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SHOWING SUPPORT—Harry Kajihara, JACL PSW governor, displays the address to which contributions for Rep. Norman Mineta's reelection campaign can be sent. A fundraiser was held Oct. 11 in L.A.'s Chinatown but Mineta could not attend because Congress was still in session.

JACL files brief supporting class action suit

WASHINGTON—JACL announced Oct. 12 that it would file an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in support of the National Council for Japanese American Redress, whose class action lawsuit on behalf of Nikkei interned during WW2 is before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The decision to become involved with the NCJAR suit was made by JACL president Frank Sato. "I feel it is important for Japanese American groups interested in redress to work together," Sato said. "As the only national organization representing Japanese Americans in the time following WW2, the JACL has unique information that attorneys for both JACL and NCJAR believe the court should consider before making a decision."

The $24 billion suit against the federal government for rights violations and damages suffered as a result of the internment was dismissed May 17 because of the government's statute of limitations argument. Judge Louis Oberdorfer ruled that former internees had only six years immediately after the internment within which to file a suit. NCJAR is appealing the decision.

Argument Rebutted

The brief, written by JACL Washington representative Tim Gojio, challenges the basis for the dismissal. "Our brief covers two points," Gojio explained. "First, that the JACL had participated as an amicus curiae in the Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Korematsu cases and was told after the war that there was no opportunity to overturn these decisions.

"Secondly, there appeared to be no evidence available prior to the 1983 report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and the coram nobis petitions filed the same year to show that there was an intentional government cover-up of evidence that showed there was no military necessity for evacuating Japanese Americans."

The wartime Supreme Court cases of Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, and Fred Korematsu upheld the curfew and later evacuation of Japanese Americans. The cases were reopened last year on the basis of government documents (many of them discovered through the Freedom of In-

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Bilingual ballot battle continues in Calif.

SACRAMENTO—Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and former senator S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) are on opposing sides in the debate over Proposition 38, which would put California on record as favoring the elimination of federal requirements for bilingual election materials.

Hayakawa has spearheaded the drive to put the proposition on the November ballot through U.S. English, an organization which claims to have 35,000 members in California. The group has targeted California in order to show that even states with large minority populations do not support bilingual ballots.

If passed, Prop. 38 would require Gov. George Deukmejian to send letters to the president, the attorney general and all members of Congress urging that "federal laws be amended so that... official voting materials shall be printed in English only."

The initiative reads, in part:

"A common language, English, unites our immigrant residents, fosters harmony among our people, promotes political stability, permits interchange of ideas at many levels, and encourages societal integration...Multilingual ballots are divisive, costly and often delay or prevent our immigrant citizens from moving into the economic, political, educational and social mainstream of our country."

A statement authored by Hayakawa, businessman J. William Orozco and Stanley Diamond of California Committee for Ballots in English further argues that bilingual ballots "invite abuse" because non-citizens use them to vote; create ill will among earlier immigrants who did not receive such "special treatment"; are costly; are discriminatory because they are printed only in Asian and Native American languages and Spanish; and are unnecessary because applicants for citizenship must pass an English proficiency test.

'No On 38'

Matsui and fellow congressmen Esteban Edward Torres and Don Edwards call Prop. 38 "an attack on...the Voting Rights Act, which enables all Americans to effectively exercise their right to vote" because voters who have difficulty with English would be deprived "of their say in the many governmental decisions that affect their daily lives."

The representatives argue that

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News in Brief

Caricature taken down

FLINT, Michigan—A poster at Six Flags Autoworld depicting a flying car with buck teeth and slanted eyes bombing an aircraft carrier labeled "Detroit" was recently removed following protests from Asian Americans, among them Rep. Robert Matsui (D—Calif.) and JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, who said the poster was racist and could increase anti-Asian sentiment. Autoworld public relations manager Kathy Schoch, in an interview with the Rafu Shimpo, said the action was "part of a regular rotation of exhibits" and denied that the removal was due to community pressure. (See Sept. 28 PC for a photo of the poster.)

Onizuka to go into orbit

HOUSTON—Hawaii-born astronaut Ellison Onizuka is expected to go on a space shuttle flight as a mission specialist Dec. 8. The mission was postponed in Nov. 1983 and in July because of problems with a booster rocket needed to carry a military satellite into orbit. Onizuka, an Air Force major, will be the first Asian American in space.

Garment co. hit with suit

SAN FRANCISCO—A suit filed by Asian Law Caucus last year led to a federal lawsuit against a San Francisco garment shop charging that it underpaid its largely female, Chinese, non-English-speaking work force by more than $400,000, the San Francisco Examiner reports.

The suit alleges that owner Tammy Ho and T&W Fashion, Inc. owe $405,371 in minimum wages and overtime to 424 former and current employees. Dennis Hayashi of Asian Law Caucus said that one of his clients made only $18 for 10 hours of work per day.

Ethnic slur protested

WASHINGTON—The term "Jap Stuff" was used to describe sushi in the September issue of the Washingtonian, prompting JACL Washington representative Tim Gojio and D.C. chapter president Kris Ikejiri to send letters demanding an apology and requesting that the editors establish a policy to prevent future racial slurs from being published. Gojio and Ikejiri are urging chapter members to report any similar incidents.

Koreans resist fingerprinting

TOKYO—About 1,000 Korean residents met here Oct. 5 to declare their intention to refuse fingerprinting required under alien registration regulations. The action came in a joint session of the Korean Women's Assn. and Korea Youth Assn., which represent 250,000 Koreans living in Japan.

This move is expected to give added impetus to the fight against the registration procedure, which requires non-Japanese residents aged 16 or older to be fingerprinted every five years. Many foreign residents have deliberately violated the law, calling it discriminatory. Korean residents hoped in vain that the issue might be settled during South Korean president Chun Doo Hwan's state visit to Japan last month.

Goto runs for Congress

LOS ANGELES—Republican Echo Goto will challenge Democrat Augustus Hawkins in his bid for reelection as representative of the 29th district (Downey, Cudahay, Huntington Park, Walnut Park, Southgate, Watts, and parts of Lynwood and Wilmington).

The owner and operator of a flower shop business, Goto is active in both the Black and Japanese American communities as well as the Republican Party. She says she will seek more housing, new industry and commercial business to improve the district if elected. Though she was unopposed by other Republicans in the June primary, Hawkins, who has represented the district since 1962, received 64,304 votes to Goto's 7,141.

Nakashima chair of JAs for Reagan

WASHINGTON—The appointment of S. Stephen Nakashima of San Jose as national chair of Japanese Americans for Reagan-Bush '84 was announced Sept. 28.

A former JACL national vice president and a partner in the law firm of Nakashima and Boynton, Nakashima has been active in the party since 1960 and presently serves as a member of the Republican State Central Committee and of Gov. George Deukmejian's advisory committee. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention in Dallas and represented California on the Platform Committee.

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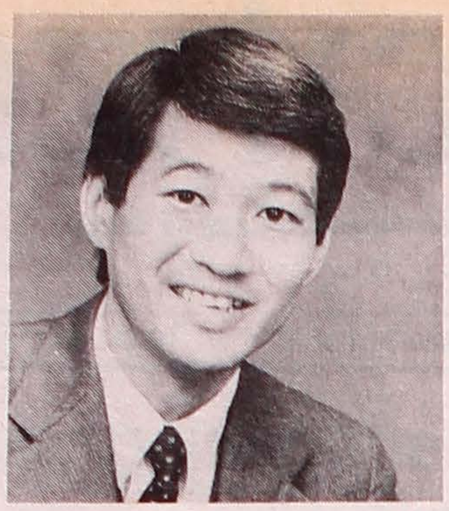
only fifth grade level ability in English is needed for naturalization and that California propositions "are written in such complex language that they confuse even native-born, English-speaking college graduates."

They also disagree with Hayakawa's contention that bilingual ballots encourage the notion that one can participate in American society without knowing English. "Hispanics and Asian Americans want very much to learn English ...That is why there are thousands of Hispanics and Asians on waiting lists for English classes at the community colleges and night schools throughout California.

"Having a ballot in understandable terms on election day doesn't lessen the importance of English the other 365 days a year. In fact, bilingual ballots encourage assimilation by encouraging all citizens to participate in their government."

While the pro-38 group maintains that voters not competent in English are "easily led into block voting by opportunistic political leaders," Matsui, Torres and Edwards counter that bilingual ballots are "the only reliable source of unbiased election information" for such citizens.

The Prop. 38 opponents also claim that bilingual ballots are



Robert Matsui

S.I. Hayakawa

cost effective and that services in other languages, such as Polish, Italian and Greek, are available in communities where they are needed.

Controversial Issue

Under the amended Voting Rights Act, counties that have at least one language minority group that comprises more than 5% of the county's citizens of voting age.

When San Francisco, with its large Spanish and Chinese-speaking population, was exempted from the requirement on this basis in July, Chinese for Affirmative Action questioned what data was used to arrive at that decision and threatened a lawsuit. Secretary of State March Fong Eu subsequently promised to continue providing trilingual materials for San Francisco.

In Los Angeles, which also has a large Asian and Hispanic population, the county board of supervisors voted to eliminate bilingual materials in future elections. "The director of the census has determined...that a majority of all voters in our county speak and understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process," stated Supervisor Mike Antonovich. This decision came shortly after Prop. 38 qualified for the ballot in August.

Chinese for Affirmative Action, the Assn. of Mexican American Educators and other groups have filed a lawsuit to stop the secretary of state from counting votes cast on Prop. 38, maintaining that initiatives are to be used to enact legislation rather than as opinion polls.

A/P Demos for Mondale

NEW YORK—The Asian American vote will be the focus of the new Asian desk established Oct. 12 at the N.Y. Mondale-Ferraro campaign headquarters. William Hennessy, N.Y. state chair of the Mondale-Ferraro campaign, announced the appointment of Jacqueline Huey and Robert Eng to coordinate the Asian desk's activities, which include fund raising and outreach in local Asian American communities.

The Asian/Pacific Caucus of the N.Y. State Democratic Committee, chaired by Irene Natividad and Bill Chong, is planning fundraisers as well as walking tours of Chinatown and Queens, where the city's largest groups of Asians reside and work.

Volunteers can contact Huey at (212) 682-9680.

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Funding for peace academy approved

WASHINGTON—House-Senate conferees approved appropriations for the U.S. Institute of Peace Oct. 5. Existing schools will receive $1 million for development or improvement of graduate and post-graduate level peace study programs and $3 million will be used for the institute's other programs, announced Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), whose 22-year effort to establish a peace academy was realized Sept. 25 when his amendment to the Defense Dept. Authorization Bill was approved.

As approved by conferees on the defense bill, the amendment originally called for $6 million for first year operating expenses and $10 million for the second year. Despite the ultimate decision to allot only $4 million, Matsunaga was pleased that the institute would be able to launch its peace research, education and training program on schedule.

Matsunaga noted that some conferees were concerned about the cost of constructing a campus. A Senate committee reduced the proposed funds for facilities from $15 million to $7.5 million and said the academy should try to acquire excess federal property for its headquarters. Conferees on the defense bill deleted the facilities allotment entirely.

"Although I am disappointed that the Institute for Peace will not have its own home during its first two years of operation, I do not think this change will seriously cripple the institute," Matsunaga said. "Eventually, Congress will provide a fitting home for it."

Legislation to benefit Native Hawaiians

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D—Hawaii) announced the passage of two amendments designed to aid Native Hawaiians Oct. 4. One measure, attached to the Library Services and Construction Act, makes Native Hawaiians eligible for grant assistance to provide greater access to library services. This act is intended, Matsunaga said, "to ensure that Native Hawaiians realize their goal of self-sufficiency" through educational achievement.

The other measure includes Native Hawaiians under the American Indian Set-Aside Program of the Vocational Education Act. Matsunaga said that Native Hawaiians will now be eligible for special funding "which should foster the establishment of programs...which consider, accommodate and capitalize on Native Hawaiians' special cultural traits."

Verdict disappointing

MARTINEZ, Calif.—The voluntary manslaughter conviction of James "Jay" Pierman in the 1983 stabbing death of a Vietnamese high school student has gotten negative reactions in the Asian American community, Asian Week reports.

Pierman, 18, who is at the California Youth Authority awaiting sentencing, killed Thong Hy Huynh, 17, at Davis High School during an altercation between

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Kennedy to address Asian/Pacific group

LOS ANGELES—Asian/Pacifics for Mondale-Ferraro sponsor a buffet brunch with Sen. Edward Kennedy (D—Mass) Oct. 24 as part of their efforts to mobilize Asian support for the Democratic ticket in the upcoming election.

According to Jeannie Park, Asian liaison for Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro's California campaign, the group was formed immediately after the Democratic national convention and has been meeting every week to plan strategy. Members include former convention delegates and other members of the party's Asian/Pacific Caucus.

In a show of unity, Asians who worked in opposing camps prior to the convention are chairing the group: Violet Rabaya of the Mondale campaign, Gary Hart supporter Debbie Shon, and Jesse Jackson supporter Alan Nishio. Honorary co-chairs are California secretary of state March Fong Eu and congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui.

Proceeds from the Kennedy brunch and other fundraisers will be used for get-out-the-vote activities such as slate mailings and bilingual ads in Asian community newspapers. Group members are emphasizing Mondale's support of redress, bilingual education, and greater Asian representation in the federal government and his opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill.

The brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Plaza Room of the Beverly Plaza Hotel, 8384 W. 3rd St. (near La Cienega). **Admission is $25 per person. For further information, contact Jeannie Park at (213) 850-6700.**

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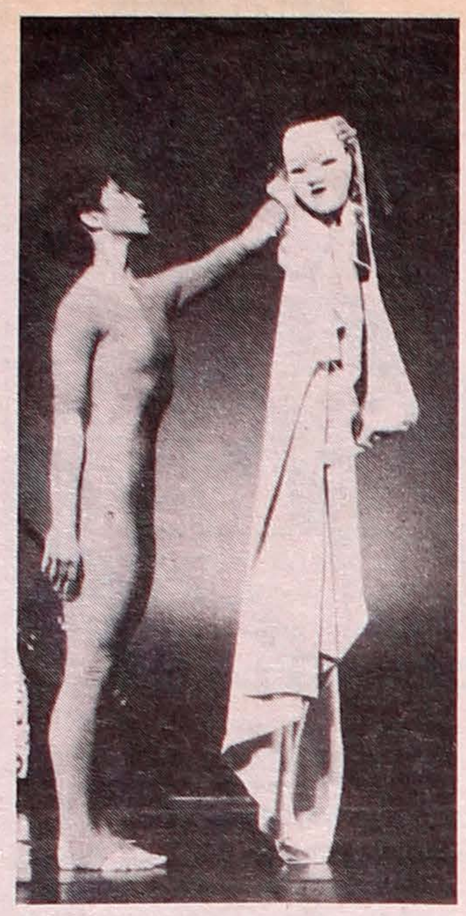

June Watanabe's 'Michiyuki'

Dance performance of 'E.O. 9066' scheduled

SAN FRANCISCO — The acclaimed June Watanabe Dance Company opens its 1984 fall season with three concerts at the New Performance Gallery Oct. 25, 26, and 27.

Watanabe, who was born in the Boyle Heights area of East Los Angeles, is choreographer and artistic director of her dance group.

A graduate of UCLA, Watanabe chose the unusual career—for a Japanese American at least—of professional dance. She trained in ballet as well as modern dance and studied with the Martha Graham Dance Company in New York. She currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she has served on the faculties of UC Berkeley, the Marin Civic Ballet, Dominican College, and Mills College.

Two recent pieces created by Watanabe are a unique blend of her modern dance background with her cultural heritage.

"E.O. 9066," Watanabe's newest work, which was partially funded by a grant from the California Arts Council, is an intense piece which reflects the anguish of a family during the internment. Watanabe gives a powerful performance as the mother of the family. For Japanese American audiences, this is moving work that does not lay in the abstract but in the immediate emotional bond of the subject matter.

"Michiyuki" is a piece adapted from a Noh dance and reconstructed in an intriguing manner to closely resemble the original.

In addition to the San Francisco opening, the June Watanabe Dance Company will be performing at Oakland's Laney College on Nov. 11 in conjunction with the exhibition "Traditions Transformed: Contemporary Works by Asian Artists in California," sponsored by the Oakland Museum.

The final performance of the company's fall season will be at Foothill College in Los Altos on Nov. 16.

Watanabe's company is scheduled to perform in Los Angeles in the spring of next year.

For further details on the Bay Area performances, please call (415) 924-0187.

A/P 'Women warriors' honored in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nine Asian and Pacific American women were honored Oct. 6 at the second annual "Women Warrior" awards program. Pacific and Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition bestowed awards to:

Julie Yumi Hatta, administrator and fundraiser for the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose, who has also been active in the redress movement and with Asian Americans for Community Involvement; to **Beth Rosales,** codirector, Vanguard Foundation, for her work in the Pilipino community and with senior citizens, women, and disabled students; to **Jade Snow Wong** for her literary works; to artist **Mitsu Yashima;** and to **Velma Yemoto,** honored for her work in the area of human services.

Receiving certificates of recognition were cinematographer **Emiko Omori** and **Tsuyako Kitashima,** volunteer with Kimochi and the Nisei Retirement Group.

Scholarships were given to **Wan Hoi Wu,** who will study hotel and restaurant management at City College of San Francisco; and to **Sharon Chin,** who will attend UC Berkeley.

Community Affairs

SAN FRANCISCO—Steve Nakashima and Thomas Hsieh, representing the Republican and Democratic parties, respectively, will discuss "The Asian American Vote" at the October program of the **Pacific and Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition,** Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., at Homestead Savings Community Room, 130 W. Portola Ave., at Vicente.

San Francisco Singles Social Club is now being formed, and all interested are invited to join. The first meeting will be held at Kimochi Home, 1531 Sutter St., Sunday, Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. Information: Yuri Moriwaki, 482-5398.

SACRAMENTO—**Ikebana International** hold its 25th anniversary flower arrangement show at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Saturday, Oct. 20, 1-6 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ROCKLIN, Calif.—**Friends of Marshal Hike Yego** of Penryn are holding a retirement party Saturday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 4450 Granite Dr. Superior Court Judge-elect George Yonehiro is master of ceremonies. Reservation deadline is Oct. 22 (no tickets at door). Information: Kay Miyamura, 663-3438; or Sandra Nagel, 652-7212.

SAN JOSE—Poet **Shuntaro Tanikawa** reads and discusses his work in the Umunhum Room of the San Jose State Univ. Student Union, Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Following the reading, **San Jose Taiko Group** presents a choreographed performance. The program is sponsored by San Jose Poetry Center and the university's English Dept. Admission is $3. Information: (408) 277-2817 or 354-1353.

Spartan Oriocci holds its annual Halloween Dance at the San Jose Civic Auditorium, Friday, Oct. 26, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Performing is the band Unique with DJ music and a light show. Tickets $7 before 10, $8 after 10. Information: (408) 226-2573.

LOS ANGELES—**Southeast Symphony Assn.** presents the first concert of its 37th season, Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m., at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, featuring pianist Paul Sweetnam playing Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1. Admission is free but reservations are advisable. Information: 680-3700.

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics offers a workshop in leadership and professional effectiveness Nov. 9-10 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., 7-10 p.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. Fee of $35 includes lunch. To register, call J.D. Hokoyama or Denise Kurushima, (213) 743-4999. Deadline is Oct. 24 for completed application.

Maryknoll Men's Club sponsors 10th annual Columbus Day spaghetti dinner, Sunday, Oct. 21, noon to 7 p.m. $3 donation benefits Issei, youth activities. Information: 263-0216.

Tickets for **East-West Players'** presentation of Philip Gotanda's "A Song for a Nisei Fisherman" starring Robert Ito may be purchased at group discount prices. Clubs, organizations, and classes will be given the ooportunity to talk with the actors and director and to raise up to $1,000. Information: Shirley Chami, (213) 558-4255; or East West Players, 660-0366.

Nichiren Sangha Assn. holds its annual O-E-Shiki, Sunday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m., at Japanese Retirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.—Independent Order of Foresters Local Court Culver 766 honors **Dr. Jack Fujimoto** at its annual community awards night, Friday, Oct. 26, Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda, from 7 p.m. Reservations and information: Frances Chauff, 390-4502 after 5 p.m.

CHICAGO—"On the Orient Express," the concert troupe of Glen Chin, Saachiko and Dom Magwili, gives a benefit performance for the newly formed Asian/Pacific American theater group **Mina-Sama-No** on Oct. 25.

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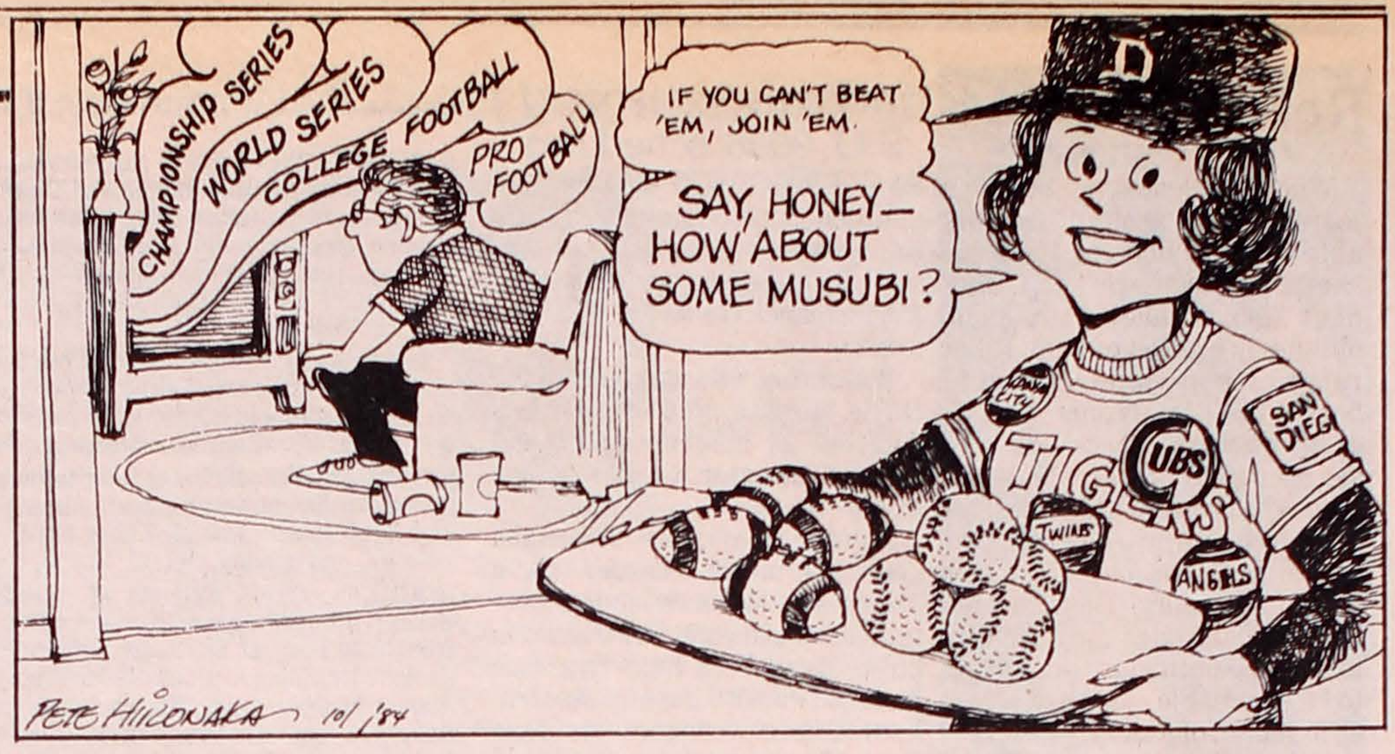

Masugi responds

I respond to two letters (Oct. 5 PC) which misrepresent my arguments.

My letter (Sept. 21 PC) scarcely slandered Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition, as Stan Shikuma charged; I quoted Jackson himself, making fundamental distinctions between Japanese Americans and Americans. None of Mr. Shikuma's irrelevant and misleading arguments address or disavow this deplorable speech to the Asian-Pacific caucus, which was the focus of my concern. Rather than relying on professions of sincerity from Jackson's supporters, one ought simply to listen carefully to Jackson himself—anti-Jewish utterances and all.

Mr. Shikuma contends that the Rainbow Coalition's alleged "Message of 'Justice at Home and Peace Abroad' was evident to virtually all the delegates [he] met at San Francisco, no matter which candidate they favored." This assertion, however, reflects more on the breadth of his acquaintances or the obtuseness of the delegates than on the hateful character of Jackson's message.

In a letter elegantly titled "Masugi two-faced?" Kei Yamaguchi contends that my critique of Jackson's identification of Japanese Americans and Japanese is inconsistent with an argument I allegedly used against redress. In fact what I have actually argued complements my critique of Jackson. There is no inconsistency between my analysis of *why* relocation took place—how American society not irrationally, in time of war, regarded ethnic Japanese here as being in sympathy with Imperial Japan—and my pointing out that simply identifying Japanese Americans with Japanese is "odious, painful, and false." Reflective thought on the redress issue, I have argued, requires seeing and weighing both facts at the same time. Contrary to the letterwriter, I have never "deliberately lumped Nikkei and Japanese nationals together."

Finally, let me add that I think the PC's readers would be better served if counter-exchanges between letter-writers could be published in the same issue.

KEN MASUGI
Claremont, Calif.

Kubo Mistaken

This letter is in response to Harry Kubo's testimony against individual redress before the House Judiciary Sub-committee on June 27. He said, "Those who suffered most are already dead or are at an advanced age." With all due respect to Mr. Kubo and for his yeoman work with the Nisei Farmers League as their president, I must reluctantly disagree with his anti-redress stance.

Suffering cannot be equated in terms of who suffered the most. (The title of the report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is *Personal Justice Denied*. Personal justice was denied to every single one of the 120,000 individual Nikkei when they were forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated in violation of seven of the 10 articles of the Bill of Rights.)

Stigmatized as "enemy aliens" and knowing little about their constitutional rights, the Issei were resigned to their status. What dismayed the Issei the most was seeing their children, the Nisei, imprisoned by their own government.

Agreeing with all of CWRIC's recommendations except individual redress payments, Mr. Kubo felt it "would be administratively difficult to implement" individual redress and could be "conceived to be more objectionable to those most entitled to be compensated."

I wonder what could be more administratively difficult to implement than the logistics involved in uprooting 120,000 individuals from their homes to be placed in concentration camps to be fed, clothed, and made to work at sub-standard wages. This is not to say anything about the tremendous administrative costs.

Mr. Kubo further stated, "Individual compensation runs counter to the basic philosophy" of the Issei. "Such an act will not and could not be accepted by most of the Issei and their offspring, the Nisei, without a feeling of disgrace—that they are in some way being bought off . . . .Let us not forget they were proud."

Issei "philosophy" was rooted in Meiji values (1868-1912). Unmindful of the fact that laws were abrogated, their feudalistic orientation gives rise to a feeling of shame in accepting (what they think is) "help from others."

Individual redress has nothing to do with "Social Security recipients, food stamps and nutrition programs, senior citizen housing and national defense," as Rep. Daniel Lungren put forth in his opposition to monetary redress. *It has to do with the breaking of laws and preventing the same in the future.*

Mr. Kubo may not personally feel this way, but there may be Issei and Nisei, who because of their status or wealth, would like to act indifferent to matters of money. (In feudalistic times, money was thought of as being dirty. Great for the feudal lord, but hard on the peasants.)

The Japanese American Citizens League does not profess to speak for all Nikkei but when the redress movement was first initiated, a poll was taken nationally of all of her chapters, representing a membership of over 22,000 members. The chapters voted unanimously for individual redress.

JOE OYAMA
Oakland, Calif.

Connections

We have just returned from three years in Santo Domingo where Bill was sent as consultant on an irrigation project.

It was quite a moving experience driving to the Northwest to attend my husband Bill's 50th high school reunion in Auburn, Wash. Drove through my childhood neighborhood and haunts in Seattle, and made a pilgrimage to the Minidoka Relocation site. Without the help of Walter Sanadas of Burley, we would never have found it. Congratulations on the poignant JACL Historical Monument!

I would like to put in a notice in your paper. Anyone who remembers from Poston (or other Arizona camp) days of writing to pen pal Kimberly Wilton, please write her at: Mrs. Kimberly P. Wilton, 705 Lauree St., El Cajon, CA 92020.

She is anxious to make connections. I met her recently at a workshop, "Swords into Plowshares," which she led.

MARY C. SHIMASAKI
Flagstaff, Ariz.

More Compliments from Readers

Please accept this small donation from an old ink-stained wretch. As past editor of the Santana Wind, I remember how frustrated I used to feel when our printer's equipment broke down.

As a reader of the PC for over 40 years, I am enjoying the current editions more than ever. The paper has improved. Congratulations and best wishes for a constantly better PC.

KEN HAYASHI
Los Angeles

I am sorry to have missed your initial announcements requesting funds for the PC. In my opinion, the PC is the most important paper to the Nisei in the entire United States. Keep up the great work. Please accept our contribution.

MITS/SACHI KANEKO
Arvada, Colo.

With the expansion of your Letters to the Editor page, the PC is enabling many new people interested in JACL and its workings to present their views on various topics, which provides good reading for the general membership.

So, in memory of my wife Mary, who passed away in June, I am making this contribution for your new equipment. It will also give me an opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for words of condolence from our many friends.

SAM M. NAKANO
Valley Park, Mo.

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MURDER

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Pierman and his friend Russell Clark, both of whom are white, and Huynh and three other Vietnamese students. Clark, by his own admission, started the fight and had antagonized the Vietnamese students before.

Alan Yee, president of Asian Americans for Justice, said he was shocked by the verdict. "A verdict of voluntary manslaughter implies an accident, and from reading the accounts, none of the racial evidence was brought up. Our coalition is evaluating the trial right now and we're thinking of taking it to the civil rights department, like in the Vincent Chin case."

"We were very disappointed with the verdict," said Diane Tomoda of Asians for Equal Rights. "We were expecting at least a second degree murder conviction. By definition, voluntary manslaughter is unlawful killing without malice. It is that 'without malice' part that we're very concerned about, especially since the situation . . . escalated over a period of time."

'Not a Racist'

In an interview with the San Francisco Examiner, Rose Mary Pierman, the defendant's mother, called the verdict unfair and said her son merely came to the rescue of his friend. "He's responsible for caring what happened to Russell Clark. He's responsible for being a human being. Everything else after that was a total accident."

Defense attorney Peter Maas, also interviewed by the Examiner, said, "The incident had racial overtones, but Mr. Pierman is not a racist." As evidence of his claim, he said his client had once dated a Korean woman.

Jury foreman Frank Reid said that conflicting prosecution and defense testimonies made deciding on a verdict difficult, adding that the attorneys "did not really try" to raise the issue of racial motivation during the trial.

Pierman faces a maximum of 11 years in prison, but Huynh's family and others fear that the sentence could be even lighter.

• For the Record

In the Sept. 28 PC, we mistakenly stated that a $50 donation to the typesetter fund was from Salinas Valley JACL. It was actually from the Redress Committee of the Salinas Valley chapter.

Refugees from Kagoshima and the Nisei

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa

When I indicated an interest in learning more about the remarkable success story of the Kagoshima flower-growers in California's Salinas valley, Paul Ichiuji obligingly offered to help. He arranged for me to meet with his boss, Yuzo (Joe) Yonemitsu, one of the growers; Harry Iida, a Nisei insurance broker who helped guide the growers to success, and Zenichiro (Jim) Uchida, who probably is the one man most basic to the story. Then Paul and his wife, Sumi, fed me, drove me to my appointments, and proved to be invaluable aides to a reporter in search of a story.

The Kagoshima flower-growers are a group of latter-day Issei immigrants who arrived in the United States in the late 1950s under the federal refugee relief act. They began their American lives as California farm laborers. Many of them went on to become independent gardeners, but Uchida, a former city councilman in a town in Kagoshima prefecture who had urged his friends to immigrate, was looking for better things.

He was instrumental in organizing the Salinas Greenhouse Co., owned 50 percent by eight Kagoshima immigrants who invested $10,000 each, and 50 percent by a prominent Nisei flower grower named Yoshimi Shibata.

That enterprise has expanded into a multi-million-dollar floral industry for Monterey County, centered around Salinas and Watsonville. One by one the original flower-growers struck out on their own and were joined in the industry by other Kagoshima immigrants. Today they own most of the 80 or 90 greenhouse companies in the area, shipping cut roses and carnations all over the nation.

A number have become millionaires living in $200,000 houses with Mercedes sedans in their garages. Their children are going to college, and some have come back with business and agronomy degrees to run the family businesses.

There are many reasons for their success. One was timing; they went into the flower-growing business when costs were relatively low and the demand was rising. Another was their willingness to work long and hard in the best Issei tradition. Still another is their ability to cooperate. Most of them were held together by bonds of friendship and common origin, and though they had their disagreements, in the crunch they helped each other over the rough spots.

But Uchida, who has expanded his own greenhouse business into interests in Bolivia and Mexico, is quick to credit Japanese Americans. In the first place, the Japanese Americans on the scene when the Kagoshima refugees arrived had survived the hard years, overcome discrimination, eliminated legal barriers to the social and economic well-being of Asians. The reputation for hard work and reliability established by Issei and Nisei helped the newcomers to get credit when they needed it most.

The Kagoshima people had the courage to strike out on their own but they spoke little English and were unfamiliar with American ways. Bilingual Nisei helped them as attorneys, accountants and all-round advisers. Nisei went to work for them as managers, providing them with a marketing and operating expertise that was badly needed. Yoshimi Shibata showed his faith in the newcomers by sharing their investment, a signal to everyone that they were okay.

And so, in a sense, the flower-growing business was a joint venture even though it was the gutty courage of the immigrants that got the enterprises under way.

The birth and progress of the greenhouse flower business by the newcomers from Kagoshima in Monterey County is a splendid American success story.

A Look Into the Future

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

by Frank Sato

The National JACL Board will be meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 19-21. At this meeting, we will focus on goals and objectives for the biennium and formally appoint committee chairs and the leadership for the various programs. Since the convention, I have visited the Midwest regional office and chapters in the Salt Lake City area. Further, numerous meetings have been held with many JACLers around the country.

After consideration of the long-range planning report, the Plan for Action of the past two bienniums, council resolutions passed, and inputs received, draft goals and objectives were prepared and mailed to board members for their consideration before the board meeting. I would like to share with you the Preface statement:

Our goals are wide ranging and far reaching for the decade ahead. We shall continue to develop and evolve relevant and successful programs commensurate with the needs of Japanese Americans. We shall seek to enhance our national presence and prestige and expand our ability to understand and influence official Washington. We will embark on a program to develop our youth and leadership, to involve our younger Japanese Americans in our activities, to help them understand their heritage and the sacrifices of the past, and to participate in the successes of the present ... for they will ultimately fulfill visions of a more exciting and rewarding future.

Overall goals as contained in the JACL Constitution are also briefly recapped:

A. Promote interests of Japanese Americans.

1. Uphold civil and human rights for all.

B. Cultural heritage.

C. Promote understanding between all ethnic groups.

D. Encourage good citizenship.

The JACL and its leaders have a record of achievement we can all be proud of at the federal, state and local levels. But we must continually seek to enhance our national presence and prestige, if we are to fully participate in the challenges ahead. In our visions for the future, we must also never lose sight of the purposes of JACL as a meaningful and unique organization.

As we consider our program goals, we know they must consistently be congruent with the overall purposes of JACL. They must meet the test of the four purpose statements.

In drafting the goals and objectives for the biennium, I have carefully studied the National JACL Constitution (Article II, Purpose) to assure that operations are in fact consistent with our stated purposes. During discussions with some JACLers, I have found that the stated purposes of JACL are not always clearly understood. In the past, some JACLers have even questioned the relevance and future viability of JACL as an organization.

I invite you to reflect on the purposes of JACL. Whether it be redress, U.S.-Japan relations, women's concerns, leadership development, violence against Asians, or other programs, their relevance to JACLers, and to Nikkei as a whole, as articulated in the JACL constitution take on new meaning and challenge.

Our goals and objectives for the biennium are being developed with these purposes in focus.

'Perception' of Censorship

CLIFF'S CORNER:

Clifford Uyeda

A resolution, introduced by the Golden Gate Chapter of San Francisco, protesting the inaccurate portraying of Japanese Americans in *Futatsu no Sokoku* and *Sanga Moyu* was defeated at the JACL national convention. The defeat was based on a "perception of censorship" of such a protest.

This is not the first time JACL has protested incorrect images of Japanese Americans in movies and television. Most of these protests were against American films. Bill Hosokawa in his June 11, 1982, PC column relates: "A new generation of Japanese Americans may not recall that JACL in the early days of television fought to prevent the showing of wartime films." In "Across the Pacific" a Nisei who proclaims his Americanism is really a sneaky enemy agent. In "The Purple Heart" a soldier in Japanese army uniform taunts a white American POW in perfect English that he is a Japanese American and a graduate from an American college. Hosokawa comments, "Rather than an attempt at censorship, JACL's protests were based on the contention that patently untrue material calculated to stir up old hatreds had no place on the air."

JACL also expressed concerns about "Shogun" through Ron Wakabayashi, our present national director, who was then chairperson of the JACL ethnic concerns committee. A few years back Gary Yano as chairperson of the PSW district ethnic concerns committee protested the anti-Japanese and racist sequences on "Saturday Night Live," and the free use of racial slurs in the theater play "A Little Family Business." Were these censorship?

A Los Angeles Times critic, Dan Sullivan, wrote: "No, we're not dealing with censorship here . . . Freedom of speech runs two ways, extending to the playgoer as well as the playwright. Those who find a drama offensive have every right to mount a counteroffensive." Sullivan then stated that JACL had done the producers a favor by alerting them to disturbing areas in the script, that Asian Americans were as ready to protest being insulted in public as everybody else.

Protests against books and films are not limited to Japanese Americans. A few examples: Chinese Americans have protested "Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Lady," also the distorted tales of Taiwan in *China Gate* by William Arnold. There have been protests by Asian Americans of "Indiana Jones" and "Sixteen Candles." Native Americans, especially the Sioux, have protested the ABC mini-series "The Mystic Warrior" based on the book *Hanta Yo* by Ruth Beebe Hill.

In the past, elected officers and staff persons of the JACL have never hesitated to complain to producers or issue public statements. Many felt that JACL is duty-bound to do so if they thought the media production was against the best interests of the Japanese Americans.

JACL does not have the power to censor. It only has the ability to protest, educate, and hopefully persuade. Just because the NHK officials recognized the JACL concerns and postponed the series showing in the United States does not make it censorship.

The amended resolution introduced by the Golden Gate chapter was completely acceptable to the majority of Japan JACL chapter members attending the convention. It merely stated:

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) officials have made public statements in Japan and in the United States expressing concerns about the novel *Futatsu no Sokoku* and the NHK series "Sanga Moyu"; and

WHEREAS, their statements reflect the concerns of many Japanese Americans;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Japanese American Citizens League reaffirm their concerns.

Nisei vets to honor author Duus

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the Company K Club of the 442nd Assn. will hold a dinner to honor Masayo Duus, author of *Liberators of Bruyeres*, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Japanese Room of Yamato Restaurant, 717 California St.

Liberators of Bruyeres won the best non-fiction story of 1982 award in Japan and Duus was given the top writer award of 1982 by Bungei Shunju, the foremost literary magazine in Japan. Her book, which tells the story of the men and officers of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regiment who participated in the battle to liberate the French town of Bruyeres, is now in its third printing in Japan and is currently being translated into English.

Masayo Duus was born in Hokkaido and attended Waseda University. After graduation she worked as a writer and editor for several women's magazines. While pursuing an education in the U.S., she met and married Peter Duus, a professor at Stanford University.

Her first book, *Tokyo Rose*, became a best-seller and won the best non-fiction book of the year award in Japan in the year of its publication (c. 1979). It was translated into English by her husband and also became a best-seller in the United States. She is working on a new book about the Japanese immigrants who worked in the Hawaiian sugar cane and pineapple fields.

The Company K Club has issued an invitation to all veterans, families and friends to attend the dinner to honor Duus. Reservations, $25 per person, should be made by Tuesday, Oct. 23, through Harry Nakabe, (415) 681-3019, evenings or 526-1525 days. Make checks payable to Company K Club and send to Nakabe, 1382 32nd Ave., San Francisco 94122.

How to Target Issues & Problems in an Active District

By David Yamada

Recently, the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District completed a survey designed to assess what leaders and members perceive to be problems and priorities facing us in the district. This is a report about the background, findings, and implications of that survey.

Dr. Yosh Nakashima, district governor, consistently encouraged the district executive board over an 18-month period to pursue this project to completion.

Initially, we agreed that by defining district issues and problems, several benefits might accrue. Identification of member priorities would set direction for district action. Concrete data regarding membership opinions might stimulate leaders to reexamine assumptions about programs, policies, and decision-making. Precise information would help in the assessment and management of available resources. Survey data could inform strategies for mobilizing chapter support for district and national goals. And survey data could illuminate how district communication operates across three decision-making levels (executive board, district council, and local chapters).

The obtaining of relevant information presupposes certain questions. These questions were either explicitly raised by or implied in the decision to survey the district. Here are some of the key questions:

1—Do district leaders really know what their members perceive to be main issues and problems?

2—Are district leaders in touch with the demographic change and diversity in today's society?

3—How effectively do district leaders and chapter members communicate with each other?

4—Are the interests of district sub-groups and members truly being served?

5—Do district policies and programs provide incentives that will attract future members and leaders?

6—Do district leaders govern on the basis of known majority preferences?

7—Do answers to any of these questions matter for the viability of the district organization?

Tradition and Change

For those not familiar with the NC-WN-P District, it is a large and active domain. The district line runs from the southern border of Monterey, moves northward through the San Francisco-Berkeley area, cuts through the Sacramento-Marysville region, zips along Highway 80 to Reno, meanders down Highway 99 to Sequoia, then zigs through the back door of San Benito County to join back up with Monterey. Moreover, the district extends far across the Pacific waters to include Honolulu and Japan. Altogether the district encompasses 34 chapters and more than 12,000 members.

How does one govern a district so diverse in social, economic and political interests?

People come and go, but a district organization takes on a degree of autonomous existence, a life all its own. Over time, organizations establish continuity while operating on orthodox assumptions. Orthodoxy and tradition are important for stability. Thus, prudence dictates that leaders not stray too far from traditional membership interests.

However, leaders need on occasion to test this orthodoxy against the inevitable currents of change. Organizational vitality thus requires leadership vision—leaders with an ability to see emerging trends and to adapt the organizations they lead to fundamental change.

The questions and considerations stated above provided a rationale for this district survey. We do not expect the data to provide answers to all the questions or issues raised here. However, we do think it is important at least to raise these questions as a first step to organizational review and improvement. In this spirit, the survey became the practical means to elicit information which would help us address these issues more systematically.

Procedure and Methodology

The NC-WN-P executive board gave the green light for a district survey at their meeting on Jan. 16, 1983. We proceeded to draft a survey with 18 questions. Packets, including the survey and a letter of instruction, were mailed to each of the 34 chapter presidents. Following these instructions, each chapter administered the survey to local chapter members. Survey respondents were selected by a randomizing technique. Completed questionnaires were then collected at the chapter level and mailed back to the district director.

This first phase was completed within 4 months with 463 questionnaires returned out of approximately 1,200 distributed, for a 39% return. Chapter cooperation was clearly essential in this process and for the most part we got that cooperation. If chapter cooperation is important, then an able and willing district director is imperative. The NC-WN-P district is fortunate in having such a dedicated director, George Kondo, who coordinated the distribution and collection of the surveys.

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The second phase entailed processing the information. We transferred the raw data on the questionnaires to computer disks and used a statistical analysis program called "Microstat" to produce our district profile. For this phase we were able to use the computer facilities of the Center for Social Science Research located at Monterey Peninsula College.

Phase three focused on analysis and interpretation of the available data. Print-outs were prepared giving a profile of each participating chapter as well as for the district as a whole. Final results were presented to the executive board on Oct. 2, 1983. Appropriate print-outs were sent to each chapter president. All data remains stored on disk at Monterey Peninsula College and can be easily accessed for study and planning.

(Note to readers: If you have questions about technical or methodological aspects of this survey, please inquire. I would be happy to try to respond to your comments or questions.)

Findings

At this point, it would seem appropriate to introduce some of the results and findings of our district survey.

1. Gender
   Male—66.7%; Female—33.3%

2. What is your age group?
   18 and under—0.00%; 19-29—4.61%; 30-39—10.96%; 40-49—13.16%; 50-59—26.-75%; 60 and over—44.52%.

3. Generation Identification.
   Issei—7.16%; Nisei— 69.80%; Sansei—22.60%; Yonsei—0.45%.

4. Have you ever served as an officer or board member in your chapter?
   Yes—51.2%; No—48.8%.

5. How would you describe your degree of participation in JACL at the district or national levels?
   Extremely active—3.72%; Fairly active—11.82%; Somewhat active—14.00%; Hardly active at all—70.46%.

6. Occupation?
   Homemaker—10.28%; Student—0.66%; Artist/Writer—0.22%; Landscaping/Gardening—7.22%; Teacher/Professor—4.81%; Clerical—7.00%; Farmer/Agribusiness—13.79%; Engineer/Architect—4.60%' Business/Banking—8.32%; Doctor/Lawyer—5.03%; Other/Retired—38.07%.

7. As of January 1, 1983 what was your marital status?
   Married—75.70%; Widowed—8.24%; Separated—0.65%; Divorced—2.60%; Never married—12.80%.

8. What was your main reason for joining JACL?
   Social programs—12.50%; Political cause—17.54%; Benefits (e.g. insurance)—28.95%; Identification with Nikkei culture—29.17%; Other (please specify)—11.84%.

9. Based on your reason for joining (Question #8 above) How would you rate the JACL in giving you a sense of achievement or satisfaction?
   Excellent—14.95%; Good—55.60%; Fair—27.03%; Poor—2.42%.

10. How would you rate communication and coordination between district leaders and local members on JACL issues and problems?
    Excellent—9.03%; Good—45.60%; Fair—36.11%; Poor—9.26%.

11. Do you think district council meetings would be improved by the addition of special lectures, seminars, or workshops?
    Yes—40.57%; No—5.04%; Don't know—54.39%.

12. Do you think members of the NC-WN-P district would be better served by a splitting-up of the existing district into two or more districts?
    Yes—15.93%; No—25.88%; Don't know—58.19%.

13. Is there any kind of program not currently available in our JACL district that you think needs to be established?
    Single men and women—5.56%; Feminist issues—4.55%; Death & dying—8.59%; Other (please specify)—21.21%; No—60.10%.

14. Which program would interest you the most in remaining as a member of JACL?
    International relations—8.62%; Redress—21.09%; Anti-defamation—8.62%; Aging/Retirement—23.36%; Youth & Leadership—13.61%; Benefit programs (travel & health insurance)—19.73%; Other (please specify)—4.99%.

15. In the short-term, let's say the next year or two, which activity do you think the district should give priority to?
    Redress/civil rights—52.98%; Youth involvement—22.25%; National budget process—3.44%; Wash. D.C. representation—7.57%; Political action committee—8.72%; Other—5.05%.

16. In the medium-term, let's say the next two to four years, which activity do you think the district should give priority to?
    Leadership development—32.66%; Membership communication—24.83%; Health insurance—10.51%; Travel programs—5.15%; Aging/retirement—21.-03%; Other—5.82%.

17. In the long-term, let's say five years and beyond, which activity do you think the district should give priority to?
    Human/civil rights—29.59%; Affirmative action—5.50%; Communication & coordination with other Asian groups—15.83%; Inter-generation cultural heritage and education—37.16%; International relations—8.26%; Other—3.67%.

Conclusions and Interpretations

What might we conclude from the data? This report will summarize seven main points.

I. CHANGING DEMOGRAPHY will have much to do with influencing the destiny of the district. Let us assume that the NC-WN-P District is, in some respects, a microcosm of the nation. It follows that the aging of America will be reflected in the aging of the district. We find that 77% of the district membership is either Issei or Nisei. Hence, from the district's point of view, we face the task of building inter-genera-

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Gender and Generation Gaps

We thought it would be interesting to see if gender and generation made any difference in results. Thus we ran some cross-tabulations by matching gender against other selected variables. Here are some of the findings:

By Gender

- More women (42%) than men (39%) seem to think that new programs are needed.
- About 10% of the women think that feminist programs are important to establish, but only 2% of the men seem to agree.
- More men (9%) than women (6%) perceive "death and dying" programs as important.
- More men than women ranked "redress" as the most important program for continuing membership (27% vs. 23%).
- While 33% of the women rated the district as doing a "fair or poor" job in meeting their main reason for joining the JACL, the comparable number for men was 28%.
- 24% of the women ranked benefit programs such as travel insurance as most important compared to 18% of the men.
- Of all district programs perceived as important for continuing membership men rated "aging and retirement" at the top (24%) and women ranked "benefit programs" most important (24%).
- Over the short-term (1-2 years), both men (53%) and women (54%) said "redress and civil rights" constitute the most important priority.
- Over the medium term (2-4 years), 35% of the men think that "leadership development" is the most important priority compared with 30% of the women.
- Over the long term (5 years and longer), significantly more women (44%) than men (35%) ranked "inter-generation cultural education" as the most important priority.

By Generation

- For women, Nisei in the district total 62%, followed by Sansei (28%), then by Issei (10%). For men, the comparable numbers are Nisei, 72%, Sansei, 22%; and Issei, 6%. Yonsei are less than 1% in both gender categories.
- Issei perceive "aging and retirement" programs as most important (34%), followed by "benefit" programs (31%).
- Nisei also perceive "aging and retirement" programs as most important (26%), followed by "redress" (24%).
- Sansei perceive "youth and leadership" and "benefit programs" as equally important (20% each).
- All four generations unambiguously identify "redress" as the number one district priority by a substantial margin: Issei, 32%; Nisei, 58%; Sansei, 43%; and Yonsei, 100%.
- Yet, by generation, only the Nisei identify "redress" as a program important enough to justify remaining a member of JACL.
- Both Sansei (34%) and Nisei (34%) identify "leadership development" as the most important, medium-term district priority.
- However, Sansei and Nisei differ on how they see their second priority over the medium term. Here 32% of the Sansei rank "membership communication" as their second priority, while 23% of the Nisei see "aging and retirement" as their second priority.
- For the medium term, Issei rank both "membership communication" and "aging and retirement" equally at 29%.
- Over the long term, all four generations agree that "inter-generation cultural heritage and education" is the most important priority: Issei, 41%; Nisei, 33%; Sansei, 23%; and Yonsei, 50%.
- Over the long term, all four generations agree that "human and civil rights" is the second most important priority: Issei, 28%; Nisei, 33%; Sansei, 23%; and Yonsei, 50%.

SURVEY

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tional bridges that can join an aging generation with future generations.

The five areas identified by the Sansei as most salient to their interests were: redress and civil rights (43%); inter-generation cultural heritage and education (38%); leadership development (34%); membership communication (32%); and human and civil rights (23%). The data suggest that building bridges translates into programs that meet their interests, strategies that actively recruit Sansei, and opportunities that afford them effective participation in district policy-making.

Defining and translating these Sansei interests into actual programs is not an easy task. How specifically do we build bridges that Sansei and Yonsei are willing to cross? Maybe some alternatives can be seen in the following questions.

Do acculturation and assimilation tend to blur the lines of racial uniqueness and tradition? Does JACL's raison d'etre, based mainly but not wholly on ancestry, have diminishing appeal to Sansei and Yonsei who largely perceive themselves to be assimilated into American society?

Do our existing programs deal with renewed tensions faced by Sansei and Yonsei in a world beset by economic and trade conflict or by the pressures of Asian academic success? Do our programs provide anything to help our younger generations to deal with the insecurity associated with competition in a high-tech, post-industrial society? Does the orthodox style of the district JACL provide meaningful channels for the increased political activism of today's generation? At the very least, we need to explore more carefully the five issue-areas identified by the Sansei and Yonsei respondents in this survey.

II. THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT is one of the 20th century's most fundamental and important revolutions. This revolution combines the power of an idea with the actual transformation of social roles and conventions. This movement is one of those historical tides whose force and potential cannot be denied.

The survey data suggest some real differences in interests by gender. We need to articulate these interests more precisely. We also need to get on with the job of tailoring new programs and activities that are compatible with these interests. In order to implement these programs, we should seize the historical moment to open JACL's doors even wider to encourage the full participation of women in decision-making positions of responsibility and power.

III. MATERIAL AND PSYCHIC BENEFITS will usually be sufficient incentive for people to pay dues to an organization. Most people's attitudes and behavior are probably shaped by their pocketbook. Here the occupational data are instructive. The two largest occupational groups are "other/retired" (38%) and "farmer/agribusiness (14%). The district cannot afford to alienate 52% of its membership. Programs and benefits must be initiated and continued that respond directly to the interests of these two groups.

It is not surprising then to find that "aging and retirement" ranks at the top of the list for a district whose membership is 76% Issei and Nisei, and whose occupational profile shows 38% "retired/other." We are clearly on the right track in this regard but need constantly to be mindful of new directions that meet emotional needs as well as material ones.

And for the second largest occupational group, "farmer/agribusiness," what specific program does the district provide? Once again, we have to identify membership interests more specifically, formulate policies tailored to those interests and actually implement those policies.

IV. CHANGING POPULATION PATTERNS, revealed by the 1980 Census, will continue to have dramatic impact on JACL's future. The fastest-growing population sub-group is the Asian-Pacific Islander classification. It behooves the long-run interest of JACL to coordinate certain political and economic strategies with other Asian groups.

There are organizations now in place in California and elsewhere that make this cooperation feasible. We would expect the JACL to be concerned about cultural heritage and civil rights and indeed, over the long term, both the Nisei and Sansei identify these two issue-areas as the most important. Yet it is significant that both these generational groups also identify communication and coordination with other Asian groups as the third most important long-term priority. Perhaps the time has come, with demography again shaping destiny, for the district to take the lead in acting on this priority.

V. PATTERNS OF COMMUNICATION between leaders and members provides one indicator for distinguishing between democracy and oligarchy.

In accordance with district bylaws, the NC-WN-P District is organized around a base of 34 local chapters. Legislative authority is vested in a district council which, in turn, invests executive authority in an executive board. A set of officers, headed by the district governor, is elected by the executive board. All officers, the executive board, and other executive committees act as agents of and are accountable to the district council. The district council serves as the legislative transmission belt linking local chapters with the executive board. The council represents the will of the district members. In theory, this system is democratic.

Studies based on Michel's "iron law of oligarchy" show that, over time, a few people (oligarchs) assume preponderant power in any organization. Oligarchs, by and large, remain the same set of leaders with shared values that tend to reinforce continuity and stability in the organization. Thus, in practice, oligarchy tends to prevail.

The district's modus operandi is a little bit of both democracy and oligarchy. This assessment is reflected in some of the survey data with two variables touching directly on this issue.

About 25% of the district members think that "membership communication" should be an important district priority over the medium term. When we look at communication between district leaders and local members, 45% rated this aspect "fair or poor." Specific reasons related to this membership perception could not be ascertained from the data. It is clear, however, that if any district wants to mobilize its members, the communication bridge must allow for the effective crossing of ideas and responsibility between leaders and members.

At the same time, the oligarchical implications above should not be misconstrued. More than 70% of the district is doing an "excellent or good" job in achieving their main reason for joining the JACL. Presidents and Congress seldom achieve such lofty approval ratings. Governors, boards and councils in the district must be doing something right. This bodes well for the ongoing commitment of JACL to the practice of democracy.

VI. COMPETING AND CLASHING INTERESTS are not uncommon in any organization the size of the NC-WN-P District. They pose some of the severest tests and dilemmas for decision-making.

We have seen several instances where the survey data indicate competing interests. For example, if X% feel that feminist programs are needed, but only Y% favor or most even question the desirability of such programs, what are we to do?

Clashing interests might also arise. For instance, if X% of our farmer-agribusiness constituency seek district endorsement of agricultural Policy Z, but Y% of our membership view Policy Z as contrary to their interests, what are we to do?

Compromise and consensus provide one strategy. In this view, we can talk about the issue, attempt to persuade the council members to a point of view, and split the differences until we arrive at the lowest common denominator that all groups can live with. Frequently, the process of achieving the lowest common denominator does not produce the most rational solution.

Do we see only what we want to see defined in terms of self-interest? If life is reduced to this rather dismal view, then how are we to nourish the collective sense of human spirit? Alternatively, a district strategy might assume the rational element in each of us that moves us toward community and collective interests. Our survey shows that 41% of the members think that special lectures, seminars, or workshops sponsored by the district would be helpful. Might the district be best served by an open discussion of the issues that potentially divide us?

District leaders, above all, need to be aware of the competitive environment within which interests compete. They will need Solomon-like wisdom to act judiciously in managing and allocating the limited resources of the district JACL. Can district resources sustain programs that will satisfy everyone? Do the problems we face offer only solutions that give to one group but take away from another group? Limited organizational resources will surely place constraints on future district programs. Somewhere between these two non-zero sum and zero-sum scenarios, district leaders must strike a balance between competing interests.

VII. THE SALIENCE OF REDRESS is a position that many of us would probably take for granted. We might assume that there is universal support for this issue across all categories. Does the survey data support the proposition that redress is the most supported issue and priority for the district? Is leadership on sure grounds of accountability and responsiveness to majoritarian wishes on this issue?

The survey data on this issue seems to present a paradox. The conventional assumption stated above appears to be contradicted by the evidence. Our survey data, for example, show that Issei, Nisei and Sansei collectively place "aging and retirement" (23%) slightly ahead of "redress" (21%) and "benefit programs" (20%) when ranking the most important reason for remaining a JACL member. How do we explain this puzzle?

The paradox is resolved by keeping in mind that interests vary with time and issue. It is even quite human to hold conflicting opinions. In this case, if we isolate short-term opinion from medium-and long-term views, it becomes clear that redress is a legitimate district priority. For when put to the crucible of membership opinion, 53% rate "redress" as the most salient district priority.

This question of the salience of redress also illustrates the need to reexamine and validate conventional assumptions. Leadership perceptions generally need to be congruent with membership opinion. In this way, the legitimacy and credibility of district leadership remains intact. Here the survey confirms that redress does indeed remain the most salient short-term priority for the district. Thus, by allocating resources to the redress issue, district leadership seems to be on sure grounds of accountability and responsiveness.

SUMMARY

The NC-WN-P District is undergoing a period of fundamental transition. The redress issue which today acts as a catalyst for organizational dynamism and

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Keeping Track

A Different Kind of Redress?

The following commentary by **San Francisco Examiner** columnist Guy Wright appeared in that paper's Sept. 25 edition. Judging from references to Harry Kubo and Bill Marutani in this argument against individual payments, it appears that the author has been reading PC.

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Today's column is addressed to Japanese Americans. It concerns your demand for redress for the injustice done you during World War II.

After long hard thought I believe you are making a mistake. Not in demanding that the government apologize for the wrong it did you. Not in insisting that the apology be accompanied by a money indemnity to give it meaning.

But the use you plan to make of that money diminishes your cause.

As I understand it, you intend to distribute the money as individual payments to those who were uprooted and shipped off to internment camps for the duration of the war.

Your long battle to make the government admit its mistake deserves a better ending than that.

Many of those 110,000 victims of mass incarceration are dead now. Others are too old and the money will arrive too late to make much difference in their lives. Still others have made such a prosperous comeback that the indemnity will mean little more than an income tax refund, just another government check to be cashed and spent.

I fear that the route you are taking will turn your victory into an anti-climax rather than the moral vindication you deserve.

At the risk of being impertinent, I offer an alternative. Accept the money, but use it for something else. Use it to establish a watchdog foundation to fight prejudice and expose civil rights abuses wherever they occur.

You already have an agency capable of taking on that job in the Japanese American Citizens League. And you already have a tradition of fighting the civil rights battles of others.

I'm thinking of the recent civil rights conviction of Ronald Ebens, the unemployed auto worker who killed a young Chinese-American. That case was dying for lack of publicity until the JACL took it up.

Long before that you won a major civil rights victory for others when your efforts—and you were virtually alone—brought repeal of the Emergency Detention Act, a post-war law that would have permitted the government to do to some other minority in some future crisis what it did to you after Pearl Harbor.

There was little likelihood that the Detention Act would ever be used against Japanese Americans. Yet it was Japanese Americans, acting through the JACL, who led the fight to repeal it.

If you will permit a personal note, on the wall of my office hangs a photo, a gift of the late Edison Uno, who persuaded me to support the campaign for some sort of redress long before the cause was fashionable. The old association gives me the temerity now to question your present course.

Quite a few Japanese Americans also feel uncomfortable about it. In congressional testimony Harry Kubo, president of the Nisei Farmers League, said individual compensation "runs counter to the basic philosophy" of the Issei, the original Japanese settlers here. "Such an act will not and could not be accepted by most of the Issei and their offspring, the Nisei, without the feeling of disgrace—that they were in some way being bought off."

Individual payments could be "conceived to be most objectionable to those most entitled to be compensated," he said.

Others argue, rightly enough, that in the American culture an apology without money has little meaning. "If you have any doubt about this, the next time you receive a traffic ticket, try an apology down at the traffic court," suggested Bill Marutani.

But the choice needn't be money or no money. Take the money and use it to build a living monument, a bulwark against the kind of injustice your people endured.

SURVEY

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consensus will, tomorrow, fade into JACL's historical tapestry. It will surely inspire us as rich legacy. But we need to look forward.

District organizational vitality depends on leadership vision. Leadership must see the basic demographic changes taking place. Leadership must articulate strategies for adapting to our changing socio-economic milieu. And leadership must act with wisdom and courage by seizing opportunities that fate sets before us but once.

District JACL's survival depends on a vision that acknowledges and adapts to basic change, blends pragmatism with principle, harmonizes the particular with the collective, and bridges the past with the future.

The NC-WN-P District shares this information with our PC readers in the belief that raising issues, problems, and questions precedes meaningful debate and the quest for fruitful answers. The road to future district viability is strewn with pebbles of uncertain size and ambiguous shape. We think the results of this survey provide our district members and leaders with a better understanding of the road we must travel together.

Chapter Pulse

Watsonville

The 50th anniversary celebration of the Watsonville Chapter JACL was held Sept. 22 at the Buddhist Temple. More than 330 persons attended the dinner and program.

The dinner was preceded by an exhibit at the Watsonville JACL building of the "Go For Broke" 442nd Infantry Exhibit and historical photos of the Japanese community and JACL.

Also recognized at the dinner were 150 Keiro honorees 70 years and older of whom 85 attended. A special commemorative gift was given to all the honorees.

Presented to the Watsonville JACL at the dinner were a personal resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary presented by state Sen. Henry Mello, a plaque from the City of Watsonville presented by Mayor Ann Soldo, and congratulatory certificates from the N. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council and the National JACL. U.S. Congressman Leon Panetta also sent a message of congratulation.

The Watsonville Kayo Club closed the special evening with a great program of songs, skits and dances.

Calendar

●Through Nov 3
Seattle—Momoko Iko's 'Flowers and Other Household Gods' perf by NW Asn Am Th, Nippon Kan Theatre, Wed-Sat, 8pm

●Through Nov
San Francisco—'Once Is Never Enough,' by Rick Shiomi, Marc Hayashi, and Lane Nishikawa, pres by Asian Am Theater Co; tkts 566-1605

Los Angeles—'Song for a Nisei Fisherman,' by Philip Gotanda, with Robert Ito, East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica; tkts 660-0366

●Through Nov. 25
Fresno—Go For Broke photo exh, also photos of Manzanar by Ansel Adams, Metro Art Mus

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● OCT 19-21
New York—Asn Am Jazz Festival, Universal Jazz Coalition Jazz Center

● OCT 19 (Friday)
San Francisco—CJAS mtg, JAA Bldg, 8 pm.

Los Angeles—'Nisei Soldier' by Loni Ding, KCET, 10:30pm

● OCT 20 (Saturday)
West Valley—Bridge tournament at El Paseo Commty Cntr, Saratoga/Campbell Aves, 7:30pm, entry $3.50. Also trip to San Francisco to see 'Once Is Never Enough' at Asn Am Th Co; tkts Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191/988-2200 x1681

Pasadena—Cultural Festival, Memorial Prk, 10am-5pm

Sacramento—'Unfinished Business' doc film about coram nobis cases, Sac'toCity Coll Aud, 7:32pm; info George Matsuoka, 391-8770

● OCT 21 (Sunday)
Contra Costa—Redress Fd bnft, Maple Hall, San Pablo Civic Ctr, 5pm, 'Nisei Soldier' film.

Las Vegas—Luau, Paradise Pk; info 384-7263.

Marina—Luau, Venice Comm Ctr, 12448 Braddock Dr, 5pm; Info Ed 327-7143, Akemi 822-5528.

Sacramento—Ikebana Int'l 25th anny show, Shepard Garden Ctr, 3330 McKinley, 1-6pm, Sun 10-4.

Fresno—Aki Matsuri, Shinzen Garden

Washington—Aki-no-Ichi bazaar, Walter Johnson HS, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda, Md, 11am-4pm; info Ben Obata (703) 941-7467

● OCT 24 (Wednesday)
Boston—'Nisei Soldier' by Loni Ding, WGBH, 10:30pm

● OCT 26-28
LOS ANGELES—Nat'l Asn Am Studies Conf and Nat'l Asn Pac Am Law Students Conf; info 825-2974/825-1304

● OCT 26 (Friday)
San Francisco—Okazaki film: 'Unfinished Business,' Palace of Fine Arts, 7:30pm; info Asn Law Caucus, 835-1474.

● OCT 30 (Sunday)
Portland—Theater of Yugen, Art Mus Berg Swann Aud, 7:30pm

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●NOV 5 (Monday)
Los Angeles—Am Assnoof Retired Persons mg, JACCC, 244 S San Pedro, Rm 410, 1:30pm; topic supplementary ins to Medicare. Info (213) 293-3165, 263-8469

● NOV 7-10
San Francisco—Asn Am Film Festival; info 863-0814

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Judge's Decision in NCJAR Suit Criticized

This editorial from the May 22 **San Diego Tribune** concerns the May 17 dismissal of NCJAR's class action suit and one of the still-pending coram nobis cases (see related article on p. 1).

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A federal judge has ruled that the statute of limitations has run out for Americans interned in relocation camps in WW2 to sue for damages.

This is a blow for all Americans who prize their citizenship, and especially for the Japanese Americans and Aleutian Islanders who were taken from their homes after Pearl Harbor and forced to live in camps. 60,000 of these internees have survived, and there is no statute of limitations to their humiliation and suffering.

They had sued for $24 billion in compensation for losses, arguing that the government willfully omitted evidence of wrongdoing when the internment was questioned before the courts four decades ago. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1943 and 1944 that it was legal.

Public opinion at the time certainly supported the rulings. But a federal commission concluded in 1983 that internments were a "grave injustice" prompted by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

The refusal of the judge in Washington to examine the factors that led to the internment perpetuates that failure to face injustice and admit wrongdoing. The money is not so important as the principle involved. If the courts can avoid dealing with lapses in the past, how can we be sure they won't look the other way from injustice in the future?

The plaintiffs have the right to appeal, and should do so, until the last legal avenue is exhausted and the last survivor dies. The purpose is not only to be vindicated in the past, but to prevent this from ever happening again, to any group of American citizens.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in Washington has faced the internment issue squarely. U.S. District Judge Donald Voorhees last week rejected the government's request for a dismissal of the case of a Japanese American, Gordon Hirabayashi, who argues that he was wrongfully convicted of failing to report to an internment camp 42 years ago.

The government was willing to let the court dismiss the original indictment and vacate Hirabayashi's conviction. But Hirabayashi wants his day in court, and he should have it.

It would be best if the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld Hirabayashi's conviction in wartime, could be brought to admit and correct its error.

The data presented to the high court during WW2 were misleading, intentionally so. And the decision made by the high court was tragically substandard. It would strengthen the Constitution if the issue were to be reconsidered by our judicial system at the highest level.

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The June 7 **Honolulu Advertiser** printed the following letter from Gene Van Dyke of Sunset Beach, Calif.:

The government uses the term "internment" to describe what was done to Japanese American citizens during WW2.

As a child in California, I bicycled daily past one of these so-called relocation centers. It was a racetrack containing barracks, surrounded by barbed-wire fences guarded by soldiers with machine guns. All of us kids thought they looked like concentration camps.

At age three months my father was brought to America from Germany. His parents never registered him for citizenship, so when the war came he was legally a German alien, although he had lived here most of his life. However, the government didn't put our blue-eyed, blond-haired family in one of those camps.

What the U.S. government did then will follow us through history. So the recent federal court decision not to compensate these people for the suffering they endured does not make me proud to be an American.

NCJAR LAWSUIT

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formation Act) indicating that officials fabricated evidence of espionage committed by Japanese Americans and suppressed evidence to the contrary in order to get a favorable ruling from the Court.

"The federal government cannot be allowed to hide behind the statute of limitations when evidence that was in the exclusive control of the government, and which would have allowed the plaintiff Japanese Americans to press a lawsuit for damages, was deliberately suppressed...for nearly 40 years," Gojio wrote.

In asking the court to consider the social and political situation of Japanese Americans immediately after WW2, the brief points out that former internees "were faced with rebuilding lives shattered by their evacuation from the West Coast" and that discriminatory laws continued well after the war.

Examples given are the inability of Issei to become naturalized citizens until 1952; alien land laws which were not repealed until 1956 in California and 1966 in Washington; Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (which sanctioned imprisonment without trial for those suspected as security risks), repealed in 1971; and Executive Order 9066, rescinded in 1976.

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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 38): **by Harry Honda**

And West of Hollywood

Picking up from last week, when we were describing Hollywood in the 1930s, and continuing westward this week, the Japanese American community was spread like a fan from Santa Monica to Inglewood. Venice, heart of the Japanese celery farms, had over 200 families in the '30s; another 200 were clustered in Sawtelle (now known as West Los Angeles); about 120 families in Santa Monica; about 50 in Ocean Park, another 50 families in Culver City, about 40 in Palms, 20 in Beverly Hills, about 20 in Centinela (area northwest of Inglewood today), and 100 in Inglewood. These family numbers come from the 1931 Japanese American directory. It would be interesting to double check the numbers with a 1930 census of the Japanese in Los Angeles County. Overall, there were 35,390 with 21,000 in the city of Los Angeles. From this we gather less than half were farming. And aside from the farmers, nurserymen and gardeners who lived in the westside of the county, there were a few artisans, entrepreneurs and the men who ran the concessions on the piers of Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice in the heydays of the '20-'30s.

A generation earlier, north of Santa Monica, was Port Los Angeles, where about 30 families had settled. Most of them were fishermen, but there were two Japanese hotels, Rakokan and Boyokan, and a Japanese store where the Issei of that era relaxed on weekends by the seashore at the mouth of Santa Monica Canyon (where Channel Rd. and Chautauqua Blvd. converge on the Pacific Coast Highway, or Will Roger Beach State Beach).

In Bill Mason's history of the Japanese of Los Angeles is a 1914 picture of Japanese movies being made in front of Rakokan.

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Might be a good place here to explain how the Issei journalists had dubbed Port Los Angeles Rako— and other communities. "Ra (kanji for silk gauze)" is pronouncing the abbreviation for Los Angeles, L.A.; "ko" means harbor.

San Francisco is Sōko: Sa - Fu, the lead syllables for the two words creates the Japanese diphthong read as "sō (kanji for mulberry)."

Sacramento (O-shi) utilizes the Chinese sound of the first two syllables for an existing kanji (sakura: cherry). Oakland (Ofu): o (king); Alameda (A-shi): a (come after); Stockton (Su-shi): su (by all means); Fresno (Fu-shi): fu (cloth); San Jose (Sa-shi): sa (help); Salt Lake City (Enko-shi): enko (salt lake); Ogden (Oku-den-shi): two kanji (heart, hall); Denver (Den-ba): two kanji (legend, horse); Seattle (Sha-ko): sha (sand); and there must be others, rendering sounds into kanji rather than katakana. I notice the cities each managed to have kanji representations and the smaller communities were rendered in katakana.

How one kanji with the same sound was selected over another is a mystery. Whether the Issei headline writers were aware of Chinese characters for the same communities is a mystery.

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To get back to the area in focus—we take leave (to be concluded next week) with a news item from 50 years ago in the Rafu Shimpo English section. University High's George Kanegae (the genial travel chair of West L.A. JACL) had won a medal as a sharpshooter in all-city ROTC competition. He was to spend much of his adult life in the military from WW2 at MISLS. He has since retired and works for the federal government.

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A SAMPLE OF KICHIZAEMON—Mas Manbo (Oct. 5 PC—A Nisei in Hollywood) mentioned a humor column in the Rafu Shimpo Sunday paper in the 1930s. We had one on file from an issue devoted to the national JACL convention in San Francisco in 1936. Appearing in the lower right corner of the front page: "Kichizaemon Hyoronuma Says" caught the eye with a thumbnail photo of a pre-Meiji era gentleman with shaved pate and a hair-knot (chonmage). Here it is:

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A piano soloist since age 10 in New Jersey, where he was born, **John Kamitsuka**, 28, will be presented in a debut recital Nov. 28 at New York's Merkin Hall under sponsorship of the Abby Whiteside Foundation. When his Nisei parents, the Art Kamitsukas, and family went to Japan, he studied at the Toho School of Music in Tokyo, where the late William Primrose, guest professor, had recommended him for a scholarship at Indiana University. Upon completion of studies at Indiana with Abbey Simon and Sidney Foster, he continued with Gilbert Kalish, Richard Goode and Sophia Rosoff. He also was a teaching assistant at SUNY-Stony Brook. In July 1983, he was the first recipient of the foundation's Mary Mulligan Award, given to a young pianist with a promising concert career. After his New York debut, concerts in Paris and London are scheduled. He is to perform at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and the Mary Mulligan memorial concert at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

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REPORT #2

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Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of Aug. 22-Sep. 28, 1984.

This Report: (14) . $16,292.00
Sep. 30 Total: $130,149.98

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ABC responds to 'Jap' complaint—again

LOS ANGELES—JACL PSW regional director John Saito has received a second response from ABC regarding a protest he lodged during the Olympics when American wrestler Randy Lewis referred to opponent Kosei Akaishi of Japan as a "Jap" during a nationally televised interview.

Saito, angered that the network did not publicly acknowledge or apologize for the slur, had demanded "an immediate correction and apology." He found ABC's first response unsatisfactory because it suggested that only one protest—Saito's—had been received, and that the slur could not be verified. Saito was aware of several protests that had been sent to ABC by local Nikkei.

The second letter from ABC manager of audience information Christopher Morgan, dated Oct. 2, read, in part:

"When your letter first arrived, it was the only complaint we had received up to that time. About a week after I responded to you, other letters began to arrive and we were better able to track down Mr. Lewis' exact comments. Since that time, I have made it a point to bring this matter to the attention of senior ABC management more than once through our bi-weekly reports which analyze viewer feedback.

"Thank you for being the first to point out this problem. Please accept our apologies for any offense that might have been caused. As I said in my previous letter, our network does not condone Mr. Lewis' remarks, nor is it our policy to portray any racial or ethnic group in a negative light."

Conference on intermarriage held

NEW YORK—The city's Nikkei community held its first conference devoted to the issue of interracial dating, marriage, and parenting on Saturday, Sept. 29. Organized by Japanese American Counseling Center (JACC) and the New York Chapter JACL, the all-day conference centered on the premise that the high outmarriage rate of Asian Americans has created a special population with ideas, needs and concerns that have not yet been adequately addressed by the larger community.

After greetings by Julie Azuma, ethnic concerns chair of New York JACL, and Fumi Raith, program director of JACC, the more than 60 conference participants heard from Philip Tajitsu Nash on the topic of "Interracialisms: history, statistics, and law."

Prefacing his remarks by saying participants needed to respect the confidentiality of all concerned, Nash stressed that no one at the conference ought to be considered an "expert" on "interracialisms." The "Asian American identity movement" of the late '60s and early '70s, when young Asian Americans explored the question, "how do I identify myself as an Asian person," said Nash, was a movement that comprised only part of the community even at that time. "Ten years later," Nash continued, "those same questions have to be reexamined."

Nash went on to discuss the history of Japanese American immigration and anti-miscegenation legislation, and how this history affected Nikkei outmarriage. He presented statistics of outmarriage today (e.g., that 60% of Japanese Americans, 41% of Chinese Americans and 28% of Korean Americans in Los Angeles in 1979 entered into outmarriage), and urged everyone to work together in developing new perspectives on the subject.

The morning panelists were Mark Hashizume, Sanko Kajihara, and Robert Moteki, with moderator Lillian Kimura. Addressing the topic of "Dating and Marriage," they spoke about the difficulties inherent in being isolated geographically from the general community. The "special twist," as Moteki termed it, to feelings of rejection, comes when one is not sure a personal rejection is racially based. They also discussed parental responses to their own outmarriages.

The afternoon panelists—Haruko Brown, Reiko Ryder, Sumi and Emi Tonooka and Legan Wong—with moderator Clarence Chen, addressed the topic of parenting. Their discussion focused on the effects of their children's dual identity on parenting attitudes and "techniques," how their children are dealing with identity issues, the wish by parents to expose their children to both parental cultures, and how cultural differences in childrearing practices are resolved.

Small group workshops following both panel discussions allowed participants further exploration of the issues raised.

Among the ideas brought up in the summation session were that the United States is a "tossed salad" more than a "melting pot"; that stereotypes are pervasive and affect self-perception as well as the perceptions of others; that racism exists, but affects Asian Americans in different ways; and that life provides Asian Americans generally, and interracial children specifically, with no guarantees, therefore making it important for interracial families to seek out supportive and interracial family, school and community environments.

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