Actor and author George Takei donated the money to pay for the art.

"In protest, there can be healing," Ukai said at the discussion, which was moderated by JANM President and CEO Ann Burroughs. "We found our voices to work together and protect our history."

The activism behind the fight over the auction led Higuchi, Ukai and the leaders of groups

fighting to preserve the legacy of the Japanese American incarceration to create the Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium (JACSC), which is meeting in Washington, D.C., in late March.

JACSC was started in 2016 to bring 27 groups together to advocate for the continued support of the federal Japanese American Confinement Sites program, which funds the restoration of the former WRA camps and other detention centers around the country.

Last year, the program distributed \$2.9 million to 19 groups to support such projects as the restoration of a root cellar at the Heart Mountain, Wyo., site and an oral history project by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Last month, the budget proposed by the White House contained no money for the program, the same as in 2018 and in 2019. In both years, however, a bipartisan group in Congress reinstated the funding, and JACSC leaders are working to ensure that happens again.

David Inoue, executive director of the JACL, and Floyd Mori, a former JACL national

president/executive director and longtime community leader, appeared on the panel to talk about their work in maintaining the program.

Fighting the Auction

Higuchi told the packed audience that she and her board were angered at the intended sale of the art by the Rago Arts auction house. They did not believe Eaton or his heirs intended for the art, which was donated by incarcerated who wanted it exhibited publicly, to be sold publicly.

Even though the collection was appraised at only \$26,500, the Heart Mountain board raised \$50,000 to buy the art, reasoning that if Rago rejected the offer, it would show bad faith on their part.

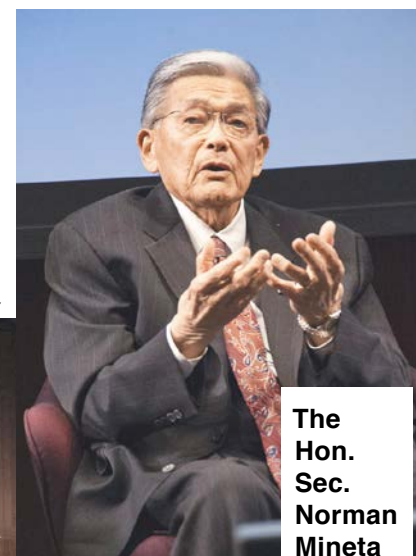
Rago and the then-anonymous seller rejected the offer, and Heart Mountain hired a New Jersey law firm that Higuchi knew from her work as an attorney for the American Psychological Assn. They announced they would file an injunction to stop the auction, and Rago stopped the sale the same day.

"When I think back to those days, the most significant thing that occurred was the contribution made by Shirley Higuchi and

PHOTOS: RICHARD STRAUSS/SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY



Panel participants included (from left) Clement Hanami, Nancy Ukai, Shirley Ann Higuchi, Sec. Norman Mineta, Floyd Mori, David Inoue and moderator Ann Burroughs.



The Hon. Sec. Norman Mineta

the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation to bring the lawsuit to stop the sale of the Eaton Collection," said the Hon. Norman Mineta, a former Heart Mountain incarceree and later a member of the U.S. House and Secretary of Commerce and Transportation.

In California, Ukai and a small group of activists were creating a Facebook page — Japanese American History: Not for Sale — that highlighted some of the art at risk of being scattered around the country.

"This was our cultural heritage from when we were held" in camps, Ukai said.

Once Japanese Americans could see the art up for auction, they realized the parts of their heritage that were set to be cast adrift around the country, Ukai said.

Ukai is now one of the leaders of Tsuru for Solidarity, which advocates for the rights of immigrants detained by the government. The group will hold a major rally, complete with 120,000 folded paper cranes, in Washington, D.C., on June 5-7.

Clement Hanami, a curator at JANM, has cared for the art since the museum gained control of the collection. He assembled a show of some of the prominent pieces, "Contested Histories," that has toured the country and was at the National Museum of American History to accompany the panel discussion.

"We felt we had to do something very important with this work," Hanami said. "We had to make it more accessible."

Hanami showed a short video of the exhibit being shown at locations around the country. Some of those who saw the artifacts created by their incarcerated ancestors said it awakened a sense of Japanese American identity that they had hidden for decades.

Such reactions, Higuchi said, show the federal government's plan for Japanese Americans during the war actually worked: Japanese Americans were separated from their homes, community and culture and forced to become an assimilated "model minority."

"They put us in the middle of nowhere," she said. "It broke our families up. Growing up, I had no Japanese American friends. My parents were taught not to talk about it. Without working with the community, I would have lost a big part of my life," said Higuchi. ■

VENTURA COUNTY JACL HOSTS REV. DUNCAN WILLIAMS

The chapter also held its installation ceremony during the special event at the Reagan Presidential Library.

PHOTO: VENTURA JACL



Rev. Duncan Williams talks about his book "American Sutra."

Kajihara, who was a member of the chapter and former JACL national president; Kajihara passed away on Dec. 3, 2019.

Inouye then proceeded to officially swear in the chapter's 2020 board members, which include Dr. Lily Welty Tamai and Megan Gately, co-presidents; Jessica Wan and Betty Katsura, co-vps; Marcia Miyasaka, secretary; Ken Nakano, treasurer; Jennifer Kuo, scholarship chair; Anne Chilcott, cemetery committee coordinator; Edwin Miyasaka and Joanne Nakano, board members-at-large; and Sarah Taketa, student board member.

Following a buffet lunch, Williams, who also is a professor at the University of Southern California, shared highlights of "American Sutra," which is based upon his 17-year research of Japanese Americans and their fight to defend their faith and preserve their religious freedom during World War II.

At the conclusion of the main program, guests were able to explore the presidential library.

The Ventura County chapter is grateful to Megan Gately for facilitating the use of the Reagan Presidential Library room.

Members and friends of the Ventura County JACL gathered at the Regan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Feb. 9, where the chapter held its installation ceremony and welcomed guest speaker Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams, who spoke about his recently published book "American Sutra."

During the day's proceedings, Kenneth Inouye, past JACL national president and PSW governor, asked those gathered to offer a moment of silence in honor of the late Harry



PHOTO: RALPH YAMAMOTO

PORTLAND JACL Installs New Officers

The new officers and governing board of Portland JACL were sworn in by PNWDC Governor Chip Larouche (pictured above, at left) during the chapter's installation luncheon and annual membership meeting on Feb. 1.

This year's officers include (back row, from left) Chris Lee, co-president; Amanda Shanahan, co-president; Jeff Matsumoto, vp; Jennifer Yamada, board member; Heidi Tolentino, secretary; Setsy Larouche, membership chair; and Sachi Kaneko, board member; and (front row, from left) Jillian Toda-Currie, treasurer; Marleen Wallingford, past chapter president and board member; and Connie Masuoka, board member. Board members not present were Brian Nakano and Lynn Parks.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF OLYMPIA JACL

Members of the Olympia, Puyallup Valley and Seattle Chapters of the JACL, as well as members of the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee, gathered for a photo at the state capitol building along with Washington State Sen. Bob Hasegawa (standing, at right) and Washington State Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (standing, at right) on Feb. 20.

OLYMPIA JACL CHAPTER HOLDS DOR CEREMONY AT STATE CAPITOL

Members of the JACL Olympia chapter of the Pacific Northwest District and the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee participate in a Day of Remembrance ceremony at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia on Feb. 20.

The ceremony commemorated the Japanese and Japanese Americans that were taken from their farms and homes on the West Coast due to fearful unfounded reprisals based on ancestry and forcibly incarcerated in American Concentration Camps during World War II.

In addition, Japanese American men enlisted in the

U.S. Army and were assigned to the famed 442nd RCT, 100th Infantry Battalion that fought in Europe; liberation of the Dachau prison Camp; and the Military Intelligence Service that served as translators and interrogators in Okinawa.

"On this Day of Remembrance, we honor our friends and family that endured and survived in our past; to educate and show solidarity to our community in our current climate of uncertainty and not let harm come to our community members or the past to recur; and to protect and love our future generations," said Olympia Chapter President Bob Nakamura.

AMERICAN HOLIDAY TRAVEL

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Walking tour of the French Quarter, City tour, Louisiana swamp cruise, enjoy Jazz club, beignets at Café Du Monde, New Orleans Cooking School.
- TULIP FESTIVAL & GREAT LAKES ADVENTURE TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . May 7-15
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(From back left) Karl Nobuyuki, Ron Mamiya, Clifford Uyeda, Ron Ikejiri, John Tateishi and (seated, from left) Sen. Spark Matsunaga, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. Robert Matsui and Rep. Norman Mineta



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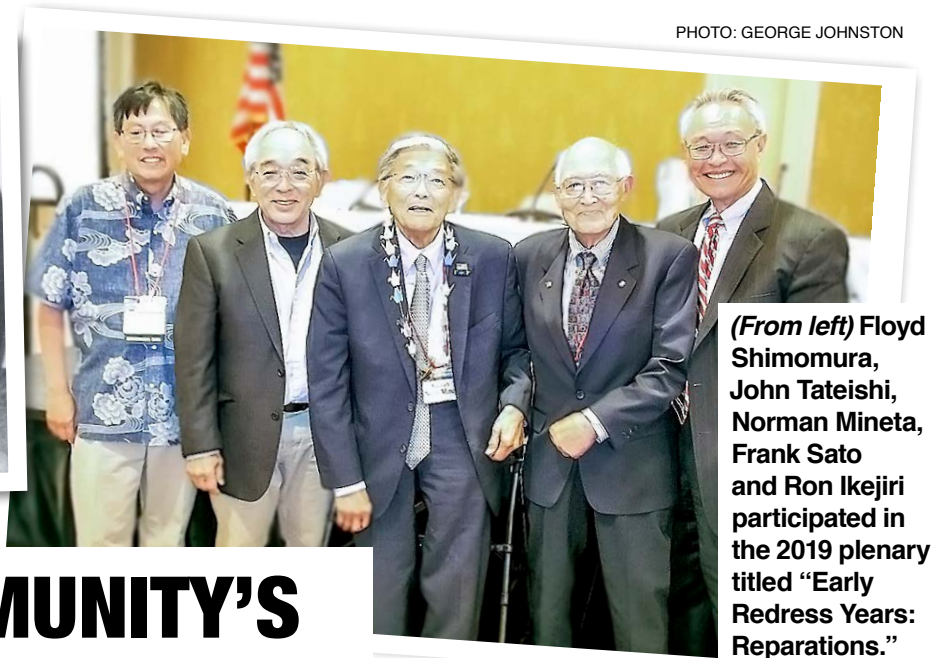


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(From left) Floyd Shimomura, John Tateishi, Norman Mineta, Frank Sato and Ron Ikejiri participated in the 2019 plenary titled "Early Redress Years: Reparations."

'REDDRESS' RECOUNTS A COMMUNITY'S QUIXOTIC QUEST FOR JUSTICE

John Tateishi offers his take on the civil liberties win for Japanese Americans in his new book 'Redress: The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations.'

By P.C. Staff

The late Daniel K. Inouye is known for many things: serving during World War II in the Army's 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team (where he lost his right arm), being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which was later upgraded to the Medal of Honor and, of course, for his decades as a U.S. senator representing Hawaii.

Regarding the years-long, ultimately successful drive to obtain redress for Americans of Japanese ancestry whose rights were abrogated during WWII, Inouye is credited for suggesting a then-controversial and unpopular tactic that would later prove essential: the formation of a congressional commission to investigate the

circumstances that led to the forced removal from the U.S. West Coast and subsequent incarceration of ethnic Japanese.

In the new book "Redress: The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations" (*Heyday*, ISBN-13: 979-159714-498-9, 400 pages, SRP \$28), author John Tateishi told the *Pacific Citizen* that the reason he took the time and put in the effort to complete the book was because of Inouye, "who bugged the hell out of me for years to record the history.

"He once told me, 'You're the only one who knows how this all evolved and how it went from something impossible to fruition, as a rare success in United States history,'" Tateishi recalled. "He said, 'It's really important that somebody record that history of the campaign because otherwise it's going to get lost.'"

Like the concept of what would become the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians — an idea and course of action Tateishi said he initially "hated" and was, within the JACL, "so controversial and so highly criticized" — Inouye's advice to document the path to redress in the form of a book was one that Tateishi eventually got behind. But, like redress itself, it wasn't easy, and it took years to complete.

Tateishi said he originally intended to write "more than anything, a record of the redress

campaign from my perspective of having been involved in it very early on and understanding the history of how the whole concept of redress evolved in the community."

As someone who as a boy experienced life in a concentration camp for Japanese Americans and later as the JACL's national redress chair and national redress director, followed by a stint as the organization's national executive director, Tateishi did indeed have a unique role in and perspective on the winding path it took to have redress go from "a fool's errand" that was "doomed to failure" (and those assessments were from friends) to one of the rare instances in U.S. history in which an aggrieved group won token monetary compensation — \$20,000 in 1988 — and an apology from a U.S. president.

While Inouye's insistence did eventually cause Tateishi to commit his recollections to the page, he said, "I resisted him for, 10-15 years. Almost every time I'd run into him, he would say, 'Hey, you need to write that record.' It got to the point where, quite honestly, I would see him and avoid him because I knew he would bug me.

"Finally, one day I decided I would record the history, which I did," Tateishi continued. "I started writing with the intent that I would do something fairly succinct. But as I started writing it, I realized there was a lot to the redress campaign that you can't just record

as sequential events, the chronology of what happened from Point A to Point Z because there were all these side roads that you had to travel through to understand why we did what we did.

"The more I wrote, the more I realized there was much more to write," Tateishi said.

The result was a 600-page manuscript, which Tateishi began writing in 2007. That might be fine as a private document, but to publish that story to share with the public would require a different tack.

Tateishi had to then take time rewriting it, and the result was a 400-page tome that gave his perspective on his years in the redress movement.

Inouye, of course, is a prominent part of Tateishi's book. But so, too, are names familiar to longtime JACLers: Sen. Spark Matsunaga and Rep. Robert Matsui, as well as JACL staffers and prominent members such as Mike Masaoka, Minoru Yasui, Bill Marutani, Clifford Uyeda, Bill Yoshino, Ron Ikejiri, Frank Sato and Ron Wakabayashi.

But as far as politics were concerned, the other Japanese American bigwig besides Inouye was Rep. Norman Mineta.

According to Tateishi, while JACL was ahead of curve in the Japanese American community regarding redress, Mineta was ahead of the JACL. Recalling his first encounter with Mineta, Tateishi said it occurred when he was involved with the Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District as a committee chair and was visiting JACL's headquarters to get some information.

"Norm walked in, and my reaction was, 'Oh my gosh, there's Norman Mineta!' We said hello, but there wasn't any kind of exchange that was significant," Tateishi remembered.

Tateishi overheard, however, a conversation between Mineta and a couple of JACLers also present, and the topic was redress.

"My takeaway from that as I left the building and was headed home was, 'Mineta is really insistent on this. He is driving the JACL into this issue,'" Tateishi recalled. "He was ahead of the JACL on his thinking.

"Early on, we depended on, basically, two people in D.C.: Dan Inouye and Norm Mineta," Tateishi said. "If you don't have Dan Inouye and Norm Mineta, you ain't going to get anywhere."

Tateishi said he thinks he was 38 when he became JACL's national quarterback on redress.

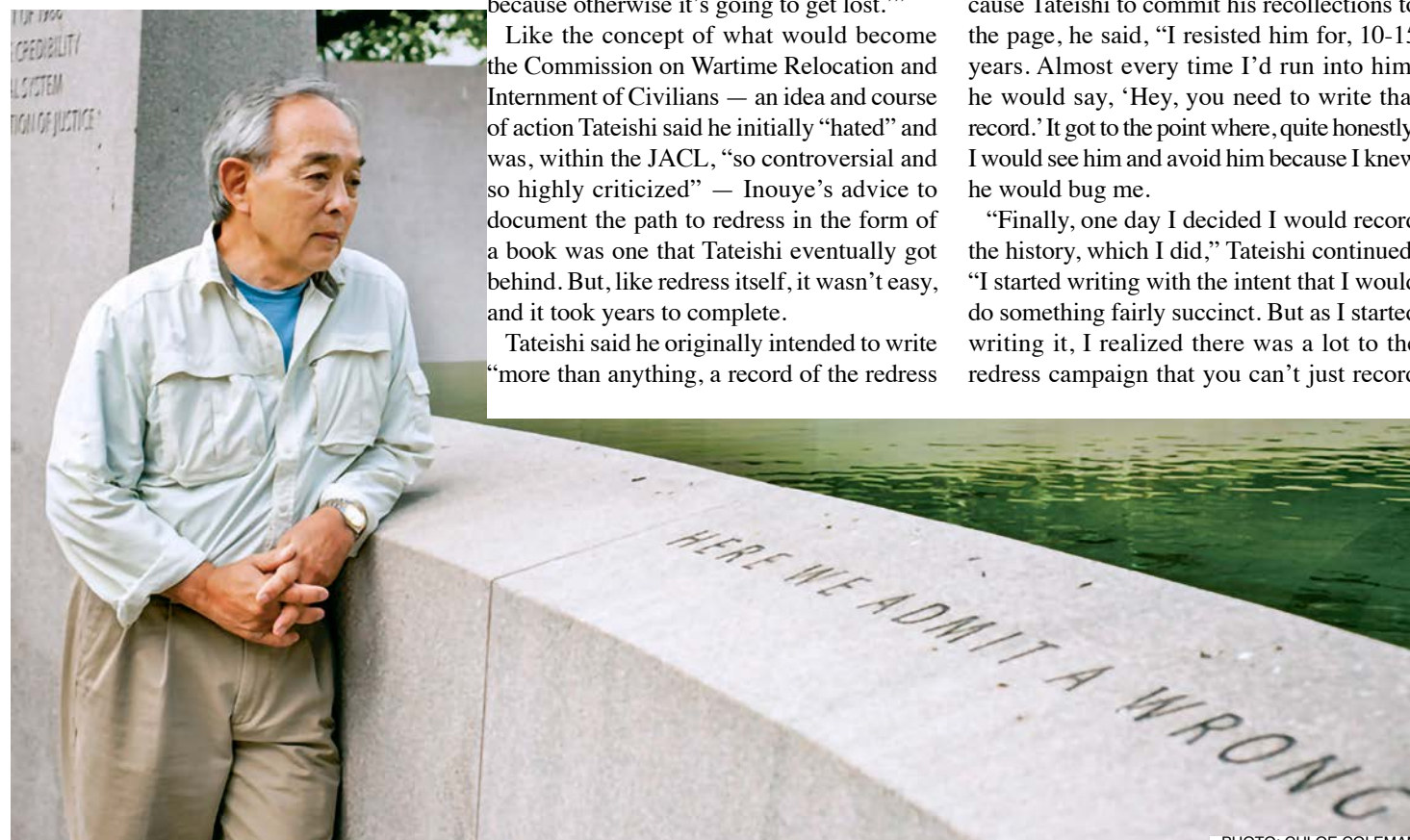


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John Tateishi began writing his new book, "Redress," in 2007. The book was just released this month.

“And in the eyes of the Nisei, I was still a kid. You don’t get legitimacy with the Nisei until you turn 50, maybe,” he said. “I was just arrogant enough to think I knew how to do this, that I could figure this one out — and that I already had.”

Tateishi saw two paths: through the courts or legislatively, meaning via Congress. The latter would prove to be the longer, more convoluted and more difficult choice. “It would require more of a grassroots operation to make it work,” he said.

But thanks to Inouye’s insistence to form the CWRIC — overriding both Mineta and Matsunaga — not only did the public become educated on the issue, but also Congress itself realized that a wrong had been committed.

“The United States Congress actually recognized it (the internment) as an injustice. It was phenomenal and that came when they accepted the commission report,” Tateishi said.

“When I first got involved in the JACL, the discussion of reparations was something that not everyone understood,” Tateishi said. “It was thought that, ‘OK, you file a complaint with some governmental body, they mull it over, and they decide to give you money.’ That was the basic concept people had about reparations, and I knew it was much more complex than that.”

In 2020, with the idea of African-American reparations for slavery bubbling under the zeitgeist as a mainstream topic — or at least a question thrown at presidential candidates — are there lessons to be learned from the Japanese American redress campaign and is the topic of African-American reparations viable?

John Tateishi, seen in this file photo, was an early JACL leader in its redress campaign.

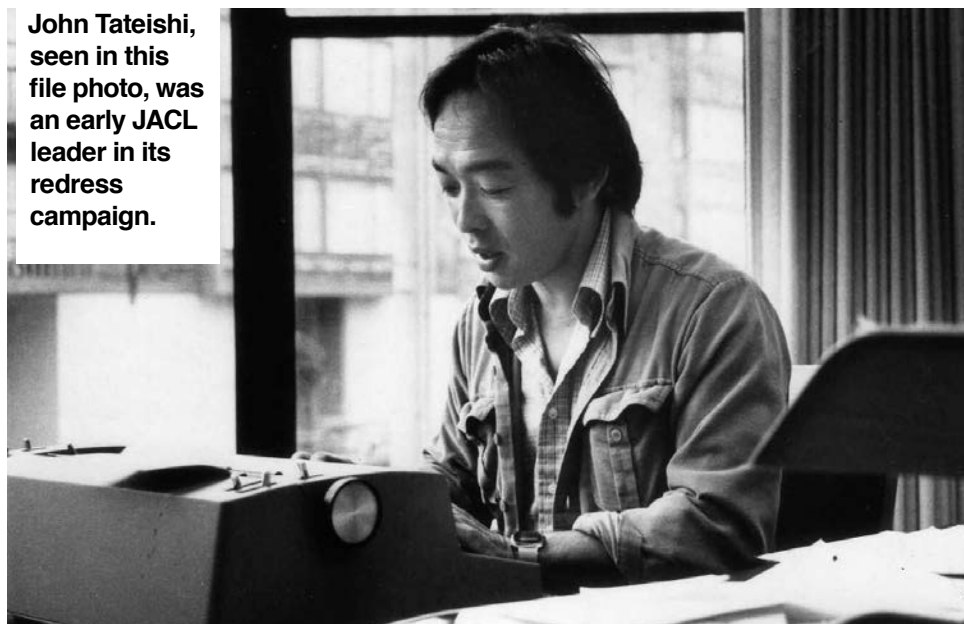


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Comparing African-American reparations to Japanese Americans reparations, Tateishi noted that historically, the paradigm for race relations has been black-white — but the Japanese American redress campaign didn’t fit that dynamic.

“There are significant differences,” Tateishi said. “I don’t know what their chances are. I think they have a very tough battle, especially with the kind of politics that exist in America today. I think as long as you have a bunch of bigots and racists and white supremacists running the country, appealing to that same characteristic in a segment of the population that believes that it’s OK to use racial epithets, to treat people as less than equal and in some

cases, less than human. I think the chances of achieving reparations for African-Americans is so slim, if I were in that battle, I would find it pretty depressing right now.”

Tateishi added, “The one advantage they have, I think, is that reparations is no longer without precedent. We set the precedent for something that never happened in this country before. All groups that were treated unjustly and will be treated unjustly at some point have as a precedent Japanese American reparations, and that’s something that never existed before we took on this issue.”

An undertaking as big as redress meant dozens of people with differing personalities, temperaments and ideas would have to work

in concert — or not. Asked how he resisted the urge to use the book as a way to settle scores with certain individuals, some now deceased, Tateishi went back to one of his conversations with Inouye, when he was still trying to get Tateishi to write a book.

“I can do this, but only if I were completely honest, which meant I would have to show all the dark sides of the campaign and all of the ugliness that went on,” Tateishi said he told Inouye. “I had a difficult time with a lot of people in the campaign, a lot of people in the community. I wasn’t well-regarded in the community because of some of decisions I had led my committee to make and the directions we had taken. One day, Mike Masaoka said to me, ‘So now you know how it feels,’ half-jokingly. But I could see the pain in his eyes.”

As for his relationship with Minoru Yasui, there is genuine regret over how his once-close relationship with him deteriorated.

“There’s a certain kind of tragedy, almost like a Greek tragedy, to Min,” Tateishi said. “He aspired for so much and hoped so much could be done and never saw it come to fruition.” Yasui died in 1986.

Tateishi noted how Yasui — an attorney — tutored him through a lot of the early stages of the thinking about reparations, the legal side of what they were attempting.

“We developed a really close relationship,” Tateishi said. “It turned sour towards the end as the battle between the two sides of the JACL, basically for control, started getting really personal. There was a falling out.”

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EXCERPT FROM ‘REDRESS: THE INSIDE STORY OF THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN REPARATIONS’

EDITOR’S NOTE: *The following is an excerpt, reprinted with permission, from “Redress.” In this selection, Tateishi recounts his recollections of John McCloy during the hearing of the CWRIC. McCloy, who served as President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s assistant secretary of war, was, with Karl Bendetsen, one of the “. . . principal figures responsible for the government’s wartime policies against Japanese Americans.”*

And then there was John McCloy. He was a perfect study in contrasts with Bendetsen. Where the latter was very contained and restrained, quietly combative in the way an executive might be, McCloy was an amiable sort, openly friendly to the commissioners with whom he was acquainted, a man full of energy and political poise. He was very sure of himself, even in the face of the hostile grilling he knew awaited him. Even as he walked to the witness table and addressed the commissioners, he exuded the kind of confidence that comes from years of public service at the top levels of government and from having spent much of his political life dealing with world leaders, including the most obstinate and dangerous among them. There wasn’t a fine line between his arrogance and confidence — they were one and the same.

There was nothing excessive or flamboyant

about McCloy. Dressed in an expensive suit and armed with a sharp mind and wit, he could cross verbal swords with the quickest of the commissioners. He knew about government commissions — I suspect he had created more than his share — and knew he would face tough questions from this body of mostly Democrats. McCloy was an East Coast Republican who in 1940 had taken a top-level position in the Democratic Roosevelt administration, which was made up of other East Coast intellectuals who had built their reputations in the White House by bringing the country, and the world, out of the Great Depression through sheer force of intellectual will and political courage. McCloy had presence, the kind that drew eyes to him in a crowded room, and especially in an environment he knew so well, such as a federal commission hearing. This was clearly a man who understood power from the position of someone used to wielding a great deal of it.

McCloy’s presence dominated the room, and it was interesting to see how Joan Bernstein paid deference to him as they parlayed back and forth in an exchange about which of McCloy’s many official titles they would use to refer to him during the hearing. She was an attorney who herself had spent many years working at high levels of government, and so she shared McCloy’s system of determining who is, and who isn’t, important on the

Washington scene. He definitely fell into the former category, and they both knew it. That said, her deference was politic: she showed respect but not one ounce of intimidation.

McCloy began his testimony by describing his position and responsibilities within the Roosevelt administration at the outbreak of the war and his role overseeing the exclusion and detention policies under EO 9066. He detailed how and why decisions were made, and recounted the difficulties the FDR inner circle had struggled with as it dealt with the question of what to do about the Japanese American population in the face of the often harsh and unyielding demands of the political voices on the West Coast. At no time did he seem to feel the need to justify or rationalize the decisions or apologize for anything he may have done or caused to happen in relation to the exclusion and imprisonment of Japanese Americans.

I was fascinated by McCloy. Here he was, an eighty-one-year-old man, his mind like a laser, recalling minute details in reports he had read or conversations he had had forty years earlier. His memory was so vast and so defined that the commissioners who tried to challenge him found it difficult to do so.

Unlike Bendetsen, he did not become defiant and defensive or try to evade questions about his responsibilities as assistant secretary of war, and he did not attempt to shift the blame

to others by stating that he was only following orders. McCloy was combative and never contrite: he was sure of himself and did not shirk responsibility for the role he had played in the internment. Although it was FDR who made the final decisions and Henry Stimson to whom McCloy was accountable, it was he who was responsible for formulating the policy that changed our lives forever. ■



REDRESS

The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations

JOHN TATEISHI

» It was a reference to the rise of the Legislative Education Committee or LEC, which would turn JACL, in Tateishi's eyes, into a one-issue organization focused solely on redress.

"We would still talk, and he would sometimes give me a call and say, 'Look, here's what's happening. I just don't want you to get blindsided by this and would tell me what some of the thinking was,'" Tateishi said. "It was like trying to make sure the other person was OK. Min to me is really an important figure in the campaign, and I was really sorry to see that we ended up in different camps on how things would evolve. It bothered me, but that's the way things go when you get involved in the politics of organizations."

Still, Tateishi gave credit to that "different camp" for its role with regard to the success of redress. "The LEC (Legislative Education Committee) fought a really hard battle in the last year and a half of the campaign. They pushed it over the top. They got Congress to support the legislation, and then there was Ronald Reagan in the White House, and I talk about that in the book."

By that time, though, as redress had entered its home stretch toward becoming a reality with President Reagan's signature in August 1988, Tateishi was no longer an active participant in the campaign — and his book reflects that.

"What you're seeing in this book is through my eyes and my experience. So, there's a lot of focus on the part that I experienced personally, and for that reason, I don't go into a lot of details about the last year and a half/two years of the campaign, where it was an LEC-led effort. I know some of what went on, but I'm not going to presume that I understood what they were doing and all the things.

"I think that if the LEC feels offended that there's not more about what they did, they need to write that book," said Tateishi.

With the publication of "Redress," Tateishi added, "There will be, among some of the LEC folks, a kind of reaction to say this isn't the story, this isn't what redress was. They would want to tell the story from that perspective. Part of what Dan Inouye kept saying to me was, there are people who think everything that came before wasn't very important, that we just put this commission together, had the hearings and everything led to, finally, the fight in Congress for the reparations bill.

"But the huge battles that took place in the community are something that get ignored and the descriptions that I've seen about what it took for us to succeed with what we did," Tateishi said. "I get asked the question sometimes, if we didn't ultimately end up with the checks, would this have been a failure? Yeah, in a way it would, but in a way we accomplished something much greater than that. To me, the campaign was always about something much greater than us. It wasn't about us getting \$20,000 so much as it was about making America secure in the future, so that what happened to us will never happen again to any other group." ■



John Tateishi at the 2018 San Diego chapter's gala commemorating the Civil Liberties Act

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UPCOMING BOOK APPEARANCES WITH JOHN TATEISHI

March 10: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Diesel Books, Brentwood Country Mart, 225 26th St., Suite 33, Santa Monica, CA 90402

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March 21: 2-4 p.m., J-Sei, 1285 66th St., Emeryville, CA, 94608

March 26: 6:30 p.m., Mechanics' Institute, 4th Floor Meeting Room, 57 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94104

April 8: 4-6 p.m., CSU Monterey Bay, exact location TBD

April 10: 7:30 p.m., Skylight Books, 1818 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

April 11: 1 p.m., Monterey JACL, 424 Adams St., Monterey, CA 93940

April 14: 6:30-8 p.m., UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies Library, 30 Stephens Hall #2360, Berkeley, CA 94720

April 18: Los Angeles Festival of Books, USC Campus, Los Angeles, CA 90089

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May 6: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704

May 26: 7-9:15 p.m., Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, UC Berkeley, 2521 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720

May 28: 7:30 p.m., 1855 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707

June 6: 1-2:30 p.m., Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. 5th St, San Jose, CA 95112

June 17: 6 p.m., Book Passage, Ferry Building, One, #42, San Francisco, CA 94111 ■

UCR NIKKEI STUDENT UNION HOSTS COMMUNITY DOR EVENT

The University of California, Riverside, Nikkei Student Union hosted its Day of Remembrance event on Feb. 19 on the UCR Campus, where its members welcomed several community leaders who spoke about the importance of preserving the Japanese American legacy.

Special speakers included June Hibino, a Sansei who was a founding member of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (now NCRR) and also part of Nikkei Progressives; Carrie Morita, a Sansei who is active in Nikkei Progressives and a member of NCRR; and Jim Matsuoka, a Nisei who was part of the historic NCRR lobbying delegation that helped secure the passage of redress legislation in 1988.

The event also included a performance by UCR's Senryu Taiko, as well as an open dialogue session with members of the Muslim Student Assn.

"Day of Remembrance is very important to keep stories alive. . . . Events like this are important to remember those that sacrificed

and lost so much during World War II," said NSU President Juliana Tom. "The youth should be especially informed because they're the ones who can help make the most change. We can go out and vote and physically go and protest and help out in any way that we can. . . . It's important for us to hear it so that we can retell their stories and never forget."

"DOR is something that we want to make sure that people don't forget happened to other people," said Matsuoka. "The youth are the ones who are going to inherit this society. It's not mine anymore. I've had my time. Everything about society belongs to you: the climate, what you're going to be missing, the jobs you may not have, the rights and liberties that may be taken away from you. This is your society, your time on Earth. I want something for the young people, and I'm telling you that if you don't fight for it or work for it, it's going to be really messed up." ■



Members of UC Riverside's Nikkei Student Union along with guest speakers (pictured at center) Carrie Morita, Jim Matsuoka and June Hibino.

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TSURU FOR SOLIDARITY ANNOUNCES NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN JUNE

As Japanese Americans hold Day of Remembrance events across the country, Tsuru for Solidarity urges all to gather to protest modern-day detention camps and heal together.



As Japanese Americans hold Day of Remembrance events across the country to commemorate the 78th anniversary of Feb. 19, 1942 — when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 that led to the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants without trial or hearings — Tsuru for Solidarity announces a national pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., June 4-7 to close the camps.

The group anticipates it will be the largest gathering of Japanese Americans since they were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in U.S. camps together 70 years ago.

“As a community that has experienced one of the greatest civil liberties violations in the history of this country, we have an opportunity to push back against the same

sentiment that banished our mothers and fathers,” explained Jon Osaki, executive director of the Japanese Community Youth Council in San Francisco and director of the award-winning film “Alternative Facts: The Lies of Executive Order 9066.”

Tsuru for Solidarity launched in March 2019 when it protested outside the Dilley family detention center in Texas, just down the road from the Crystal City Family Internment Camp where Japanese Americans were held during World War II.

Subsequently Tsuru for Solidarity successfully protested the Fort Sill, Okla., military base, alongside Black Lives Matter Oklahoma City, American Indian Movement Indian Territory, Dream Action Oklahoma, ACLU Oklahoma and United We Dream to prevent the base that once held Japanese Americans from being used to detain migrant children today.

Last month, the group organized an intergenerational protest outside the Yuba County Jail, the last remaining ICE detention center in Northern California, and held a Day of Remembrance Day of Action outside the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Wash.

Volunteers around the country have al-

ready folded 66,000 of the expected 125,000 signature folded cranes that the group will bring to Washington, D.C., to symbolize the Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans incarcerated during WWII.

Representatives of Tsuru for Solidarity are building on the momentum toward Washington by speaking at more than 20 Day of Remembrance events around the country to commemorate together, promote the pilgrimage and charge the audience to take action to “stop repeating history.” When they gather in D.C., the group will deliver the cranes, protest to close the camps, educate Congress and hold a day of intergenerational healing.

“The theme of the Day of Remembrance in Los Angeles organized by a consortium of socially conscious organizations was ‘Democracy in Action — 1942 and 2020.’ It charged the audience to take action to stop the current-day repetition of historical injustice so reminiscent of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans. In their Call to Action, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress calls us to ‘Remember the lessons from Redress’ to speak out against injustices, support others and learn from our history of resistance. We plan to vote, march, educate and organize,” said Satsuki Ina, co-chair of Tsuru for Solidarity.

For more information on the June pilgrimage, visit tsuruforsolidarity.org/pilgrimage.



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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALENDAR

NATIONAL

JACL National Convention
Las Vegas, NV
June 24-28

Save the date for this year's JACL National Convention in Las Vegas! Follow JACL National on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, JACL.org and PacificCitizen.org for updates and registration information.
Info: Visit www.jacl.org.

NCWNP

Udon Noodle Making Workshop With Kenji Yokoo
San Francisco, CA
March 14; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
JCCNCN

1840 Sutter St.
Price: \$75 for Center Members; \$85 General Public
Chef Kenji Yokoo, the newest cooking instructor at the center, will teach an udon noodle making workshop where participants will learn to make udon noodles from scratch using techniques that have been used for generations. Participants will also learn how to make udon broth and serve it with various toppings, including vegetarian and vegan options.
Info: Visit jccnc.org for event details and to sign up.

Manabu Project: Preserving the Lessons From Our Japanese American Elders
San Jose, CA

April 18; 1-3 p.m.
Japanese American Museum of San Jose
535 N. Fifth St.

Price: Free with Museum Admission
This event is the culmination of JAMs's yearlong work on the Manabu Oral History Project, in which participants made recollections of their family's WWII experience as well as their unique ties to the Bay Area. This event will be a celebration of those interviews on jamsj.org's new oral history site. There will also be a panel discussion with two interviewees and grant participants Richard Yamashiro and Yoshiko Kanazawa.
Info: Please RSVP to publicprograms@jamsj.org.

Japanese Heritage Night at Oracle Park
San Francisco, CA

June 2; 6:45 p.m.
Oracle Park
24 Willy Mays Plaza

Price: Members \$14; General \$16
Join the JCCNC at the ballpark as the San Francisco Giants take on the San Diego Padres on Japanese Heritage Night. Seats will be in section View Reserved 321 and 323. There also will be a pregame celebration in Seals Plaza. Reserve your tickets today!
Info: Visit <https://www.jccnc.org/membership/special-promotions-2/>.

2020 Tule Lake Pilgrimage and Registration
Newell, CA
July 3-6

The Tule Lake Committee announces the dates of the 2020 pilgrimage, July 3-6. Standard registration is \$575 per person; for those on fixed incomes or students and survivors of incarceration, the fee is \$350. The fee is all-inclusive and includes charter bus transportation, lodging, meals and all activities during the four-day pilgrimage. Registration forms will be posted on the Tule Lake Committee's website on Feb. 19.
Info: Visit www.tulelake.org or if you would like registration forms mailed via USPS, please contact Hiroshi Shimizu at (415) 317-2686.

PSW

Kollaboration EMPOWER Creative Leadership Conference
Los Angeles, CA
March 21-22
JANM

100 N. Central Ave.
The Kollaboration EMPOWER Conference is a two-day event where aspiring Asian Americans of all ages and professions gather to learn directly from some of the community's most inspirational professionals. At EMPOWER, attendees will be able to explore a variety of creative career paths, industries and best practices to apply to making their dreams a reality. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your future and establish new professional contacts and friends.
Info: Visit empower.kollaboration.org for more information and to register.

'Transcendents: Heroes at Borders' Exhibition by Taiji Terasaki
Los Angeles, CA
Thru March 29
JANM

100 N. Central Ave.
This contemporary art exhibition honors individuals who advocate and fight for those who face discrimination, prejudice and inequality at borders both real and imagined. Through video projections on mist, photographic weavings and audience participation, visitors will learn about, reflect on and celebrate heroes in Los Angeles, across the nation and within their own lives.
Info: Visit janm.org/transcendents.

Cherry Blossom Festival
Monterey Park, CA
April 25, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; April 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave.
Price: Free

Take the time to see, hear and taste a bit of Japanese and Japanese American culture at this annual event that features delicious food,

music, cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts and much more! This community-based event is open to people of all ages and is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family while being immersed in Japanese culture.
Info: Visit <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/673/Cherry-Blossom-Festival>.

Keiro Caregiver Conference
Los Angeles, CA
May 31; 12:30-5 p.m.
Venice Japanese Community Center
12448 Braddock Dr.

This conference is one of several Keiro will be holding throughout the year to serve the community and inform them about caregiving options, resources and breakout sessions involving advanced care planning, decluttering and conversations regarding care. There will be free attorney and social worker consultations, along with a hosted bento and resource fair comprised of nonprofit organizations and businesses focused on helping older adults. Registration is required and will be open until May 15.
Info: Visit www.keiro.org/caregiver-conference or call (213) 873-5707 for more information or to register.

'Under a Mushroom Cloud: Hiroshima, Nagasaki and the Atomic Bomb'
Los Angeles, CA
Thru June 7
Japanese American National Museum
100 N. Central Ave.

To commemorate the upcoming 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, 1945, this special exhibition will present photographs, explanatory texts, artifacts and contemporary art that will shed light on this painful history as well as provide a safe space for discussion with the hope that such events never happen again.
Info: Visit www.janm.org.

Free Chol Soo Lee Movement Reunion
Los Angeles, CA
July 10; 6 p.m.
Oxford Palace Hotel
745 S. Oxford Ave.

The K.W. Lee Center of Leadership is having its 15th annual dinner and silent auction.
Info: Email Do Kim at dokim@kwleecenter.org or call (213) 321-7220.

PNW

Nichiren 28th Annual Spring Bazaar
Portland, OR
March 15; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nichiren Buddhist Temple
2025 S.E. Yamhill
Price: Lunch \$9-\$10

This year's annual Spring Bazaar will feature delicious lunch options that include a special Nichiren tonkatsu bento, chicken donburi, chow mein or tofu donburi that are all available for preorder and purchase. The

event will also include baked goods, crafts and much more. Preorders are due by March 10. All proceeds will benefit the Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple.
Info: Call (503) 236-8292 for preorder and event details.

'The Journal of Ben Uchida: Citizen 13359' Presented by the Oregon Children's Theater
Portland, OR
Thru March 22
Winningsstad Theater
1111 S.W. Broadway
Price: Ticket Prices Vary

Originally commissioned by the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., this play details a dark chapter in this country's history. This story is about people that is relevant, moving and one that cannot be forgotten. This play is recommended for audience ages 10 and up.
Info: Visit <https://www.octc.org/journal-of-ben-uchida>.

CCDC

2020 Cherry Blossom Festival Food & Craft Fair
Fresno, CA

March 14; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fresno Buddhist Dharma Center
2690 E. Alluvial Ave.
Price: Free and Open to the Public

This special day of family fun will feature a wide variety of handcrafted items and delicious food for purchase such as sushi, Chinese chicken salad, spam musubi, chicken teriyaki, Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches, curry rice and much more. Cultural exhibits will also feature food demonstrations such as sushi and takoyaki demonstrations. There will also be Japanese Obon dancing as well.
Info: Call (559) 442-4054 or email info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org.

AsianFest 2020
Fresno, CA
April 25; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fresno City College
1101 E. University Ave.
Price: Free

This Asian American Cultural Festival will feature all-day live entertainment, delicious food, a sake garden, children's craft area, anime alley and car show, martial arts demonstrations and much more! Don't miss this opportunity to have a day of family fun for all.
Info: Visit <https://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/events/asianfest-2020.html>.

MDC

Festival of Nations 2020
St. Paul, MN
May 1-3
Saint Paul RiverCentre
175 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Price: Ticket Prices Vary.

This festival is the oldest and

longest-running multicultural festival in the Midwest. Since 1932, its goal has been to inspire people to discover more about our world and embrace the rich cultural diversity in our community. The Twin Cities JACL chapter will once again be participating in this event. To volunteer, contact the TC chapter.
Info: Visit www.festivalofnations.com or www.tcjacl.org.

EDC

Tsuru for Solidarity: National Pilgrimage to Close the Camps
Washington, D.C.
June 5-7

This three-day event will take place throughout the Capitol Mall and will feature a protest rally and march, a well as a healing circle program and opening ceremony and solidarity reception. Registration is now open. Participants are also encouraged to fold tsuru (cranes) and bring them to the event. The home base hotel for the weekend is the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va. Information can be found on the pilgrimage website.
Info: Visit tsuruforsolidarity.org/pilgrimage.

The Kimono in Print: 300 Years of Japanese Kimono Design
Worcester, MA
March 28-June 28
Worcester Art Museum
55 Salisbury St.

This exhibition is devoted to examining the kimono as a major source of inspiration and experimentation in Japanese print culture from the Edo period (1603) to the Meiji period (1868-1912). The exhibit includes 80 Japanese prints as well as a selection of illustrated books and paintings.
Info: Visit <https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/kimono-in-print/>.

Kimono Couture: The Beauty of Chiso
Worcester, MA
April 25-July 26
Worcester Art Museum
55 Salisbury St.

This is the first exhibition outside of Japan of historic and contemporary kimonos from the collection of Chiso, the distinguished Kyoto-based kimono house founded in 1555. The exhibit will include 13 kimonos from the mid-1600s-2000s. A special video will also document the contemporary creation of a kimono, from start to finish.
Info: Visit <https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/kimono-couture/>.

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In MEMORIAM



Cavric, Kazuko Goto, 91, Omaha, NE, Nov. 17, 2019; she was predeceased by her husband, John; she is survived by her sons, Allen Davenport and James Davenport (Cheryl); gc: 4; ggc: 12.

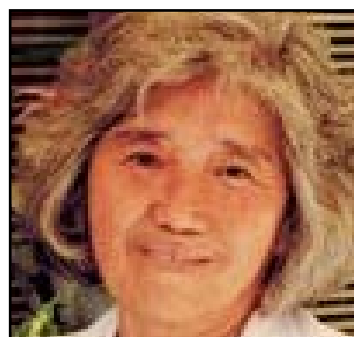


Himoto, Betty Chiyoko, 95, San Luis Obispo, CA, Jan. 22; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Roy Himoto; siblings, Donald Hori, Mitsuko Nakatsuka, Dorothy Toy, Jack Hori and Teruo Hori; she is survived by her children, Lester, Raymond, Nancy and Robert; sisters-in-law, Sue Hori and Kikue Hori; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

South Korea; he is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Eric (Sandra) and Lisa (Rick); gc: 5; ggc: 5.



Kaneshiro, Paula, 86, Dededo, Guam, Dec. 28, 2019; she was predeceased by her husband, Seikichi Kaneshiro; she is survived by her children, Claudia, Roy and Roger; daughters-in-law, Regina Kaneshiro and Susanne Sison-Kaneshiro; gc: 3.



Fujimoto, Samiye, 98, Gardena, CA, Feb. 10; she was predeceased by her husband, Masao "Tom" Fujimoto; she is survived by her children, Nancy Smith, Ted Fujimoto and Kazu (Jim) Workman; gc: 3; ggc: 1.

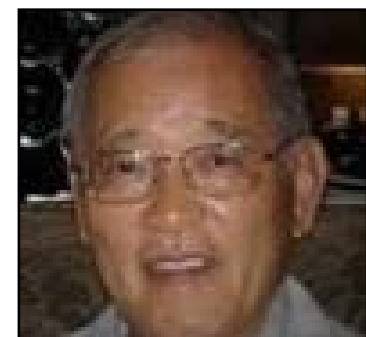
Inouye, Jon, 49, Gardena, CA, Jan. 14; he is survived by his parents, Fred and Sue; brother, Jason; he is also survived by other relatives.



Nakamura, Masaye, 96, Danville, CA, Feb. 13; during the war, she had



Goto, George Katsumi, 89, Sun Valley, CA, Jan. 9; a Korean War veteran, he is survived by his wife, Grace Harumi Goto; children, Steven (April) Goto, Michael (Kathi) Goto, Wayne Goto and Amy Iwashina; sister, Naomi Takeshita; sister-in-law, Hatsuko Goto; gc: 2.



Inouye, Mitsuru 'Mitch,' 89, Richmond, CA; during WWII, his family and he were forcibly removed from their home to the Tanforan Race Track in San Bruno, CA, then incarcerated at the Topaz WRA Center in UT; he was later drafted into the Army and served in Pusan,

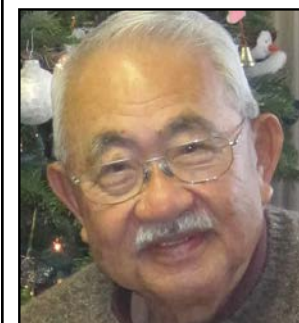
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to quit UCLA and was incarcerated at the Heart Mountain WRA Center in WY; she later became the first Japanese American to teach in California schools; she was predeceased by her husband, Nobby; she is survived by her children, Ann and John; gc: 4.

Nishisaka, Yuriko, 93, Fountain Valley, CA, Feb. 12; she was predeceased by her husband, Art; children Randy Nishisaka and Mary Ann Nishisaka; brother, Masami Sanada; she is survived by her children, Merrie and Scott (Aileen); sister-in-law, Haruko Sanada; gc: 4; ggc: 3.

TRIBUTE

BEN YAMANAKA



March 14, 1931-Feb. 15, 2020
 Alameda, Calif.

Ben passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 88. He was the youngest of seven children born to Tayemon and Kikuno Yamanaka. Ben is survived by his wife, Helen, sons, Benjamin and Bruce Yamanaka, grandchildren, Brendan Yamanaka, Brady Yamanaka, Nenita Reyes, Natishae Basconcillo, Noel Basconcillo, great-grandchildren Sharissa Daquioag, Adrian Zuniga, Hamala Johnson, Camila

Zuniga and his brother, Henry Yamanaka. Ben was preceded in death by his siblings, Miyoko Doi, Hideko Ishikawa, Sam Yamanaka, Hisako Mizota and Ken Yamanaka.

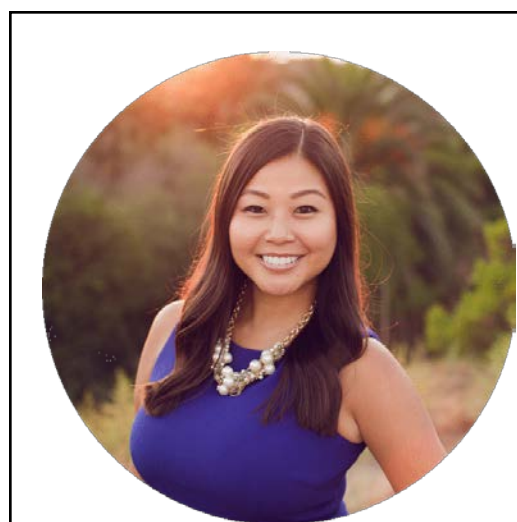
Ben was born in Warm Springs, Calif., and during WWII, he and his family were relocated to Tanforan Race Track and interned in Topaz War Relocation Center in Utah. Along with his other sibling, he attended and graduated from Washington High School. He served in the United States Army and returned to attend and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in accounting. Ben went to work for the federal government as an auditor for the Departments of the Navy and Defense. He retired from the federal government after more than 30 years of service.

In retirement, he loved playing golf and spending time with family. Ben was a loving and devoted husband, caring and supportive father and a loyal friend to many.

Memorial services to be held on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at the Alameda Buddhist Temple. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the charity of one's choice.

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REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

WITH 2020 CENSUS PENDING, FINDINGS SHOW MANY MAY NOT RECOGNIZE EXPECTED CENSUS SCAMS

By Ron Mori

As March is upon us, we have an almost-perfect storm, as all of us are preparing our taxes and will soon be taking the U.S. Census. Be ready and alert — impostor scams continue to target large numbers of Americans, and as the federal government launches the 2020 Census, a majority of us are susceptible to phony Census correspondence or telephone calls, according to results of a survey released by the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

The study, “The Imposters: Stealing Money, Damaging Lives,” focused on government impostor scams in which criminals pose as representatives of agencies such as the IRS, Social Security Administration or Census Bureau; and relationship scams, when fraudsters pretend to be a relative or someone seeking a romantic relationship online. Researchers also probed the effects of fraud schemes on intended victims.

Nearly half of U.S. adults (47 percent) reported that they have been targeted by an impostor scam, according to the AARP

survey. The Federal Trade Commission received 647,000 reports of impostor scams during 2019, more than any other type of fraud; the FTC says government impostor scams increased more than 50 percent over 2018.

The Decennial Census presents a new opportunity for criminals who impersonate government officials, and AARP’s survey shows that many consumers might be at risk:

- Seventy percent of respondents were incorrect or unsure about whether the Census Bureau would contact them via email. Invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will actually be sent via U.S. mail.
- More than a third (35 percent) expect or are unsure whether the 2020 Census questionnaire will ask for their Social Security number. The Census Bureau says it will never ask for sensitive information such as a Social Security number, bank account information or passwords, or request payment of a fee. Additionally, the Census Bureau will never ask for money and donations or anything on behalf of a political party.

“We’ve learned that scammers are very shrewd and adept at capitalizing on current events,” said Kathy Stokes, director of fraud prevention programs at AARP. “The census has been in the news, so most people are expecting to hear soon from the Census Bureau. Scammers will use that to their advantage as they aim to deceive people into sharing sensitive information or handing over money.”

Invitations to respond to the Decennial Census will be mailed to U.S. households in March. Responses to the 2020 Census questions may be submitted online or via mail or telephone. By May, Census takers will begin visiting or contacting households that have not yet responded.

The toll of impostor scams goes beyond the financial impact, according to the AARP survey. Among those who have been targeted and/or victimized, 18 percent reported that they experienced health problems or emotional distress as a result of the encounter. People ages 18-49 reported health or emotional issues at a higher rate than those age 50 or older.

Among other findings of the survey:

- Forty-five percent of people age 50 and older have been contacted by a government impostor, as compared to 35 percent of those ages 18-49.
- Two in five U.S. adults use dating websites, apps or online social groups to find potential dates or romantic partners. Of those, half encountered one of the “red flags” of romance fraud, including requests for money.
- The majority of U.S. adults are at least somewhat familiar with government impostor scams and relationship scams (including romance fraud and the grandparent scam) — indicating that efforts by AARP and other consumer advocates to increase public awareness are working. However . . .
- Fifty-five percent of survey respondents failed a 10-question fraud safety quiz.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network launched in 2013 as a free resource for people of all ages. Consumers may sign up for “Watchdog Alert” emails that deliver information about scams, or call a free helpline at (877) 908-3360 to report scams or get help from trained volunteers in the event someone falls victim to scammers’ tactics.

The Fraud Watch Network website provides information about fraud and scams, prevention tips from experts, an interactive scam-tracking map and access to AARP’s hit podcast series, “The Perfect Scam.”

JACL family, be warned and be ready.

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