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Congress hears testimony from former internees

WASHINGTON—Testimony from a U.S. congressman who was once interned as a 10-year-old "security risk" highlighted hearings held by the House Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations June 20 and 21. Under discussion was HR 4110, a redress bill introduced last year by Rep. Jim Wright (D-Tex.).

In his testimony, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) praised the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and explained the provisions of HR 4410, which he cosponsored. The bill calls for payments of \$20,000 to each former internee, as recommended by the CWRIC.

Loss of Civil Rights

Mineta emphasized that the proposed payments are compensation not for property losses, which are estimated to run as high as \$6.2 billion, but for the loss of constitutional rights.

In an apparent rebuttal to arguments that Japanese Americans have waited too long to ask for redress, Mineta said, "When we were first released from camp... [we] did not think primarily of our legal rights. Our main goal was to rebuild our lives... It took 20 years for us to get back what this government took from us in 1942."

Speaking as one personally affected by the internment, Mineta said that the official number of people who died in the camps—1,862—



Norman Mineta

does not include people like his father-in-law, Saijiro Hinoki, who was arrested by the FBI in 1942 and sent to a detention camp in Bismarck, North Dakota. "Those who knew him said Mr. Hinoki never regained his lost will to live. He died a few years after leaving camp."

'What Had We Done?'

As for his own family, Mineta said, "My father was not a traitor. He sold insurance... My mother was not a secret agent. She kept house and raised her children to be what she was—a loyal American. Who amongst us was the security risk?"

Mineta himself was interned as a boy "who this powerful nation felt was so dangerous I needed to be locked up without a trial."

"What was it I had done that made me so terrifying to the government?" he asked. "Murderers, arsonists, even assassins and spies get trials. But not young boys born and raised in San Jose who happen to have odd-sounding last names."

Mineta also read an excerpt from a letter
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PC File Photo

Powerful opponent—John J. McCloy, perhaps America's most influential private citizen,

made same arguments in House hearing as he did before CWRIC Nov. 3, 1981 (above).

Conflicting stories heard in Chin trial

DETROIT—A federal jury heard different versions of what happened on the night of June 19, 1982, as Ronald Ebens and his stepson Michael Nitz went on trial for violating the civil rights of Vincent Chin when they killed him two years ago.

That Ebens beat Chin to death with Nitz's baseball bat after an altercation in a Highland Park nightclub was not disputed; the question was whether or not the 27-year-old Chinese American engineer was killed because he was Asian. If the jury decides the killing was racially motivated, the two defendants could face life imprisonment.

In opening arguments last week, federal prosecutor Theodore Merritt said that the initial confrontation between the victim and the defendants at the Fancy Pants Lounge was caused by "Ebens' barrage of obscenities, in-

sults and taunting" and that the subsequent killing was "a story of racism turned violent."

David Lawson, one of Ebens' lawyers, argued that the Chin case was "not a civil rights case, but a fight between angry and intoxicated men."

Lily Chin, the victim's mother, testified June 15 that her son was not drunk when he left the house. The neurosurgeon who examined Chin when he was brought to Henry Ford Hospital testified that Chin's blood alcohol level was 0.14. In Michigan, the legal intoxication level is 0.10 or higher.

At the Fancy Pants, Chin sat with friends Jimmy Choi, Robert Sirokey and Gary Koiyu. On the opposite side of a runway upon which nude dancers performed sat Ebens and

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U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses redress

PHILADELPHIA—Approximately 300 of the nation's mayors have approved a resolution supporting the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which last year urged monetary compensation to Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

The resolution, submitted by Seattle mayor Charles Royer to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, mentions that city governments have made efforts to "remedy prior local actions and policies that denied basic rights... [to] citizens of Japanese ancestry" but that "these local efforts... cannot substitute for the necessary federal actions to remedy the injustices that occurred pursuant to Executive Order 9066."

Seattle and other West Coast cities have given compensation to Nisei city workers who lost their jobs during the war.

"Our problem in taking the resolution to a national organization," Royer told the Pacific Citizen, "is that there are not many cities with large Japanese American populations." The conference comprises mayors of cities with populations of 30,000 or more, and Eastern and Midwestern cities are a majority.

Smooth Passage

The resolution was passed first by the conference's human development committee on June 16, then by the resolutions committee on June 17. The full membership approved the resolution on June 18 as part of a package of resolutions.

News in Brief

Gov't drops Korematsu case

SAN FRANCISCO—U.S. Justice Dept. attorneys will withdraw their appeal of last year's district court decision granting Fred Korematsu's petition for a writ of error coram nobis. The petition, granted by judge Marilyn Hall Patel, charged that government misconduct had prevented a fair trial in 1942.

Korematsu's conviction for refusing to obey government exclusion orders was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

East/West Journal reported that Peter Irons, Korematsu co-counsel, was informed of the government's decision by U.S. attorney Victor Stone on June 18.

New PM regrets internment

WINNIPEG, Manitoba—John Turner, who was elected Liberal Party leader June 16 and thus assumes the post of Canadian prime minister, has stated that Japanese Canadians deserve an apology and some sort of "symbolic" compensation for their suffering in WW2.

Turner made his statements in response to a survey conducted by the National Assn. of Japanese Canadians last month.

Judge denies Noguchi old job

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Thomas Noguchi's bid to regain his position as Los Angeles county coroner, which he had held for 14 years, was turned down June 22 in Los Angeles county superior court.

Judge Norman L. Epstein called Noguchi "a good man who has worked hard" but concluded that "he is not the appropriate man to hold the top position in the department."

Attorney Godfrey Isaac vowed to appeal and called Noguchi's demotion "purely political." Isaac has maintained that the county supervisors sought Noguchi's ouster because they could not control him.

Rep. apologizes for remark

BOSTON—U.S. Rep. Jim Shannon (D-Mass.) met with a delegation of Chinese American community members May 12 to apologize for a remark he made a week earlier concerning President Reagan's trip to China. Shannon had said, "I wonder if they [Republicans] think that there is some good luck attached to announcing your candidacy in front of a bunch of short Communists."

In his apology Shannon said, "I've learned that even an inadvertent remark fuels discrimination."

Inouye floated as potential VP

WASHINGTON—Hawaii senator Daniel Inouye has been mentioned as a possible candidate for vice president on the Democratic ticket this year.

Inouye's name often appears on early lists for high posts. In this instance, Inouye advises his friends not to hold their breath.

"As a politician it pleases you to see your name in print," Inouye told the Honolulu Advertiser. "But I can't take it seriously."



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Fighting Sexual Harassment Against Asian Women

By J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—The importance of speaking out about sexual harassment and seeking community support to combat it was stressed during a panel discussion June 9 at Amerasia Bookstore.

Entitled "Breaking Silences," the program featured three Asian women who say they have undergone sexual harassment: Noriko Ellen Okamoto, a Japanese American college student; Peggy Joslyn, a bank executive from Taiwan; and Eun Chong Kerr, a librarian from Korea.

Pornography in the Classroom

While an undergraduate at Vassar College, Okamoto lodged a complaint against one of her professors, Donald Gillin, because he used pornographic depictions of Asian women as part of his Introduction to Asian Civilization course (see May 18 PC).

Okamoto charged that the erotic readings from Chinese literature were "not in the context of the course." She was also concerned that a slide show containing pornographic pictures of Asian women, intended to demonstrate negative sexual stereotyping, would have the opposite effect of reinforcing those stereotypes.

Okamoto also felt that Asians were being singled out for such portrayals. "They would never do this to Blacks or to white women," she said.

She protested to Gillin and the school administration but was not taken seriously. "This is a power play," she declared. "They're saying that I'm just a student who doesn't even have her B.A. yet, and this is a professor who's head of East Asian Studies." She said that she respects academic freedom but does not think that it gives an instructor the authority "to do whatever he pleases."

Okamoto further contends that as an Asian woman she is a better judge of what constitutes racism or sexism than a white male. "If even one person feels assaulted from such pornography, doesn't that bring into question the clarity and effectiveness of the presentation?"

Lack of Support

To seek support and advice from others, Okamoto has gone public. On campus, though, she found that "Asian students didn't want to get involved." Students declined even to sign a petition, fearing that to do so might affect their grades or their graduation.

Foreign-born Asian students who would eventually return to their home countries also tended to be unsympathetic, Okamoto reported. But as an Asian American, she felt that "I had to get involved as one who would live in the U.S. for the rest of my life."

Eventually, Okamoto was backed up by a number of individuals and organizations. A member of the steering committee of Women Against Violence, whose members have viewed Gillin's slide show, stated in a letter to Vassar's president that "pornography, especially sadomasochistic pornography, can traumatize women in the same way (though not to the same degree) that a physical assault can."

Submit or Be Fired

Peggy Joslyn recounted that she was subjected to dirty jokes from male co-workers and sexual advances from her boss when she worked as a loan officer at a Chinese bank. She recalled that when she accompanied her supervisor to a convention in Denver, he demanded to see her hotel room. When he entered and refused to leave, she locked herself in the bathroom.

She was fired shortly after returning to Los Angeles. "He fired me because he made this [sex] into a condition of my employment. If I did not submit to him, then he'd fire me. He wanted to show me that he had the power to do it," she stated.

After filing charges against the bank, Joslyn was given an offer: she could have her job back if she would drop the charges. She accepted the terms and returned to work, only to be laid off two months later.

"I was the only person in the loan department to be laid off," she said. "That was re-



Photo by Richard Katsuda

Speaking out—Among panelists who discussed sexual harassment at work and in the classroom were (from left): Jai Lee of UCLA,

speaking for Eun Chong Kerr; Noriko Ellen Okamoto, former Vassar student; and moderator Chrissy Sonu, also of UCLA.

taliation. I just could not believe that I was so naive that I would drop the charges."

When Joslyn demanded an explanation, she was simply told, "This is a corporate decision." She said that her employers were unconcerned about her filing a second suit because they believed her to be powerless to change the situation. In the meantime, two male loan officers were hired to do "exactly what I was doing."

Joslyn added that it is the bank's responsibility to perform an investigation and correct any violations of the law if there are complaints of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, and yet nothing was done. "In a way, they were really condoning this guy [the supervisor]. They did not expect a female employee to compete with male employees at the executive level."

Taking it to Court

Joslyn was thus prompted to file a second suit in May 1982, even though it meant a three to four year waiting period. Despite the aggravation of waiting, she said that she has turned down proposals for a settlement because "they still refuse to recognize the fact that I was discriminated against."

Like Okamoto, Joslyn said she had difficulty getting support. When she sought other female employees who had received similar treatment and suggested filing charges together, one of them told her, "I need my job. Look, you could not even protect yourself. You got fired twice."

In addition to being in the unfortunate position of filing charges against fellow Chinese, Joslyn cited the psychological struggle she was experiencing: "I still have that concept—maybe I should not be so loud-mouthed, maybe I should be quiet, maybe what I'm doing is wrong." She attributed this problem to her traditional Chinese upbringing.

Physical Harassment on the Job

Eun Chong Kerr, who is also involved in a suit charging on-the-job harassment, attended the program but was unable to discuss her suit in detail because it is still under litigation. In her place, Jai Lee, assistant student/community projects coordinator at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, gave the background of the case.

After her arrival in the U.S., Kerr secured a job as a library assistant in the San Francisco Community College District. Her supervisor, William Tresnon, who helped her get the job, is the defendant in the case.

The harassment reportedly began the first day on the job, when Tresnon tried to take down Kerr's blouse. Tresnon is further charged with kissing Kerr against her will, fondling her sexually, forcing her into "vari-

ous acts of repugnant sexual intimacy," and threatening her with bodily harm and loss of employment if she did not comply with his demands.

Tresnon is also said to have denied Kerr wage increases and promotions because she resisted him, demanded sexual relations from her in exchange for his co-signature on a bank loan, and made obscene phone calls to her house.

Kerr finally resigned in February 1979. Her lost earnings are said to be over \$10,000, and in addition to emotional distress, she charges that she is suffering from high blood pressure, loss of weight, headaches, vomiting, dizziness, insomnia and a variety of other physical ailments as a result of the harassment. She has also been advised not to have children in her present condition.

Kerr has had difficulty talking about her experiences, even with her husband, and she initially found little support in the largely immigrant Korean community, where the prevailing attitude, Lee said, was "It's not our country. Why make waves?"

However, a trust fund has since been set up in Kerr's name to help offset high medical and legal fees.

Stereotypes Persist

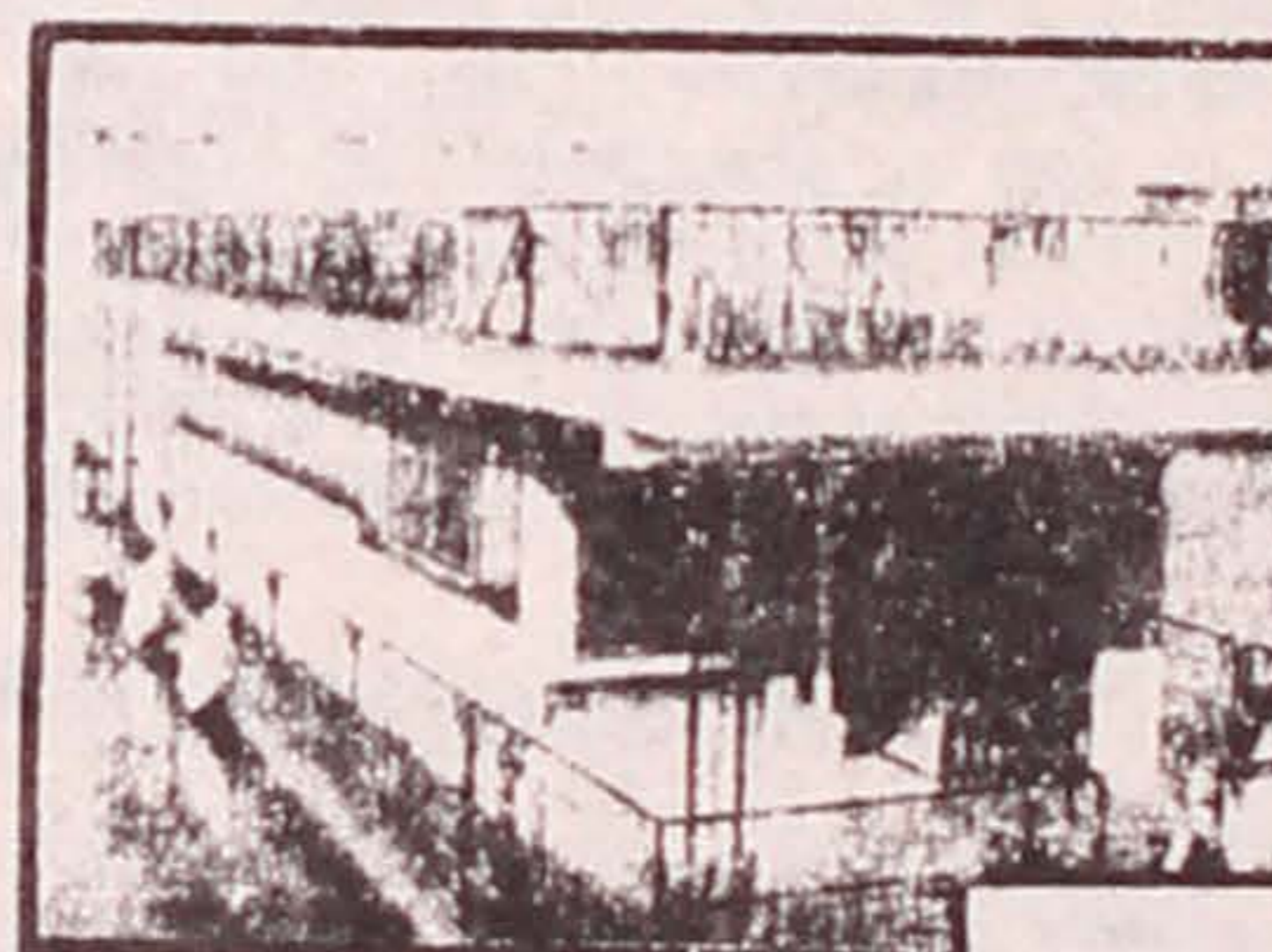
Dr. Judy Chu, a lecturer at UCLA, spoke about prevailing stereotypes of Asian women. Noting the current boom in mail-order businesses that import Asian wives for white American males and numerous personal ads in which white men specify that they want "oriental" women, Chu said that the image of Asian women as exotic and submissive is still very strong.

Referring to the cases of Okamoto, Joslyn and Kerr, Chu said, "These cases are the most drastic results that can come out of stereotyping. But every one of us can relate to the kinds of experiences that these three Asian women encountered, whether you are immigrant or American born."

Chu also said that "the Asian community cannot afford to hang on to those traditional values [about women's roles]" and that both Asian men and women must work together against racial and sexual stereotypes.

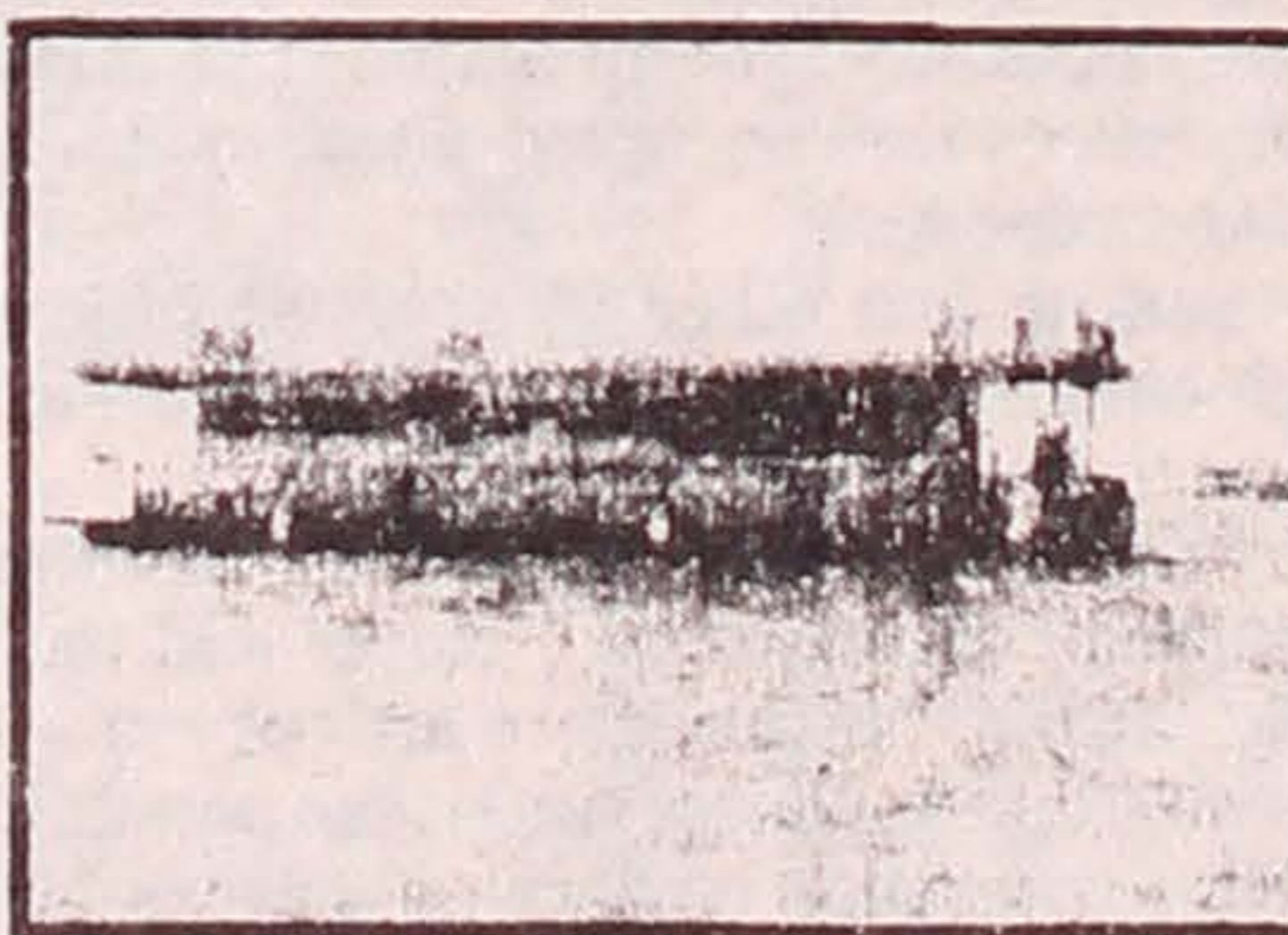
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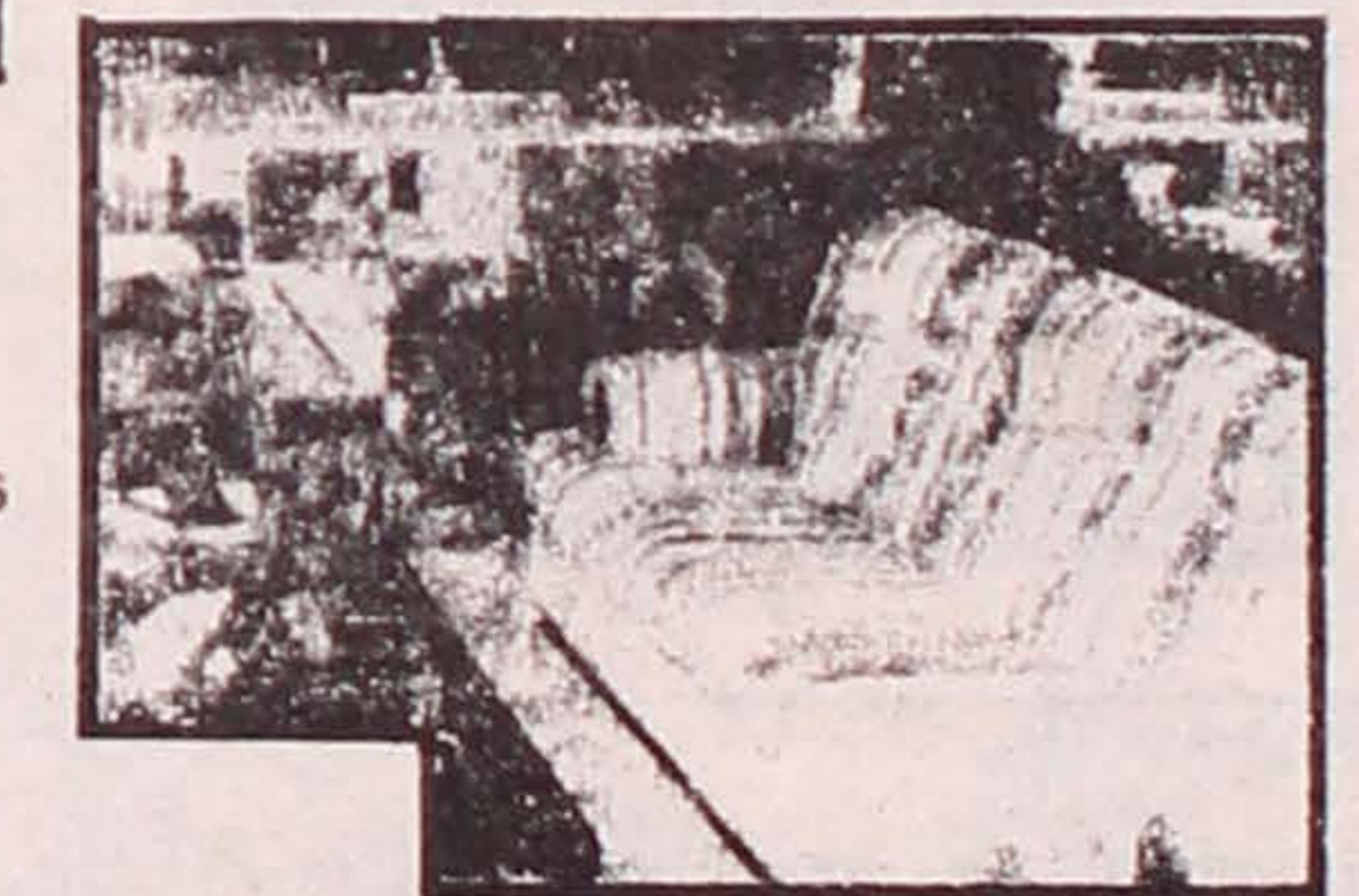
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New housing project accepting applications from Nikkei seniors

HAYWARD, Calif.—Nikkei senior citizens may now apply for one-bedroom or studio apartments in the new Eden Issei Terrace, announced East Bay Issei Housing president Laura Date.

Under construction on 3 acres of land, the project is expected to open in November. There are 74 one-bedroom units and 25 studios. It is close to shopping, bus lines, and easily reached from the Nimitz Freeway. The address is 200 Fagundes Ct.

Common space in the structure is one story with skylights and picture windows, and the sections housing apartments are terraced from two stories to three stories. The horseshoe configuration encloses a Japanese landscape garden with a koi pond. Towards the back will be a raised bed for gardening enthusiasts, an open lawn, and a path encircling the perimeter to allow for exercising without leaving the compounds. Discussions are under way for a par-course.

Each unit has its own bathroom, kitchen, and balcony/patio. It is equipped with carpeting, an electric range, refrigerator, and garbage disposal. Date pointed out that counters and cabinets were made lower in consideration of Japanese Americans and added there were numerous other features to make life more pleasant. A central dining room and kitchen will provide lunch Monday through Friday.

In addition, Date reported that East Bay Japanese for Action would open a branch office in the project to provide bilingual social services. There will be daily activities for the

residents and their guests, including yoga, English as a Second Language, current events, creative writing and craft classes, and short outings.

Date emphasized EBIH's indebtedness to the architectural firm of Hardison, Komatsu, Ivelich and Tucker, who enhanced the design with a Japanese influence. In particular, she thanked Dennis Okamura for the many hours he labored in discussions with the community advisory board on "senior-friendly" amenities. She mentioned that many of the design features also incorporated suggestions provided by Sarah Ishikawa's architectural class at UC Berkeley, which conducted extensive interviews with the Issei.

Date also commended the board members for their many years of hard work, stating, "Personally, it gives me a great sense of pride in community. First we opened Channing Way House for the frail elderly in 1981 and now Eden Issei Terrace in 1984—I think this demonstrates that we know who we are, we know what we need and that we know how to unite as a community to get it."

Among the projects sponsors are the Alameda, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, Eden Township, Fremont, Oakland and Tri-Valley JAACL chapters.

Date reported that interested persons should contact EBIH before July 1. To be eligible for the project, an individual or one spouse must be at least 62 years of age or be physically handicapped. There are certain income limitations, but persons should not be discouraged over this item before the interview. For more information, call Richard Oyama at 832-0152. Japanese-speaking persons should call 848-3560.

Community affairs

TORRANCE, Calif.—El Camino College stadium is the site of the first South Torrance Lions Club fireworks spectacular, July 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Featured are the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band, El Toro Marine Corps Marching Band, and a descent by the Wings Parachute Team. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from tickets (\$5 adult, \$3 children 6-12 years old) benefit the YMCA building fund, Little League, and blind and hearing programs.

LOS ANGELES—A new traffic safety program is available from the Los Angeles police department for newcomers and those who wish to improve their driving skills. Speaking in Japanese or English, an officer can present the program to any group or organization. For more information, call Stan Hanaoka, 485-3294, or Richard Kanzaki 485-4575.

LOS ANGELES—"The M-Form Society: How American Teamwork Can Recapture the Competitive Edge" is the title of a speech to be given by Dr. William Ouchi, UCLA management professor and author of "Theory Z," at the business dinner of Asian Business League July 10, University Club main dining room, 640 W. 6th St. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by July 3. Call Gary Wong at 624-3344 or Ken Hamamura at 613-6492 for further information.

LOS ANGELES—Minority Bar Assn. has its annual dinner July 5 at Miriwa Restaurant, 750 Hill St. in Chinatown. Mayor Tom Bradley will be the honored guest and U.S. district judge Robert Takasugi will be given a distinguished merit award. RSVP by June 29. \$25 checks payable to Minority Bar Assn. can be sent to Anthony Alexander, 1605 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 900, Los Angeles, 90015. Call 383-9775 for further information.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nisei and Retirement offers a fitness and shiatsu class every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Christ United Presbyterian Church on Sutter and Laguna Sts. Kiku Funabiki and Jeri Handa are the instructors. The class teaches a holistic approach to wellness for Nisei of retirement age. Instruction is in both Japanese and English. There is a nominal fee of 50¢ or less to cover rental of space. Funabiki can be called at 668-4660.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nisei Widowed Group meets Sunday, July 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sugihara. Main speaker will be adviser Barbara Hammes, Shanti volunteer. For more information, call Elsie Chung (San Francisco), 221-0268; Harry Murata (Marin County), 453-9248; or Yuri Moriwaki (East Bay), 482-5398.

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimocho Home invites the public to its first anniversary and volunteer appreciation party, Sunday, July 1, 1-3 p.m., 1531 Sutter St. For more information, call Sandy Ouye Mori, 922-9972.

Cultural events

LOS ANGELES—Perry Miyake's "Visitors from Nagasaki" opens July 4 at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., and plays Tuesdays through Sundays. The play is billed as a satirical comedy about a Japanese American family whose lives are changed by a visit from an atomic bomb survivor. Call 660-0366 for more information.

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Long Beach Harbor Japanese Community Center holds its annual carnival/festival June 30-July 1, 1766 Seabright Ave. Hours are 4-11 p.m. on Saturday (ondo at 7:30 p.m.) and 3-10 p.m. on Sunday (ondo at 7 p.m.). For more information call Agnes Hikida, 590-6752 or 599-2564.

SAN MARINO, Calif.—A two-day star festival (Tanabata Matsuri) will be created in the gardens of the Huntington Library, Arts Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 6 and 7. The free program includes Japanese archery, tea ceremony, music, dance, and flower arranging. The event is part of the Olympic Arts Festival.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Parkview Presbyterian Church, 727 T St., puts on its 13th annual food bazaar Sunday, July 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be games for children.

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American Dance Collective performs at New Performance Gallery, 3151 17th St., July 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8:30 p.m. The Sunday performance on July 8 begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$6/advance, \$8/door, \$3/seniors and children. For more information call Gayle Nishikawa, 552-8980, or Lena Chang, 469-1698.

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LOS ANGELES—Members of So. California Gardeners Federation have been volunteering their time to land-

scape the grounds surrounding the Japanese Memorial Hospital (City View), Keiro Nursing Home and Minami Keiro Nursing Home. In recognition of the volunteer's efforts, the hospital has provided an ongoing health screening for the gardeners.

Toyo Miyatake exhibit ready

LOS ANGELES—A photo exhibit honoring the publication of "Toyo Miyatake (1895-1979) Behind the Camera", covering his life's work in Little Tokyo opens June 30 at Weller Court's 2nd floor gallery.

Although doctors determined the majority of those examined were in good health, several volunteers were referred to their own physicians for a more thorough examination. According to Roy Sako, assistant administrator of the hospital, "The program was set up to reciprocate with the gardeners for the many hours of volunteer time they have given to our organization."

The book being published in Japan is expected to be available in the fall, according to publishers Bungei-shunju. The exhibit will be open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Aug. 26.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki



'Sanga Moyu' Overcriticized

With the continuing dialogue being uttered in the States by those who wish to have "Sanga Moyu" banned in the United States, I would like to interpose my personal views, as seen from here in Japan.

Much exposure has been given to Dr. Clifford Uyeda's initial and subsequent objections to *Futatsu no Sokoku* and "Sanga Moyu", as well as to Yuji Ichioka's voluminous summary and critique in the *Rafu Shimpo*.

Ms. Yamasaki is accused of using her Nikkei characters to present her warped views and of having anti-American motives from start to finish. Yet, not one of the key critics has ever met her or talked to her at length.

The predominant criticisms of the book are that the Nikkei do not have two motherlands, that we are Americans and Americans only and that the Nikkei are portrayed as good and bad Americans, with the pro-Japanese ones being identified as good. Kenji Amoh is also vilified in that he is depicted as a lost soul, with wavering sense of loyalties.

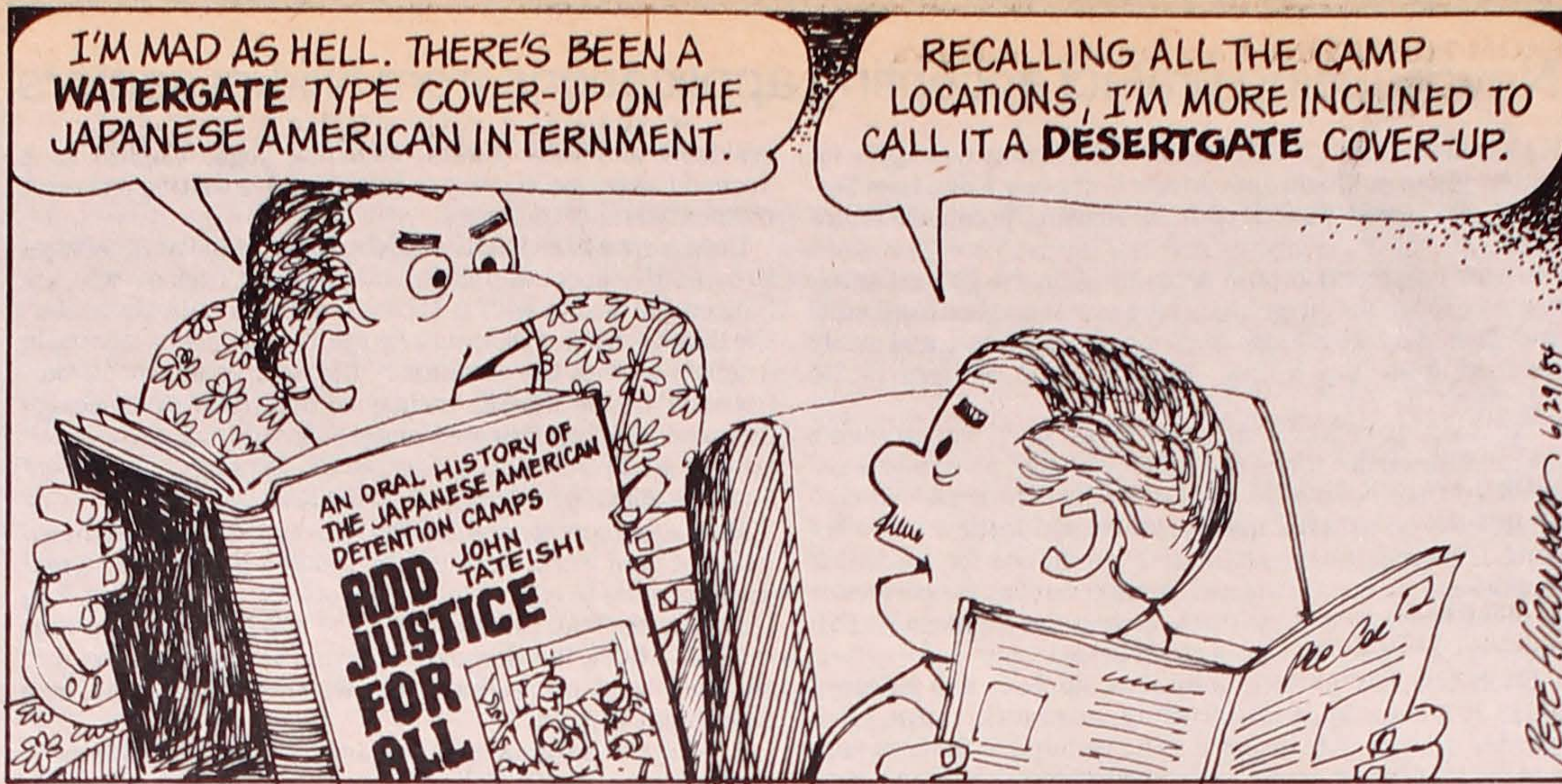
The above interpretations are seemingly correct, if one merely picks out the bad points in both the book and the TV program, as was done by the critics.

Let me critique both the book and the drama through my rose-colored glasses. In her unique way, Yamasaki has honestly tried to tell the Kibei story, with literary flourishes. It is a story of a Japanese American with two cultural backgrounds, both of which he has come to love for various reasons. Yet, he finds himself partially rejected by both cultures. He faces internal conflicts (as many Kibei did) but he goes through the trials of the evacuation, the relocation, the wartime service in the U.S. forces and the occupation of Japan. While he has inner doubts, his exterior actions are completely in accord with his American citizenship. The conflict is not only within himself.

It is easy to be glibly critical of this fictional plot, especially by those who did not know people of the Kenji Amoh mold.

War and Peace is a great fictional masterpiece. To Yamasaki, who was trying to write her *War and Peace*, the Kibei became the perfect vehicle to present the layers of conflicts. People who do not have the advantage of bicultural backgrounds do not appreciate her efforts.

While I am not a Kibei, my older brother was. He was too old to enter the U.S. Army. I do not question his loyalty. My



younger brother was stranded in Japan throughout the war. He had been sent to Japan to get an education so that he would have better opportunity for employment in prewar California. His citizenship was reinstated ten years after the war. I do not question his loyalty to the U.S. Another younger brother served in the occupation of Japan, the same time as I.

When Pearl Harbor came, I had seven cousins in Hawaii, nine cousins and a brother in Japan, four cousins in the United States as well as six brothers and sisters in California. There were at least a thousand families in the U.S. with similar backgrounds.

My father, along with several thousand other Issei, was picked up by the FBI for detention in an internment camp. Classified as an enemy alien, he spent two years apart from the family. Fortunately, I was able to visit him at Lordsburg, N.M., from Rohwer and initiated actions for a rehearing before relocating to Chicago. Three months after his release based on a rehearing, I became an Illinois draftee.

Several thousand Nisei, including many Kibei, served in the occupation. Many had come into Japan through Australia, Guadalcanal, the Philippines, Okinawa. Some had come in

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Choices in August

THERE ARE SOME Nikkei, particularly the older ones (i.e., primarily Nisei), who operate on the assumption that fellow Nikkei will act with integrity and dedication, particularly when it involves Nikkei. Oh, of course, there are certain Nikkei that some will point to as not being worthy of trust. But beyond such specific designations, the Nikkei places something akin to blind trust that a fellow Nikkei will be committed to the good of his fellow Nikkei and, therefore, can be counted upon to do what is right.

If only it were that simple. THIS COMING AUGUST the JACL national organization will be nominating and electing national officers, its leaders who will help formulate policy (good or bad), implement goals (vigorously or half-heartedly, or sometimes at a standstill), and generally lead (hopefully in front rather than following the pack). To seduce delegates' votes, there can be, and in the past have been, some slick talk, lofty promises, ballyhoo and pressuring.

The myth of *enryo* will be exposed as such. THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, whether its leaders and would-be leaders realize it or not, has been and remains at a critical crossroads: *vindication of the honor of all Nikkei and our almost disappeared Issei*. If the leadership subscribes to this concept, then their actions must match their words. It is no time for "business as usual." It is no time for placing purported leaders who essentially maintain status quo with a few cosmetic changes. It is no time for timidity, indecisiveness, or personal interests, whatever such may be.

Rather, it is time for imaginative and courageous leadership. Across the board; the national board.

THIS ALSO IS not the time for "provincialism," that is, supporting a candidate "because s/he's from our district." In years past we've seen this provincialism push candidates who were either not qualified or far less qualified than the competing candidate. On occasion, we've been so bold as to approach such candidate's supporters for an explanation: acknowledging in confidence that their man wasn't the better choice, or sometimes even confessing that they wanted to get him "out of their district," they pushed him for national office.

Well, hopefully there're no such things this year. The stakes have been and remain too high. We cannot afford such sophomoric dribble. Not this biennium.

IT IS SAID: "By their fruits ye shall know them." In

present terms, what is the candidate's record in promoting civil rights, in promoting your welfare and mine, in supporting the goals of JACL? Is there a record, or is it—again—talk, promises? Beware of the latter.

AND SO, THOSE of you who will be attending the national convention this August, armed with votes: act courageously, vote intelligently. And may your conscience applaud your vote.

Our honor, yours and mine, and the memory of our Issei require no less.

About Our Readers (7):

Travel Profile

(Based on a 33% response of the 2,182 readers randomly selected from the PC file of some 26,000)

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Of those who did, 40% of the travel was outside the U.S./Canada. As for trip destinations, they were (by rank): 1—U.S./Canada, 2—Elsewhere, 3—Hawaii, 4—Japan/Orient, 5—Mexico/So. America. We should have broken down "Elsewhere" to Europe, Africa, Mideast, Australia and Caribbean for a better reading as we didn't expect "Elsewhere" would rank No. 2.

No. of Trips in 1982:	Bus.	Plsr.	Both
1—U.S./Canada	47	190	121
2—Hawaii	11	97	32
3—Japan/Orient	12	76	22
4—Mexico/S. Amer.	6	47	8
5—Elsewhere	13	125	27

Total Count by JACL Districts (Bus/Plsr/Both):	EDC	MDC	MPD	IDC	PSW	CCD	NCW	PNW
U.S./Canada	19	43	8	22	78	15	119	54
Hawaii	1	8	2	5	55	3	47	19
Japan/Orient	5	15	-	4	33	3	58	12
Mexico/So. Amer.	-	4	-	2	29	2	18	6
Elsewhere	10	20	7	4	45	10	53	17
None in 1982	2	7	-	5	49	14	60	6

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



One day in 1920 a young foreign woman showed up at tiny Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, a short distance south of Des Moines, and asked to be enrolled. She wanted to learn to speak, read and write English, she said. Her name was Yasu Iwasaki and she was 20 years old. Resisting parental entreaties to marry and settle down, she had claimed the money they had saved for her dowry to pay her expenses from Japan to the United States.

Last month, 64 years later, she returned to Simpson to accept a distinguished alumnus award. What follows is a very brief account of what happened during those 64 years as she told it to a group of Denverites recently.

The first year at Simpson was extremely difficult, she recalled, but gradually her ears became attuned to the intricacies of a foreign language. She received her degree in 1926, then went on to postgraduate studies at Northwestern. As soon as she returned home in 1928 she was offered a job teaching English at Kassui, then a

A Remarkable Career

girls' middle and high school operated by American missionaries in Nagasaki. She took the position expecting to stay only a few years. This year, she finally retired at age 84.

Now, she hopes to have the time to travel to visit the thousands of women she taught, many of whom are living in the United States, and the scores of Americans who were her college classmates, or who were her colleagues on the Kassui faculty. Fear not about her ability to get around. She is alert, vigorous, articulate, full of curiosity despite her age.

Yasu Iwasaki had taught at Kassui only 13 years when war came. Her American links made her the target for harassment by the secret police. Like the matter of her hair which is naturally wavy. The police demanded to know where she had gotten the forbidden permanent wave. Although anything foreign was frowned upon, she continued to teach English.

In the summer of 1945 she underwent surgery. Early in August she had recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital in downtown Nagasaki and return to her quar-

ters at Kassui. The morning the atomic bomb fell she was in a concrete building at the school. The hospital was destroyed. The school and Yasu Iwasaki survived.

There was a great need for English teachers after the war. Kassui was expanded into a college. It was as though Yasu Iwasaki had been spared to teach Japan's young women the language that would help them make their way in postwar Japan. Many of her students went on to marry young Japanese businessmen who were sent overseas. Some married Americans and returned with them to the United States. Others got jobs in Japan or the States in which English was essential.

So she had played an important part in Japan's post-war recovery, and this contribution was recognized in the award her alma mater presented her. Is it difficult to imagine a Japanese woman of 20 coming alone to the U.S. in 1920 to get an education?

Well, yes and no. What Yasu Iwasaki did was remarkable, but about the same time hundreds of Japanese picture brides were coming to the U.S. to begin a new life with men they had never met. Their courage, too, was remarkable. Yasu Iwasaki and the women who became Issei mothers were from the same hardy stock.

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Coram Nobis Cases

"I have studied carefully the petition and thoroughly read all of the supporting documents," declared judge Donald Voorhees of the U.S. district court in Seattle on May 18.

"And further," continued Voorhees, "I have read the complete report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians," a 467-page report which declared that the internment was not instituted because of military necessity, but by "race prejudice, war hysteria and failure of political leadership."

All of this painstaking, preparatory reading by the judge gave advance indication of his ruling to deny the U.S. government's motion to dismiss Hirabayashi's petition.

Hirabayashi v. United States

Gordon Hirabayashi had filed, in January 1983, a petition for a writ of error coram nobis to vacate his 1942 conviction for violating military orders imposing curfew restrictions and for refusing to be evacuated by the military on the basis of ancestry. This latest effort was to undercut the basis of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1944 that had upheld the military's right to move civilians from their homes and to banish them into desert camps for the "duration," because of their ancestry. Hirabayashi's purpose is to re-open the question of the constitutionality of the military's 1942 orders.

Offer of proof of governmental wrong-doing in 1942 will be submitted, in the Hirabayashi case, at an evidentiary hearing in June 1985. The judge's decision after those hearings will be most significant for all of us.

Korematsu v. United States

The decision of judge Marilyn Patel of San Francisco on Nov. 10, 1983, in the Korematsu case, was an outstanding

Washington D.C. Chapter raises capital for JACL redress campaign

By Lily Okura

WASHINGTON—On June 20, following the House hearing on HR 4110, the Washington D.C. chapter held an informal dinner for JACL national president Floyd Shimomura, redress director John Tateishi, and national advisory council chair Minoru Yasui. K. Patrick Okura, chair of the chapter redress committee, presented a check for \$4,806. The gross amount collected from 102 members and friends was \$6,335.

Earlier in the year the fund drive climaxed with a reception on the Hill to honor the four Nikkei congressional leaders on April 25.

Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga gave words of encouragement as well as their personal commitment to push for redress.

Also in attendance were Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, who expressed their wholehearted support for the passage of HR 4110.

All four leaders expressed their appreciation for the continuous support of the Washington D.C. Chapter.

The following congressmen attended the reception, each of whom stated his full support for redress:

Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.), Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.), Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Vic Fazio (D-Calif.), Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.), Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), James Howard (D-N.J.), Mickey Leland (D-Tex.), Romano Mazzoli (D-Ky.), Leon Panetta (D-Calif.), Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), Mark Siljander (R-Mich.) and Jim Wright (D-Tex.).

victory for Japanese Americans who questioned the validity of military evacuation orders. Dale Minami, Lorrie Bannai, Don Tamaki, Bob Russky, Karen Kai, Russ Matsumoto, and all the other members of the legal team for Korematsu are to be congratulated.

The U.S. government attorneys expressed disagreement with the Patel decision and filed a "Notice of Appeal." It has been learned, however, that the government has decided to withdraw its notice.

The Korematsu decision, being allowed to stand, means that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Korematsu case is seriously flawed as a judicial precedent for the proposition that the government may lawfully segregate citizens on the basis of ancestry. That is a substantial contribution to the body of law in the country, and we owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the San Francisco legal team.

Yasui v. United States

Peggy Nagae, the energetic lead attorney in Oregon, has filed a "Notice of Appeal" in the Yasui case. Although judge Robert Belloni did vacate the 1942 conviction, he went further to grant the government's motion to dismiss the petition, because of his ruling that "no cause or controversy" existed. Our position is that the U.S. government was guilty of wrong-doing in 1942 in their actions against American citizens of Japanese ancestry. We want such finding in the record.

The Oregon legal team is working closely with Kathryn Bannai and the Seattle team of attorneys, because the legal issues in the Hirabayashi case will be same as in this case.

These cases, if successful, will aid immensely in the redress efforts. If successful through all the appeals, no one will be able to say accurately that evacuation and relocation were constitutionally valid.

NCJAR class action suit

The class action suit for \$25.2 billion filed by the National Council for Japanese American Redress against the U.S. government was dismissed by judge Louis Oberdorfer on the basis of expiration of the statute of limitations, which bars law suits after the passage of six years of time, unless action is taken before such time. As we understand, the question of appeal of that ruling is open.

Enabling legislation in Congress to authorize such suit is a possibility. However, such enabling legislation should be deferred, in this writer's opinion, because specific redress legislation is pending. We believe that redress bills should be given a fair chance of being enacted before attempts are made to pass enabling legislation. Moreover, it is this writer's opinion that the complex problems of proof of damages and losses, after more than 40 years, will be almost impossible.

Impact of law suits

Regardless of how all of these law suits are finally resolved, congressional action will be needed to provide redress for Japanese Americans.

House sub-committee hearings on HR 4110 were held in Washington, D.C., on June 20-21. Senate sub-committee hearings on S. 2116 may yet be held later this summer or early this fall. We would guess judicial decisions will not be anywhere near final by such time, so the campaign for redress will go into 1985-86.

Let's keep up the campaign for public awareness of the need for redress, not just for Japanese Americans, but for America! Let's keep the faith!

PRIORITIES: by Henry Tanaka

An Underused Resource

There's an overly used phrase, "No news is good news." It implies that it's better to "let sleeping dogs lie" than to disturb them.

Is that true for JACL? Or would the phrase be more apt if stated, "No news is bad news?"

The Pacific Citizen weekly does serve as a consistent communications medium for JACL. Yet, many have questioned its use as a "house organ." The fact remains, however, that we will never achieve a level of adequate and timely communication until we initiate a computerized informational system on a national scale. It can be done now if we choose to do so.

Meanwhile, we rely heavily on letter communications in hopes that chapter presidents, who are the usual recipients, sort their mail promptly and notify the appropriate persons immediately. Telecommunication is still too costly to initiate on a national scale. Face-to-face meetings of national committees are not economically feasible.

So, for consistent weekly communication of information we can certainly rely upon the Pacific Citizen. Will the information be timely? Probably not, if such information must be delivered a week before publication date. Or if we rely entirely upon volunteers to supply such information.

The fact remains that we have not made full use of the Pacific Citizen. Consistent communication of national JACL activities to its membership could be improved, particularly at the national level. For openers, may I suggest:

1. A monthly "Report from National" in the Pacific Citizen. Who is responsible for assuring that the report is published regularly should be worked out between the Pacific Citizen and national staff members. Clearly, chairpersons of national committees should have input if such reports include activities of these committees.

2. Quarterly reports from all national committees.

3. The Pacific Citizen board should identify issues of national concern to JACL and invite pro and con viewpoints from interested individuals. Examples of some issues are membership rebates, coalitions with other national Asian American associations, movement of JACL headquarters to Washington, D.C. and the establishment of a national Asian American women's caucus.

I believe that no news is bad news for JACL.

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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 23):

By Harry Honda



First & Main

First & Main is the intersection that divides the streets north & south, east & west in Los Angeles. It was the hub of commercial life for at least 50 years through the 1920s. Activity was also intense for the Issei of the times for our 1910

Japanese American source shows a cluster of community, business and health services in the northwest corner structure. Most of the imposing buildings during these years bore the name of the owner or builder, but this particular building with two addresses (105 and 107) on E. 1st St. is not identified in our meagre but valued resources.

Occupants included the Japanese Assn. (Rafu Nihonjin Kai) and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Shogyo Kumiai), a land investment firm, two pioneer dentists (Dr. Takaki, Dr. Shiina), photographer Peter M. Suski (a writer and physician later on), and branch newspaper office for the San Francisco Shin Sekai. A few doors east (119) was the Royal Hotel in 1910 — an Issei-managed operation and apparently the only one near this intersection. But as Little Tokyo constructed new office buildings on No. San Pedro St., business and civic groups moved in the mid-1920s to the geographic center of J-town: 1st and San Pedro Sts.

Nevertheless, the Japanese touch remained in other forms through the late '20s and '30s at First & Main — even though the block between Main and Los Angeles had become Little Manila with pool halls, barbershops and cafes. There were three Issei-service soda fountains, one cafe (Shimada's at 126) and six hotels run by the Issei: Seattle Hotel (116), Victoria (123), Windsor (113½), Piedmont (117½), Turin (123½) and Eagle (129) — at the Los Angeles St. corner, where Venice-Culver 1000 Club life member and philanthropist Victor Carter helped his dad run the corner hardware store). One physician and one dentist were practicing on the same side of East First, a barber (Hamamoto) also operated a bath concession.

Looking at Main St. in the 1910s, the Natick Hotel building housed the Japanese-Mexican farmers group, L.A. builders association, employment and interpreting service at the same address (107½ S.) and probably from the same room. Since the directory is classified, the same address pops up in four places.

In the 1930s, four hotels a block north and block south were run by Japanese on Main St. The first Issei-owned pet shop (Musashino at 125 S.) sold fancy goldfishes, birds and other pets from the mid-20s. Youngsters in Little Tokyo should remember this shop — for it was the nearest thing to a zoo with monkeys and brightly colored macaws on display.

After World War II, not a Japanese-run operation was in the First & Main vicinity. They had not returned. Besides the First & Main area was being claimed for city hall expansion. When you look at the City Health Bldg. today, you can tell yourself this was Little Tokyo's main business office address in the 1910s when the Nikkei community took hold, eventually becoming the largest on the West Coast.

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from the Burma theater, after first going into India and China. Jinn Aiso's judicious view about *Sanga Moyu* is supported by nearly all Nikkei who took part in the Pacific theater and the occupation of Japan.

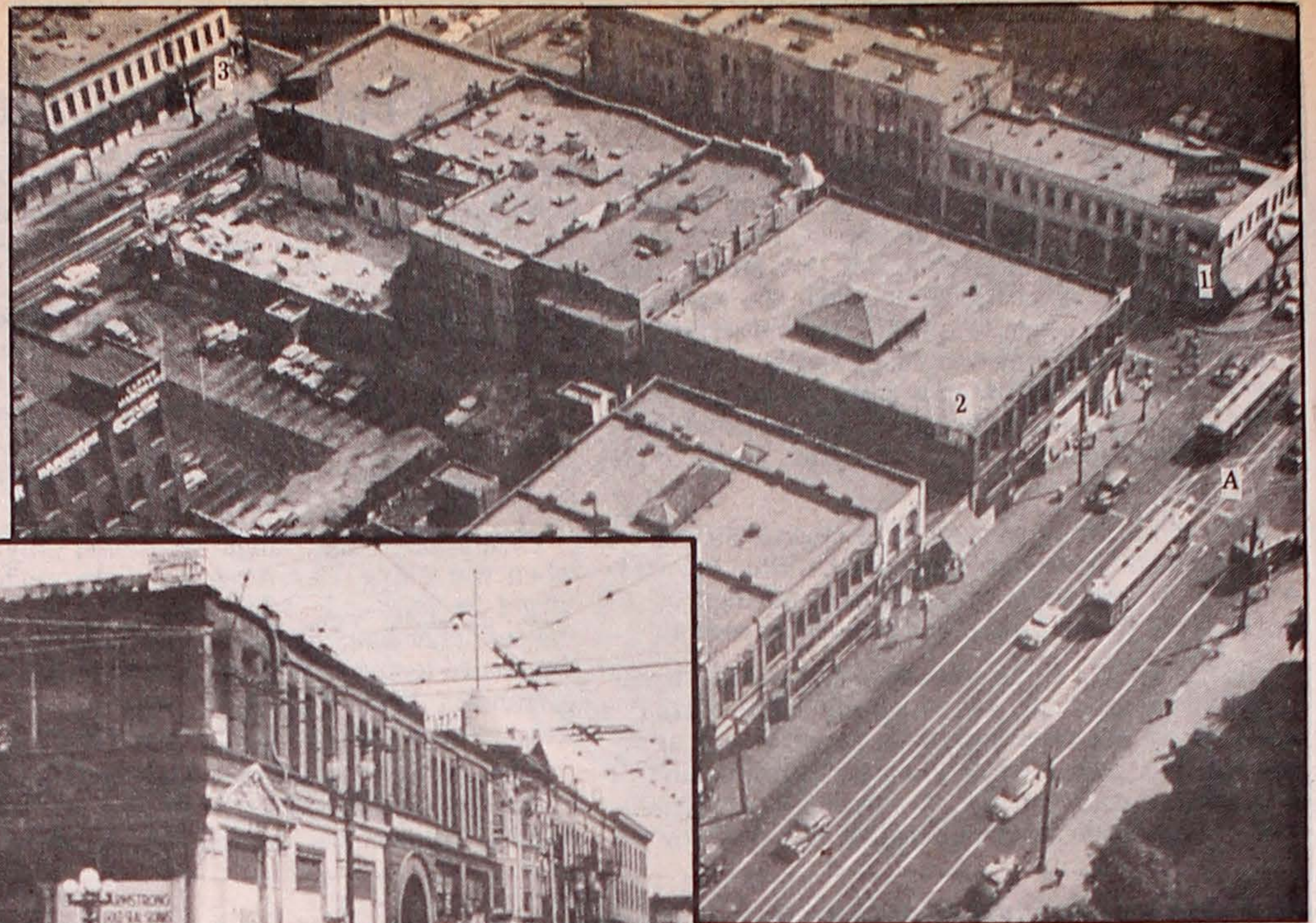
I submit that a "Mount Fuji" has been created out of a molehill. Having viewed all of the 22 programs to date, I have noted a few scenes where some people, who do not know much about prewar California, may wince.

Not Perfect Clones

Just as a furor was created about Bill Hosokawa's book, when the subtitle "The Quiet American" was used and just as objections were voiced against the holding of the redress hearings, because some thought that it would open up old wounds and would be demeaning, creating a backlash, this typically "don't rock the boat" attitude, claiming that we are 110% Americans and identical, clone-like molds of perfect Americans, true-blue to the core, seems to be merely a PR ploy.

The Nikkei can well be proud of being a minority which has attained a high level of achievement, but let us not assume an ego-complex and endeavor to whitewash everything that took place in the assembly and relocation centers. Of fundamental importance is that in spite of the injustice of the evacuation, the Nikkei did achieve a commendable record, probably not attainable by any other racial group, were they to be placed in a similar position. To some measure such was because of what we had been taught by our alien Japanese parents, who traditionally respected authority, right or wrong, and who had an inbred philosophy of defeatism (*shikataganai*).

Any stand that national JACL takes on this issue should be carefully worded, for we are in the realm of foreign affairs and foreign relations. Ms. Yamasaki is a Japanese author and NHK is a Japanese TV company. To ask the chapters to vote on something they have not read or seen is questionable and debatable. Further, our expressions of disagreement can run the whole range of possibilities, from outright censure to a moderate voice of dissent. It can be combative or in the form of friendly recommendation. Especially when we are dealing in international relations, there is room for diplomacy.



Pacific Citizen Archives

Third Scan from City Hall—Here is a bird's eye view of the area northeast of Main & First—the western edge of Little Tokyo. On Main St. (A) are the yellow street cars, which were gradually replaced with motor buses by 1955. In fact, all the buildings are gone except for the corner building (1). An older corner building (2) housed several dentists, photographer, the Japanese Assn. of America and Shogyo Kumiai in the 1910s, a Japanese bank from the '20s till Evacuation. The Iwaki Drug Store (3) lunch counter was a popular hang-out for the Rafu Shimpo workers next door in 1930s.

First & Main—The hub of Los Angeles, this is the northeast corner (c. 1950) where a number of Japanese organizations and later the Yokohama Specie Bank occupied the building prior to World War II. From Main St. eastward for one block on East First St. (at the right) was Little Manila. Today, the city health building occupies the site.

Calendar

To July 1

Albuquerque—Turning Leaves, photographs from Nikkei families in Gallup, NM, E Gallery, Maxwell Mus, Univ New Mexico, M-F 94; Sat 10-4; Sun 1-5

To Sept 5

San Francisco—Asian Masterpieces in Wood, Asian Art Mus, Golden Gate Prk; daily 10am-5pm

JUNE 30 (Saturday)

PNWDC—Las Vegas Nite fundraiser, Bush Asia Center, Seattle Int'l Dist; from 7pm

JUNE 30-JULY 1

Chicago—Buddhist Temple's Natsu Matsuri

JUNE 30-JULY 4

Carson—Fireworks sales, 438 W Carson St

JULY 1 (Sunday)

Seabrook—40th anniv comm'ty apprec picnic, Thundergust, Parvins State Prk

JULY 6 (Friday)

Los Angeles—Little Tokyo Serv Cntr dinner; Ethel Kohashi, Tritia Toyota, Rokuro Watanabe honorees, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 6pm

JULY 8 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Venice Japanese Comm'ty Cntr reunion, 12448 Braddock Dr; tkts \$13.50 (free to prewar Issei residents of Venice, Culver City); 12n

JULY 14 (Saturday)

Cleveland—Obon Odori, Buddhist Temple

Berkeley—Nikkei Drop-In Center 1st annv celeb, 11am

Los Angeles—Miss Sansei Calif Pageant, Beverly Hilton Htl; tkts (213) 935-9281

JULY 15 (Sunday)

Sacramento—Swim meet, Comm'ty Pk pool, 14th & B Sts; 8am warmups; picnic follows; info 756-6357

JULY 19-22

Los Angeles—Bugaku: Treasures from Kasuga Shrine perf & exh, Jpn Am Th, 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3700

JULY 21 (Saturday)

Seabrook—Buddhist Temple Bon Odori

JULY 22 (Sunday)

Cleveland—Community picnic, Clay's Park

San Mateo—Golf tourney, Skywest, 11:30am; info David Hayashi, 345-2082/344-3156

JULY 27-29

Gilroy—Garlic festival, Christmas Hill Park

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Kinoshita and Shimoura tie for JACLER of the Biennium

ROCKVILLE, Md.—Seiko Wakabayashi, chair of the national awards and recognitions committee, announced that there will be two recipients of the JACLER of the Biennium Award: Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle and James Shimoura of Detroit.

"Precedent was established in awarding the first JACLER of the Biennium to Abe Hagiyama and Jerry Enomoto as co-recipients," wrote Wakabayashi in the committee's recommendation to the national board.

"This committee feels that two awards are necessary for the 1982-84 biennium since the contributions and accomplishments by the above-mentioned individuals were equally important in two diverse spheres of JACL concern."

The national board ratified the committee's recommendation at its meeting May 25-27.

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Cherry Kinoshita, a native of Seattle, spent the wartime years in the Puyallup, Wash., and Minidoka, Idaho, internment camps. She went on to attend Seattle Community College, Univ. of Minnesota, and Univ. of Washington, from which she was graduated magna cum laude in sociology.

In the past biennium Kinoshita has achieved much in working to rectify some of the wrongs committed against Japanese Americans during WW2:

1. She drafted and lobbied intensively for a state senate bill that provides redress for Nikkei employees dismissed by the state of Washington because of their ancestry.

2. She was instrumental in the passage of a Seattle ordinance providing compensation to Nisei employees fired by the city during WW2.

3. She served on the JACL committee that successfully sought approval by the Seattle board of education for payments to Nisei clerks who were forced to resign in 1942.

4. She has served in an advisory capacity in Gordon Hirabayashi's *coram nobis* case.

5. She founded the Washington Coalition on Redress and serves as its Seattle JACL representative.

Longtime JACLER

Kinoshita has kept up her national JACL involvement during the biennium as chair of the 1982 nominations committee and as member of the Pacific Citizen board.

At the district level, Kinoshita has served as vice governor and as member of a constitution and bylaws committee. She has been on the district council office committee since the office's relocation to Seattle from Portland in 1979 and the district's adviser to the PNW regional director.

Her chapter activities include work with the international relations, recognitions, 60th anniversary banquet, Nisei Aging Project, and redress committees.

In addition to her JACL work, Kinoshita is active in the Asian Pacific Women's Caucus, Asian Americans for Political Action, Seattle Municipal League, and International District Economic Assn.

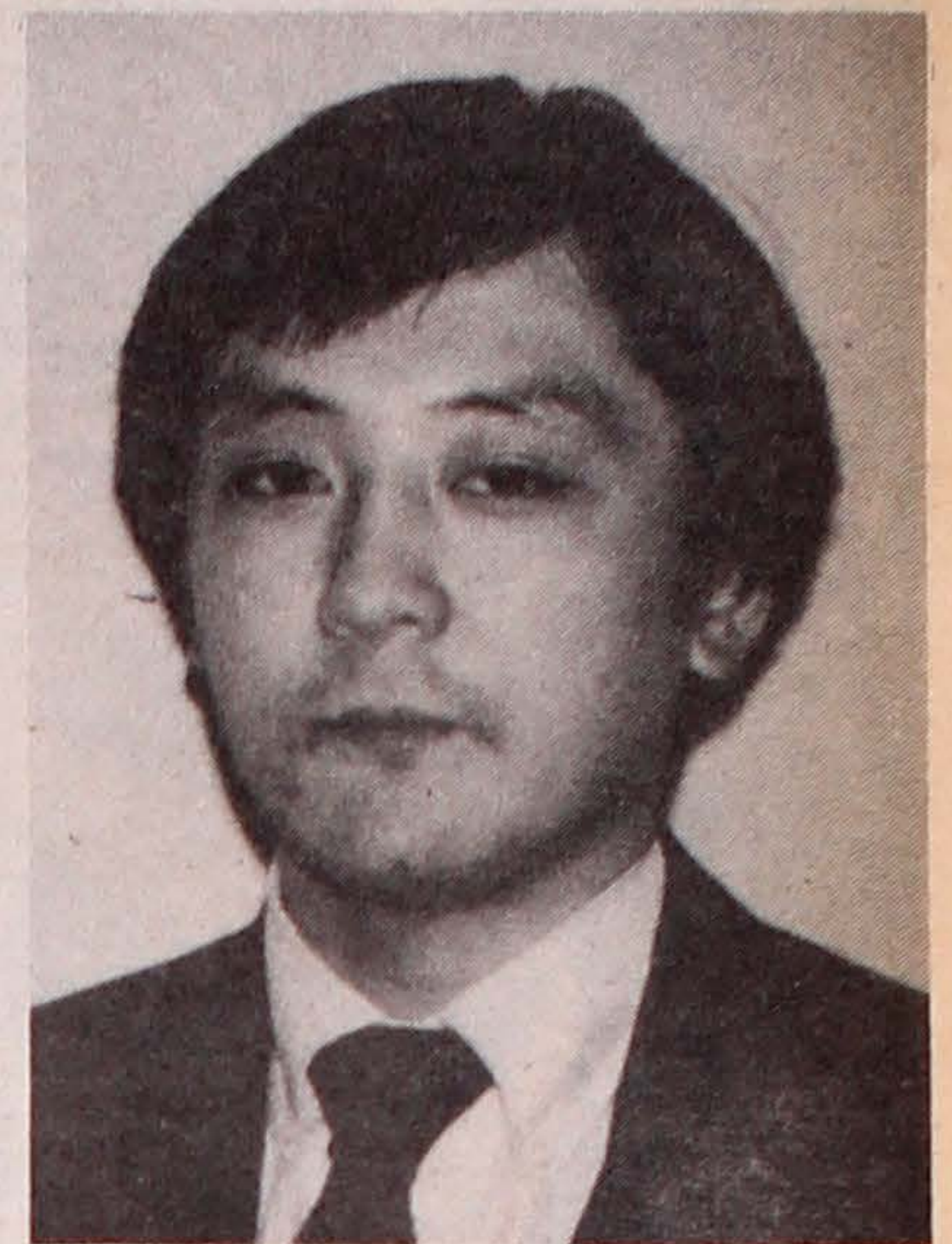
She has received such awards as the JACL silver and sapphire pins, the Minoru Masuda Memorial community service award for continuous contributions to human rights, and a 1983 human rights award from the Greater Seattle Chapter of the United Nations Assn. for outstanding work towards the enlargement of human rights.

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Attorney **James Shimoura**, member of the Detroit Chapter, has served as coordinator of JACL's Midwest human rights committee. He is being honored for his work with American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), a civil rights group formed last year in response to the murder of Vincent Chin and the light sentences received by his killers.



Cherry Kinoshita



James Shimoura

As a member of ACJ's executive board, he is credited with employing his political savvy to help build ACJ's coalitions with political leaders and with other civil rights groups, using his organizational skills to help establish the working structure of ACJ, and contributing his legal expertise to monitor the court proceedings in the Chin case.

Initially the only non-Chinese member of the group, Shimoura "had the foresight and commitment to see the broad implications of the issue, and to work beyond the occasional narrow-mindedness that arose," said ACJ president Helen Zia.

"Because Jim Shimoura had so actively involved the JACL in our loose coalition," she

continued, "it was impossible for any one nationality to 'claim' this case or this organization."

The Chin case is no longer considered an issue confined to the Detroit area or the Chinese American community. In its recommendation of Shimoura, the awards and recognitions committee stated that the attorney's efforts exemplify "the accomplishments that can be achieved by Asian Americans working together and the role that JACL can provide in the pursuit of Asian American issues."

Kinoshita and Shimoura will receive their awards during the Aloha Banquet at the national JACL convention in Honolulu.

HEARINGS

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written by his Issei father to friends in San Jose: "When I looked Santa Clara Street from the train, I thought this might be the last look at my beloved home city. My heart almost broke out and suddenly hot tears just pouring out. My whole family cried out and could not stop until get out of our loved county."

"Chiseled in the marble over the Supreme Court, it does not say 'Equal Justice Under Law Except When Things Get Sticky,'" Mineta said in conclusion. "It says 'Equal Justice.' And that is what we ask for.... No more. No less...."

"And for the old ones who are dying, I ask that we act with firmness and with speed."

Observers reported that Mineta's emotional testimony drew applause from the audience and that many of those present were visibly moved, including subcommittee chair Sam Hall (D-Tex.).

Matsui Speaks of Parents' Losses

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), who was an infant when his family was interned in Tule Lake, also talked from a personal perspective. "My parents were proud citizens of the United States.... But with Executive Order 9066, my parents' citizenship and loyalty suddenly meant nothing."

Matsui recalled his parents' loss of their

business and home as well as the physical and emotional hardships of life in camp. Although his family was able to move to a farm labor area in Idaho after nine months, he said, "We remained in restricted boundaries, unable to return to our home in California for three more years."

The Sansei congressmen stressed the need for monetary compensation, saying, "If we make it absolutely clear that people will be held accountable for their actions, we can hope to deter such actions in the future."

Report Attacked, Defended

U.S. Dept. of Defense historian David Trask told the subcommittee that the CWRIC's report, "Personal Justice Denied," has no validity because it "serves a specific purpose—to present the case against the government in the most favorable light."

Defending the CWRIC's findings were CWRIC chair Joan Bernstein, special counsel Angus Macbeth, and commissioner Arthur Flemming.

Among the testifiers on the second day of hearings was Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.), the only CWRIC member to oppose monetary reparations. Though he did not challenge the validity of the report, he argued that money is not needed to make an apology genuine and

added that paying Nikkei internees would set a precedent that would lead to paying any ethnic groups with similar grievances.

Gardena Nisei Bert Nakano, spokesman for the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR), suggested amendments to the bill that would increase individual payments to \$25,000 and allocate funds taking into account the total number of people relocated or interned.

New York Nisei Bill Kochiyama of Concerned Japanese Americans spoke not only as a former internee but also as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He recalled the rescue of the Texas 36th Infantry Division, which resulted in 2,000 casualties for the 442nd. Company K, to which Kochiyama belonged, was reduced to 23 men. Kochiyama urged the subcommittee to implement redress so that "the deaths of my brave comrades-in-arms... will not have been in vain."

The same thoughts were articulated by Mike Masaoka, who spoke for Go For Broke, Inc., a national organization for Nisei veterans. Masaoka belonged to the 442nd and lost a brother in the rescue of the Texas battalion.

Masaoka urged support for the bill and suggested amendments that would give payments to Nikkei who were discharged from the military because of their race, exempt redress payments from taxes, give first priority to the elderly, and provide measures

that would educate the public about the accomplishments of Nisei soldiers.

Rep. Hall unwittingly provided a humorous moment by asking Masaoka, a native-born American, when he first came to this country.

McCloy Defends FDR

Opposing the notion of redress was John J. McCloy, who defended President Franklin D. Roosevelt's wartime actions, claiming that they were a direct result of the Pearl Harbor attack. The former assistant secretary of war said, "Our government should defend itself against this grotesque charge that it was race prejudice and not realistic security precautions which induced President Roosevelt's order."

He further stated that the "Magic" cables, intercepted Japanese messages that purportedly show that Japan had Nisei spies in the U.S., fully justified the internment.

Roosevelt and his advisors, McCloy said, "were statesmen of great stature, some of the finest men who have ever served the country."

The subcommittee also heard testimony in support of the bill from Reps. Sala Burton (D-Calif.), Mike Lowry (D-Wash.) and Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.). Lowry submitted redress bills in 1979 and 1983, and Dymally submitted two such bills in 1982.

Subcommittee hearings were scheduled to resume June 27.

Chapter Pulse

Marysville

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—"Tea and Symphony," an evening of chamber music, will be held Friday, July 6, 8:15 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Featured guests are Kazusa Shimaoka, founder of the San Francisco Chikushi Koto School, Judy Toyoda Coe on flute, Ingrid Gaston on viola and Anne Berk on bass. Kimi Manji conducts.

Manji performs with Frank Zappa in the Bay Area in June and is summer assistant

director for the Calif. Youth Symphony.

For advance tickets call 674-3012 or 674-8544.

San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—This year's community picnic will be held at Bonita Basin in Mission Bay Park, July 4. Activities start at 11 a.m. and continue until dusk. Soda and beer are provided by the chapter.

Weigh-in for the fishing derby is 1 p.m. Any edible fish may be entered except sharks.

MAYORS

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educational purposes," was passed two days before the first round of House subcommittee hearings on HR 4110, a redress bill introduced last year.

Can Be Lobbied

"The resolution enables our lobbyists to go to Congress and actively support redress legislation in the House and Senate," Royer said. Although the National Governors Assn. did not pass a similar resolution submitted last year by Washington governor John Spellman, Royer continued, "Here is a grassroots organization that does approve."

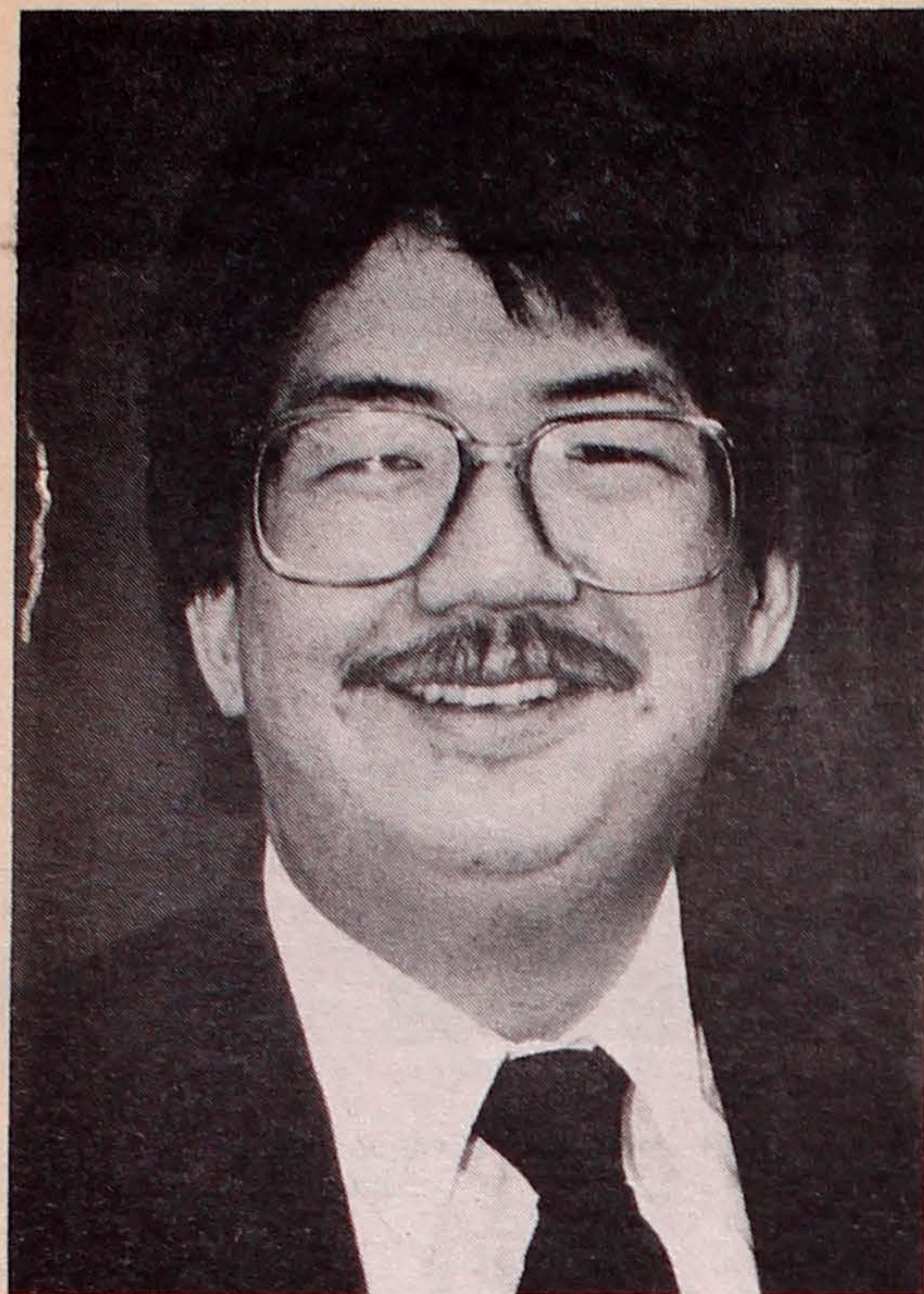
Royer, who testified before the CWRIC in 1981, said he introduced the resolution because "I like to think I am a strong advocate

for human rights."

He added, "I live in a city with a large Nikkei population, [and I have a] personal identification with what went on. I have good friends who were in camp. I know how strongly they feel."

The resolution will be taken to the National League of Cities board meeting next month in St. Paul, Minn., and then to the league's annual meeting, scheduled for December in Indianapolis.

The league is a larger organization of mayors, city managers and council members from cities of all sizes, and the resultant dominance of smaller cities may necessitate strong lobbying on behalf of the resolution.



G. Tim Gojio

Legislative counsel is new Washington representative

SAN FRANCISCO—Succeeding Ronald Ikejiri as JACL's Washington, D.C., representative is G. Tim Gojio, a Seattle-born Sansei currently serving as an attorney with the Washington State Senate's Republican Caucus.

The national board ratified Gojio's appointment at its meeting May 25-27.

Gojio received a certificate of appreciation from Seattle Chapter JACL earlier this year for his work in obtaining passage of Senate Bill 3163, which provided compensation for Japanese American state workers who lost their jobs during WW2. Gojio researched, helped draft, and initiated discussion for the bill, which was passed last year.

A graduate of Univ. of Washington school of law, Gojio has been applying his legal skills to the field of politics. In addition to his present job, he is a Republican precinct committee-person for the 30th legislative district (Tacoma) and has served as a member of the Pierce County Republican convention platform committee and as a delegate to the 1980 Washington State Republican convention. He also worked on the 1982 campaigns of state representative Jean Marie Brough and senator Peter von Reichbauer.

One of the reasons he applied for the job as Washington representative, which he begins the third week of July, was a personal interest in the redress issue. His late father also strongly believed that Japanese Americans were entitled to some form of compensation.

Gojio and his wife, Vicki (nee Beckman), will move to the nation's capital shortly.

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Letters

Progress report

The Barren Zone, Toyoko Yamasaki's novelistic description of the Japanese gulag experience in Siberia (1945-1957), is such a precious story that I decided it must be made available through translation to Euro-American readers; soon it will be.

The world's foremost scholar of Soviet-Japanese relations read the story and expressed amazement at the thoroughness of her research and the authenticity of her novelistic recreation. Therefore, I was happy to invite Ms. Yamasaki to the University of Hawaii to conduct research for her next novel, on Japanese Americans.

For fifteen months she was an indefatigable researcher—also, a methodical one, having been instructed during that time by my Gila River classmate Michi Weglyn.

Subsequently, she wrote the 1300-page novel *Futatsu no Sokoku*. I helped the author select the name of the protagonist, Amoh Kenji, who was modeled in part on an Army friend, Dave Itami.

I last saw Dave in Tokyo, not long after he was beaten and broken by thugs, shortly before his ambiguous death.

A Japanese friend in Tokyo was instrumental in persuading NHK to buy the novel. Thus, "Sanga Moyu" was born. I feel as if karma has been at work.

Entertaining

The advisability of tele-

casting "Sanga Moyu" in the United States has been much debated. Having viewed the first four of the projected forty hours, I have a tentative opinion to offer. Incidentally, very few of those 240 minutes were based on Ms. Yamasaki's novel.

"Sanga Moyu" should be made available to the Nikkei audience because it is good entertainment. Wait until Amoh Kenji's kid brother, a recent California high school graduate (looking at least 40 years old) interrupts his fluent Japanese to say in English, "Well... it's easier for me to speak English than Japanese." A positive riot.

Furthermore, seeing "Sanga Moyu" may be a valuable educational experience. The viewer will be introduced to stereotypical images of the Nisei, created and consistently reinforced by Japanese television.

Nisei Stereotypes

A university colleague of mine had been mildly amused by the controversy over "Sanga Moyu." An avid watcher of Japanese TV (about 100 hours presented weekly over four networks), this Hawaii Nisei had looked forward eagerly to a special episode of the detective series "Tokuso Saizensen," which had been filmed on location in Honolulu.

He said he was disappointed, then after a pause confessed that he was very upset by the portrayal of Nikkei, and would willingly follow Mike Masaoka down the

path of doom to prevent "Sanga Moyu" from showing on U.S. television. He had been "educated."

Better than Most

Having subtitled at least 300 hours of Japanese movies and TV dramas, I would say that "Sanga Moyu" is quite good, several cuts above the usual, and should improve as the series progresses. Although the kid brother, as re-created by NHK, is a fictional mess ("The blood in my veins is Japanese!" he blurts, the first chance he gets), Amoh Kenji is a believable character straight out of Yamasaki's novel. Nikkei viewers will like him.

I would not worry about "Sanga Moyu" influencing American public opinion in any way, because I doubt that even one in 10,000 non-Nikkei would watch a local network specializing in Japanese TV dramas. As an educator, I want the younger Nikkei to become familiar with their own popular reflection in Japan.

JAMEST. ARAKI
University of Hawaii

JACL to host Nikkei team from Brazil

PALO ALTO, Calif.—A group of Brazilian Sansei teenagers will play baseball with teams in the San Francisco Bay Area July 12-17 and in Southern California July 17-22, the U.S. hosts, JACL/Pan American Nikkei Assn., announced.

JACL/PANA, at the same time, is looking for more hosts to house these young men while they are here. If anyone can host one, two or more boys for even a few days (if not the whole period), or who would like to sponsor a player and chaperone him to the activities, is to call Dr. Harry H. Hatasaka (415) 321-7066 in the Bay Area or Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda (213) 473-4080 in the Los Angeles area. "Please call as soon as possible," Hatasaka urged.

Dr. Antonio K. Kuwahara, a Sao Paulo dentist who managed the Brazilian ball club at the PANA convention games in Lima last year, is heading the 20-member team, comprised of Nikkei 15-17 years of age. They are scheduled to meet two Bay Area Optimist League Nikkei teams and one Lodi Babe Ruth team.

Book party for author, contributors

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL hosts a reception for John Tateishi and individuals whose stories appear in *And Justice For All*, Friday, June 29, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A brief program begins at 5 p.m.

Tateishi will also report on the recent House hearings on HR 4110, the Civil Liberties Act of 1983.

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JACL nominees

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Since we recognize that the most important position in the national office is the president, we need to know and study the candidates' positions on key issues, their platform, etc. According to the timetable, profiles on the nominees will be at the end of the list or near to the convention date, which allows little time for the chapters to study the background, qualities, and future direction.

We are wondering, therefore, if PC can reverse its timetable by first running the profiles of the presidential candidates and go down the list. It is very possible that the only source of information for the chapters is through the PC.

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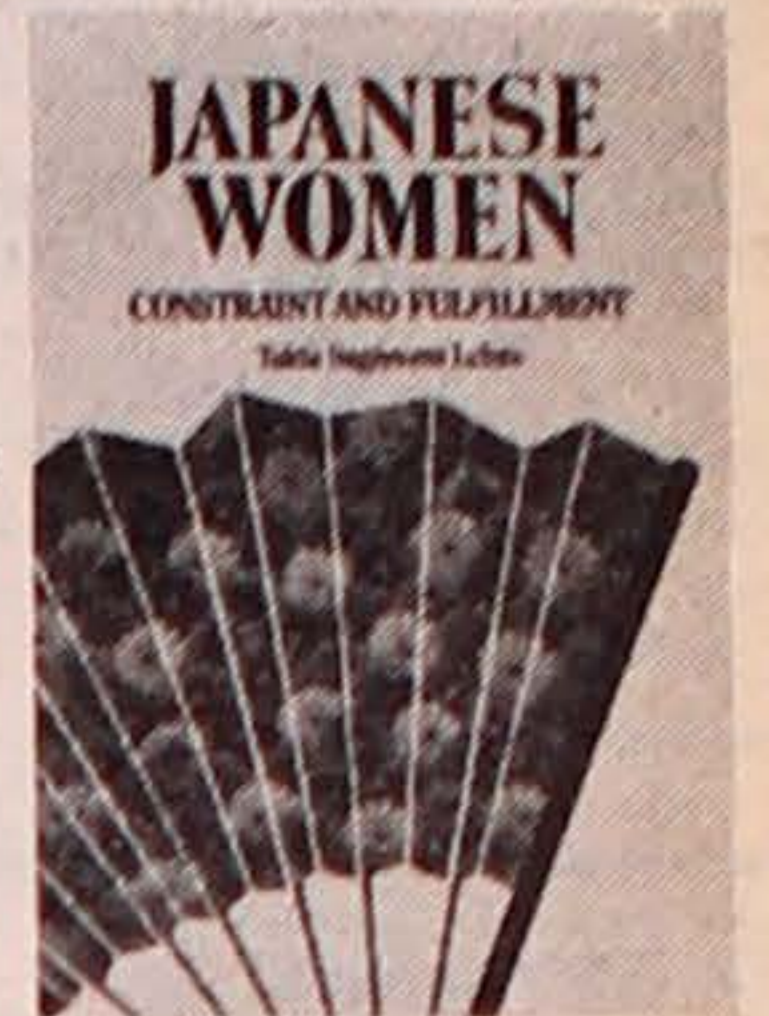
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VINCENT CHIN

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Nitz. Witnesses differed on what sparked the fight.

The First Confrontation

Choi testified June 14 that he heard the word "Nip" coming from where Ebens and Nitz were sitting, and that he responded, "We're not Japanese." Siroskey said that he remembered hearing the word "Chink" coming from across the stage, but he could not identify Ebens or Nitz in the courtroom.

Racine Colwell, a dancer at the nightclub, testified that she heard someone say, "Because of you motherf---s, we're out of work." Ebens was an unemployed auto worker, and it has been suggested that he blamed Japanese people for his situation.

Under cross-examination June 19, Ebens denied using any racial slurs. He said that Chin's party was harassing a dancer on the stage, calling her "a crummy dancer," and that he came to her defense, saying, "Don't worry about those guys, show them what a good dancer is."

Ebens said he did not recall swearing at Chin's group, though he "could have." He said that Chin came around the stage and hit him. Nitz said that he could not remember any verbal exchange between Chin and Ebens before the fight began.

The ensuing scuffle was broken up by bouncers and everyone involved was escorted out of the club. Nitz had a cut on his head but was unsure if Chin had inflicted it. Both Choi and the defendants recalled hearing Chin say, "Let's fight some more" or words to that effect.

Chin Chased and Beaten

In the Fancy Pants parking lot, according to Ebens, Nitz grabbed a bat and chased Chin and Choi; Nitz testified that Ebens chased Koivu and Siroskey (this was corroborated by Koivu); and Ebens remembered chasing Choi after that.

In any event, Ebens and Nitz went back to Nitz's car. Jimmy Perry, an area resident, testified June 15 that he offered to direct Ebens and Nitz to a nearby hospital when he noticed the cut on Nitz's head. This much was confirmed by the defendants, but Perry went on to say that Nitz offered him \$20 "to help find the Chinese guys."

Ebens and Nitz found Chin and Choi in front of a McDonald's, where Choi said he and Chin chose to wait for their friends "because there were a lot of people there." Ebens said that when he "saw the two Orientals sitting there laughing and joking," he was still angry about the fight.

The two jumped from the car and went after Chin and Choi. Ebens said that "something snapped" as he approached Chin. He then struck Chin with the bat repeatedly in full view of several people. A tearful Ebens said in court that he did not remember hitting Chin because he had had "too much to drink." Nitz denied holding Chin while Ebens delivered the blows, as the prosecution has charged.

"The man was in a frenzy," testified Choi, who witnessed the attack but was uninjured. Michael Gardenhire, a police

officer working as a security guard at the McDonald's, was also an eyewitness. He drew his gun and ordered Ebens to drop the bat.

In the courtroom, eyewitnesses were given the bat and asked to demonstrate how Ebens used it. One of them, Harold Fitzgerald, struck the floor with such force that the bat broke.

James MacDonald, an emergency medical technician who arrived on the scene, testified that Ebens, now in police custody, pointed at Choi and said, "If they hadn't stopped me, I'd do you."

Chin died four days later without regaining consciousness.

More Disagreements

In the course of the trial, the defense sought to prevent the ambulance attendant, three police officers and Chin's mother from testifying but was overruled. However, the defense successfully blocked the use of autopsy photos which would have shown the severity of the blows to Chin's head.

In addition to denying the use of racial slurs, the defense

charged that Chin's friends were coached before they testified.

Helen Zia of American Citizens for Justice, a coalition of Asian community groups formed after the first Chin verdict, complained that ethnic slurs were considered the sole basis for determining racial prejudice on the part of Ebens and Nitz.

Jim Shimoura, a JACL member who helped found ACJ, agreed that "words alone wouldn't establish a case." Rather, he said, the fact that Ebens and Nitz pursued the two Asians in the group instead of Siroskey and Koivu, who are white, demonstrated racial motivation. "Choi had not raised a hand, he hadn't touched the defendants," he added.

A number of ACJ members, as well as friends and family of the defendants, attended the trial. An ACJ observer commented that Ebens and Nitz "seemed to exhibit a memory lapse for the critical seconds during the attack. Their most frequent answers were 'I don't remember' or 'I don't recall.'"

The carefully selected jury, which is all white except for three Blacks, began deliberation this week.



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