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News in Brief

White House to honor redress foe

WASHINGTON — The 90th birthday of John J. McCloy, who as assistant secretary of war was largely responsible for the mass expulsion and internment of Japanese Americans during WW2, will be marked April 2 at a Capitol Hill luncheon sponsored by the American Council on Germany and at a White House reception held by President Reagan.

After WW2, McCloy was U.S. High Commissioner of Germany, president of the World Bank, chair of the Ford Foundation, chair of the Council on Foreign Relations, and director of the U.S. Disarmament Administration. He is still regarded as one of the most influential private citizens in the U.S.

In testimony before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981, McCloy defended his wartime actions and said that JAs were not adversely affected by the internment.

County finds 2 more former employees for wartime-dismissal compensation

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Two former employees of Santa Clara County have received approval from the county board of supervisors to receive payment for having lost their jobs because of their ancestry during WW2. They are Ruby K. Miura (Tsuyuki) and Fuji Takaichi (Okamoto).

Ruby Tsuyuki worked for a few months as a nurse at Valley Medical Center before she was released "due to wartime conditions," reports Outlook, the San Jose JAACL newsletter. Fuji Okamoto was a stenographer and senior clerk with the Dept. of Welfare from 1935 to 1942.

The county ordinance that provides payments of \$5,000 to such former employees also established an oral history program and allocated funds for "appropriate permanent historical markers such as plaques, engravings, and printed documentation." It was adopted in August 1984.

Korematsu charges government with misrepresenting recent decision

SAN FRANCISCO — Attorneys for Fred Korematsu, whose conviction for violating wartime internment orders was vacated in 1983, filed a brief last month charging that the U.S. government has misrepresented that decision.

The brief was filed to support the related case of Minoru Yasui, who also seeks to reverse his criminal conviction for defying the military orders imposed on American citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry during WW2.

Yasui has appealed a federal district court decision in Oregon that granted a government motion to vacate Yasui's conviction, but without requiring the government to admit wrongdoing in its original prosecution.

Korematsu, Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi, whose cases all went to the Supreme Court, have brought petitions for *writs of error coram nobis*, which charge that the government altered, suppressed, and destroyed key evi-

dence that may have affected the outcome of their cases.

Responding to the Korematsu petition, which was heard first, the government agreed to vacate his conviction, but also refused to admit wrongdoing. Judge Marilyn Hall Patel rejected the government's motion as procedurally improper and substantively insufficient.

Korematsu's supportive brief contends that the government is using improper tactics in its attempt to discredit the court's decision in his case. The brief argues that the government is misrepresenting the court opinion made in his case; that in using quotes from the case, it is deleting and distorting some of the language that is adverse to the government's position.

His brief further refutes government accusations that the court denied the government an opportunity to present its own legal arguments.

No date has been set for a hearing on Yasui's appeal.

Iacocca remarks draw criticism

WHITESULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Remarks made by Lee Iacocca, chairman of Chrysler Corporation, before a March 2 meeting of the House Democratic Caucus here drew criticism from California congressman Robert Matsui, who said Iacocca was trying to create "an anti-Japanese feeling."

Although Iacocca's speech on U.S.-Japan trade relations was closed to the press, a Chrysler transcript released later quoted him as saying, "I'm no Communist, folks, but it's not Russia that's laying waste to my business and to most of the rest of business in this country."

"It's Japan. Our friend. While we stack the missiles up in the front yard, all aimed at our enemy, our friend is taking over the back yard."

While discussing the trade deficit with Japan, Iacocca directed part of his speech at Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, concluding with, "If you can't work it out, I'll have a few suggestions for you. Do it, or the Congress will do it for both of us. Sayonara." A number of those present said that Iacocca used the word "sayonara" in a way that could be offensive to the Japanese.

"I don't like people who try to exploit this issue," Matsui told the New York Times. "... he was saying the same thing my parents heard and I heard before we were sent to internment camps."

Rep. Mike Lowry of Washington said that Iacocca's speech had "a strident nationalistic tone that I didn't like."

Iacocca sent a conciliatory letter to Matsui March 3. "I don't want to characterize it as a capitulation because it wasn't," Matsui told the Times. "He apologized for my feelings. My feeling was, when a prominent person like Lee Iacocca gives a speech like that—he's credible—it could affect my son, my family, and those like us. And I can't sit back and tolerate that."

Baron Bates, a spokesman for Iacocca in Detroit, maintained that "there is nothing to apologize for in that speech" and that Iacocca "did not make a racist speech."

In contrast to Matsui, Rep. Norman Mineta of California said he was "not that upset" by Iacocca's remarks. "You can deal as forcefully with this issue without crossing that threshold of being characterized as a racist."

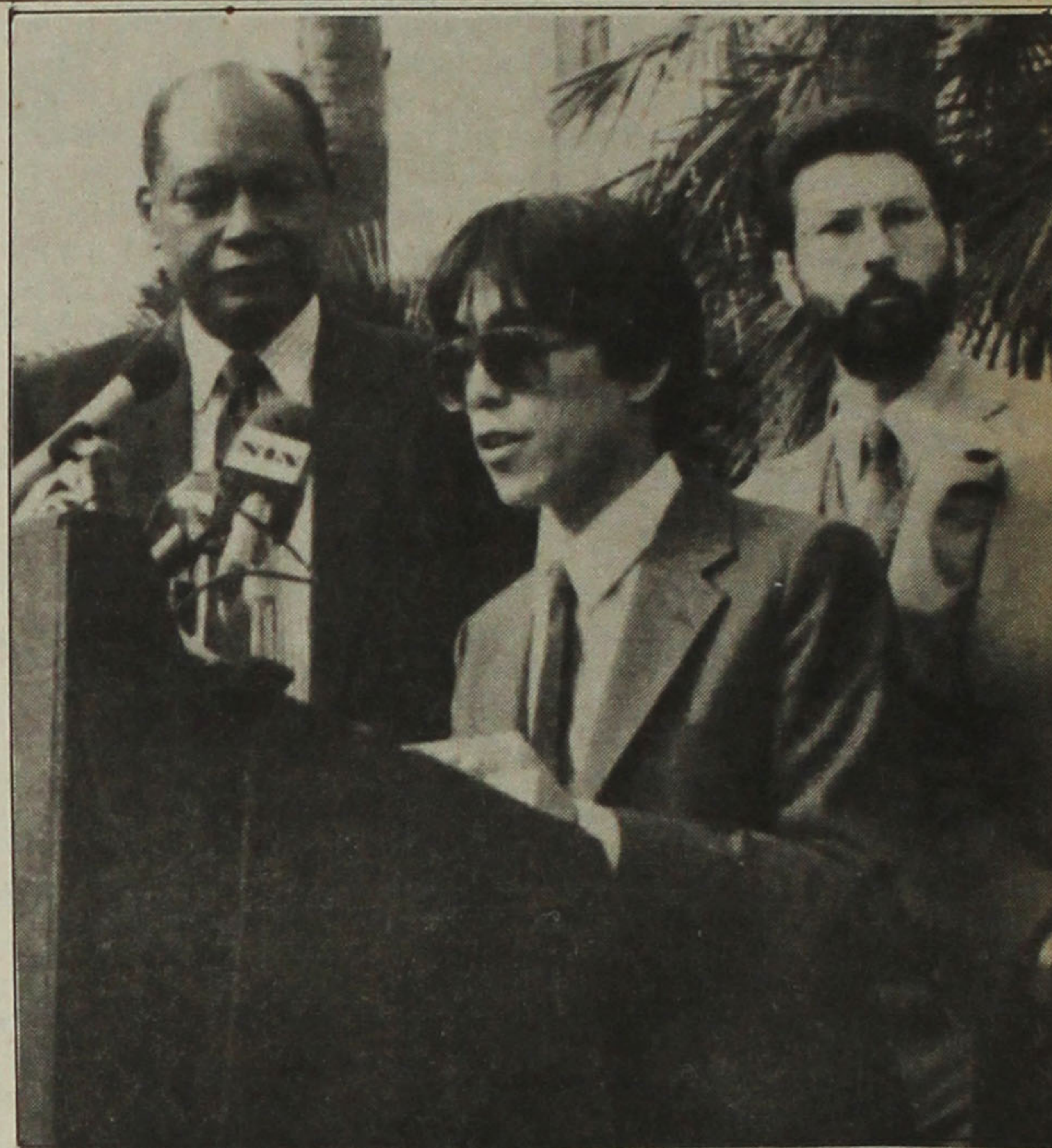


Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

LEFT OUT — Craig Wong at podium asks support for city amendment while Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley (left) and Ron Baca look on.

Charter amendment proposed: would help minority representation

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Despite the fact that Asians and Hispanics comprise 34% of L.A.'s population, neither group is represented on the city council. No Asian American has ever been elected city councilperson, and only one Hispanic has served—and that was 20 years ago.

Proponents of Charter Amendment No. 2, which will be on the April 9 municipal ballot, want to improve that situation by increasing the number of city council seats from 15 to 17 and redrawing district lines in a way that will increase the voting power of Asians and Hispanics, who are roughly 7% and 27% of the city's population, respectively.

In an open letter to the Asian Pacific American community, the newly-formed L.A. Coalition for Fair Representation states that "if district lines are redrawn in the most favorable manner, in one of the newly-created districts close to a third of the population will be Asian Pacific. While there are no guarantees of an Asian Pacific being elected, the voters in our communities will have a decisive voice in who represents their district for the first time in history."

Possible Rights Violations

A report issued in January 1984 by the California advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights agrees with communi-

ty activists who charge that the 1982 reapportionment of council districts was unfair.

For example, the 13th district, which includes Hollywood, Silverlake, and Echo Park, could have been redrawn to reflect a growing Asian population, while the 14th district continued to include areas with large Anglo populations along with East L.A., which is predominantly Latino.

The report recommended a Justice Dept. investigation to see whether the redistricting violated the Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting power of Asians, Hispanics and Blacks, but the Civil Rights Commission never acted on it.

Recently, however, the Justice Dept. has started a preliminary investigation of the 1982 reapportionment after hearing complaints and reading the 1984 state advisory committee's report. If violations are found, the Justice Dept. will seek changes through negotiations or, if those fail, by filing suit.

Support From Bradley

Giving the rationale for the charter amendment at a City Hall press conference on March 8 were Mayor Tom Bradley, Craig Wong and Ron Baca, co-chairs of L.A. Coalition for Fair Representation, L.A. County Assessor Alexander Pope, and other supporters.

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N.Y. Day of Remembrance: 'No More Internments'

NEW YORK — More than 160 packed the meeting hall of the New York Buddhist Church on Feb. 23 to mark the 43rd anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Feb. 19, 1942 issuance of Executive Order 9066.

In contrast to previous years, this fifth New York commemoration involved the joint sponsorship of Japanese and Asian American organizations which formed a committee called the 1985 Day of Remembrance Committee for Japanese American Redress. There were also many non-Asian participants who had not attended previous observances.

With the theme "No More Internments," the program was as much a look back as a look for-

ward. After a historical overview by emcee Michi Kobi and a welcoming statement in Japanese by Karl Akiya, Steven Okazaki's documentary "Unfinished Business" was screened.

Leslee Inaba-Wong, chair of Concerned Japanese Americans (CJA), spoke after the film, describing the background of the current redress drive. To ensure that there are no more internments, she said, "we have to take a hard look at the past." She advised those concerned to define key community issues, become politically aware, hold elected officials accountable, and "stand staunchly against all forms of discrimination."

Phil Tajitsu Nash, staff attorney at Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) then provided an update of the redress campaign. Describing the ongoing redress efforts in the courts and in Congress, Nash called for more community education and the garnering of support from non-Asians as well as other Asians. He pointed out that the reparations amount recommended by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was but 1% of a U.S. defense budget proposal.

Choreographer and dancer Claire Iwatsu-Sibley then performed "Lost in the Humming Air," which she dedicated to those who were interned.

Kim Hatamiya of New York JACL concluded the program with a long list of acknowledgements to those who had participated in the commemorative events. She also introduced New York City politicians Ruth Messinger and David Dinkins and two officers of the Village Independent Democrats, who stated that their group had passed a resolution calling for redress and an apology.

Members of this year's Day of Remembrance Committee were: AALDEF, Asian American Mental Health Project—Japanese Unit (Japanese American Counseling Center), CJA, 442nd Veterans, New York chapter JACL, Japanese American Social Services, Inc., Japanese American United Church, and New York Buddhist Church.

—from a report by New York Nichibei

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Woo campaigns against odds, history for city council seat

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—If Mike Woo can unseat incumbent Peggy Stevenson and defeat five other challengers in L.A.'s 13th council district on April 9, he will become the city's first Asian American councilperson.

Woo, 33, an aide to State Senator David Roberti, is running against Stevenson for the second time. In 1981, he forced her into a runoff, but she won with 61% of the vote.

Stevenson's tactic of making Woo's ethnicity an issue in the campaign may have cost Woo the election. "When she became desperate about losing her job, she made an attack on my character," Woo recalled in a telephone interview. "...She made the accusation that all of my support was coming from wealthy Chinatown bankers who were trying to take over the district."

Woo feels that the accusations were "a major factor in the race" for certain voters.

The 13th district extends from Laurel Canyon on the west to Cypress Park and Elysian Valley on the east. The population is about 200,000, of which 80,000 are voters. The district's boundaries were redrawn in 1982, and Woo thinks the reapportionment will help him and hurt Stevenson.

Some of the areas where Woo was strongest in 1981, such as Silverlake, Los Feliz, Echo Park and parts of Hollywood Hills, have been retained.

"Some of my weakest areas have been taken out of the district," adds Woo, "meaning Highland Park, Mt. Washington, Glassell Park, and Atwater. And new areas have been added to the district which are very similar to areas that I was very strong in before. Here I'm referring to... Beachwood Canyon... Los Feliz Hills, and the area in Silverlake south of Sunset, going down Temple. Potentially, these are very strong areas for me."

To Woo, being an Asian candidate can be both a hindrance and an advantage. "In this end of the district," he said, referring to the racially mixed Echo Park-Silverlake area, "I think that it's probably a help. However, there is a lot of racism out there in the general public, even... where it's a relatively progressive area in terms of voting for liberal Democratic candidates like Sen. Roberti or Congressman [Henry] Waxman or Assemblyman [Mike] Roos."

He believes that a Black or a Hispanic candidate would also run into problems in the district.

The district is primarily Caucasian, with Latinos, Jews and Armenians making up some of the larger ethnic groups. Asians comprise only about 4% of the voters. Woo is trying to make inroads into Stevenson's base of support among senior citizens, who are the dis-

trict's largest voting bloc, and the large gay and lesbian community.

Woo said that he had "philosophical problems" with a proposed charter amendment to add two seats to the city council to increase Asian and Hispanic representation (see story on page 1).

"I don't believe in drawing up special districts just to elect members of a particular ethnic group. I'm running in this district not because I'm an Asian but because I think I'm the best qualified candidate..."

"Even if you put together Chinatown, Little Tokyo, the Filipinos who are on Temple and Beverly and the Koreans who are on Olympic... you've only got a maximum of about 25 or 27% of the vote being Asian, which is far from a majority."

The only way an Asian candidate can win, he said, "is not to base it on the Asian vote, but rath-

er build a coalition... which is exactly what I'm trying to do here."

Woo charges Stevenson with "failure to clean up Hollywood," where he thinks new businesses could be attracted and more basic services, such as street cleaning and police protection, could be provided. He also says Stevenson has failed "to control development in the area." Woo wants to curb commercial development in residential neighborhoods like Silverlake, Echo Park and Los Feliz.

He has even called her "unfit for public office," charging that she changed her position and voted in favor of oil drilling in Pacific Palisades after receiving a campaign contribution from Occidental Petroleum.

Woo says that his chances of winning are much better this time around. "Last time I started with zero name recognition, and this time my sense is that I have a lot

of name recognition left over from the last race. Plus the fact that I'm more experienced as a candidate—I've learned a lot about politics."

Another candidate, Michael Linfield, may take away some potential Woo supporters. The Fairfax High School teacher has been involved in various labor, civil rights and anti-nuclear issues.

Woo, however, seems unworried. "I think he can't attract a broad base of support, and I think he can't put together a strong organization." He thinks that Linfield, too, will suffer from lack of name recognition.

The other candidates are Arland Johnson, Bennett Kaysar, James Duree, and Craig Freis.

Stevenson, who has been in office since 1975, has the advantage of more established business and political contacts with which to raise funds. Woo, who needs to raise \$80,000 to \$100,000 more before the election, is holding fundraisers among the groups that form his base of support.

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Bainbridge Islanders

New PBS documentary targets first internees

SEATTLE — The story of the first Japanese Americans expelled from their homes during WW2 — and how two newspaper editors bucked the tide of public opinion to stand up for the rights of the internees — is captured in "Visible Target," a documentary to be aired later this month on PBS stations in Washington and British Columbia.

An article on the 30-minute film in KCTS 9, the Seattle station's program guide, notes that "Bainbridge Island, Washington, was the first community whose Japanese American residents were uprooted by the Army. It also is the home of the Bainbridge Review, a weekly paper whose publishers, Walt and Milly Woodward, stood alone on

the West Coast in editorializing against the internment."

The Woodwards' stand, which cost them advertising and subscriptions, made them a "visible target" for the majority who believed the internment was necessary.

In an interview with KCTS 9, co-producer Cris Anderson said he got the idea for the documentary several years ago when he read a story about a dinner the Seattle Chapter JACL held to honor the Woodwards.

"Anderson was surprised at the reaction he received when he first started asking Caucasians in the Puget Sound area about the evacuation," the program guide stated. "He remembers, 'You could just see the hair rise on the back of people's necks. This is still a sensitive issue, and many people, Caucasians and Japanese Americans alike, still don't like to talk about it, but it's a part of history that is impossible to forget.'"

"Visible Target" airs Tuesday, March 26, at 10:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, at 11:30 p.m.; and, on the anniversary of the expulsion, Saturday, March 30, noon.

Coram nobis petitioners to speak on East Coast

NEW YORK — Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui speak about their efforts to vacate their wartime convictions at two engagements later this month.

On March 25, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Third World Center of Princeton University sponsor — along with the appearance of the two petitioners — a showing of "Unfinished Business," Steven Okazaki's documentary about the Supreme Court cases of Korematsu, Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi. The presentation begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson School. Information: Robert Yasui, (212) 614-9206.

The next day, March 26, Asian Pacific American Law Students Assn. of the New York Univ. School of Law presents the film, and talks by Korematsu and Yasui. Also on the program are Norman Redlich, dean of NYU School of Law, and Norman Dorsen, NYU Stokes Professor of Law and president of the American Civil Liberties Union.

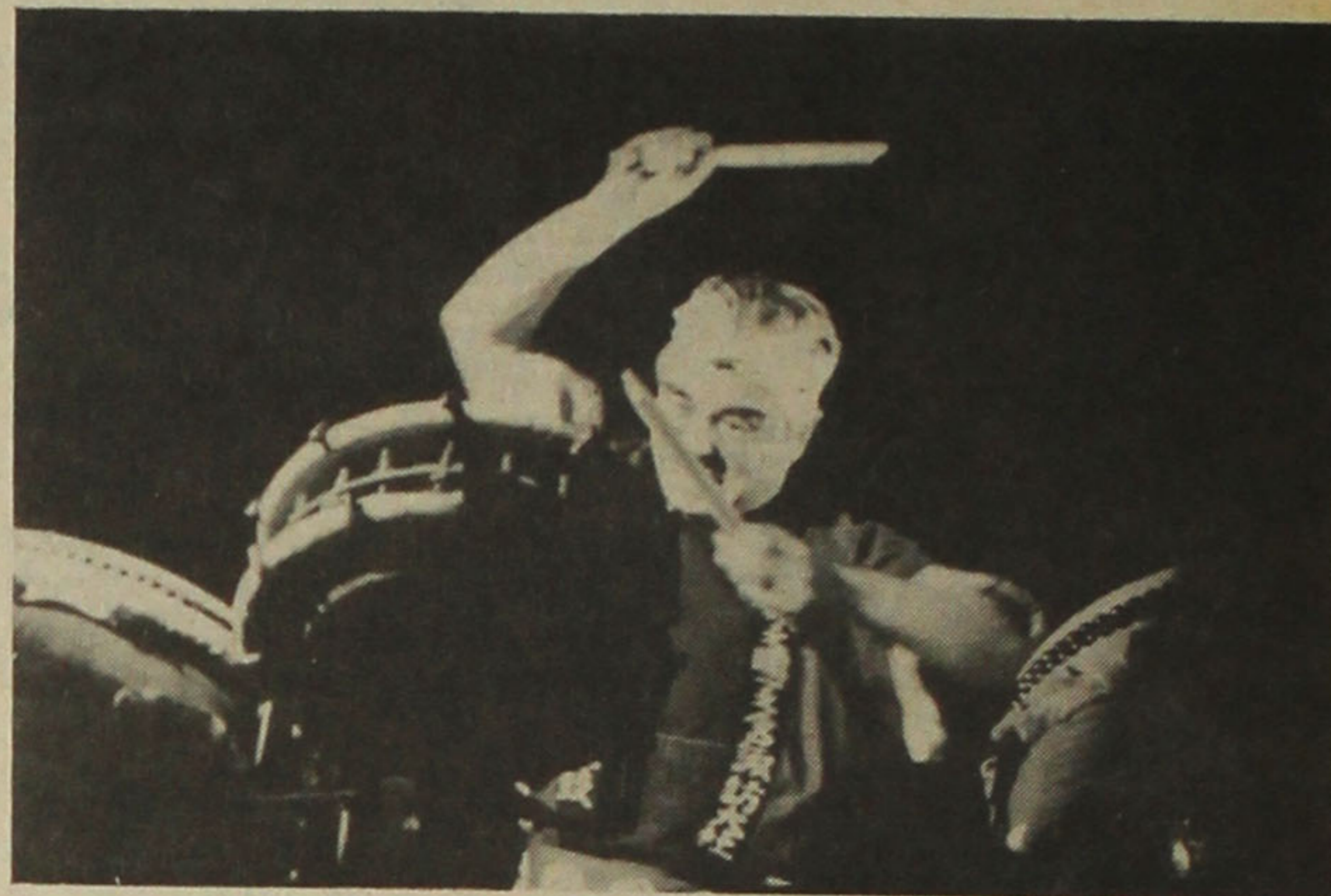
The program begins at 7 p.m., NYU School of Law, Tishman Aud., 40 Washington Square S. Following the film is a panel discussion and reception. The public is welcome to attend.

LEAP application deadline: March 25

LOS ANGELES—LEAP, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, is now offering the first workshop in its five-part leadership development series.

Workshop I places a strong emphasis on values influencing the Asian Pacific leadership style. Topics include: the nature of Asian Pacific leadership and professional effectiveness; stereotypes and leadership behaviors;

Community Affairs



EIGHT TO THE BAR—Osuwa Daiko to perform in L.A. Details below.

LOS ANGELES—Master taiko drummer Daihachi Oguchi and his **Osuwa Daiko** will make their Los Angeles debut at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, Monday, March 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets: 680-3700.

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center sponsors a blood drive on Friday, March 22, 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., 2nd floor, 244 S. San Pedro. Appointments: David Downs, 628-2725.

Students in grades kindergarten through 12 have until March 30 to enter the **Asian Pacific American Heritage Week Poster and Essay Contest**. Theme is "Asian Pacific American Heritage: Transition into the Future." Entries will be judged on creativity and originality. Posters must be 11 by 14 inches, and essays cannot be more than 500 words in length. Send to: Heritage Week Poster and Essay Contest, c/o Asian American Education Commission, LAUSD, 450 N. Grand Ave., Rm. H-133, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Information: Jacqueline Ota, 582-7358.

Pacific Asian American Women Writers - West presents the first PAAWW-W Public Reading, Sunday, March 31, from 2 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro, 2nd floor. Momoko Iko moderates. Writers who want to read or have something read for them must call Iko, (213) 666-1084. Fifteen-minute limit on material.

Presentation of a **summer tour to Japan** takes place Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 110 N. San Pedro St. Lunch will be served. Information: Matao Uwate, 628-4688.

Stipends for Southeast Asians offered by Illinois Nisei student relocation group

CHICAGO—Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc. (NSRCF) is awarding eight stipends of \$500 each to Southeast Asian refugee high school students in Illinois who will graduate in 1985 and attend a two- or four-year college or training school this fall.

NSRCF was established in 1979 by Japanese Americans who were assisted by the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council to leave the camps

W. COVINA, Calif. — The 12th annual **Las Vegas Night** will be held at the E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., on Saturday, March 23, from 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 donation. Information: (818) 337-9123.

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — **Koreisha Chushoku Kai**, a Los Angeles-based nutrition program for the elderly, holds its 9th anniversary celebration, "It's Magic," on Saturday, March 30, from 6 p.m. at Quiet Cannon Restaurant, Montebello Country Club. Tax deductible donation of \$35 is requested. Information: 680-9173.

IRWINDALE, Calif. — **Calif. Japanese American Republicans and Japanese American Republicans** hold a joint installation barbeque at Alu-Mont, 5400 Irwindale Ave., Saturday, March 23. A round table discussion on unitary tax at 6 p.m. precedes the dinner. Information: (818) 969-7921.

SAN JOSE — **Spartan Oriocci**, puts on a dance at the San Jose State Univ. Student Union Ballroom from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, March 22. Tickets are \$5 before 10 p.m.; \$6 thereafter. Information: (408) 281-7874.

San Jose Taiko Group performs Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., at Mayer Theatre, Univ. of Santa Clara. Tickets at Nichi Bei Bussan or Kogura Co., or by calling 978-9412.

CLEVELAND — **Cleveland Buddhist Temple**, East 214 and Euclid, holds its food bazaar Saturday, March 30, 3-8 p.m., and Sunday, March 31, noon-6 p.m. Information: 692-1509.

Coro Foundation seeks Asian/Pacific participants for public affairs training

LOS ANGELES—Recruitment is under way for Coro Foundation's public affairs training course for leaders in the Asian/Pacific community, designed to give 12 individuals an intensive, up-close introduction to public affairs decision-making.

Coro's Asian/Pacific Program aims to give participants practical insight for becoming effective bridge-builders between their own and other communities, and a clearer understanding of the individual's potential for making a lasting contribution to Los Angeles. Training seminars and projects will strengthen various skills, including decision-making, communication, project-planning, interviewing, information analysis and group management.

100th anniversary of Japanese immigration is focus of photo exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO—A renovated immigration station on Angel Island will have a month-long photo exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Japanese emigration to America this spring. The exhibit is produced by Go For Broke, Inc., a Japanese American historical society. The opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 1 p.m., and features Rep. Norman Mineta (D) of San Jose as principal speaker.

The exhibit focuses on the immigrant generation following their first official arrival in Hawaii in 1885. Pictures show them on the sugar cane and pineapple fields laboring under the unfamiliar social and climatic environment. "Fresh off the boat" (FOBs), in a mixture of Japanese and Western attire, are seen debarking in Honolulu. There are few smiles. Uncertainty, and even apprehension, seem a more apt description of their expressions.

The early plantation homes for the laborers show shacks with loosely thatched roofs and dirt floors. The "Sunday" pictures are unmistakably Hawaiian—formal suits and dresses for adults, but children are barefoot. One-third of the more than 100 photos on display are about life in Hawaii.

The remaining two-thirds of the exhibit depicts life on the mainland. Many faces are recognizable to members of the Japanese American community.

WWI Doughboys

What will be a surprise to many Americans is the sight of Japanese immigrants in World War I

cluding on July 2, the program includes a day-long orientation, four Saturday sessions, nine Tuesday evening seminars, and four half-day sessions on alternate Fridays.

Candidates must be of Asian/Pacific background, have a genuine interest in molding the future of their communities through active involvement in public affairs, and have a firm grasp of the English language in both its written and verbal forms. Individuals will also be judged for leadership potential, commitment to community service, intellectual curiosity, self-discipline, flexibility, stamina and the ability to work with others.

Applications must be received at Coro by March 29. Information (213) 623-1234.

U.S. Army uniforms. The wide-brimmed hats give them a Smokey-the-Bear appearance. They were ineligible for naturalization, but chose to fight as American soldiers. A quarter of a century later during World War II they watched their children, 33,000 of them, in U.S. Army uniform serving their country in Europe and in the Pacific theater.

Angel Island, often referred to as the "Ellis Island of the West," was not a general processing center but a detention center where immigrants with any problems or those who required more than a simple final processing were sent to await clearance. For some the wait was over one year. To tens of thousands of Asians their first taste of America was in these barracks.

The photos in the exhibit are 20" x 24" and 16" x 20" sepia photographic enlargements, matted and mounted in separate frames. Many are original, unpublished images from private sources. The exhibit includes narrative and captions.

When the exhibit is taken down on May 20 (May 18-19 is the last weekend of exhibit), the collection will be shipped to Honolulu for the centennial celebration. Some of these photos are scheduled to become part of the exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution for the bicentennial celebration of the Constitution in 1987.

Go For Broke, Inc., (1855 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94103) will continue to add to and refine the collection and to work with other organizations with similar interests.

Missouri JACLers' Helping Hand



REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru Yasui
Legislative Education Committee

The state of Missouri, lying in the heartland of the Midwest, is important to the cause of redress, particularly because both of its senators, Thomas Eagleton (D) and John Danforth (R) are members of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, to which S 2116, the redress bill, was assigned during the 98th Congress from 1983-84. Sen. Eagleton was the ranking minority member of that 18-member committee in 1983-84.

We do not know, as of this date, specific committee assignments in the 99th Congress, which was convened on Jan. 3, 1985. However, we do know that the Missouri senators will be influential in determining the fate of the Senate redress bill in 1985-86.

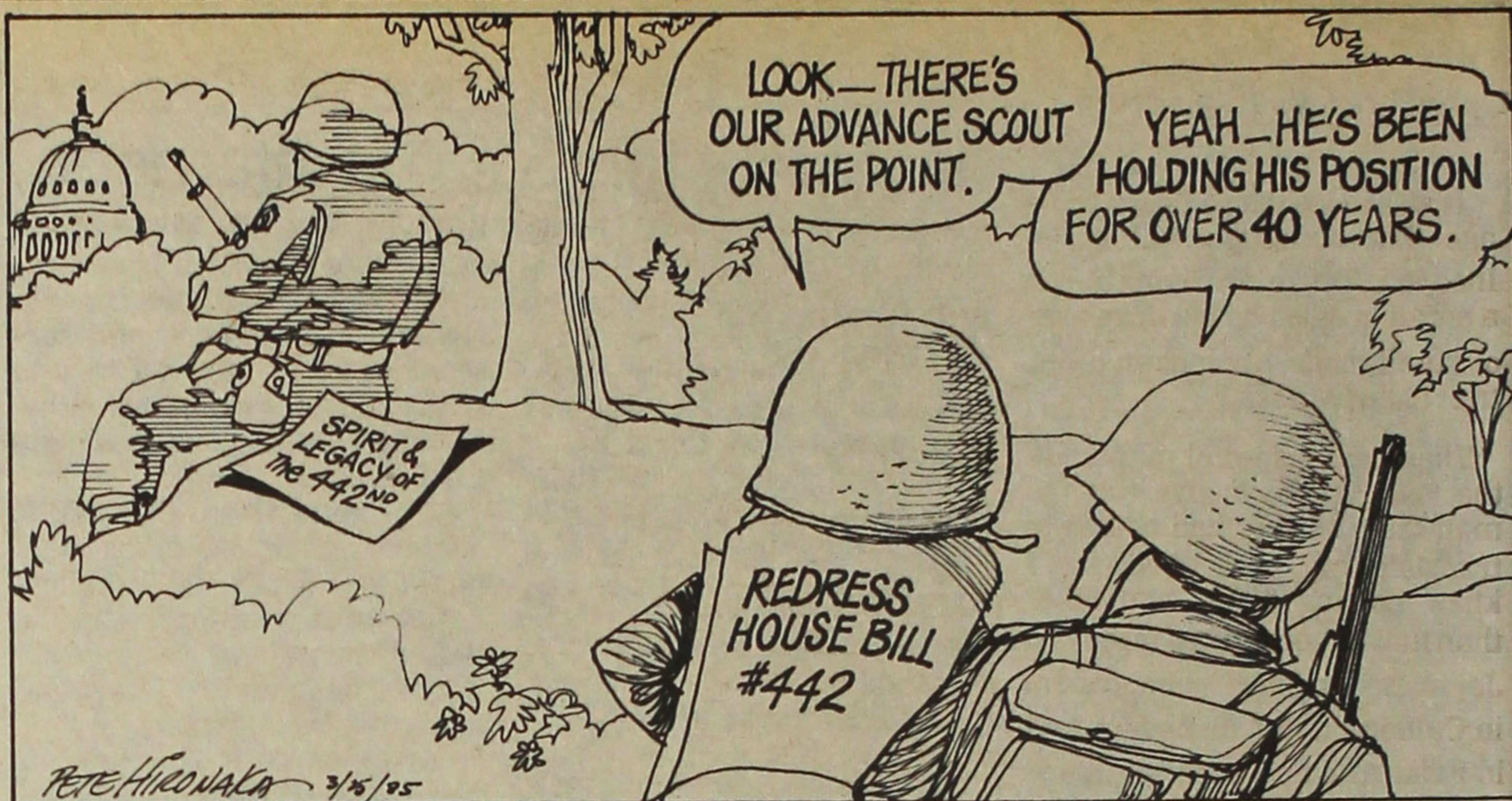
Sen. Ted Stevens (R) of Alaska chaired the subcommittee that held hearings on S 2116 last summer in Alaska and Los Angeles.

Since Sen. Stevens was a principal sponsor of S 2116, which included redress for the Aleuts of Alaska, we can expect sympathetic consideration from him. He was second-ranking member of the full Senate committee, under Sen. William Roth (R) of Delaware, who was chairman.

We expect the Senate redress bill to be reintroduced by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D) of Hawaii, probably sometime during March 1985. We are assuming the redress bill will be reassigned to the Governmental Affairs Committee in the Senate. As definite details become known, we will let you know.

In St. Louis, Ed Tsugita heads the St. Louis JACL chapter as president for another year. The St. Louis JACL has worked closely with the community, and is well regarded. We noted that a substantial contribution was made by the St. Louis JACL to the Botanic Gardens, which boasts of a large Japanese garden, and we noted

that Florence Forbes, president of the local chapter of Ikebana International, was an honored guest at their installation dinner in January.



George Sakaguchi, as Midwest JACL district governor, has been most active in promoting redress, not only in the State of Missouri, but also in the neighboring states to the south. He has made trips to Memphis, Tennessee, and to Little Rock, Arkansas, rallying support for redress—and that's a thankless job in the Deep South! Unfortunately, he has had to undergo heart surgery for a bypass operation recently, but knowing George Sakaguchi, he will bounce right back and be as active as ever. We express appreciation to George for his efforts.

Also in the St. Louis area we find that old-timers, such as Sam Nakano, who was the first St. Louis JACL chapter president, Yuki Rikimaru, now serving as treasurer, Bob and Ann Mitori (Bob officiated as toastmaster at the installation dinner), and others, have been contributing to the vitality and viability of the chapter. But it is most heartening to note that younger Nikkei, and frequently their non-Nikkei spouses, are participating fully in JACL activities. We are grateful to these people too!

We further find that St. Louis JACLers know of friends, or indeed have relatives, who have moved to Florida, or to Baton Rouge, and to other parts of the South—where we do not have JACL contacts to rally support for redress. We are pleased to establish such contacts through JACL members, and hopefully will be able to engender support from unexpected places.

Local JACLers are great people! They are indeed the ones who make our national programs possible. Again, thank you, St. Louis JACL!

Letters

442nd Praised

I am writing this letter to relate an interesting experience which happened to me several weeks ago here in Japan.

During the week of Feb. 10, we had three gentlemen from the Boeing Company out of Wichita, Kansas, visit our company for a series of engineering meetings. Among those three gentlemen, there was a person by the name of Leo Roby, who, upon learning that I was a Sansei, not a Japanese national, started to thank me for the fact that the 442nd during World War II saved not only his life but also his buddies' lives.

This event, he went on to explain, took place in the very early part of 1945 (January or February). His battalion, the 363rd, was assigned to take over a small German village several miles ahead of them. According to Mr. Roby, when a group of soldiers are assigned to capture a town, they are

supported by an artillery company which shells the enemy's positions in a "softening up" operation. Now in this case, the artillery company was the 442nd and they were conducting what he called a "walking barrage," that is they, the 442nd, were calculating with utmost precision how fast Mr. Roby and the other members of his group were progressing and firing shells every 200 yards or so ahead of them to "soften up" the enemy. Due to the accurate firing of every shell into the enemy's positions they were able to capture the village with no casualties.

As soon as this town was captured, Mr. Roby and the rest of his battalion were transferred to another area. Hence, he never did have the opportunity to meet or thank any members of the 442nd who saved his and his buddies' lives.

I being the first Nikkei that he has ever met, he has asked me

whether there are any 442 veterans living in the Middle West. He would like to contact them and thank them personally. Hence, I am enclosing his address and telephone number in the hopes that any 442nd veterans in his general area contact him.

As for myself, I have heard many stories about the 442nd from other Nikkei people. However, this was the first time that I had ever met a Caucasian who was ever directly or indirectly affected by their exploits.

Leo Roby's address: Material Department; Boeing Military Airplane Company; Wichita, KN 67210; (316) 261-6145.

KENNETH K. ISHIBASHI
Tokyo

P.C. Applauded

We want to applaud the Pacific Citizen for its coverage of human and civil rights issues. The recent articles on anti-apartheid work were very interesting and informative. The JACL community needs to be kept informed of the civil rights violations that occur within and outside the community.

We recognize that coalition building and understanding other people's struggles can only enhance our own organization and its effectiveness. Specifically, our organizing around redress can be improved by working with other groups involved in human and civil rights issues. The more we know about the other issues, the better we can support them.

We encourage the Pacific Citizen to continue and expand this kind of coverage.

SHARON HASHIMOTO
Board of Directors
Portland JACL

'Sanga Moyu' Viewed

We have just finished watching "Sanga Moyu" here in Chicago, relying on tapes shipped in from other areas; the intervention by the JACL, and the resulting controversy, increased viewer interest.

Having the good fortune to view "Sanga Moyu," I would like to thank Toyoko Yamasaki and NHK for making this movie possible; and I would also like to thank the Pacific Citizen for publishing all those informative letters from the readers; it was heart-warming to read the article by John F. Aiso on the MIS Nisei.

"Sanga Moyu" is such a huge undertaking that it would be impossible to satisfy all concerned parties; granting certain exaggerations and deficiencies, I found it most interesting; I hope everyone will have the opportunity to watch it.

As the telecast unfurled, we could relate to many of the episodes; I'm sure others can draw on their experiences before and during the war.

Back in 1945, as we landed in Japan to carry out Occupation duties, we had no idea what was in store for us; I'm sure volumes can be written on this period based on each one's own personal experiences. As we settled down to the task of disarming and democratizing the country, suspected Japanese war criminals were rounded up. And an essay contest on what should be done about nuclear fission information was held during this time; such questions as who should control it or should we share it with other powers came up. The ability to make larger and larger bombs cast a

gloom and doom picture for the future; the threat of what nuclear war could do hung over everyone like the Damocles Sword.

The war crimes trials, minor and major (International Military Tribunal) were not considered punitive, but a noble experiment to mete out justice and deter future wars. It was held to set a precedent to stop future military aggression; from the beginning it was engulfed in controversy; how could justice be served if the conqueror judged the vanquished, and who would defend the war criminals; many other questions had to be resolved.

Considering the trial and the concluding episode in "Sanga Moyu": I wonder how we should accept Kenji Amoh's suicide; what can we attribute to this act? We can begin with the euphoria at the ending of the war, and the optimism at the beginning of the trial. Then the trial dragged on to its ultimate conclusion; did he become disillusioned with the trial and its objectives and what it could hope to accomplish to prevent future military aggression, and consequently that the sentences handed down were a travesty of justice?

As we closed the chapter on the Tokyo War Crimes Trial and promulgated a new constitution for Japan that would renounce war, we were shocked into the realities of the Cold War by the Korean War.

War the curse of all mankind; if the showing of "Sanga Moyu" brought forth some meaningful dialogue and understanding between people for whatever reason, it was well worth watching.

HOWARD SHIROMA
Chicago

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Isamu Inouye Remembered

It was more than a dozen years ago that we sought out Isamu Inouye in Tokyo. We found him in a small, modest house in an area of small modest homes in a district called Mitaka.

There was a special purpose to the visit. Isamu Inouye was the man the publisher had chosen to translate my book, "Nisei." I knew nothing about him other than that he had worked briefly on Japanese-language newspapers in California, that he had worked in France and perhaps was more skilled in French than in English.

Unfortunately I could not read and evaluate Inouye's translation of the book, the 100-year history of Japanese Americans, which was

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



the first product of JACL's Japanese American Research Project. But I had heard good things about the translation and I felt it only proper that, when the opportunity arose, I should call on the gentleman who had labored over it.

Isamu Inouye turned out to be a small, lean, frail-looking elderly

man with bright eyes and a warm smile. He sat on the tatami of his room where he did his work, sipped the tea his wife served, and made small talk. One does not discuss serious or weighty matters on first meeting in Japan. So our meeting was little more than a courtesy call, although I would have liked to hear his thoughts about my book, about why he had agreed to translate it and what he considered to be its weak points and strong points.

We exchanged letters once or twice after that. His last letter, which I kept, said: "I am so far passing days without any change. So, I hope to keep on thus ... In Japan, the words 'happy new year' have become as Nihongo, so I wish you and your wife a happy new year a little late."

I had no occasion to correspond with him after that. Then, a few weeks ago, Kay Tateishi wrote to say Isamu Inouye (spelled Inoue in Tokyo's English language press) died Feb. 6 of heart failure. He was 83.

Kay told me a lot about Inouye that I had not known: "He was one nice guy who spent prewar years in the States, worked on some Japanese language papers on the Coast, was Sei Fujii's first Japanese editor when he founded the Kashu Mainichi (in Los Angeles) in 1931. Then he went on to become Domei News correspondent when Domei was set up in the late 30s and became its Paris bureau chief. He was fluent in French which he studied at Tokyo Im-

perial University but never finished his university education.

"During the war he was editor-in-chief of Domei and befriended the Nisei who were stranded in Japan. After the war, when Domei was disbanded on orders from MacArthur, he was among the top men who got together and founded Jiji Press along the lines of United Press, while the mainstream set up Kyodo News Service. Inouye was Jiji's managing editor. Among his translations was Erich Maria Remarque's 'Arch of Triumph,' which was a postwar bestseller in Japan."

It would have been fun to have known Isamu Inouye better. Chance gave us an opportunity to become acquainted, and as so often happens, I couldn't take advantage of it.



That Little Girl Identified

EAST
WIND

Bill
Marutani



Quoting, in part, from the ensuing article in the Chicago Shimpo:

My memory of camp, of course, are those of a child and I can vividly remember child-like things like the picnic when jello was used as punch because there was no ice, as the day wore on the punch thickened and we had to eat the punch! ... My memory of camp is of the last place I lived where everyone looked like me ... and where, like a commune, everyone seemed to take care of all the children. On the negative side, I do remember the barbed-wire fences keeping us in, I remember the guard towers and the rifles that the soldiers carried, I remember the lack of privacy, the communal baths and toilet facilities, and most of all, I remember sensing the fear, the frustration, and the anxiety in the adults.

This from a pre-school child, the barbed-wire camps as seen through the eyes of that little girl.

This was the "usual suffering" endured by all Americans in America, during the war—as some persist in proclaiming even today?

WE UNDERSTAND THAT Yuki became Mrs. Don Llewellyn, has a son, and has been on the staff of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Today, as an adult, she observes:

Because of Manzanar, I will do anything to prevent such an inequity from ever again affecting any group of Americans be that group racial, political or social in nature ... We are all accountable.

We hope so, Yuki; indeed, we hope so.

But we, particularly Japanese Americans, cannot rest merely on hope. Rather, we must translate that hope into reality, and that will require work. Dedicated work. From each of us.

SEVERAL ISSUES BACK (Feb. 15), we wrote about the photograph that almost everyone of us has seen at some point—of that little girl with a page-boy haircut, sitting among duffel bags, attired in her Sunday best (the one button seemingly in the wrong button-hole), holding a partially eaten apple in one hand and clutching her little purse in the other. For us, this one photo epitomized our forced exodus in 1942. It poignantly reflected, in one picture, the untrammelled tragedy that befell Americans of Japanese ancestry and their parents. As we titled that piece: "Worth a Thousand Words."

WE WONDERED WHO that little girl was; where was she today; what happened to her? A reader from Chicago, Mrs. Lillie Nakamura, provided the answers to our questions, and I'd like to share that information with you. The little girl was Yukiko Okinaga, then age three years, who with her family from Los Angeles, was placed in Manzanar. Yuki's family relocated to Cleveland where Yuki attended elementary and secondary schools. From there, she continued on to Lake Forest College, graduating in 1962. She then earned her master's degree in theater at Tulane in New Orleans in 1966.

THE CHICAGO SHIMPO had also earlier wondered about the identity of that little girl, and that newspaper made contact with her. Yuki provided up-to-date information on herself and commented on some of her recollections of camp life as a little child.

LETTERS

E.O. 9066 Reviewed

The "Day of Remembrance" ceremony held recently at Sherwood Park in Salinas reminds us of the delicate nature of the constitutional rights guaranteed to all American citizens.

I came to the United States 25 years ago. When I became an American citizen after my eighteenth birthday I was not aware of the struggle of my predecessors to achieve the rights which are the birthright of every citizen. Even in school I did not learn about the internment of Japanese Americans. Yet I, and many others of my generation, were reaping the benefits of their sacrifices.

In the tragic days following the promulgation of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, all American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents, who were forbidden by law from becoming citizens, were interned, not because they had been disloyal or had committed

any crimes against the state, but only because of their racial background.

Now, 43 years later, I am humbled by the tragic experience of my predecessors and I am aghast at the thought that history can repeat itself, as it almost did some years ago, when there was talk of re-opening the concentration camps to intern Vietnam protesters [during the Vietnam War] and Iranian students at the time of the overthrow of the Shah.

An accurate history of the Japanese American internment remains buried in the tormented minds of the former internees, but I must stress the importance of all American citizens being cognizant of their civic responsibility to ensure that such violations of the rights of any minority will never happen again. We must also work together to secure the passage of redress legislation for the dwindling number of former internees.

KENICHI BUNDEN
Salinas, Calif.

REMINDER

In order for a listing of a community event to be run prior to the event, it is vital that PC be notified as far in advance as possible. Please remember that PC only comes out once a week and that many subscribers, especially those outside the West Coast, receive their copies several days after the publication date.

We frequently receive press releases a day or two before the event (and in some cases, the day of the event!). Such releases cannot be used, for obvious reasons.

Even one week in advance may not be soon enough. For example, if a release is received Mar. 1 and the event takes place Mar. 8, the listing will be seen Mar. 7 at the earliest and may not reach some homes until the day of the event, the day after, or possibly the Monday after that.

Please help us help you publicize your event by getting the information to us at earliest opportunity.

Hands Across the Ocean

**NISEI
IN JAPAN:**

**Barry
Saiki**



During the late 1984 visit to Japan of S. Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, New Mexico, she spoke about her involvement with Sister Cities International. Her enthusiasm for the program stirred up my own latent interest, for I had long thought that such people-to-people and community-to-community relationships could more firmly and realistically promote country-to-country understanding.

Ruth, an active JACler in the Pacific Northwest, Los Angeles and now New Mexico, is a SCI national board director. She said that she would have some literature sent to me from their Washington, D.C. office.

Also, shortly after that, Nisei Week queen Tamlin Tomita and her parents arrived as guests of the New Otani and mentioned that she was delivering a message from L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley to the mayor of Nagoya, which has a sister city affiliation with Los Angeles.

Then, along with his Christmas greetings, Chuck Kubokawa wrote that he was seeking an appropriate sister city in Japan for his hometown of Palo Alto, California.

The SCI material revealed that as of 1984 there were 726 U.S. cities which were affiliated with 1,153 cities abroad. Significantly, California led all the states in affiliations with 173 cities connected with 309 foreign communities. And 55

California municipalities had relations with Japanese cities.

Other states with more than 10 cities participating were Michigan (51 total, 17 in Japan), Florida (49, 5 J), Texas (26, 5 J), Pennsylvania (25, 3 J), Illinois (25, 3 J), Ohio (23, 2 J), Wisconsin (23, 0 J), Massachusetts (23, 3 J), Washington (22, 19 J), Oregon (22, 9 J), and New York (22, 5 J).

Hawaii had four entities participating in 22 affiliations, of which 7 are with Japan, while Alaska had seven cities with 11 tie-ins, five with Japan.

Of the foreign countries, Japan led the list with 164 communities affiliated with 169 American communities. Next came Mexico with 113 cities affiliated with 146 U.S. cities.

Then, in sequence, there followed West Germany (81 cities with 84 U.S. sister cities), Great Britain (76, 78), France (54, 57), Australia (25, 35), Canada (26, 26), Italy (28, 29), Spain (24, 28), Israel (20, 24), Colombia (22, 25), the Philippines (22, 26), South Korea (19, 22), and Brazil (19, 21). Taiwan had 13 communities affiliated with 38 U.S. cities.

Japan has IGCF, the International Goodwill City Federation (Kokusai Shinzen Toshi Renmei), located at Zenkoku Toshi Kaikan, 2-4-2 Hirakawa-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Japan 102, which will assist in locating suitable sister cities or communities for foreign entities. However, they would need information about the foreign city or communities and their desires so that an appropriate city, town or village can be matched.

As of December 1984, 339 Japanese communities are affiliated with 483 foreign entities, including small towns. These affiliations include 175 in the U.S., 56 in China, 38 in Brazil, 24 in Australia, 24 in

Canada, 19 in the U.S.S.R., 18 in West Germany, 17 in South Korea, 16 in France, 11 in both Italy and the Philippines, and others totaling 39 countries.

The IGCF was originally established by the Japanese Assn. of City Mayors in December 1961, although the first sister city affiliation took place in 1955 between

Nagasaki and St. Paul, Minnesota. The mayors' association was formed in Japan in 1898 and is currently composed of 651 cities with populations over 50,000, but the IGCF also handles the affiliations for towns and villages as well. The expenses for maintaining the offices are defrayed by the participating townships and cities.

While many of the JACL chapters or their members are active in the sister city activities of their respective cities, this may be a worthwhile activity for other retired or retiring Nisei, who have the time; while for their children, it can create an interest, and with it, a better understanding of international relations.

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L.A. Is the Place!

by Karl Nobuyuki

Discussion on the relocation of JACL headquarters is always spirited and incorporates a good deal of thinking both pro and con. All in all, the issue is usually based on a concern for the future of the League and its ability to maintain a viable posture.

In Steven Nakashima's article (Feb. 1 PC), he alluded to the benefits of moving HQ operations, noting that more and more attention is directed towards Los Angeles. He's right.

Unlike San Francisco, Los Angeles is a megalopolis in its true sense. Composed of 84 cities, Los Angeles County is the most populous county in the nation with nearly 8 million residents. There are more persons of Japanese ancestry in Los Angeles than anywhere else in the country.

The economy of Los Angeles County ranks 21st in the world, with a gross annual product exceeding \$100 billion. L.A.'s high technology consists of only 11% of the workforce, but outstrips Silicon Valley (Santa Clara County) in the number of firms by 44%, and employees by 66%. In 1983, the financial center of the Western United States shifted from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Now L.A. ranks second only to New York. In the same year, the Los Angeles Customs District (LACD), Los Angeles-Long Beach, surpassed New Orleans, becoming the second largest in the nation. The LACD represents 63% of all the trade in California and exceeds all other West Coast ports.

In terms of trade, one-third of all U.S. trade with the Pacific Basin and Japan flows through Los Angeles to other parts of the na-

tion. Japanese businesses have mushroomed, and the largest Japanese business association, outside Japan, operates in Los Angeles.

Then, there is the "other L.A.," most frequently called the "Los Angeles Area" or the "Sixty-mile Circle." Data is even more impressive; here the gross annual product is surpassed by only 13 nations of the world.

However, the impressive figures for Los Angeles are not necessarily relevant to a situs for JACL HQ. While L.A. offers vast potential, it also carries strong competition, and without a definite membership strategy and definite program(s), JACL HQ presence would well result in disadvantages.

As vice president, Yosh Nakashima notes (Feb. 22 PC) that the NCWNP District has traditionally been in the forefront of JACL membership. The district is especially active, with council participation consistently outstripping its Southern cousin. It was the activism of the district that drew the heart of the League to San Francisco, and the dedication of the Masao W. Satow Building as a perpetual monument to the Issei.

Increasing JACL presence in Washington, D.C., can be achieved programmatically. Dues have increased nearly 70% in the last five years, and inflation was dipped to 4-5%. It appears that greater presence can be obtained by a reallocation of resources rather than the relocation of a building.

For the first time in recent memory, the Los Angeles area has gained the presence of three elected national officers. If the

potential of the area is truly viable and important to the League, then tapping this potential should become the priority of our elected representatives. The first step is to surface the plan.

L.A. IS THE PLACE, and for the League, it does represent a vast market potential. In 1980 JACL sampled this potential with smashing success... The door to continued success, through membership enhancement, has yet to be unlocked.

Golden Gate JACL protests basing of nuclear carrier

SAN FRANCISCO — Citing costs, the possibility of the further destabilizing of U.S.-Soviet relations, and the nuclear-freeze resolution passed by San Francisco, the board of governors of the Golden Gate Chapter JACL voted to oppose the stationing of the battleship Missouri.

According to the resolution, the USS Missouri is a WW2 battleship refitted to carry Tomahawk cruise missiles. The missiles "can carry either conventional or a nuclear warhead which are indistinguishable from each other by satellite, thus making verification difficult, if not impossible, and posing severe problems for arms control."

Further, the resolution states, Mayor Dianne Feinstein "has promised harbor dredging, roads, and other improvements [to the Navy] that would cost the city at least \$1 million a year."

The chapter therefore opposed the stationing of the Missouri "in the belief that diplomacy and not more nuclear weapons is the better means of achieving security."

With One Voice

by Philip Tajitsu Nash,
New York Nichibei

Spent the last few weeks preparing to teach "Asian Americans and Development of United States Law" this spring. While writing the syllabus, many hours were spent pouring over old newspaper and magazine articles, and devouring the old books I've referred to and read summaries of, but never had the time to read.

Treatises like Boris Bittker's *The Case for Black Reparations*, Charles Reich's *The New Property*, (Yale Law Journal, 1964) and Derrick Bell's *Race, Racism and American Law*, have taken on new meaning when read in light of the current redress campaign. Seminal Asian American works like *Roots: An Asian American Reader*, *Aiiieeeee! (An Anthology of Asian American Writers)*, and *In Movement*, continue to impart new lessons a decade after the ethnic consciousness they called for has become an ongoing reality.

One striking aspect of reading old issues of the Nichibei, the Pacific Citizen, and other community newspapers was to see the historical development of current attitudes, alignments, and campaigns.

For example, in July of 1979, I saw that I, in tandem with others in Chicago, Seattle and nationwide, questioned the need for a commission to study what seemed to be a self-evident wrong. However, the Nikkei legislators and JACL leadership prevailed in Congress, and the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was born.

Today, no one disputes the importance of the nationwide education done by the Commission and,

despite shortfalls such as its use of the government's euphemistic language ("assembly and relocation centers" instead of "concentration camps"), its *Personal Justice Denied* is one thousand times better than General DeWitt's 1943 *Final Report*.

Another striking aspect of an archival afternoon was to see how many gestures are sometimes all that's necessary to heal old wounds. The best example of this was the bold leadership of JACL president Frank Sato and the quick and efficient legal work of JACL Washington Representative Tim Gojio in responding to the request last year for an *amicus* (friend of the court) support brief in the appeal of the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) class action lawsuit.

These actions precipitated a letter of thanks from NCJAR spokesperson William Hohri that seemed to create an opening for renewed dialogue. NCJAR, like the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR) in Los Angeles and the Washington Coalition on Redress (WCR) in Seattle, was born out of disillusionment with the redress leadership of the JACL generally and the decision to petition for a commission—rather than money redress bills—specifically.

With the JACL making conciliatory gestures and the originally-divisive commission phase of the redress movement behind us, the next phase of this historic movement seems to dictate that we mend old rifts, work together, and explore ways that we can all speak with one voice for redress. To do otherwise will continue to leave us divided and unredressed.

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The Need to Promote U.S.-Japan Relations

by Floyd Shimomura

Why should Japanese Americans care about U.S.-Japan relations?

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long known that having the finest product or the greatest talent is meaningless without a racially and culturally tolerant atmosphere. It is difficult to farm if you are forbidden to own land. An engineering or architectural degree is but a piece of paper if no one will give you a job.

being turned away. Things began to improve during the 1960s and 1970s.

However, in recent years, the trade friction between the U.S. and Japan has contributed to much misunderstanding and ill-feeling on both sides of the Pacific. Unfortunately, economic difficulties tend to arouse strong emotional feelings in the United States, and Japanese Americans often suffer from such backlash. Such animosity tends to erode much of the goodwill that Japanese Americans have spent four generations trying to build up.

Accordingly, we Japanese Americans have a basic self-interest in helping to promote good relations between Japan and the United States. We have a social investment to protect.

Regional redress chairs to meet next week

LOS ANGELES — District representatives will meet here March 23-24 to plan the 1985-86 national JACL redress program, announced headquarters staff.

Scheduled to attend are Frank Sato, national president; Rose Ochi, vice president for membership and services; Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest district governor and LEC finance chair; Harry Kawahara, Pacific Southwest; Morgan Yamanaka, No. Calif. - W. Nevada - Pacific; Cherry Kinoshita, Pacific Northwest; Hank Tanaka, Midwest; Grayce Uyehara, Eastern; and Keith Taniguchi, Mountain Plains.

For over 50 years, JACL's primary goal has been to help build a tolerant society in the United States so that persons of Japanese ancestry would be free to live, work, play, and prosper according to their individual merit. For over four generations, we have fought to gain full acceptance—on the battlefields, in the P.T.A., in the workplace, and in the legislative hall. In the 1960s, we marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and helped pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 so we could eat at restaurants and stay at hotels without fear of

Interracial Families is topic of workshop at Tri-district convention in Fresno, April 20

FRESNO, Calif.—A timely workshop, "Interracial Families in the Nikkei Community," is part of the upcoming JACL Tri-District Conference to be held on April 19-21 at the Hilton Hotel.

many of our JACL members are grandparents of children of interracial marriages, so this informal workshop should appeal to both Nisei and Sansei alike." Iiyama, who heads the department of Early Childhood Education and Child Development at Contra Costa College, leads the workshop.

ences as interracial married couples.

Kitano has done extensive research on the relatively modern phenomenon of outmarriages made by the Nikkei. He will present a brief overview of the current trends in these marriages and report possible areas of concern.

Shigematsu is currently doing a study on children of interracial marriages and is expected to share some of his findings.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m.

"An increasing number of interracial marriages in the Nikkei community poses questions about cultural differences in expectations, communication patterns and roles, among others," said Chizu Iiyama, chair of the NCWNP District Council's program and education committee, sponsor of the workshop. "And

The session features Steve Murphy Shigematsu, Ph.D. candidate at Harvard, as well as the noted sociologist, Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA. Participating as panelists are Charlotte and Stuart Hirasuna and Lynn and Gary Barba-ree, who discuss their experi-

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JACL/LEC Fundraising Plan

JACL's Legislative Education Committee recently approved plans to achieve redress and announced fund-raising targets of more than \$1 million over the next several years. By early 1986, LEC expects to raise \$300,000 to \$400,000. The major portion of this fund is intended for engaging the services of a Washington, D.C., lobbying firm.

The LEC fund drive calls for each JACL district to recruit a number of "prime solicitors." A prime solicitor, explained Harry Kajihara, LEC finance chair, is an individual who assumes the task of raising \$2,000 or more by any method he or she wishes. Assisting such prime solicitors will be District LEC Fund Drive Key Persons in each district.

Each prime solicitor is urged to emphasize that redress is an American issue. Prime solicitors should solicit funds from non-JACLers as well as other concerned citizens.

A breakout of the target sums to be raised in each district, and the number of prime solicitors in each district, is shown below:

DISTRICT	TARGETED FUNDS	PRIME SOLICITORS
N Calif/W Nev/Pac	\$120,000	60
Pacific SW	100,000	50
Pacific NW	24,000	12
Central Calif	24,000	12
Midwest	24,000	12
Intermountain	16,000	8
Eastern	14,000	7
Mountain Plains	10,000	5

To coordinate and oversee the LEC redress fund drive campaign, District LEC Fund Drive Key Persons have been appointed in five of eight districts thus far. They are: Paul Shinkawa, MPDC; Mike Suzuki, EDC; George Sakaguchi, MDC; Peggy Sasashima-Liggett, CC; and Harry Kajihara, PSW. IDC, PNW and NCWNP will have Key Persons appointed soon.

The kickoff date for the LEC fund drive campaign will be announced soon, under the direction of Harry Kajihara. The LEC, under chair Minoru Yasui, is currently engaged in planning not only the fund drive but also the legislative strategies to achieve redress. Grant Ujifusa of New York will chair the legislative strategies committee for LEC.

Any individuals desiring to assist may contact the LEC Fund Drive Key Person in their district or the Legislative Education Committee, c/o JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Contributions to LEC are not tax deductible.

Tri-District conference deadline nears

FRESNO, Calif. — Delegates from the N. Calif. - W. Nevada - Pacific, Central California, and Pacific Southwest districts are reminded that special group rates at the Fresno Hilton, site of the Tri-District conference, are in effect only through April 5.

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel, (209) 485-9000. Rates (plus tax) are \$45 for singles; \$55 for two persons; and \$65 for three persons.

Registration for the April 19-21 conference is \$30, which includes the Friday evening reception and mixer, Saturday dinner, and all workshops.

Those who wish to attend the dinner only may pay \$15. Attendance at one or more workshops, without the dinner, costs \$15.

Conference registration begins at 5 p.m., April 19. A reception and a Sansei mixer are offered that evening. (More detailed information about the conference is contained in the Feb. 8 PC.)

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'Duke' appoints Asian American advisors

SACRAMENTO—Gov. George Deukmejian has appointed 32 Asian Americans to managerial and policy advisory positions during the second year of his term, his office announced. This brings the Governor's Asian American appointments to 48 in the last two years.

"We have a continuing commitment to include in key appointive positions talented and qualified people who reflect the rich ethnic diversity of this state," the governor said. "I am both pleased and proud that so many Asian Americans have been willing to join this administration and lend their considerable skills to the operation of important agencies, departments, boards, and commissions."

Longtime lawyer dies

FRESNO, Calif.—Longtime lawyer Tom Okawara died Feb. 4 at the age of 93.

Born in 1891 in San Francisco, he graduated from Hastings Law School in 1918. He passed the California bar exam that same year and the Utah bar exam in 1921.

When he started his private practice in Fresno, he was one of the country's first Japanese American lawyers. During WW2, he moved to Reedley to assist Nikkei evacuees and later moved with his family to Columbus, Ohio, where he helped internees relocating from camp.

In 1945, he returned to Fresno to resume his law practice. In 1967 he was honored by the Fresno County Bar Assn. and the California State Assembly for his work as unofficial public defender of Fresno County. He retired in 1982.

His wife Mutsu died Dec. 28, 1984. Surviving are son Kenneth Okawara of Sacramento; daughter Enid Saiki of Sanger; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

During the second year of Deukmejian's term, Asian appointments in the administration include:

Ronald S.W. Lew, judge of the state superior court, Los Angeles County; James H. Chang, judge of the municipal court, Santa Clara J.D., County of Santa Clara; Cary Nishimoto, judge of the municipal court, Los Angeles J.D., County of Los Angeles; John T. Nakamura, Washington Liaison for the Department of Food and Agriculture; Eunice Sato, member of the California Council on Criminal Justice; Frank H. Ogawa, member, California Crime Resistance Task Force; John Kashiwabara, M.D., member, Cancer Advisory Council; Tom T. Tsutaoka, member, Advisory Board to the Bureau of Appliance Repair; Kenneth Ozawa, M.D., member, 2d District Medical Quality Review Committee; Warren Kashiwagi, member, Governor's Small Business Advisory Council; Michiko Ryuto, member 6th District Medical Quality Review Committee, Dept. of Medical Quality Assurance; Harvey Horikawa, member, Fair Employment and Housing Commission; Osamu (Sam) Mori, interim Savings and Loan commissioner.

Young pianist to appear

LOS ANGELES—Twelve-year-old pianist/composer John Argosino makes a guest appearance at the first Assn. of Asian/Pacific American Artists Media Awards Dinner on March 18 at the Hollywood Palace.

Last October Argosino performed his own piano concerto with the Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra in Los Angeles. Born in Glendale, Calif., young Argosino performed at a luncheon honoring First Lady Nancy Reagan at the Music Center in 1983. Also in 1983, he performed at the White House for a state occasion hosted by Mrs. Reagan.

Argosino will premier another original work especially for the AAPAA awards. Master of ceremonies for the event is Tritia Toyota. Scheduled presenters include Edward Asner, Eileen Brennan and Nancy Kwan.

Senior legislature elections soon

LOS ANGELES—California Senior Legislature elections will be held Tuesday, March 19. In Los Angeles, there are two senior senators elected city-wide, and ten senior assemblypersons elected in seven election areas. Those elected represent the 440,000 persons in the 60-plus population of Los Angeles.

Mabel Ota, incumbent Senior Assemblywoman, is a candidate for reelection in senior election area #4, which includes city council district 4 (served by John Ferraro) and council district 10 (served by Dave Cunningham). She was the only Nisei elected to the Senior Legislature in 1983.

Ota was an educator in the L.A. city schools for 31 years and was

the first Asian American woman principal in California.

She is currently active with the L.A. City Council on Aging, on which she serves as 1st vice president; South Central L.A. Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities; and Wilshire JACL. She serves on the board of directors of Asian Pacific Coalition for Aging, Seinan Senior Citizens' Club and Centenary United Methodist Church. She was recently appointed 10th district representative to Advisory Committee to the L.A. City Human Relations Commission.

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