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## Another 'Vincent Chin' case looming in San Francisco

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Asian community expressed shock and outrage when a jury convicted Billy Robinson, 21, of involuntary manslaughter Aug. 26 in the slaying of Paul Wu, Asian Week Reported.

"All of us, including Judge Jack Berman, believed that the jury would decide on second degree murder," said Frank Wu, the victim's brother. "We were all shocked when the jury decided on involuntary manslaughter."

Paul Wu, 39, was stabbed to death in a traffic dispute April 19. Robinson struck Wu in the neck with a knife and then ran away from the site of the incident.

Robinson turned himself in after two days claiming that he was drunk the night of the incident. The alleged murder weapon was not available in the trial as evidence.

"There were no Asians on the jury," Frank Wu said. "That is not right... the non-Asians don't understand Asian culture."

"Also, Billy Robinson brought his 11-month-old daughter to court," the victim's brother continued. "I think the jury was more sympathetic to them. The jury spent too much time listening to the testimony of Robinson's family."

"Our family is very disappointed with the decision. We're now talking with our lawyer and community groups to decide on what to do next," Frank Wu said. "We want action... the light sentence means that nobody is safe on the street, no Chinese is safe... just look at Vincent Chin."

The maximum term for involuntary manslaughter is six years and eight months. Robinson will be sentenced on Sept. 23 in the Hall of Justice.

## Asian American studies, like other ethnic courses, failing

**SEATTLE, Wash.**—Asian American Studies face an eventual loss of identity, if not possible extinction, at the Univ. of Washington.

"Ethnic studies courses like Black Political Economy or Asian American Literature were rebels from their inception; byproducts of the campus unrest of the late 1960s," wrote Evelyn Iritani of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in mid-August. Many such offerings at the community college level have been dropped.

Due to shortage of funds, resources are devoted more toward basic academic subjects.

"During the next decade the funding situation isn't going to get much better," commented James Morishima, an associate dean of graduate studies and former director of Asian American Studies. "Their (ethnic studies) chances of survival are greatly increased by focusing more energy in research and scholarly activity. The community must realize that."

Stephen Sumida of the Asian

American Studies division of the Ethnic Studies Dept. is fighting the mainstream concept that all the programs can be lumped together. "The problem was, we didn't want this to be misunderstood, that Asian American Studies is the same as Black Studies. We're not just here talking about racism. We're talking about history, literature and culture."

Roy Flores, assistant director for student services and minority affairs for the Washington State Board for Community College Education, said:

"I'm not so sure ethnic studies courses are the way to go. Take your History 101 or your Sociology 101 and make it multi-ethnic in its curriculum so all students, white and non-white, get a rich perspective."

Flores, however, agrees with Iritani, that such a mixture of ethnic influences in general education will probably never come about.

## Funding key issue in San Diego race

**SAN DIEGO, Ca.**—Vernon Yoshioka, San Diego's first Japanese American ever to run for public office in that city, says funding is the key issue in a race for the Community College District B Trustee post. "Tuition is what we're talking about, not only in San Diego colleges, but throughout the State," Yoshioka said. "I feel the Governor's plan for tuition—at only \$50.00 per semester, or, \$100 annually—is little to ask for a college education."

On Sept. 20, Yoshioka faces the 18-year incumbent, Gene French.

Although Yoshioka admits defeating an incumbent is difficult, he not only has major support from San Diego's Japanese American community, but from Republican and other areas as well. "I'm running for this office because I wish to represent the Asian community," he notes. "And because changes need to be made in the leadership on the Community Col-

lege Trustee Board, I can't think of any office in California where an elected official has remained in office so long." Yoshioka adds that the 18 years, however, are not as upsetting to him as the incumbent's apparent lack of interest in his trustee position.

Yoshioka's district includes the areas of San Carlos, Tierrasanta, Kearny Mesa or East Clairemont, Elliott/Navajo and Miramar with a population of 197,959. The Asian ratio is around 6%.

Yoshioka's campaign director, Patricia Doering, says she expects a 30-40% voter turnout or more. "We have secured the assistance of many community leaders, including the Filipino community," she reports.

The campaign will hold an Asian Art Auction as a fund raiser at Fat City on Pacific Highway, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. For information: Yoshioka Campaign, P.O. Box 81702, San Diego, CA 92138-1702. (619) 299-3718, 574-6910.



**WASHINGTON STATE REPARATION**—First checks for \$2,500 for former Washington State employees summarily dismissed in early 1942 because of ancestry are presented at the State Capitol in Olympia. In the picture (from left) are State Sen. George Fleming (D), prime sponsor of the bill authorizing the payments; recipients Miyeko Mae Ishihara, Frank Kinomoto, and State Sen. John Jones (R), co-sponsor.

## Wash. State sends out \$2,500 'reparation' checks to 16 Nisei

Special to the Pacific Citizen

**SEATTLE, Wa.**—Miyeko Mae Ishihara and Frank Kinomoto, the first two recipients of reparations payments to former Washington State Japanese American employees, were presented checks for \$2,500 each by State Sen. George Fleming (D-Seattle), prime sponsor of SB 3163, at a news conference Sept. 1 at Olympia.

Recognizing the injustice of the 1942 dismissals, the state legislature, led by the powerful influence of Sen. Fleming, passed the bill in May which provides for \$5,000 in two payments to some 38 former employees. In a bipartisan effort supported by Senator John Jones (R-Kirkland), and Reps. Art Wang (D-Tacoma) and Gary Locke (D-Seattle),

the bill was amended to provide for payment to the surviving spouse in the event the state employee is deceased. Governor John Spellman signed the bill on May 13, 1983.

Both Ishihara, as a junior clerk, and Kinomoto, an auditor, were employees of the State Tax Commission when they were dismissed just nine days after E.O. 9066 was issued. They were forced to move from their homes and subsequently incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Camp.

After approximately two years in camp, Ishihara left to take a federal job with the WRA in Washington, D.C. and eventually returned to the West Coast to be rehired at the agency from which she was dismissed. Presently employed at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Seattle, Ishihara was appreciative of the

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## 'AMACHE REMEMBERED' ...

### 150 trek to Granada to dedicate monument

**GRANADA, Colo.**—A band of 150 Japanese Americans came here in the desert heat last Saturday (Sept. 3) to dedicate a monument where once lived nearly 8,000 in detention because of their Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Titled "Amache Remembered", the simple stone monument has inscribed the names of 31 Nisei from the camp who died in the military service during the war.

A color guard from Denver's Nisei American Legion Post 165 was present to honor the war dead. Sus Hidaka, a former resident of Pueblo, of the Denver Central Optimist Club, which spearheaded the drive for the monument, acknowledged the efforts to complete the mission. Bill Hosokawa, retired editorial page of the Denver Post, was keynote speaker. (He comments about this in his PC column this week.)

Also helping with the dedication details were Arkansas Valley JACLers, George Ushiyama, Haruye Saiki and Kent Yoritomo. The chapter covers the southeastern stretch of Colorado.

Front-Page Coverage Sunday Morning

The story had garnered front-page space Sunday with a two-page spread inside the Rocky Mountain News plus TV coverage.

Rocky Mountain News writer Steve Chawkins, in covering the dedication, noted the Amache camp cemetery, where the ceremonies took place, has patches of cow manure, cactus, scorpions and lizards—and dust everywhere. A few shade trees stand, cement foundations of the barracks remain and a closet-size brick shrine shelters a stone tablet inscribed in Japanese (see June 3 PC). "Amache today isn't much," Chawkins reported, "... at its height, Amache was a community—but one with a bittersweet core."

'A Blank of Four Years'

Mentioned in the report were George Kuramoto, Denver service station owner and judoist who was uprooted from his job at Walnut Grove, Calif.,

## Canada proposes tightening security law; Nisei protests

**TORONTO**—"The Federal Government Security Bill C-157 gives legality to the instruments that placed Japanese Canadians behind barbed wire internment camps," said George Imai, former National JCCA president, speaking at a mid-August protest rally sponsored by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

"Most, if not all, of the orders-in-council or the acts, that put us in the internment camps, are still intact. Now this bill will give the authorities the political legality that the others may have missed in peacetime," he said.

"What is 'scary' about this bill," said Imai, "is that what happened to 22,000 Japanese Canadians can happen to any group of people in Canada again. The reason why I say this, is that not a single case of espionage or sabotage was found against a single Japanese Canadian, and yet we were all imprisoned without trial or due process of law, on the simple expediency of being a 'security risk'."

In his address, Imai recalled the past:

"When I first read about Bill C-157 in the newspapers, it evoked in my mind, my thoughts to that day in 1942, as I looked out of the back of a cartage truck, with a sick mother beside me, the last look at the house I was born in and raised in. We were forcibly removed from our home, because we were 'a security risk'."

"As an organization and as a group, we fought for the entrenchment of the Charter of Rights in our Constitution, with the fervent hope that what happened to us would never happen to any Canadian again, however, with this bill, the spectre of fear of one's liberty and rights being infringed upon does not evoke confidence of hope and happiness for all Canadians."

Imai added: "I hope the government will seriously consider greater safeguards for all its citizens; for this appeal is for all citizens, like myself, who have no one else except the government to save and protect us. May the government have the faith and trust to do the right thing for all its citizens."

## Third hearing in Nikkei fingerprinting case due

**KOBE, Japan**—Ronald Susumu Fujiyoshi, 42-year-old Los Angeles-born missionary who was indicted June 16, 1982, for refusing to be fingerprinted as an alien will have his third hearing, scheduled Sept. 19, at the Kobe District Court.

Fujiyoshi, working with the Korean Christian Church, is one of the 31 defendants who refused to be fingerprinted under Japan's Alien Registration Law. He is one of three now being prosecuted.

A petition requesting a change from Kobe's summary court to district court was submitted by the Rev. Fujiyoshi's attorneys late last year.

The Japanese American opposes the government system which requires aliens over 16 who have remained in Japan more than 12 months to report to the Ministry of Justice for fingerprinting. Thereafter, non-citizens must submit ev-

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recalling the blistering summers, the 10x10 ft. barrack apartment allotted for him, his wife and their 2-year-old child, the barbed-wire around the camp, weeds pushing through the floorboards and the choking dust storms.

"A lifetime is blank for four years," Kuramoto told the writer who observed he harbors no bitterness. "It was wartime and anything could have happened. It was much safer here than staying on the outside."

Hosokawa, in his talk, recalled "the sense of injustice that brought us into this desert" and praised his fellow Japanese Americans for suffering with dignity and going to "establish an admirable record"—including a record, which Chawkins added, that was made even during the war years.

Underscoring this point for the writer was Tom Masamori, free-lance Denver photographer who fought with the 442nd: "It was a matter of

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## Enomoto, Kitano to address Topaz reunion

**SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.**—Jerry Enomoto and Harry Kitano, two San Franciscans who attended classes together through Topaz High during the war years and UC Berkeley after the war, will be featured speakers at the Topaz reunion Sept. 23-25 here. They will address the Saturday dinner, 6 p.m., at the Presidio Officers Club lounge.

A pre-reunion mixer ushers the reunion Friday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m., at

Nakamura's Restaurant on Pier 39. A slide show, "Topaz Remembrances", and movies taken in camp will be shown Saturday, 1:30 p.m., at the Masao Satow Bldg. (JACL Headquarters). An urban picnic Sunday featuring bento lunches from noon-4 p.m. will be held at Christ United Presbyterian Church in Japantown.

For tickets to the dinner and urban picnic, write to Machiko Nakamura Ota, 16 Citadel Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

**PC PEOPLE**

**Art**

Rod Atha Ichi of Sacramento and Dennis Morinaka of Oakland both won second place in oil painting and mixed media, respectively, in the California State Fair's annual art competition. Each received a ribbon and a \$250 cash prize.

**Award**

A 28-year U.S. government employee, **Yoza Yamada**, deputy accounting and finance officer at McClellan AFB, was the Air Force Assn.'s Outstanding Accounting and Finance Civilian of the Year for 1982. Presentation was made Aug. 26 at the AFA Colorado State Convention, Air Force Academy.

**Business**

Cynthia Suzuki was named special assistant to the executive vice president and director of political affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento, Calif. A native of Southern California, she received her B.A. from Loyola Marymount University and attended graduate school at Cal State Long Beach. In 1980-81, she was administrative deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. She was also administrative assistant to former Assembly Minority Leader Paul Priolo.

**Akira Kawanabe**, a solar architect from Alamosa, Colo., was one of 29 people appointed to the Colorado Small Business Council, established by Gov. Dick Lamm in 1979 to identify and help solve problems facing small business. The panel also evaluates proposed and existing state and federal small business assistance programs.

**Education**

Renee Morita is the 1983 Hinckley Scholar at the Univ. of Utah. The honor carried a \$3,500 award for graduate school tuition. A first-year graduate student in public administration, she is a student staff member of the Hinckley Institute of Politics. She received a bachelor of science degree in political science from the university. She is a state personnel administration employee for the Administrative Office of the Court.

Mary June Shimizu, daughter of Jiro and Masako Shimizu of Chicago, was awarded by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute the Rensselaer Medal for outstanding achievements in the study of mathematics and science during her junior year.

**Government**

Letitia N. Uyehara has been appointed Hawaii state director of environmental quality control by Gov. George Ariyoshi. She has been with the state Department of Health since 1976. The appointment is on an interim basis subject to Senate confirmation next year.

**Sports**

Brian Mondschein, whose parents are Philadelphia JACLers, finished third in the National Sports Festival decathlon in Colorado Springs in July.

Orange County Sansei golfer Kim Saiki, 17, of Ocean View High was regarded in a L.A. Times sports feature (Sept. 7) as "possibly the world's best female golfer in her age group". Playing out of Costa Mesa's Mesa Verde CC, she shoots consistently in the 70s, has captured the Optimist Junior World title in San Diego in July, the USGA Juniors in New Jersey in August, a sixth in the PGA juniors at West Palm Beach, and this past spring won the CIF title and the L.A. City juniors. Her parents, Cliff and Florence, hail from Hawaii. #

**Deaths**

**Fred K. Ishimoto**, 58, Los Angeles talent agency owner and a WW2 veteran, died Sept. 5 at the VA Medical Center. Surviving are w Mary Hisako, d Maya, br John, Dale, half-br James, sis Penny Collins (Anaheim).

**Sen. Henry Jackson**, 71, died Sept. 1 of massive heart attack at his home in Everett, Wa. The Washington Democrat, first elected to the House of Representatives in 1940 and then to the Senate in 1953, chaired the Senate subcommittee that first acted and favorably recommended on S. 1647 in 1980 to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

**Couple files \$100,000 suit over missing urn**

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The children of deceased Japanese American parents whose cremated remains were believed stolen last year from the Sacramento Memorial Lawn and Mortuary filed a \$100,000 suit Aug. 31, that blames the cemetery with negligence, the Sacramento Bee reported.

Woodrow, Jin and Mary Ishikawa, the adult offspring of the late Fusa and Saijiro Ishikawa filed the suit in Sacramento superior court contending the cemetery's "negligent and careless manner" in the care of their parents' remains "is and was repugnant, offensive and insulting".

Mary and Woodrow Ishikawa had visited the niche on Sept. 4, 1982 where their parents' double urn was kept and found it missing along with two neighboring urns containing the remains of other bodies, the suit said.

The Ishikawas contend that a similar theft occurred at the cemetery June 23, 1980, when its manager told police that 13 dark brown

crypt niche vases were taken from a mausoleum.

Morris Daggett, president of the cemetery, which is on Stockton Blvd., said he knew of the 1982 burglary but denies the 1980 theft. "There has not been one before or since", Daggett said.

Theodore T.N. Slocum, attorney for Ishikawas, said the motive does not appear to be vandalism because the brass and glass securing the urn was neatly screwed out and then replaced. The suit contends that the cemetery violated its written contract guaranteeing them of "peace of mind (knowing) that their parents' remains would rest in a place of safe keeping". #

**Nisei talent agent succumbs**

LOS ANGELES—Fred Kiyoshi Ishimoto, 58, the Nisei talent agent who probably was responsible for more Japanese Americans seeking and finding roles in motion pictures and television, passed away suddenly at Veterans Administration Hospital in Sawtelle on Labor Day.

The Colorado-born Nisei owned and operated the Shipley-Ishimoto Agency on Sunset Blvd. for 23 years during which time he managed the careers of Miiko Taka, Nobu McCarthy, George Takei, Bob Okazaki and Bob and Lloyd Kino.

Ishimoto also acted as the U.S. representative for Japanese superstar Toshiro Mifune.

During World War II Ishimoto served in the armored division and was a LST pilot as well as serving a stint in the medical corps.

He entered the Army from Gila River Relocation Camp.

Following his discharge from the Army Ishimoto studied business administration at the University of Denver and got a degree in journalism at Northwestern University.

He began his career as a copywriter for a real estate firm which specialized in large businesses in Chicago.

Upon his return to Los Angeles he worked briefly with Star Beverage Company.

During his employment with Star Beverage he met a client who asked him for his assistance in publicity work and this eventually led to a post in the talent field, the Shipley Agency.

When the firm collapsed, he con-

tinued by establishing the Shipley-Ishimoto Agency.

During his years in the talent business, Ishimoto became a good friend of James Clavell which led to the establishment of a \$10,000 fund to create a collection of stories based on the experiences of Issei and Nisei in America.

This fund pays \$1,000 each year for ten years to the author of the best story about Issei, Nisei experiences.

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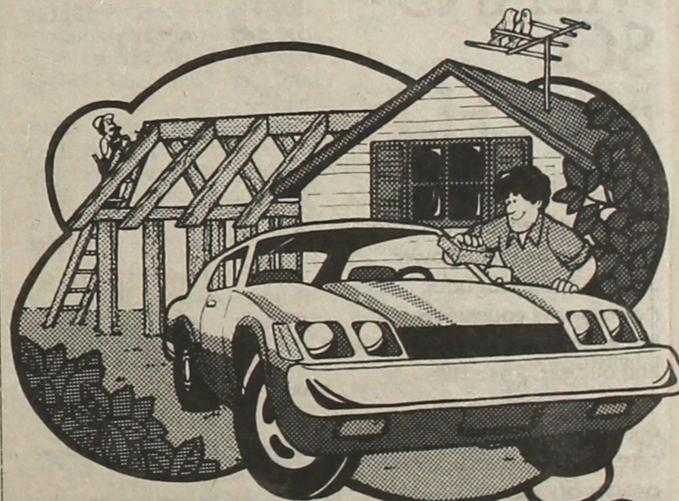
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**JACCC BENEFITS**—Ignacio E. Lozano, Jr., (left) president of Santa Anita Foundation, presents \$3,000 check to Katsuma Mukaeda, bd. chair, of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the sixth contribution since 1978 in which proceeds from Charity Days racing program was given to JACCC. Others (from left) JACCC president Frank Kuwahara; executive director Gerald D. Yoshitomi; and SAF board member Norman Barker, Jr.

**Video sculpture**

LOS ANGELES—"River", video sculpture by New York art. Shigeko Kubota, is on display at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, South Gallery, through Sept. 25.

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"The expanded branch network will better enable us to serve our clients in the northern half of the state", Yasushi Sumiya, CFB president said.

**Mo Marumoto's firm celebrates 10th year**

WASHINGTON — Interface Group, Ltd., an executive research firm, founded by William H. (Mo) Marumoto, its president, 10 years ago, was named by a major trade publication as one of the nation's top 50 leaders out of more than 2,500 such firms.

Interface was the only Washington-based company and the only minority-owned listed among the top 50. Marumoto served as special assistant to the President from 1970-73, the first of Asian descent to serve on any White House staff at executive level.

**Nisei GI pics in State Capitol**

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Over 70 pieces from the Go For Broke/Yankee Samurai Museum exhibit will be on display through September and October at the East Wing of the State Capitol.

At dedication ceremonies Wednesday (Sept. 14), a host of civic dignitaries led by Gov. George Deukmejian and House Speaker Willie Brown were present.

**Bay Area AARP to be organized**

SAN MATEO, Ca.—An organizational meeting of a Bay Area chapter of American Assn. of Retired Persons will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m., at the San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.

James Altieri, asst. AARP state director, will attend the meeting, said Jim Nakada, of Burlingame, acting chair. Michael Ego, Long Beach area AARP representative, has been invited to participate.

Age requirement is 50 or over for certain benefits but anyone can become an associate member.

**ESGV Center launch drive to raise \$100G**

WEST COVINA, Ca.—In order to construct a two-story addition and remodel the present social hall, a kick-off party will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, by members of East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center to launch a campaign to raise \$100,000 in pledges and donations.

The event at 1203 W. Puente Ave. starts with social hour, 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m., reported Marvel Miyata, center's director. It was in October of 1973 that the center was dedicated, said Dr. Kanji Sahara, president.

Details on the project may be obtained by calling the center, 960-2566.

**Bonsai club**

SAN MATEO, Ca.—Members of the San Mateo Bonsai Club will hold their 20th annual exhibit at Central Park Recreation Center, 50 E. Fifth Ave., Sept. 17-18, noon to 8 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday.



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## A Never-Ending Education

By LON HATAMIYA

It has been my longstanding personal belief that the best way to gain useful knowledge is through the sharing by others of their past and present experience. This is a never-ending process from which I have continually benefited. Most recently, the inaugural National JACL Leadership Program in Washington, D.C. provided an excellent forum for such an intensive educational situation. Not only were we exposed first-hand to the American political process, but more importantly, we were given the invaluable opportunity to interact with prominent Japanese Americans, as well as with other national leaders. These inspiring individuals expertly provided us with their own personal insights into the complex system which makes up our national government.

As we all quickly realized during our weeklong stay, Washington, D.C. is an extremely fascinating city. The importance of politics combined with the resultant interpersonal relationships make this city unique among our nation's communities. Initially, I was quite intrigued by the extreme dedication of its people to their various causes and concerns. Not surprisingly, however, it became increasingly apparent that the advancement of these causes was clearly dependent upon an individual's mani-

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## 'Affirmative Action' for JACL

Philadelphia

WE'RE NOT UNMINDFUL of the (distinct) possibility that on occasions—at times, more often than some would wish—that topics are discussed in these columns that some believe should have been left as is. It has never been our objective to be controversial, and certainly we do not wish to bruise any feelings. Even though we're aware of the risk of having done so in the past. The fact of the matter is that there are many topics that we've considered, and rejected; there have been a number of columns that we've studiously moderated, at times to the point of being effete. At least one past national president, upon reading a particular column, had urged us to be more blunt: "Tell it like it is."

Well, perhaps; but not quite.

A TOPIC THAT we've pondered pertains to the national JACL organization formulating and implementing within the organization itself—an affirmative program to overcome the vestiges of past disadvantages, intentional or not, experienced by our women members. Particularly in relation to filling nationally-elected posts, and including the post of national president in particular. Inasmuch as the women make up presumably one-half of the national membership (very likely a higher percentage) and inasmuch as they lend their full energies—often in roles that are behind-the-scenes but crucial to the success of any venture—there should be no reason why they should not have access to at least one-half of the posts. At least.

EVEN AS WE write these words, we can hear the anguished protests, mostly from the males but not necessarily confined to males. For on the female side, there are not a few who feel that women should not appear in the forefront; many others have been institutionalized for so long and so much as to their "designated" role that they are either unwilling or unable, or both, to assume their full role. And thus we face a long-existing gender handicap which requires our attention, together.

AND SINCE JACL prides itself in being a civil rights organization, what better, what more natural field than the organization itself to uplift the ideals of equality within our own ranks? Those who find comfort in maintaining the status quo can and will come up with various "reasons" why it won't work, why it is not feasible: "are they qualified?" (Did all male national officers undergo this scrutiny? And pass?) "They don't want to do it." (Did we ask?) "They'd rather be by themselves" and similar diversionary contentions we've heard in the sphere of racial discrimination.

WE ALL MAY well be in for a big surprise if we gave sincere and unrestrained consideration and implementation to this proposal for affirmative action within our own organization. Even the doomsayers—and there are a few of those—may be pleasantly surprised. But be that as it all may, does not this civil rights organization owe it to itself, and to its members, to practice that which we preach? #

pulation of their political power, as well as the positive use of their relative position. In addition, it was repeatedly emphasized that the key to continued success was through hard work, oftentimes through compromise, but most importantly, through the cultivation and maintenance of a helpful networking system.

Nevertheless, our many prominent speakers—ranging from our illustrious Nikkei congressmen and JACL leaders to others involved in lobbying, legislative staff work, and executive department status—also emphasized that productive results can primarily be attained by working within the established governmental organization. A firm understanding of our political system appears essential for those of us concerned with various social and economic issues. Furthermore, and most helpful, these knowledgeable speakers shared their own past experiences, which not only gave us a realistic impression of governmental affairs, but gave us tremendous incentive for what we as Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei can now and in the near future achieve.

## Exhaustive But Indeed Helpful

I personally feel quite fortunate for being given the opportunity to attend such an educational and invaluable program. Although one week in Washington, D.C. can only provide an introductory exposure to the American political process, our exhaustive sessions were indeed helpful in increasing personal awareness and continued involvement. Therefore, it is extremely important that other Japanese Americans be given the same opportunity to take part in future National JACL Leadership Programs. An ongoing development of young Japanese American leaders is essential for the continued progress of the JACL as a whole. Now is a critical time for our continued advancement as a successful minority in all areas of American society.

Although I have had the opportunity of living in different parts of this country, and developing relationships with diverse groups of people, our Leadership Program provided me with a

## Keeping Track:

## ● Japanese Americans deserve an apology

USA Today,  
June 21, 1983

When the police came to Masao Takahashi's house in Seattle on Feb. 21, 1942, and dragged the Japanese American citizen off to a detention camp, he thought he would be home by evening.

Instead, he was stripped naked and inspected, then detained in Missoula, Mont., for nearly three years until the U.S. government finally admitted that the Japanese Americans on the West Coast were no threat to national security.

Those Japanese Americans, many of whom were U.S. citizens, lost most of their possessions. Refrigerators were sold for \$5, a new tractor for \$75, a 26-room hotel for \$500.

"We took whatever we could carry," said another Japanese American, Teru Watanabe. "So much we left behind, but the most valuable thing I lost was my freedom."

Now, 41 years later, the National Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians recommends an "act of national apology."

In the hysterical aftermath of Pearl Harbor, grave injustices were heaped on 120,000 Japanese Americans. History has proved they were as patriotic as any Americans—yet they were rounded up, shipped to bleak barracks, and guarded by military police like common criminals.

During the war, 35,000 were allowed to leave to join the Army, go to college or take jobs far inland.

## Oregon Bar Assn., ACLU to cite Yasui

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon State Bar Assn. will accord a special award of merit to Min Yasui at its annual dinner Sept. 23 at Seaside, it was announced by John J. Haugh, president. The recognition is for the former Oregon Bar member's "extreme sensitivity for civil and constitutional rights."

In Denver, Yasui in accepting the honors told the Pacific Citizen it was significant that the "Oregon Bar is coming around to saying that the evacuation was wrong in 1942 . . ."

Yasui is returning also to Oregon Nov. 19 to attend the annual ACLU banquet at the Benson Hotel here and the next day receive the 1983 MacNaughton Award at the Eugene Hilton Hotel. The award, established in 1962, recognizes outstanding contributions to the cause of civil liberties.

(The late E.B. MacNaughton, a publisher and banker, was one of the first Oregonians to publicly demand fair play for Japanese Americans in 1944.) #

Pete Hironaka has taken a Labor Day holiday.

further opportunity to interact with others from across the country. What made this experience so unique was our shared cultural backgrounds as Japanese Americans. The sharing of personal experiences proved to be mutually beneficial for all concerned. Not only were we able to develop lasting friendships, but we were fortunate to initiate a useful "networking system", which will ultimately result in useful communication within our JA community. As I mentioned earlier, networking is an important factor in the development and continued progress of any successful organization.

As a positive result of the Leadership Program, as well as my past involvement with the JACL National Committee for Redress, I have personally developed a strategy which may hopefully contribute to the continued progress of the JACL. First of all, I recommend that Japanese Americans of all ages obtain a basic knowledge of our democratic political system. Issues such as Japan/U.S. relations, and Redress cannot advance without the explicit (or implicit) support of a knowledgeable community. JACL provides such a forum for educating all those concerned. Secondly, I further suggest that our younger generations closely evaluate the value and opportunities provided by JACL. I strongly attest that involvement within our national organization can greatly contribute to your own personal advancement. Lastly, and most importantly, it is extremely important that we as Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei evaluate our positions not only within our ethnic community, but in the broader perspective of American society. The opportunities within government and business are daily becoming available; thus, we can rely on JACL as a resource for further opening doors.

In all cases, the inaugural National JACL Leadership Program was an extreme success. Personal gains were outweighed by the broader education of the entire group. Future leaders within our organization should be afforded an equal opportunity. I am confident that with continued programs such as this, the Japanese American Citizens League will remain a significant entity within our nation as a whole. #

In New York, Elliott Roosevelt, 73, and fourth child of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt said during a recent interview with USA Today that FDR's wartime decision to relocate Japanese Americans are "completely right". On the redress question, he said: "You have to be there... what my father did at the time was absolutely correct. One, their own safety. People of Japanese heritage were being physically harmed all over the West Coast. After Pearl Harbor, it was getting worse every day... Two, many first-generation Japanese would have supported their mother country in case California were attacked..."

## Stuff in 'The Economist'

H. Read McGrath of Los Angeles said its June 25 story was misleading in his letter to the The Economist Intelligence Unit (London)

(July 30) that most of those detained in camps (Spring, 1942) were not American citizens and, because of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924, had no way to become citizens. Claiming he testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, he added there was no "roundup" of Japanese; they were given ample notice of the evacuation in March, 1942; and many drove their own cars to camps...

Detainees were not prisoners; they could leave any time if they had other arrangements for living outside the excluded zone on the west coast. There was no barbed wire at the center and no large armed guard; more than adequate compensation has already been paid; moving and storage expenses were borne by the government; most Japanese left their

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compensation but said it did not make up for her greatest disappointment—the inference of disloyalty when she was asked to resign.

Kinomoto, who volunteered for service in the U.S. Army while in camp, said he ended up instead teaching Japanese language to U.S. servicemen at the Univ. of Michigan. Returning to Seattle in 1945, Kinomoto eventually established the Kinomoto Travel Agency, a long-time advertiser in the Pacific Citizen. Kinomoto, a lifetime JACL member, and Ishihara, also a member of the Seattle Chapter, both gave witness testimonies at the Senate and House hearings.

## 16 Others Apply

In addition to the two payments presented at the ceremony, 16 other former state employees whose claims have been processed were mailed their \$2,500 checks. Out of the initial 38 names listed in the records (P.C. May 27), four have been reported deceased and two additional employees not listed responded to the news articles: Mitsuru Baba Yoneji and John M. Maki, both formerly employed with the Univ. of Washington.

The whereabouts of only one person, John Fujita, former employee of Central Washington State College of Education, still remains unknown. The second payment of \$2,500 will be paid to the eligible claimants next year, and in the event of the employees' death after a claim has been approved,

the specifically named beneficiary will receive the compensation.

Among those attending the presentation ceremony were Leonard Nord, state director of personnel; Ron Sims, legislative aide to Senator Fleming; Frank Irigon, affirmative action officer of the Dept. of Personnel; Tim Gojio, Senate Republican Caucus counsel who drafted the initial bill; and Cherry Kinoshita, JACL coordinator of the statewide citizen support.

For information regarding the claims process, or those who seek to make a claim, address the Affirmative Action Office, Dept. of Personnel, 600 S. Franklin, Olympia, WA 98504. #

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Amache Monument Is Dedicated

Denver, Colo.

The two-bus caravan headed out of the city and for a moment I had the eerie feeling of re-living an unpleasant bit of the past. Forty-odd years ago we had been sent away from home in Seattle in just such busses to wartime exile at a fairgrounds converted into a concentration camp.

But this time the journey was voluntary and under happier circumstances, a pilgrimage to the site of the Amache WRA camp in southeastern Colorado to dedicate a monument.

Former Amache residents from many parts of the country converged on Denver over the Labor Day weekend to take part in the dedication and reunion which had been taken on as a project by the Denver Central Optimists. There were elderly Issei, seemingly shrunken by the years, quiet, patient, stoic. There were Nisei, some gray and old enough to have vivid memories of camp life, others who had been toddlers or carefree youngsters during those unhappy years. And there were Sansei and Yonsei, tagging along dutifully, staring unbelieving at the stark, sun-parched countryside, incredulous that anyone had lived in such a hostile land.

When the internees departed Amache after the war in 1945 they left a cemetery and a simple wooden marker commemorating the sacrifice of the 31 men from the camp who died in the service of their country. Weeds

took over the cemetery. And vandals chopped up the marker for firewood.

There were vague attempts to erect a more permanent monument to mark the campsite, and tell the story of the people who were exiled there. But nothing tangible transpired until the Optimists decided something had to be done. The dedication of the granite block was the culmination of a two-year campaign which brought more than \$20,000 in donations from all parts of the country.

But what good is a stone marker in an isolated patch of desert where only cows eke out a precarious existence? Who will see it and what will it mean to them?

The Optimists asked themselves the same questions and they have some answers. The erection of the monument and its dedication are only the first chapter in what they are determined to make a continuing story. They want to make the monument and its meaning a part of the life of the dusty little village of Granada, to give its people a sense of partnership and concern. They hope to bring water, somehow, to the site and make it a small green oasis of beauty and contemplation in a hostile environment. And to do this the Optimists, who live a long four-hour drive from Granada, will need the goodwill and dedication of its residents.

Given the demands of every-day living, this will not be easy. Life is not easy in this area that once was part of the Dust Bowl. But the Optimists, and their colleagues from Nisei Post 185 of the American Legion are convinced that the Evacuation is an American experience that must not be forgotten and they are determined that it will not be.

The pilgrimage and dedication were a beginning, but only a beginning in a continuing program. #

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trying to prove we didn't belong in this situation back home (the concentration camps). Besides they were doing it for me. I figured I'd better go help them out."

Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr

Other names spell the political tempers of the time in Colorado. While governors of the western states in 1942 did not welcome the Issei and Nisei families voluntarily leaving California before the round-up which began March 27, 1942, the lone exception was Colorado's Gov. Ralph L. Carr, a Republican who was defeated in the election that November for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Carr (who is remembered for his wartime friendship and high principles by the Colorado Nikkei community with a plaque in the State Capitol and a bronze bust inside Sakura Square) had said:

"To the American-born citizen of Japanese parentage, we look for example and guidance. To those who have not been so fortunate as to have been born in this country, we offer the hand of friendship, secure in the knowledge that they will be as truly American as the rest of us..."

Recalling state history, Chawkins noted Colorado held a special legislative session to consider what the newspapers called "anti-Jap" amendment to the State Constitution in 1944. An anti-alien land bill, it was killed in the senate. (The Tri-State JAFL Office, where the late Joe Grant Masaoka served as regional director, campaigned continuously with clergymen in particular, against the bill's passage.)

Final individual mentioned was Paul Bentrup, a Kansas farmer 70 miles east of Granada, who had taken ads out in the local newspapers to advertise the monument dedication. He told the reporter he was angered when he heard about the destruction of a wooden plaque bearing the names of Amache's war dead. "That was something sacred to America, and it wound up in the city dump. And as an American, I was part of the desecration," he said.

While southeastern Colorado was not kind to the "Oriental hordes" of 1942, the group which had come on Saturday found homes and friends to greet them. #

### Orphan alumni to fete Murray Sprung

NEW YORK—Alumni of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum of the City of New York is celebrating Murray Sprung's 80th birthday Sept. 24 at the Sheraton Hotel grand ballroom with a dinner-dance. Guest speaker will be humorist Art Buchwald, an alumnus.

A summer camp director for

many years for the asylum, a fund in honor of the prominent New York JAFLer, the "Pop Sprung Camp Fund, Inc.," has been established to send needy children to camps. For particulars of the testimonial, contact the Fund, 335 W. 35th St., New York, N.Y. 10001 (212) 947-8341. #

### Bookshelf

#### True Story of the Tokubo Family

JAPAN BOY: The Pacific War of Japanese Americans, by Isao Otani, (Kadokawa Books, Tokyo 1983, ¥1800.) In Japanese.

Even before Toyoko Yamazaki's stunning MIS Nisei novel, *Futatsu no Sokoku* was released in hard cover (Volume I, July, Volume II, August and Volume III, September, 1983), NHK made the electrifying announcement on June 27, 1983 that *Futatsu no Sokoku* would become their 1984 *Taiga* drama historical series under the title, *Sanga Moyu*. Millions upon millions of Japanese readers and TV viewers will be following the fortunes of the Kenji Amou family as Yamazaki addresses the issues of relocation, Pacific war, Hiroshima bombing and Tokyo war crimes trials.

And now, a non-fiction story, *Japan Boy*, has been released, which relates the extraordinary experiences of the Tokubo family against the background of immigration, prejudice, war, relocation, Pacific campaigns, 442, and the Hiroshima bombing.

Fascinated by the contradictions and conflicts of the Issei and Nisei experience, Isao Otani searches out the factors and motivations which caused a few Nisei for opting for Japan and the majority for America. He tells about the lives of individuals and friends of one family affected by the human tragedy of war.

#### Nihongo talk books for blind due in U.S.

STOCKTON, Ca.—Through efforts of the Livingston Lions Club, nine visually handicapped residents who understand only Japanese will soon receive recorded books in their native tongue.

"Talking Books", a free library service, will provide Nihongo editions. To date, only foreign language "Talking Books" are in Spanish.

Janet Kase of 49-99 Cooperative Library System/Central Assn. of Libraries, after learning of the plight, contacted the Japanese Lighthouse for the Blind, in Osaka which agreed to lend their books.

Details on the copying project may be obtained by writing to the California State Library, Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. #

Ajiro Tokubo, father, emigrates from Hiroshima to Elk Grove, California as a *dekasegi-mono*, succeeds as a berry grower and returns to Japan. Tsumoru, *chonan*, Kibei/Nisei is embittered by his relocation experience and forms a pro-Japan, anti-American organization for which he is classified as a dangerous alien. He renounces his American citizenship, but later recovers it.

Frank, the *jinan*, Kibei/Nisei is drafted into the U. S. Army, graduates from MIS and serves in India, Burma, China and Japan.

Aiko, born in America lives in Japan, Shanghai and Canton as a Japanese and becomes a Hiroshima bomb victim.

Harumi, the youngest son is born and educated in Japan. Troubled by the fact that no Tokubo son is serving in the Japanese military, he secretly volunteers for the

*Kamikaze Butai* upon his graduation from *chugakko* at the age of sixteen.

Otani demonstrates great literary skill in taking the words and experiences of around a dozen persons and through them tells the big picture of history, prejudice, war, adversity and human strength.

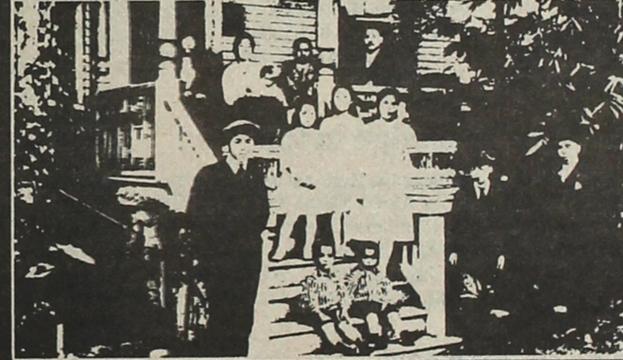
The massive fictionalized Yamazaki approach contrasts vividly with the documented intimate Otani format. Each succeeds in telling the role and meaning of the Nisei experience in the history of America and Japan in the twentieth century. It is intriguing and significant that high-level literary and media events regarding the hitherto forgotten and disregarded Issei and Nisei are taking place in Japan of the '80s.

SHIG KIHARA  
Monterey, Ca.

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**EDC/MDC Convention Report:**

**We Made Our Move!**

By MITSY KAMADA, RON OSAJIMA, B.J. WATANABE

New York  
In spite of torrential rains, a major blackout in one of New York's busiest sections, and a welcome reception nearly held in the lobby of the New York Sheraton, the 15th biennial joint EDC/MDC convention was a grand success.

The joint convention, hosted this year by the New York chapter, was held in the heart of the Big Apple at the Sheraton Hotel Aug. 11-14. Over 100 delegates and boosters from the 13 EDC and MDC chapters attended the three-day convention and got a healthy dose of inspiration and enthusiasm to take back to their chapters. Theme of the convention, "Making Our Move", emphasized positive action in the areas of redress, Japan/U.S. relations, the white corporate environment and Pan Asian concerns.

National President Floyd Shimomura opened the convention on Friday with a stirring keynote address. He said we Japanese Americans have reached a level of maturation and accomplishment in American society which is sufficient to enable us to go beyond merely protecting to actively advancing our interests. The JACL must change from responding to

**Japan Chapter hears novelist**

TOKYO—Novelist Toyoko Yamasaki, whose saga of the Issei-Nisei Kibe is being produced by NHK-TV under title of "Sanga Moyu" (see Sept. 16 PC), addressed the Japan JACL at its Aug. 5 meeting. Over 100 were present with chapter president Barry Saiki presiding and Sen Nishiyama as emcee/interpreter.

Yamasaki revealed her interest in the Evacuation began five years ago while lecturing at the Univ. of Hawaii and that her novel, "Futatsu no Sokoku", embroidering a mosaic of delicate human relations, required three years of research and two years of writing. She will be touring the U.S. Sept. 13-23 under auspices of Kinokuniya

**Sequoia pays redress pledge in full**

PALO ALTO, Ca. — A remittance of \$3,265 to the National JACL redress fund by Sequoia JACL was announced by Albert Nakai, president. The project is pursuant to a motion passed by National Council at last year's National Convention requiring a \$5 pledge per member.

"We have met 100 percent," disclosed James Shizuru, chapter redress chair, who may be contacted at (415) 968-2662 for current redress information.

**PC Calendar of Events**

Ed. Note—As the 1983 fall social season is upon us with many JACL activities scheduled, the Pacific Citizen Calendar is being revived to publish at least 30 days in advance brief details of such programs. JACL-sponsored events are prefaced with name of the JACL unit (chapter, district, national) in boldface. Social affairs of Nikkei community/church groups are listed as a community service. Where fees/reservations are involved, an "info" contact is required. Items should be submitted in writing to the PC Calendar editor.

- SEPT. 17-18 Garden Grove—Food Festival, Wintersburg Presbyterian Ch, Info 971-2228. Los Angeles—LTPPLS book fair, Japanese Village Plaza, 10:00am. San Mateo—Bonsai Club show, Central Park, noon Sat, 10:00am Sun.
- SEPT. 18 (Sunday) Salinas Valley—BBQ picnic, Toro Park, 12n. Los Angeles—Bazaar, West L.A. United Methodist Ch.
- SEPT. 21 (Wednesday) Marina-WLA Samsel—WRAAP awareness workshop: Intimacy vs Isolation, McKay Lounge, Loyola Marymount Univ, 7:30pm; Laura Shiozaki, Ken Mitshaba, Grace Choi.
- SEPT. 22 (Thursday) San Mateo—Organizational mtg, Amer Assn of Retired Persons, JACL Comm Ctr, 2:00pm.
- SEPT. 23-25 San Francisco—Topaz reunion: Fri mixer, Nakamura Restaurant, 8:00pm; Sat slide show, Masao Satow Bldg, 1:30 pm; Sat dnr, Presidio Officers Club, 6:00 pm; Jerry Enomoto, Dr Harry Kitano, splrs; Sun urban picnic, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 12n-4pm; Info Machi ko N Ota, 16 Citadel Ct, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
- SEPT. 24 (Saturday) Salinas Valley—Srs Reno fun trip; Info 455-2213.
- SEPT. 24-25 San Francisco—Aki Matsuri, Japan

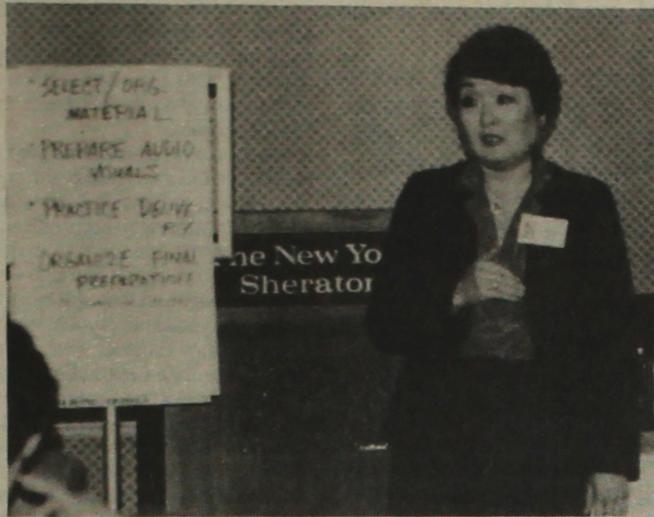


Photo by Fujio Saito

Prof. Joanne Yamauchi leads "Redress—Spreading the Word".

the moves of others to "making our move".

Convention participants seemed most eager to "make their move" in the area of redress. Three workshops focused on different ways that JACLers could take action.

Workshop on "Spreading the Word" Professor Joanne Yamauchi of American University led the "Re-

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and Shukan Shincho weekly magazine and will be in Los Angeles Sept. 17 to speak at the JACCC Japan America Theatre and in Honolulu Sept. 20.

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homes and businesses in the hands of friends and returned to them after the war.

A 1947 law provided full compensation for all losses sustained by Japanese and others who were evacuated. To pay more compensation now or to apologize is unwarranted, McGrath said—(From Joe Oyama)

**Keeping Track:**

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JACL student aid awards decided

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The JACL National Student Aid Committee, chaired by Helen Mineta, met Aug. 16 to award almost \$2,000 this year. Others on the committee were Mrs. Anne Shiraishi, member of the San Jose JACL board, and Dr. Paul Sakamoto, Superintendent of Schools in the Mt. View-Los Altos High School District.

The JACL Student Aid Awards are for students who, without financial aid of some kind, may be forced to postpone or delay their educational goals. Names of recipients are confidential, known only to the Student Aid Committee and National Headquarters.

**Phila. awards scholarship**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Philadelphia JACL scholarship committee named Elizabeth Suto of Radnor, Pa., as the chapter's first recipient of a \$500 scholarship. The daughter of Koge/Connie Suto will enroll at University of Maryland in the fall and study computer science.

**Stockton spaghetti feed for redress set**

STOCKTON, Ca.—An all-you-can-eat spaghetti feed will be sponsored by Stockton JACL on Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 to 7 p.m., at Stockton Buddhist Church, 2820 Shimizu Dr., publicist Nancy E. Baba and Carrie K. Dobana reported. Proceeds will go to the JACL redress effort, said Edwin Endow, chair. Tickets at \$3 per person are available at Henry's Pharmacy and Southside Pharmacy. For information, call (209) 478-8917 (day) or 957-1801 (eve).

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Philadelphia JACL scholarship committee named Elizabeth Suto of Radnor, Pa., as the chapter's first recipient of a \$500 scholarship. The daughter of Koge/Connie Suto will enroll at University of Maryland in the fall and study computer science.

**Stockton spaghetti feed for redress set**

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tape, a redress talk outline, sample talk on redress, and other resource materials.

A surprise guest was Judge Bill Marutani who at the close of the workshop urged JACLers to move on the redress issue. He called upon JACL chapters to dig into their coffers to contribute to the redress effort; that now is the time that they've been saving for.

On Friday evening, a supplemental workshop was led by National Redress Director John Tateishi, with National Redress Chair Min Yasui. This informal session focused on the question and answer period usually held at the end of redress speeches. It was noted that a strong "Q & A" can leave a positive impression on the audience, while a weak "Q & A" can undermine the best of speeches. Both gave tips on public speaking and meeting with the media, drilled potential speakers on tough questions frequently asked and the proper strategy for answering them. Participants agreed that the workshop was "top notch" and that having John & Min available for 2½ hours to "pick their brains" was a real treat.

Legislative Strategy Workshop EDC Redress Chair Grayce Ueyehara led the "Redress-Call to Action" workshop, which was designed to update members on the status of the redress effort and to plan EDC and MDC legislative strategy. Panel members included Min Yasui, Hank Tanaka, MDC Redress chair, and Ron Ikejiri, Washington Representative.

One key point made during the session was that although the EDC and MDC comprise only 10% of JACL's population, the two districts cover 46% of the congressional delegations nationwide. This

seemed to shock many people who never realized the key roles that the East Coast and Midwest chapters would have to play in the battle for redress.

Hank Tanaka spoke on what we at the grassroots level can do. One recommendation was for each chapter to establish a redress task force—no more than six-to-eight persons—to work on different parts

of the issue, including legislative contacts, public speaking, and organizational contacts. Another suggestion was to keep congressional scorecards with indications as to each congressperson's stand on redress. Blank scorecards and information on contacting legislators were distributed to chapter presidents following the workshop. **To Be Concluded**

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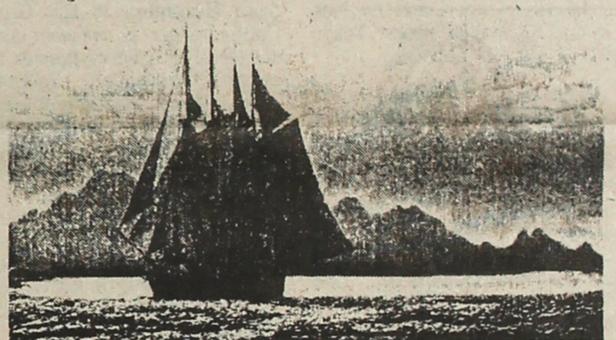
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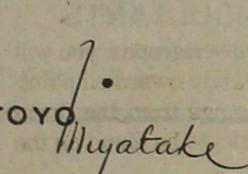
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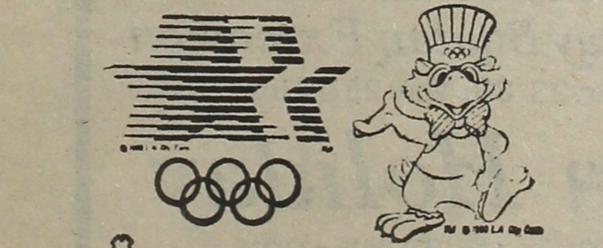
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## Human Rights

Fujiyoshi charges such requirement violates not only his own human rights, but also the rights of Koreans now residing here. His case is the second to be tried; the first being that of Kang Pak, an office worker in Okayama.

Another trial which began on Aug. 30 is that of Han Jong Suk, 58, at Tokyo District Court, and being defended by Atty. Takashi Niimi. Although Han has lived in Japan since age 12, he was ordered to be fingerprinted when the registration law was introduced in April 1955. He was then 30.

During the past several years, Koreans, Americans and West Germans have protested the system, declaring it "discriminatory". Strict immigration laws prevent aliens—even those born in Japan—from becoming naturalized without adopting a Japanese name. Since October 1982, denying re-entry per-

mits to those who refuse to be fingerprinted was added.

Diet members have criticized the government in the light of the June 1979 ratification of the International Covenant on Human Rights. On Sept. 22, 1982, the Nishinomiya City Council passed a resolution urging the Ministry of Justice to "abolish fingerprinting". Forty-six other city and prefectural offices agreed, saying only criminals are required to be fingerprinted.

## 29 to Be Tried

What began several years ago as isolated protests by a few have grown with the majority of indicted individuals joining the fight. Presently 25 Koreans, three Americans, and one West German face court trials.

"We cannot tolerate violation of the law," a Justice Ministry official said. "Why must they break the law to demonstrate their views."

The answer lies partly among Japan's Korean minority which accounts for more than 670,000 of the nation's

800,000 alien residents in a total population of 118 million.

Many Koreans are offspring of workers brought into Japan in forced labor programs during World War II. Until recently, most alien residents were denied social welfare benefits, and Koreans complained of discrimination in employment, education and marriage.

Fujiyoshi said registration is used by authorities to control the Korean community. They, and other non-citizens, are required to carry identification at all times. Police often abuse stop-and-search powers in demanding to see them.

## Use Minimized

Kazuhiro Kuroda, a Justice Ministry official, denied such practice, saying there have been no cases of files used in criminal cases. "Even if police did have access, the single left index fingerprint would not be very helpful for investigating crimes."

But a municipal official, Masakazu Kato, testified in the continuing trial of 26-year-

old Pak, said police routinely peruse files at the ward where the Koreans work. "Access is obtained by filling out a simple form," he said.

"Just because America has a similar requirement doesn't make the Japanese law right", countered Fujiyoshi. (For JACLers, it should interest them to know Fujiyoshi is the nephew of the late Masao Satow, who served as National JACL Director.)

At previous hearing last fall, Fujiyoshi's case was presented by the prosecutors as a criminal violation, while the defendant pointed his human rights were involved. Emphasizing his background as a Japanese American growing up in discrimination in California and Hawaii, he said, "The process of being fingerprinted is a degrading and humiliating experience." He repeated his charges at a three-hour hearing last July 7.

Takako Dickinson of Hawaii attended the hearing as a representative of the Pacific and Asian American Churches of the United Church of Christ,

USA.

## Editorial Comments

The July 27 editorial in the Mainichi Daily News recalled Justice Minister Akira Hatano told a House budget committee that while he understands the objections, he has no intention of revising the system which was implemented following the Korean war (1950-53). The Mainichi asked why aliens in Japan must have their fingerprint retaken every five years, considering they never change. "We support the idea that before any actual abolition, a gradual improvement of the present system should be made," it concluded.

The July 26 editorial in the Asahi Shimbun noted: "The Justice Ministry contends that fingerprinting is necessary to prevent irregularities. But there should be other means to prevent them. It should review in the direction of abolishing it, instead of allowing itself to be bound by what has happened in the past. Security-first administration on foreigners is incompatible with the target of building an open society in Japan." #

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Inouye suggested that instead of a tourism tax, the state and federal

agencies put more money into promoting. Last year, the federal government spent \$8 million in advertising for tourism, he added.

He compared the figures with that of Czechoslovakia which spends \$149 million. "I don't even know what they have in Czechoslovakia." Turkey spends \$62 million; Greece \$57 million; Korea \$30 million; and Singapore \$24 million. "Sri Lanka increased its budget 177 percent on tourism. Just look at the potential in Hawaii!"

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