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Asians protest 'biased' portrayal of immigrants

LOS ANGELES — Reactions against the "biased reporting" of Time magazine for its story on immigrants in L.A. has been swift and furious, uniting diverse groups of Asians and other ethnic minorities.

In its cover story, "The New Ellis Island," which appeared in the June 13 issue, Time reported on the impact of immigrants on Los Angeles County. It quoted various sources' comments that Koreans are "the Mortimer Snerds of America", that Mexicans are "not educated," "lazy" and "don't make an effort to be meaningful citizens".

A large group of Asian protesters, mostly Korean but also including Chinese and Japanese, were joined by a large number of Mexican demonstrators outside the Time offices in Beverly Hills at noon on Friday, June 10.

They were met by Time bureau chief Benjamin Cate and Joseph Kane, one of the reporters who worked on the story. The pair said the protesters were overreacting to the story, and said Time would continue to report on

what it considers newsworthy topics.

The story had suggested a great deal of tension exists between Asians in L.A. County of different heritages and even within the same groups:

"The 'ABCs' (American-born Chinese) tend to be contemptuous of the FOBs ('fresh off the boat'). L.A. Filipinos have their own snickering Tagalog-language acronym—'TNTs'—for their new and often illegal arrivals. Nisei, or U.S.-born Japanese, are embarrassed by Japanese nationals who speak no English; newly arrived Japanese, are wary of L.A.'s native Sansei (third generation) and Yonsei (fourth). But all the Japanese seem to agree that they are superior to other Asians. And everybody picks on the Koreans," the magazine said.

"Says UCLA Sociologist Harry Kitano: 'They regard the Koreans as the Mortimer Snerds of America. They cannot learn the language, their food smells and they cannot express themselves,'" the magazine continued.

But Kitano flatly denied ever having called Koreans "the Mortimer Snerds of America".

"That was a complete misquote, and it was out of context," Kitano told Asian Week. "The interviewer and I had spent a full hour discussing the positive contributions of various ethnic minorities and immigrants. The pitch they (Time) had given us was that there was going to be this

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Rising tide of anti-Japanese prejudice in U.S. due to America's economic conflict assailed



Chicago JACL Photo

HUMAN RIGHTS FIGHTERS—Part of the panel addressing the Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity, which focused on Asian American problems June 17, are (from left) Joyce

Tucker, director, Illinois Dept. of Human Rights; Rep. Norman Mineta (D-13th Ca.), Connie Seals, ICE; and Ross Harano, former Chicago JACL president & MDC governor.

Bills seek compensation for WW2 internees

Special to Pacific Citizen
WASHINGTON — Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Cal.), Rep. Michael Lowry (D-7th Wa.) and 24 members of the House introduced legislation June 22 authorizing redress payments to those Americans of Japanese or Aleut descent who were forced to leave their homes and held in detention camps during World War II.

Cranston's bill does not specify

an amount for compensation, saying the appropriate committees would be setting it. "At this stage, I believe it's important to focus on what was done ... and on the need for redress."

The House bill (HR 3877—WW2 Civil Liberties Violation Redress Act), however, calls for payment of \$20,000 to each of the estimated 60,000 surviving victims of internment as recommended by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians a week earlier (see June 24 PC).

Lowry said that by ordering the relocation of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast without any proof of wrongdoing, the United States government "violated our own Bill of Rights ... If that can be condoned, the rights of no person in this country are safe."

Co-sponsor Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. (R-21st NY) said: "I don't think the United States

can ever preach to other countries about human rights and liberty if it does not own up to its own past wrongdoings and act to make amends."

Co-Sponsors of HR 3877

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Copley News Service was told by an aide of Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Cal.) that he believes internment was wrong but does not support general compensation, not across-the-board payment in light of the budget situation.

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Job bias cases in L.A. Asian community still growing

LOS ANGELES—More employment discrimination cases in the local Asian Pacific community continue to seek help from the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund, which was founded when Los Angeles county civil service employee Carole Fujita fought for her rights and succeeded.

"With the growing number of discrimination cases being identified, the need for a strong community response is critical," declared Irene Hirano, APLDEF president. "Employment discrimination cases cannot continue to go unchallenged."

Among current cases being identified are:

(1) **Dr. Arthur Wakita**, professor of architecture with 20 years service at L.A. Harbor Community College, told APLDEF he has been the victim of continued harassment and a physical assault by a

Special to the Pacific Citizen
CHICAGO—The rising trend in Asian American racism was assailed by ethnic leaders and government officials including Congressman Norman Mineta at a news conference June 17, coordinated by the JACL Midwest Office and the American Jewish Committee.

Mineta cited the increased trade friction between Japan and the United States as the cause of increased racial incidents. "We have grown painfully aware of the fact that our economic difficulties and tensions over international trade have been accompanied by sharp and dangerous increases in prejudice against American citizens of Asian ancestry," said Mineta.

Citing the cases of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the Vietnamese high school student from Davis, Ca., Mineta termed these incidents as a "shocking form of racism".

He also noted that Thursday (June 16) the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians had recommended Japanese Americans interned during WW2 receive reparations. He was pleased by the findings and believed the recommendations would serve as "powerful vehicle" for discussing the entire agenda of Asian American racism, "but like all of you, I am bracing for the imminent controversy which shall follow".

To prepare for the controversy, Mineta suggested (a) reparations not be the central focus as most Americans are unaware that the U.S. government illegally detained over 100,000 U.S. citizens and law-abiding immigrants; (b) that this action was "entirely unwarranted

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VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry Honda

Mineta Leads the Way

Title of our "new column" dates from 1941 when we were writing human interest and light-hearted pieces in the Rafu Shimpō. Hereafter we'd like to focus on personalities and current newsmakers in the Nikkei world.—HH.

AS effort to finally secure redress for the 110,000 of us who were interned gets underway in Congress, there will be no more an essential figure to that fight than Norman Y. Mineta, one of the 24 Members of Congress to co-sponsor the redress legislation (HR 3387) on the day it was first introduced by Mike Lowry of Washington.

Norm, who represents San Jose, Ca., has been fighting for justice and equal treatment for Americans of Japanese ancestry and others since he first became active in public life nearly 20 years ago. By 1968, he had established a record of community service and fighting for civil rights that earned him the JACL-Nisei of the Biennium Award.

Now, as the only Asian American serving in the leadership of the House of Representatives, Norm's role along with colleagues, such as Bob Matsui, will be critical to achieving success in the coming legislative debate over redress in the House.

This will not be a new experience for Norm. In 1978, he was a



key figure in the enactment of PL 95-382, which provides for Civil Service retirement credit for time spent in an internment camp.

And working with other Nikkei legislators, he pushed the bill that created the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1980. Norm has worked particularly hard at educating the public as to the facts of WW2 internment and its significance for everyone concerned with civil rights and justice. As Norm said in a New York Times article back in February:

"Now, a generation later, how should the Nation respond to this sad event? Certain basic principles must guide our response. (1) Those who unjustly lost their liberty at the hands of a government are entitled to full and formal apology from that government; (2) they are entitled to compensation from that government; and (3) they are entitled to seek the government's highest court reverse any misjudgment it has rendered.

"Yet America must do more than seek retroactive justice. We apply lessons of the tragic episode to today's troubled times. These lessons should remind us of the horrible dangers presented by racism, when it is spread epidemically from individuals to an entire government institution."

THE FIGHT for justice continues on other fronts as well as redress. When Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government named a program after John J. McCloy, Norm wrote to the president of Harvard saying that their decision to honor

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and unjustified" and caused by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership"; (c) and immense harm was done. "I know the terror and despair of being taken away from home and being guarded for years under machine guns... How many people would fail to cringe at the prospect of losing one, two or three years of their lives in a prison camp?"

After having people consider these points, Mineta said, then one must first stress that the CWRIC did not include any attempt to estimate the immeasurable losses such as freedom and honor. After that point, one can measure the billions forfeited in lost property,

businesses, salaries, adjusted for inflation and an annual rate of only 3 percent to constitute the uncompensated amount, he counseled.

In discussing reparations, "we must constantly return to the fundamental principle which makes the struggle worthwhile," Mineta declared. "We should return to the principle that people have a right to be judged as individuals—not merely as members of a race. We must return to the fact that our constitutional system is based on the fundamental premise that the rights of individuals should be respected by American citizens—and by the American government."

National Dialogue Urged
Speaking for the Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity, a

consortium of ethnic organizations, in the opening statement, spokesperson Connie Seals warned that "there is a new racism on the rise in America stemming from our country's uneven treatment of Asian Americans and exacerbated by our current economic difficulties". In an effort to begin repelling anti-Asian racism, Seals called for a national dialogue among Japanese American leaders, labor unions and business to further understanding of each group's problems.

The Illinois Dept. of Human Rights through its director, Joyce Tucker, stated that public hearings would be convened in the fall to obtain information and recommendations on the problems being experienced by Asian Americans because of discrimination.

Tucker stated, "The Illinois Dept. of Human Rights joins

Dills urges Alameda help Nikkei

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—State Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) urged in a letter June 1 that the Alameda County board of supervisors chairman, John George, and members pass an ordinance providing some restitution to the few Alameda county employees who suffered unjust deprivation of their rights, privileges and immunities.

Dills, a principal co-author of the state measure in a similar vein, reminded the board that employees of Japanese descent who were dismissed in 1942, and detained behind barbed-wire camps were "certainly deprived of their liberty, property and employment rights in violation of our basic American rights".

Big M a hit

TOKYO—After 12 years of trying, McDonald's has done it: hamburgers knocked off sushi as Japan's most popular fast food with over 360 branches,

with other human rights advocates in deploring discrimination in any form."

In response to questions from the news media on means to reverse Asian racism, David Roth from the American Jewish Committee focused on educational objectives as a starting point. In admonishing Asian racism, Roth stated, "Ethnic leaders will not stand idly by while bigots seek to exploit anti-Japanese sentiment. Human relations and civil rights organizations will investigate acts of discrimination against Japanese Americans and other Asian American groups in an effort to depolarize existing ethnic tensions."

JACLers Present

Present for the news conference held at AJC headquarters here, 55 E. Jackson, were Ross Harano, local JACL president Jane Kaihatsu, Carol Yoshino, Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, MDC human rights chair Jim Shimoura of Detroit, and Midwest regional director Bill Yoshino.

In summarizing the conference,

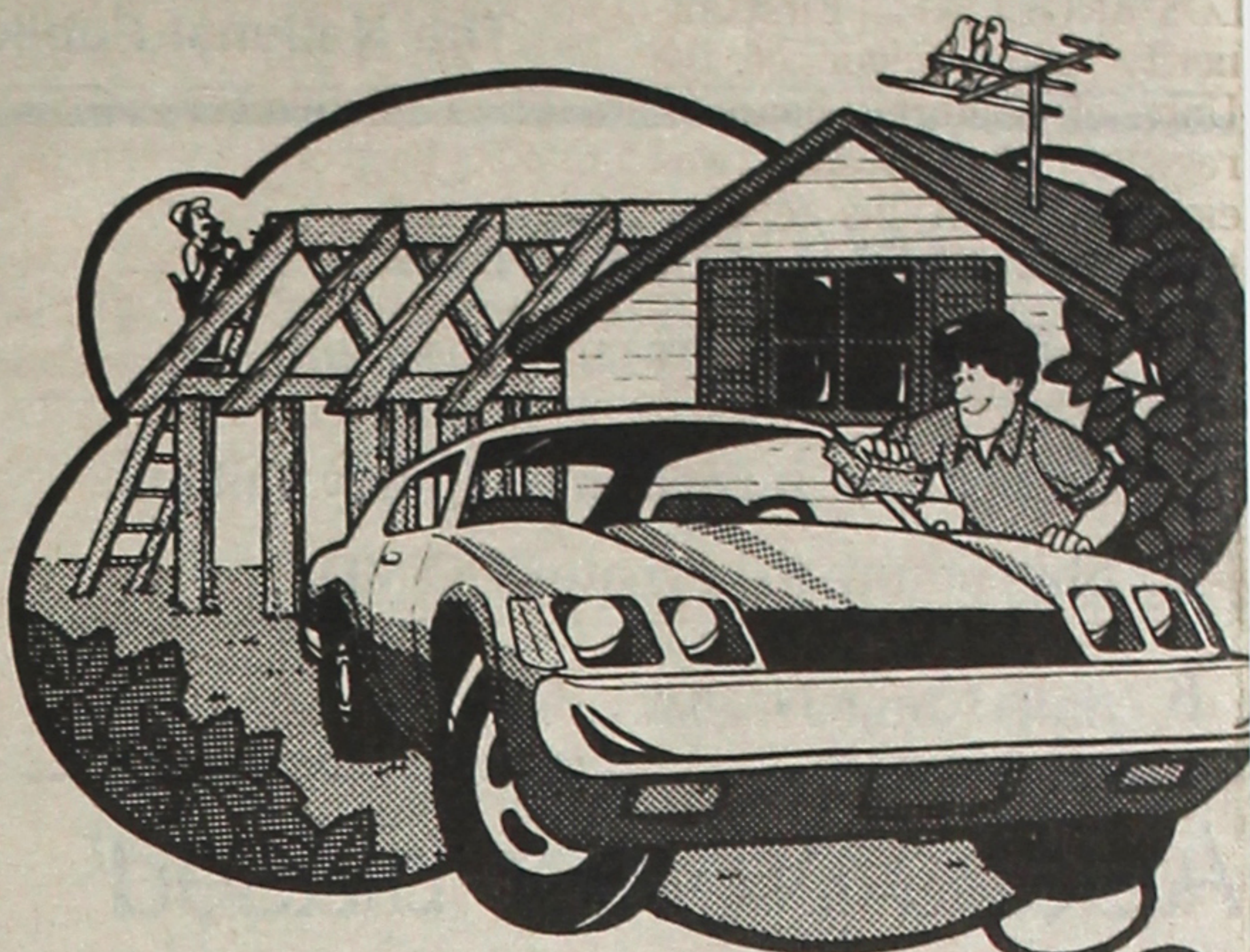
Racial slur in play protested

SAN DIMAS, Ca.—A Nikkei attending the local high school production, "Grease", was bitterly appalled by the racial slurs and insulting remarks against the Japanese in the play.

Venting her protest about the play in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune "Soundoff" space June 4, Jane Tomi Yamashita reminded the school and teachers that they "have the responsibility and obligation to see that our students are instilled with the deepest respect for the civil liberties and human rights of all people in this country".

Yoshino said that "together with other civil rights organizations and agencies of state government a unique opportunity now exists in Illinois to begin addressing in a substantial manner Asian American concerns".

The press conference was organized to launch a legal and public relations program to combat "this savage, senseless breed of hate" as one of the panelists described.



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CWRIC's hastily called press conference scrubbed program

WASHINGTON—While insiders here were preparing for a June 22 press conference to announce the long-awaited recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the unexpected release of details by the Sacramento Bee a week ahead of time, June 16, necessitated Commission chair Joan Bernstein to hastily call a press conference that day to make it official.

The Washington JACL Office was well aware in May that the recommendations would be released June 22. The New York Times on May 23 (see June 3 PC) passed on information to expect recommendations to be made June 22.

As it turned out, June 22 gave Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Mike Lowry an open field to announce their respective redress bills in Congress. They had intended to announce on the day when the CWRIC recommendations were to be made.

JACL to Meet

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Deaths

Kazuo Tsuboi, 55, of 702 "I" St., Parlier, died of a heart attack on May 28. He was a member of the Parlier JACL and veteran of World War II. He is survived by b Shoichi. Services were held at the Parlier Buddhist Church on June 2.

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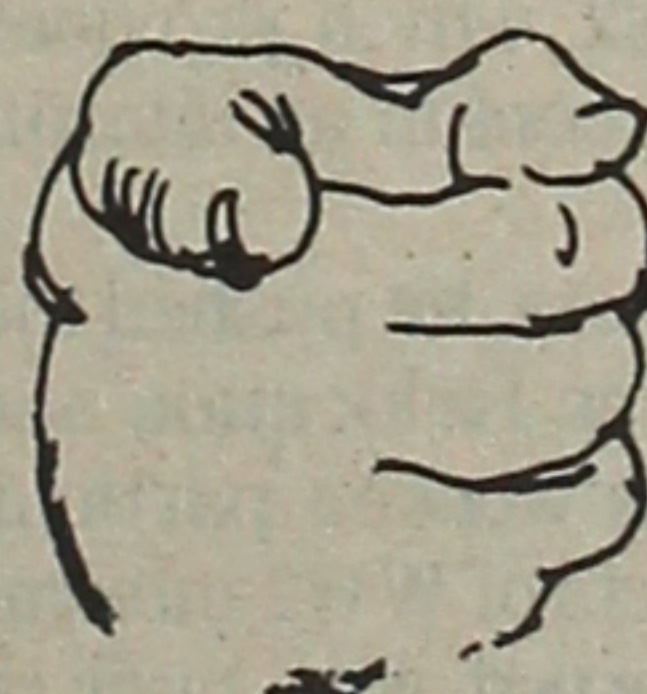
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Yori Wada to chair UC board of regents

LOS ANGELES — First minority ethnic chair of the Univ. of California board of regents, Yori Wada, was elected 16-1 at the regents' meeting at UCLA June 17. He



YORI WADA

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assumes the one-year term of office July 1 and will preside over a 28-member policy-making body of the nine-campus system.

The election of Wada was more controversial than the vote cast seemed to appear as a chairman historically serves two consecutive one-year terms.

Decision not to re-elect current chair Glenn Campbell, a director at the Hoover Institution at Stanford and an appointee of Gov. Reagan, came when the nominating committee had recommended the 67-year-old Nisei retired YMCA executive.

However, Wada's candidacy was challenged because, as one felt, he lacked experience in fund-raising and business. But outgoing UC president David Saxon held that notion of a chairman was not true. "What the president of the university needs is the support of a united board of regents," he said.

Wada's outspoken stand against the university's nuclear weapon labs and his call last autumn for the board to endorse a nuclear freeze was also part of the heated argument when regent Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of Los Angeles noted Wada was "a solution everyone can live with". There were two other regents who wanted the chair position. #

PROTEST

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big story about how wonderful the Los Angeles area is, how well immigrants are received and so forth.

"Then at the end of the hour the interviewer said, 'I suppose there are also a lot of negative charges and sentiments against new immigrants also.' I said yes, there are always negative responses to minorities, and we joked for a moment or two. But I never said what they quoted me as saying."

"I talked to the interviewer a few days later," Kitano continued. "He told me that all the material had been turned over to the next echelon at Time. Apparently, somebody further up the ladder decided to turn the story around to sound negative."

Kitano said he has received a large number of "hate calls" since the article was published, including several threats on his life.

Kitano disagrees with the magazine's assertion that the different groups among the Asians look down on each other.

"There is more of a pan-Asian feeling now in Los Angeles than there has ever been before," Kitano said.

He added that he has met with a number of editors from Los Angeles-based Korean newspapers to explain the mix-up. "My strongest support has come from the Korean students association at UCLA, those who know me and have taken my classes. They know that what was said in the magazine is totally different from what I've been saying in class."

"It makes me wonder if Time had intended all along to turn the piece against immigrants and minorities."

(It is likely that whatever letters reacting to this cover

story would appear in the July 4 issue.)

Sociology Professor Eui-Young Yu of Cal State L.A., also quoted in the story, said in a letter to Time's editor, "I do not agree with your contention that 'younger Koreans are more likely to commit crimes than any other Asian nationality.' I have not seen any data or study supporting this contention. Such a derogatory remark only reinforces negative stereotyping of racial minorities."

Yu also disagreed with the Time contention that Koreans in L.A. are concentrated mostly in the Koreatown area, "a two square mile swath along jumbled Olympic Boulevard".

"The area simply contains a large number of Korean shops," Yu said. "The area probably contains less than 5 percent of the L.A. Koreans."

Dr. Youn-Cha Shin Chey, executive director of San Francisco's Multi-Services Center for Koreans, also objected to what she called the magazine's "slights of Koreans".

"Your writers seized upon an unrepresentative portrayal of Koreans and proceeded to lay waste to years of earnest efforts to present the Korean story to America," Chey wrote. "In one sentence you dismiss efforts within the Korean community to reach out to the other ethnic minorities."

"It was difficult to introduce our community to America when people knew little of our burgeoning population. It will be increasingly difficult now that Time has given the American public this sad distortion," she continued.

Dr. Allan Seid of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California said he was puzzled by Time's implication of con-

tempt between Asian groups.

"I've not found it to be so. Going through Los Angeles, I've found a definite feeling of a strong need for unity, not only within each ethnic group but also in collaboration with other ethnic Asian groups. The Time article reflected only one sentiment, and I would take issue with the contention that it is representative of the general sentiment among Asians in L.A."

"And the preference of many people to speak the native tongue of their respective ethnic groups is coupled with a strong desire to achieve fluency in English. It is not an 'either/or' choice for Asians in this country, but rather a matter of learning to use both languages," Seid continued.

"The Time article seems to suggest that those who wish to pre-

serve their ethnic culture are somehow un-American."

A Time reporter told Asian Week that the story reflected extensive research and a large number of interviews with Asians in Los Angeles, as well as police, church officials, ethnic newspaper editors and television station executives, as well as other sources.

"A lot of people have tried to make it sound like we were saying negative things about the various ethnic groups, but we were just writing what the people told us," said Time reporter Laura Meyers.

But Meyers admitted to having a difficult time sorting out the Asian names of many of the people contacted in connection with the story.

And the names of professors Kitano and Yu were misspelled in the Time story.—Asian Week. #



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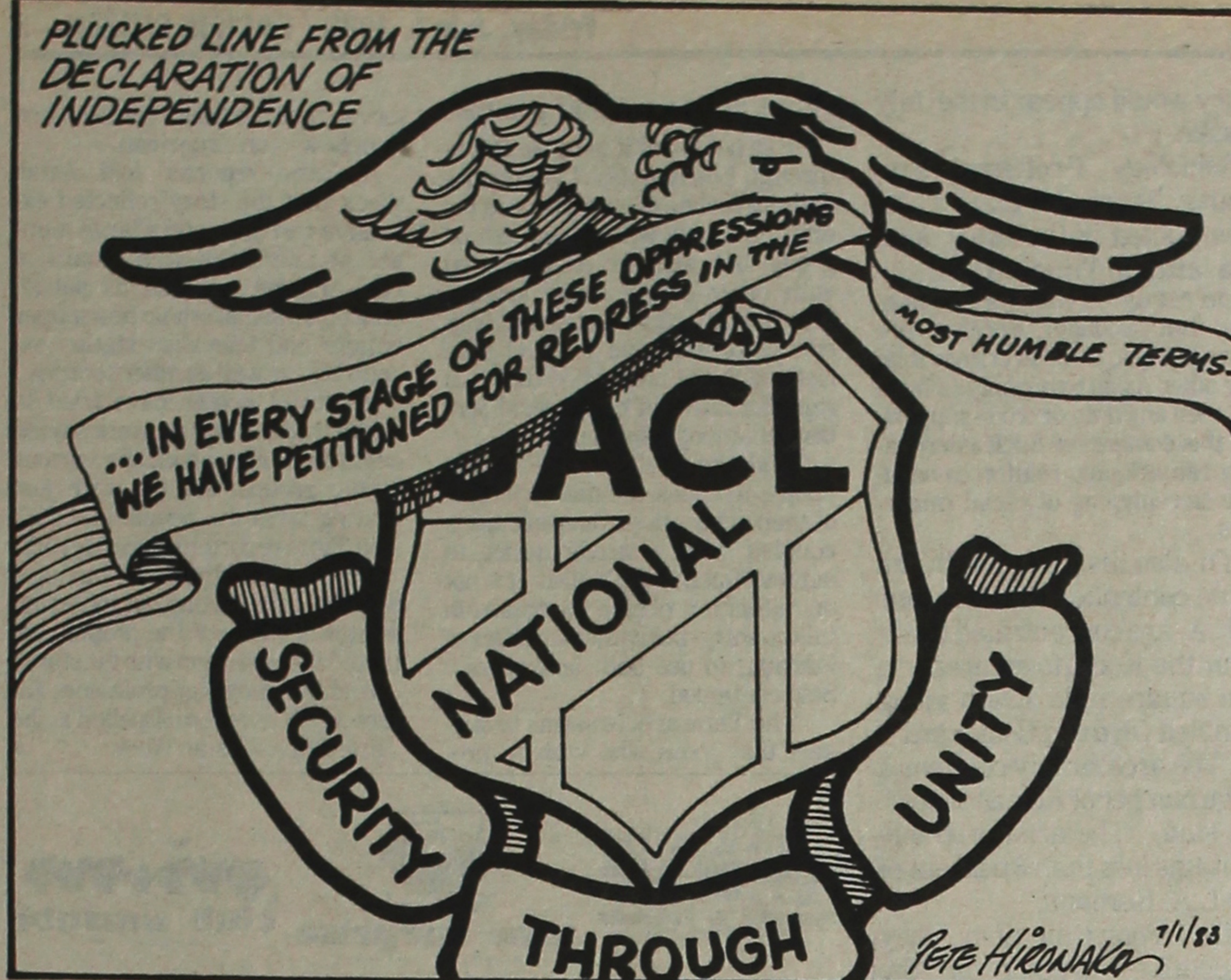
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BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



Thoughts on Armament

Los Angeles

The League of Women Voters undertook to study national security despite criticism, bewilderment and mysterious jargon. That in itself was rather phenomenal for women because we are not taken seriously on these matters.

In the course of discussion at a local consensus meeting on this subject trying to express whether I favored limiting or reducing weapons, or prohibiting possession or first use, or whether one objective in arms control was high, medium, or low level of importance, I came to a strange and sudden conclusion—that so long as there are men as heads of nations making the decisions on war or peace, we shall never have lasting world peace. Armament is too "macho" a game.

It's the same old relentless story which begins in childhood: "My daddy's stronger than your daddy"... my car is more powerful than yours... to my "gun" is bigger and better than

yours. I state this as a realistic, objective observation with no malice intended. I am sure that my psychiatrist will bear me out.

There is one fallacy in this conclusion: I am stereotyping man as being incapable of being sensitive to the ravages and destructiveness of war; that his chief concern is in power and the upper hand.

Personally, I happen to believe that a man has a right to feelings that are other than "macho", that it is okay to be moved by music, a beautiful sunset, to weep over a personal loss whether it be a pet, a partner or a parent.

* * *

The fabled Japanese woman is "otonashii" and "johin", gentle and ladylike. But a woman does not have to be all weak and helpless. She can be strong and business-like, and a good administrator, too. But, she can never be entirely "macho". It will be that quality that will save nations. #

Commentary

A Central Cal Perspective

By FRED HIRASUNA

Fresno

Let me say that I have no desire to engage in letters-to-the-editor controversies with anyone. With advancing age, one is more concerned with family- and grandchildren, but we will attempt to address the topics posed by Henry Sakai (PC, June 3).

1. "Impact of large agribusiness on Japanese farmers."

We take this to mean Japanese American farmers in the San Joaquin Valley. There are thousands of independent growers here, Japanese American, Chinese American, Korean American, Mexican

American and Caucasians. These range from quite large to very small family farms, and are engaged in the growing of tree fruits, berries and vegetables. At this point, very few large, national corporations have engaged in agricultural activities in such labor intensive kinds of farming. Very few, if any, Japanese American growers have been forced out of business because of such activities.

2. "Subsidies for not farming your land or buying your crop by the government and then dumping the produce."

Such subsidies generally apply to field crops such as tobacco, cotton and grains. No government subsidy has ever been given to the fruit and vegetable growers of the San Joaquin Valley, either to not farm land or to purchase crops for dumping purposes.

3. "U.S.-Japan farm trade relations."

Japanese farmers in Japan have a tremendous political clout in Japan. They are organized in cooperatives intent on protecting their industry against foreign competition. This is probably the main reason Japan imposes a quota system on imports of agricultural products which compete with their domestic agricultural products. Generally, Japan will permit farm products which do not compete seasonably with home production. All countries tend to

protect domestic industries. We, too, subsidize domestic farm and industrial products, negotiate economic pacts and erect tariff and non-tariff barriers against foreign products that compete with our domestic products.

In spite of such barriers on the part of both nations, Japan is the biggest market for U.S. agricultural products. As the competition for world markets increases, both in agricultural products and industrial products, more disputes are bound to arise in the area of foreign trade.

4. "Racist connotations."

We are not aware that the term, "wetbacks", was used generally at Reno to describe what we know as "illegal aliens" or as more commonly used today "undocumented aliens". The term, "wetback", originated with the Mexican phrase, *los mojados*, the wet ones, and is no longer used except by the most ignorant and prejudiced. It should be realized that 80 to 90% of the undocumented aliens are in the urban centers—not on farms as agricultural workers.

According to the Border Patrol's own statistics, only 7 to 10% of these undocumented workers are on farms, but 50% of those apprehended were taken from farms. A partial explanation may be the fact that search warrants are needed to enter business establishments, but not required to enter open fields.

5. "Simpson-Mazzoli Bill."

This proposed bill would legalize most of the large numbers of undocumented aliens already in the U.S., and, of course, their families. There would be increased efforts to prevent any more from entering the U.S. business and farm employers would be penalized if they hire undocumented workers. An expansion of the H-2 seasonal worker program is contemplated to allow workers to come in to take care of harvest labor needs that cannot be supplied by able, willing domestic workers.

Nothing is said in the proposed Simpson-Mazzoli Bill about immigrants bringing in families. The bill does not deal with legal immigrants. Immigration, generally comes under the same regulations as immigrants from all countries.

Employers, generally, protest that they should not be saddled with the responsibility of determining who is legal, that they should not be used as the primary means to enforce America's immigration laws.

Farmers claim that the H-2 program for supplemental labor is too cumbersome and too full of red tape to be useful for the needs of harvest labor.

Mexican American organizations protest that this bill gives the employer an opportunity to refuse jobs to anyone with a Mexican face where no positive identification system is in force. They fear increased discrimination and demand tighter safeguards.

The above is a brief summary of the points brought by Henry Sakai. We emphasize that any errors or omissions are ours and that the opinions expressed are ours. #

Keeping Track:

Readers who have turned in editorials to the PC desk are acknowledged at the bottom of the piece submitted. We thank them.—Editor.

Japanese Americans' claims

(San Diego) Tribune, June 20, 1983

It is proposed that the federal government should pay \$20,000 in compensation to each Japanese American forced to move away from the Pacific Coast during World War II.

The proposal was made last week by the congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in its final report.

The recommendation angers many Americans. It is not merely the cost (\$1.5 billion) at a time of record federal budget deficits. It is the principle of the thing.

Why should we pay the Japanese Americans for their losses and their suffering in a war started by the Japanese? Did the Japanese government pay damages to the families of American servicemen killed in action in the Pacific? How about the surviving American prisoners who suffered on the Bataan death march and in Japanese prison camps—shouldn't they receive \$20,000 each? War is hell. There are many victims. Many lose lives. Many lives were disrupted. Why single out the Japanese Americans for compensation?

The answer lies deep in our constitutional form of government.

But, first of all, it must be said that there is no chance whatsoever that Congress will accept the recommendation and pay the compensation voluntarily. What may well happen is that the courts will find the federal government liable and award damages. Then the damages would have to be paid, just as the government paid damages to the Indians after the courts found that treaties had been violated.

The basis of the Japanese American case is that the relocation violated the Constitution, the basic document drawn to protect citizens and residents of the United States from tyranny by our government.

Of course, war is hell. And in wartime emergencies, as President Lincoln said when he imposed martial law on civilians in parts of the North during the Civil War, the Constitution does not require the government to submit to its own destruction. The Supreme Court later struck down Lincoln's action as unconstitutional. But surely there are circumstances in which such executive action is justified. If necessary, surgeons perform amputations in order to save lives. If necessary, the government can suspend constitutional guarantees, can amputate the Bill of Rights, in order to preserve the Constitution.

So the question turns on the necessity of the wartime relocation of the Japanese Americans. There is every indication now that it was not necessary. It appears that the executive branch of the federal government withheld relevant evidence during World War II when it argued, successfully, before the Supreme Court that the relocation was justified.

All the facts must now come out and be subject to judicial review. That is probably going to happen as a result of a case filed by three Japanese American men who lost their appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States when the court upheld the exclusion order. They now seek a rehearing and a finding that the order was unconsti-

tutional.

If that happens, damage suits will follow.

A profoundly important principle is involved. That is that government, even if it is doing the will of the majority, may never violate

The last battle of World War II

L.A. Herald Examiner, June 21, 1983

It may seem like a lot of money: \$20,000 to each Japanese American wrongly imprisoned in World War II internment camps. But measured against the internees' actual losses and the redress granted in less grievous cases, the sum is nominal.

Symbolically, however, it would be a tangible part of a wider acknowledgement that these innocent people, most of them American citizens were wronged by their government. In addition to the monetary award, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has recommended a formal apology to the internees; presidential pardons for those convicted of violating curfew and internment orders; and the creation of a foundation to study civil-rights abuses.

Most of those recommendations are praiseworthy, not least because the misunderstanding and bitterness still surrounding the wartime internments should be dispelled once and for all. Still, two recommendations trouble us. The first is the matter of presidential pardons, which carry an implication of criminal guilt that is unjustified in this case. As we've said before, a better remedy would be for the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its decisions upholding the constitutionality of the internment orders.

The commission also failed to recommend compensation for the heirs of deceased internees. Our concern is not so much whether

the rights of a minority and suspend the safeguards of liberty, except under the threat of clear and present danger.

Preserving that principle of individual freedom is worth whatever it costs.—(Mas Hironaka).

heirs should be compensated, but what their omission would mean. Half of the original 120,000 internees are dead, and many others are in their 60s and 70s. Thus, congressional delay could be taken for a cynical game of waiting until most of the would-be beneficiaries have passed away.

If heirs are not to be compensated, then Congress should act immediately to repay the aging camp survivors. They have waited 40 years for justice, and until they get it, we will not be able to close this tragic chapter in our nation's history.—(Mas Imon).

The \$20,000 apology

San Jose Mercury, June 17, 1983

The United States government owes an apology to approximately 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were uprooted from their homes and confined in relocation camps during World War II. It also owes the estimated 60,000 survivors of those camps \$20,000 each.

That is the conclusion of the congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The \$20,000 payment would cost the taxpayers about \$1.5 billion. The amount admittedly is arbitrary, but the injustice is real. Congress should appropriate the money.

We do not for a moment contend that \$20,000 is adequate compensation for the loss of businesses, jobs, homes and personal possessions suffered by men and women whose

only crime was one of ancestry. It would be impossible after 40 years to calculate those losses with any precision. Nor could anything material ever compensate the internees for their loss of liberty and the social stigma they suffered.

Still, we believe it is important symbolically to put some weight behind this belated apology. Just saying we're sorry is too easy. Twenty thousand dollars is a substantial sum; it says we're sorry in language we all can understand.

The commission's recommendations include, in addition to personal reparations, establishment of an educational foundation, "so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be eliminated and understood."

The nine-member commission summed up the issue succinctly last February when, after two and a half years of hearings, study and analysis, it reported:

"A grave injustice was done to American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, who without any individual review or any probative evidence against them, were excluded, removed and detained by the United States during World War II... Most important... was the loss of liberty and the personal stigma of suspected disloyalty for thousands of people who knew themselves to be devoted to their country's cause and to its ideals but whose repeated protestations of loyalty were discounted..."

War hysteria, race prejudice and a dismal failure of political leadership let it happen. America's concentration camps, 10 of them from the Mojave Desert to Arkansas, will forever remain a blot on our history. Reparations won't cleanse the record, but we believe they will help ensure that the shame is never repeated.—(Bob Hirata)

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Asian American Journalists Assn.

Los Angeles

For whatever reason, not many Nisei found their way into the newspaper business. Almost none of them were able to break into radio, and of course television was only a dream of the future at the time most Nisei were growing up.

The Sansei have done much better in both the print and electronic media. The doors of opportunity were opened to them and their other Asian American colleagues, and they demonstrated a great deal of talent once they were given the chance to display it.

Several years ago, recognizing the desirability of encouraging other Asian American to enter journalism, a small group of professionals in Southern California founded what they called the Asian American Journalists Association.

Tritia Toyota, well-known throughout Southern California as anchorperson on KNBC-TV, was elected president. Bill Sing, a writer in the business news department of the Los Angeles Times, became chairman. Frank Kwan of KNBC-TV and Elaine Woo, a feature writer for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, were named vice presidents. Linda Chang of KNBC-TV became secretary and Cherry Gee of the Los Angeles Times chief financial officer, treasurer.

One of the principal goals of AAJA was to provide scholarships for Asian Americans studying journalism. For that they needed money. Tritia Toyota asked her friend Tom Brokaw to speak at a fund-raising banquet. Brokaw flew out from New York just for expenses. The metropolitan newspapers and TV stations bought entire tables and the fund-raiser proved to be a rousing success.

Last year the AAJA received more than 60 entries in response to its scholarship announcement, and awarded nearly \$6,000 to 10 high school and college students.

This year's judging was held a few weeks ago at KNXT-TV in Los Angeles and I happened to be one of the judges. Elaine Woo had assembled the entries, which included the usual questionnaire, a 500-word essay and published samples of writing.

Elaine and Bill Sing felt that some of this year's entries did not measure up to those they had seen last year. But I was properly impressed. Having been a part-time journalism instructor in a couple of Colorado universities in the not distant past, it was a pleasure to read material that demonstrated a working knowledge of spelling and grammar, and expressed original thoughts.

But I was even more impressed by the dedicated efforts of the AAJA. Like most volunteer organizations it has a small nucleus that does the work because it believes in its program. Nobody, so far as I could tell, told them they must get together and award scholarships. But obviously they believe journalism is an important profession and that Asian Americans ought to be encouraged to enter it.

So people like Elaine Woo and Bill Sing and Victor Merina and some others have put in a great deal of time and effort to publicize the competition, gather and coordinate the entries, arrange for the judges, assemble the finalists for personal or telephone interviews, determine how much they can afford to give out, and finally write and mail the checks.

It is, of course, a labor of love that deserves the support of Asian Americans in the media throughout the country, even if it is difficult for all of them to get together. I offered to start a one-member chapter in Denver. If you're a journalist interested in joining, you can write to Elaine Woo, Asian American Journalists Association, Room 411, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. #

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Pepperpot:

"Pepperpot" is PC's corner initiated over two decades ago for contributors who are 35 years and under, to accord them a forum of their own. We are grateful this JACler (and next time, include the age or check off the age bracket on the membership form) revived this title.—H.H.

By RANDOLPH T. SHIBATA

Vice President-Membership, New Mexico JACL
Albuquerque, N.M.

At a JACL District function in the Rockies, I saw a good side of Nikkei. I experienced the warmth and hospitality shown by many members of the host chapter. It was most impressive to see people give 110-percent effort to make the function a success.

The sessions and redress workshop were interesting. At one point, I pointed out a position that was somewhat unpopular. Although many of my fellow JACLers disagreed with this viewpoint, they encouraged me to speak out. Obviously, most of the people felt that it was important to have a wide range of viewpoints expressed. The good side of these people is something I will always remember and try to emulate.

Unfortunately, I also saw a bad side of some Nikkei. This is a side that I would rather forget, but cannot. One member of my party was a Caucasian, herself a JACler. A few of the Nikkei present at the function behaved in ways that are inconsistent with the goals of a civil rights organization.

One person called my friend a "whitey" to her face. A few

JACL News

Shimomura to keynote EDC-MDC parley in N.Y.

NEW YORK—Five challenging workshops aimed at strengthening the inner "ki" (soul) of Japanese Americans so as to "Make Our Move" (the convention theme) in such areas as redress, Asian American issues and U.S.-Japan relations are main events at the joint EDC-MDC convention Aug. 11-14 at the Sheraton here, 7th Ave. & 56th St.

The convention keynote, Floyd Shimomura, National JACL president and UC Davis law school professor, will address the Saturday banquet and hold a Q/A session with JACL delegates Sunday morning.

Registration [\$75 early bird due July 15 or \$80 regular, att: Mark Hashizume, 63 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, NJ 07040] covers (1) Friday bento \$10, (2) Saturday dinner dance \$30, (3) Sunday brunch \$15, (4) welcome reception, morning refreshments, all workshops and registration \$30.

Room reservations at the Sheraton at the \$62 JACL rate (allows up to 2 adults and 2 children under 17 or three adults) should be made directly with the hotel, attn: Robin Merkel. Rate also applies before or after convention for an extended vacation. Floor space is also available for those who bring their own bedrolls at the N.Y. Buddhist Church.

Thirty \$45-tickets for the Broadway show, "Dreamgirls", Aug. 12 are available on a first come-first serve basis from Hashizume.

The workshop topics and leaders are:

1—Redress: Part I—Plans, strategies and a call to action. Grayce Uyebara (Philadelphia).

2—Redress: Part II—Learn how to deal with and give professional presentations to community groups. Prof. Joanne Yamauchi (Washington, D.C.)

3—Asian Americans in the Work Environment—Issues that face Asian Americans working in a white, male-dominated work environment. Dr. Lindbergh Sata (St. Louis).

4—U.S.-Japan Relations—The news of U.S.-Japan relations as seen by JACL, government, business and academic circles. Hideki Hamamoto (WDC).

5—Pan-Asian Dialogue—To acquaint ourselves with other Asian American organizations and explore possibilities of working together on common issues and concerns. Lillian Kimura (Chicago). #

Video producer for project named

SAN FRANCISCO—Emiko Omori, local Nisei cinematographer, was announced as producer of the National JACL Aging & Retirement Committee video project on Nisei aging, it was announced June 20 by Lia Shigemura, JACL program director.

Since the untimely death of Emmy Award-winning cinematographer Henry Ushijima of Chicago, who first conceived the idea for the project and volunteered his time to produce the video, the Aging & Retirement committee has searched for a qualified individual to continue the project. Omori, a Nisei whose credentials and talents are

well known in her field, was among the five individuals/organizations that submitted proposals and sample video tapes to a committee which subsequently held final interviews with the candidates.

Although all of the proposals were of superior quality, Omori's proposal and sample tape conveyed the depth of emotional sensitivity that the JACL project on Nisei aging will require.

The video tape focusing on the Nisei, scheduled for a late fall release, will be a thought and emotion piece that will attempt to initiate or further the planning process that is required for a positive experience in later life. #

Puyallup honors grads

TACOMA, Wa.—Thirty-two graduates from high schools, colleges and universities were honored at the Puyallup Valley JACL banquet June 12, at the Executive Inn in Fife. Lori Matsukawa, reporter/anchor woman for KING-TV, was guest speaker. Fife Mayor Bob Mizukami was emcee.

The JACL Elsie Moser Memorial scholarships were awarded to Brenda Fukai and Kimiko Yamane.

Dr. Paul Ellis and his wife, Edna, were presented with the National JACL Sapphire Pin for their long and dedicated service to JACL as well as to the Nikkei community. Issei community leader Shigeru Masugi received the Distinguished Community Service award.

Elsie Taniguchi and Joe Kosai co-chaired the event. #

Two Sides of the Nikkei

other Nikkei made my friend feel unwelcome or asked questions that showed a lack of sensitivity and manners and lots of ignorance. One person even asked me if it was safe to drink the water in my native state of New Mexico.

We complain when people compliment us on our command of the English language, as if we had just arrived from Japan. We groan when people ask questions like "how do you people do that in your country?" I can imagine the anger we would show if some person whom we did not know, were to call us a Jap or a Nip or a sneak. Human rights is a two-way street. Unfortunately, some people fail to realize this. Somehow, some people feel that Nikkei can only be the victims of bigotry. Somehow, some people feel that because we are members of a civil and human rights group, we cannot have racist attitudes. But we can. Is the person who called my friend a "whitey" any different from the DeWitts and Bendetsens of the past? If you look at their mental attitudes towards other ethnic groups, I must say that I doubt it.

While many Nikkei demand to be accepted, some of these who demand this refuse to accept others. I remember the outcry when Nisei Week queen candidates in California were not 100% Japanese. Somehow, things like this remind me of a racial purity position advocated by a guy by the name of Hitler. If we are a civil rights group, we must accept all people whether their names are Shibata or Johnson, whether they are 100% Nikkei, 50% Nikkei, 25% Nikkei, or 0% Nikkei.

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Our chapter sponsors a Japanese Festival called Omatsuri. I see things happening in it that I feel some Nikkei might never accept. About 30% of the entertainment feature Nikkei participants. The other acts feature Caucasians demonstrating bonsai, and blacks and Hispanics demonstrating martial arts. Some Nikkei will probably find this distasteful in what is billed as a Japanese Festival. But if we wish to indeed be "Better Americans in a Greater America", we must get rid of the attitude that other ethnic groups cannot do things Japanese.

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When I think of the attitudes shown by those bigoted Nikkei and of our quest for redress, I am appalled. The kind of bigotry that such Nikkei show is the same kind of thinking that created the Manzanars, the Minidokas, the Granadas and the Heart Mountains. If Nikkei show a narrow bigoted attitude toward other groups on this issue and in other issues, our quest will fail. Min Yasui told me that redress must be a human rights issue. I agree. Unfortunately, some people think that we are the only people to have faced discrimination. Too many Nikkei forget about the long walk of the Navajo Indians, of American Hispanics being confused for illegal aliens, of Iranians being discriminated during the hostage crisis, of Nikkei calling people "whitey" and "nigger". What is worse, some Nikkei do not even care! If we cannot see redress as a cause for all peoples, and if we are not sincere in our beliefs that our experience should not happen to any person again, and if we show a narrow bigoted attitude, redress deserves to fail.

JACL is and must be a human rights advocacy organization. We must not let ourselves become an Asian version of the Klux Klan.

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From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito



June 18, 1983

Los Angeles

It was supposed to be a typical June day. The weather forecast was for morning low clouds with clearing by mid-day with highs in the 80's in the P.M. I was going to dress comfortably that day. Therefore I put on my jeans (not designer), polo shirt and walking shoes. I picked up Ken Hayashi, who had on a gray suit, without tie, and we drove to city hall. We met George Kodama

JOB BIAS

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volving a Caucasian administrator under the same supervisor had resulted in no punitive action, according to Kuramoto.

APLDEF with other community organizations has requested action by the County board of supervisors.

(3) Francis S. Torii, an instructor at L.A. Trade Tech College for 22 years, has had continual problems with his supervisor since 1961, such as harassment during classroom hours, unjustified reprimands and unfair schedules, assignments and transfer.

Torii's problems culminated when he received a "Notice of Unsatisfactory Service", alleging "excessive absences". However, these absences were covered by a physician-documented illness leave, APLDEF pointed out.

PSW insurance caution issued

LOS ANGELES—Persons enrolled in the PSWDC Chapter-Sponsored insurance program who have not paid 1983 JACL chapter dues are jeopardizing coverage, according to Cary Nishimoto, district governor. They are technically "not eligible for insurance benefits even though they may have paid insurance premiums", he explained June 24.

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College president at Trade Tech, after a series of meetings with APLDEF board members, assured he would personally investigate the problems and work for a resolution. Several problem areas have been successfully negotiated. Torii's supervisor also has elected to take an early retirement.

(4) Felix Babauta, a Guamanian employed at the U.S. naval shipyards in Wilmington, has charged racial discrimination at the yard for several years. The case is under review by APLDEF.

To support APLDEF through personal contributions, membership or participation, call John Saito (213) 626-4471.

at the footsteps of city hall. He was supposed to give me instructions on my role as a rally monitor. We were the earlier arrivals to the Vincent Chin rally. As we stood in the shade of the numerous trees that front the elevated entrance to the city hall we observed elected officials and organizational heads climb the many steps that lead up to the platform level where the podium and microphones were set up.

As we waited we could hear voices from a distance and then there soon appeared the first face of the group that had walked from Chinatown to the city hall. Young and old were carrying banners and placards in English and other Asian languages and began to converge on the footsteps of city hall. After the crowd, had settled, speaker after speaker spoke about the injustices done to Vincent Chin, the scapegoating of the Asian American community, the folly of the justice system, the unification of the Asian/Pacific American communities, and etc.

The list of speakers included: Secretary of the State March Fong Eu, Mayor Tom Bradley, State Senator Art Torres, Assemblyman Robert Calderon, Mayor pro-tem Lily Chen (Monterey Park) and many others. They all spoke and left the scorching sun rays to a shady or covered area, but our district governor Cary Nishimoto was one of the last speakers. When I saw him two days later he was about six shades darker. The wrap-up speaker was Fred Fujioka, a Sansei attorney and member of Marina chapter, JADC, JABA, APART, etc. and he focused in on a phone number in San Francisco that has a recorded hate message directed at Asian Americans. The message warns white folks to arm themselves against an Asian takeover. Fred said the message is a two edge sword and cuts both ways.

Acknowledgments and words of appreciation were made near the end of the rally. One merchant was thanked for his donation of 500 cans of soda. The media estimated the crowd to be about 300 and since I did not get a can of pop I concluded that there were more than 500 people in the crowd or I didn't catch those persons who drank more than one can.

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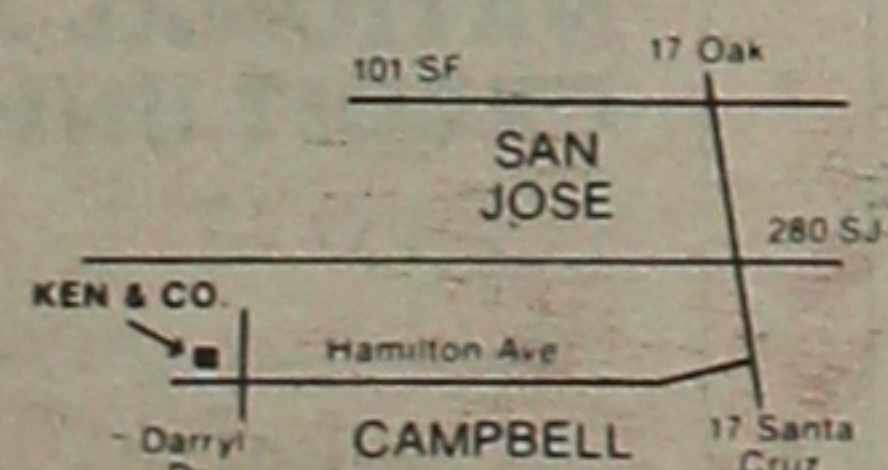


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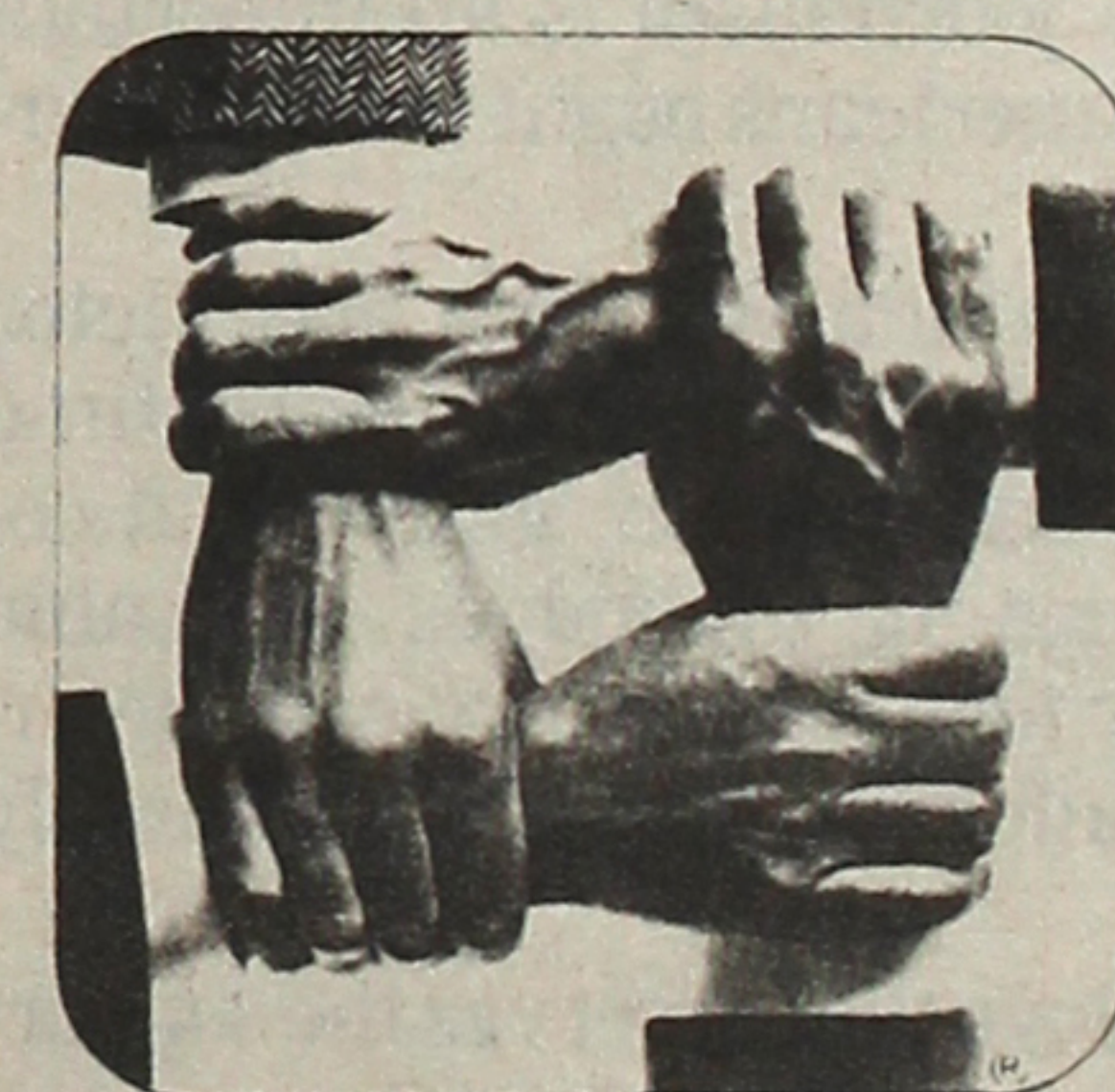
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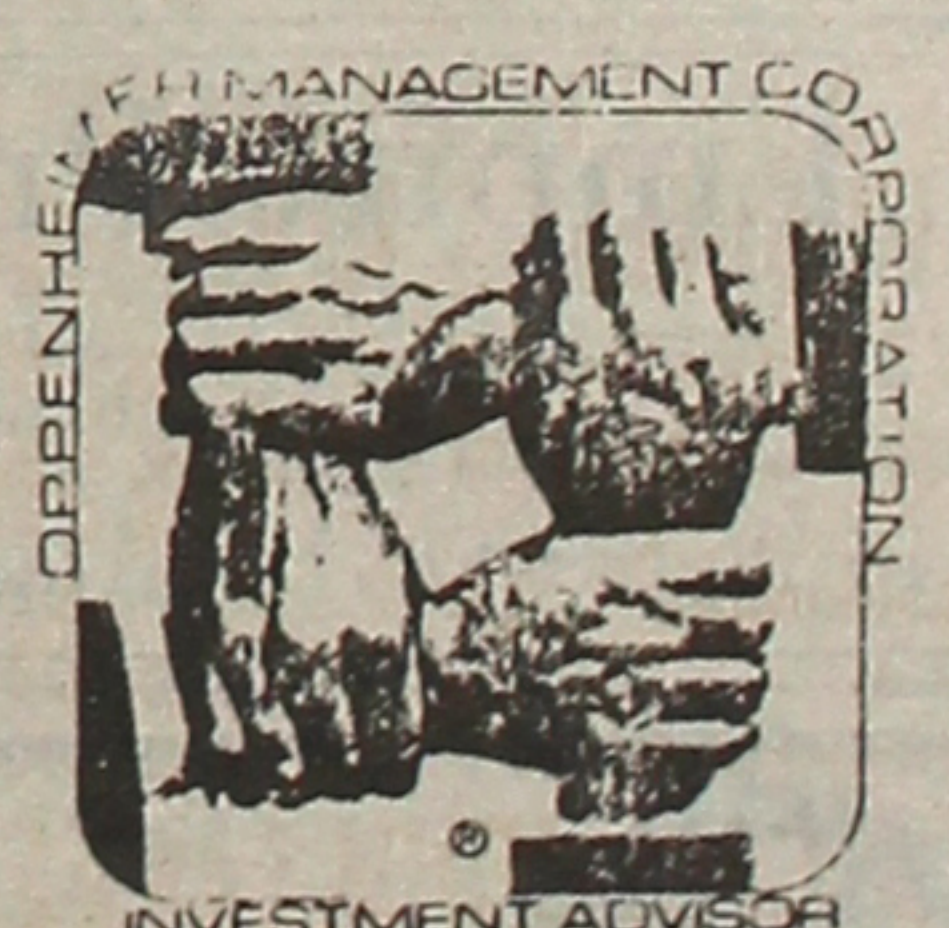
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McCloy "is an insult to those of use who were interned and to all Americans who believe in equal justice". Norm added McCloy's continued defense of the internment "brings dishonor to himself and to those who honor him".

A tireless advocate of civil liberties, Norm has also been very active in the Vincent Chin case, which involves the murder of a young American of Chinese ancestry in Detroit and subsequent sentencing of his killers to nothing more than a \$3,000 fine and probation. In this instance, Norm organized a letter from several Members of Congress to Attorney General William French Smith, asking for his direct, personal involvement in the federal investigation and review of the entire incident.

Earlier this year, Norm took the lead in calling a special meeting to discuss formation of an Asian Pacific American caucus within the Democratic National Committee. That first meeting in Washington was followed by a second one last month at Palo Alto. The caucus is well on its way to formalizing a

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Whatever the sum, Cranston said, "This is mainly symbolic... an admission of wrongdoing and a step to ensure that we know better and will do better in the future."

Both Cranston and Lowry admitted their bills faced hard fights in Congress and thus far has no support from the White House.

The bills were praised by

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