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Emotions run high at House hearing

by Grayce Uyehara

WASHINGTON—The Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations heard 33 witnesses Apr. 28 in a daylong hearing on H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1985.

Under the chairmanship of Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), the hearing commenced at 9:30 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m. without a lunch break. Glickman, in his opening remarks, announced that the hearing would continue until all witnesses had been heard so that differing opinions could be given. Consequently, the subcommittee scheduled an unprecedented number of witnesses for a one-day hearing.

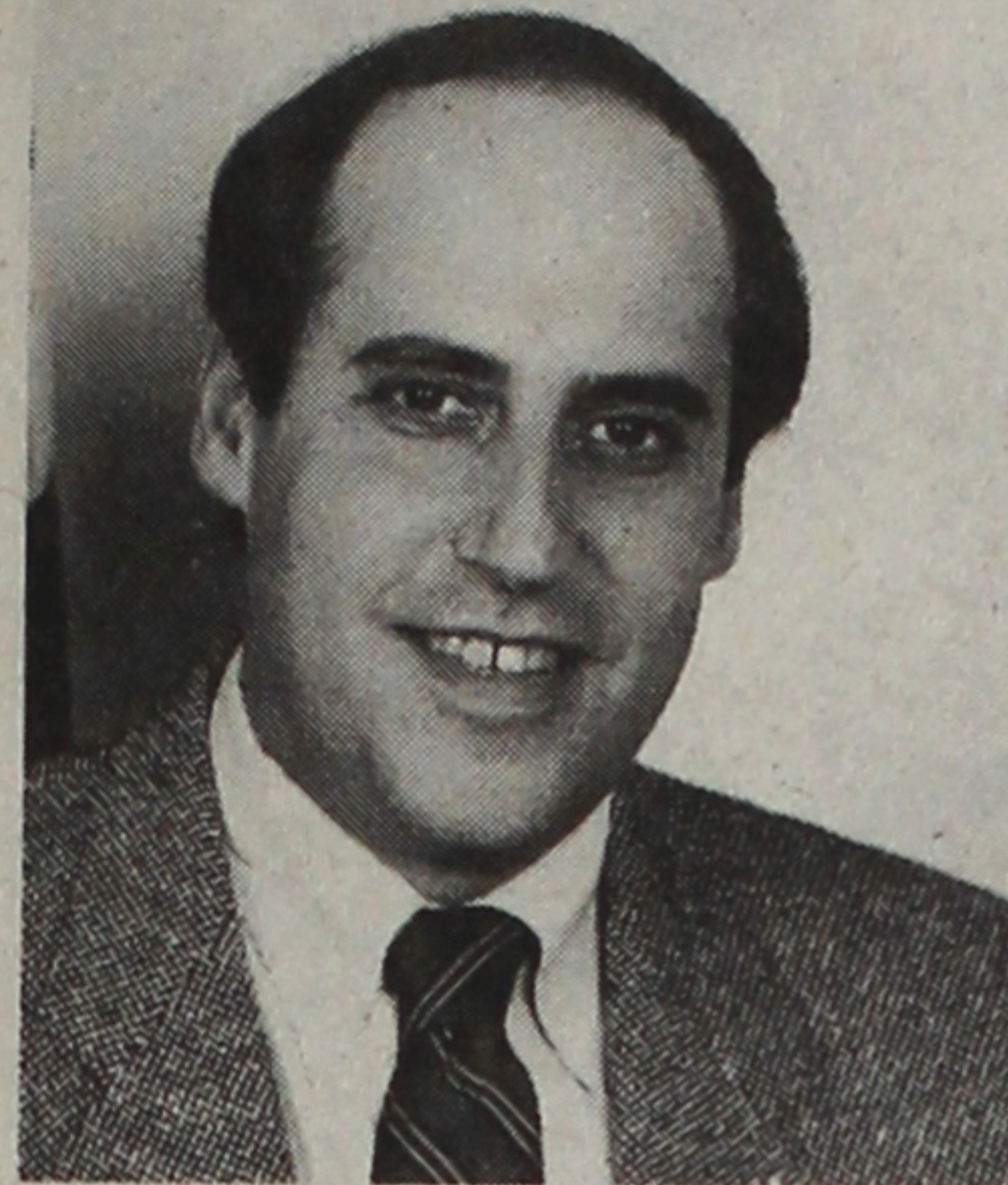
For short periods, subcommittee members Howard Berman

(D-Calif.) and Howard Cobel (R-N.C.) were also present. Because of the upcoming primaries, other members were apparently campaigning back in their districts.

Feelings about the monetary payment issue were communicated by those who experienced the relocation and incarceration. LEC chair Min Yasui said that "outstanding statements" were made by Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki of San Francisco, Mary Tsukamoto of Florin, Calif., Mike Masaoka of Go For Broke, Joe Rauh of LEC and Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and other redress proponents.

On the other hand, the opposition led by former War Dept. official Karl Bendetsen, Lillian

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Rep. Dan Glickman

Motions denied in Hirabayashi case

SEATTLE—U.S. District Judge Donald Voorhees, who made a ruling in the Gordon Hirabayashi case earlier this year, denied requests from both sides for a reconsideration of his decision on Apr. 28.

Both Hirabayashi's legal team and Justice Dept. attorneys representing the U.S. government had appealed Voorhees' Feb. 10 ruling, but for different reasons.

Hirabayashi was convicted in 1942 of violating curfew and exclusion orders directed at Japanese Americans; his appeal was denied by the Supreme Court the following year. His case was reopened in 1983 on the basis of recently discovered documents indicating that the government had tampered with evidence in order to get a favorable ruling.

During a June 1985 evidentiary hearing, U.S. Attorney Victor Stone attempted to prove that the government's wartime actions were militarily justified,

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Reagan administration opposes bill

WASHINGTON—A letter sent to House Judiciary Committee chair Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), made public during the Apr. 28 subcommittee hearings on H.R. 442, revealed the Reagan Administration's opposition to redress.

Asst. Atty. General John Bolton wrote that "the Department of Justice recommends against enactment of this legislation. The Office of Management and Budget has advised this Department that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program."

The Justice Dept. took issue with the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, upon which the bill is based. "In our view, the Commission's extensive effort to study the wartime relocation and internment program... proves the futility of endeavoring accurately and com-

pletely to comprehend the perception of our national leaders under the extreme wartime conditions of the period...

"We question the wisdom and, indeed, the propriety, of accusing leaders of the United States government during World War II, both civilian and military, of dishonorable behavior. The wartime decisions which form the predicate for this legislation were taken against a backdrop of fears for the survival of our nation..."

"It may be that the Commission is correct in concluding that the assumptions on which the exclusion and evacuation and detention programs were based were erroneous. It is a long and unsubstantiated further step, however, to brand those actions as a product of 'racial prejudice, or hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.' In most cases, the

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H.R. 442 picks up four co-sponsors

WASHINGTON—Within three days of the Apr. 28 hearing on redress bill H.R. 442, the legislation has picked up four new co-sponsors, according to Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.).

They are: Reps. Martin Olav Sabo (D-Minn.), Pat Williams (D-Mont.), Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico), and Barbara Kennelly (D-Conn.).

"We have four important new co-sponsors from four very different regions of the country," said Matsui. "Each represents a vastly different constituency, but all four are outstanding legislators who have come together to lend their substantial support for the cause of redress."

"We now have a window of opportunity, a short period of time in which we must take advantage of the momentum generated from

the hearing. We need to build up on that momentum at the local level. Now is the time for everyone to visit their member of Congress and lobby them to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 442."

"I'm excited after such a successful week," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.). "First the hearing on H.R. 442 was held, then four more of my colleagues signed on to the bill. We now have 130 co-sponsors signed on, and I'm thrilled at the growing support."

JACL-LEC recognized the lobbying work on Sabo by Sam Honda of Twin Cities Chapter and on Richardson by the mother-and-daughter team of Mariko Murakami Houch of Los Alamos and Jeanne H. Cary of Santa Fe.

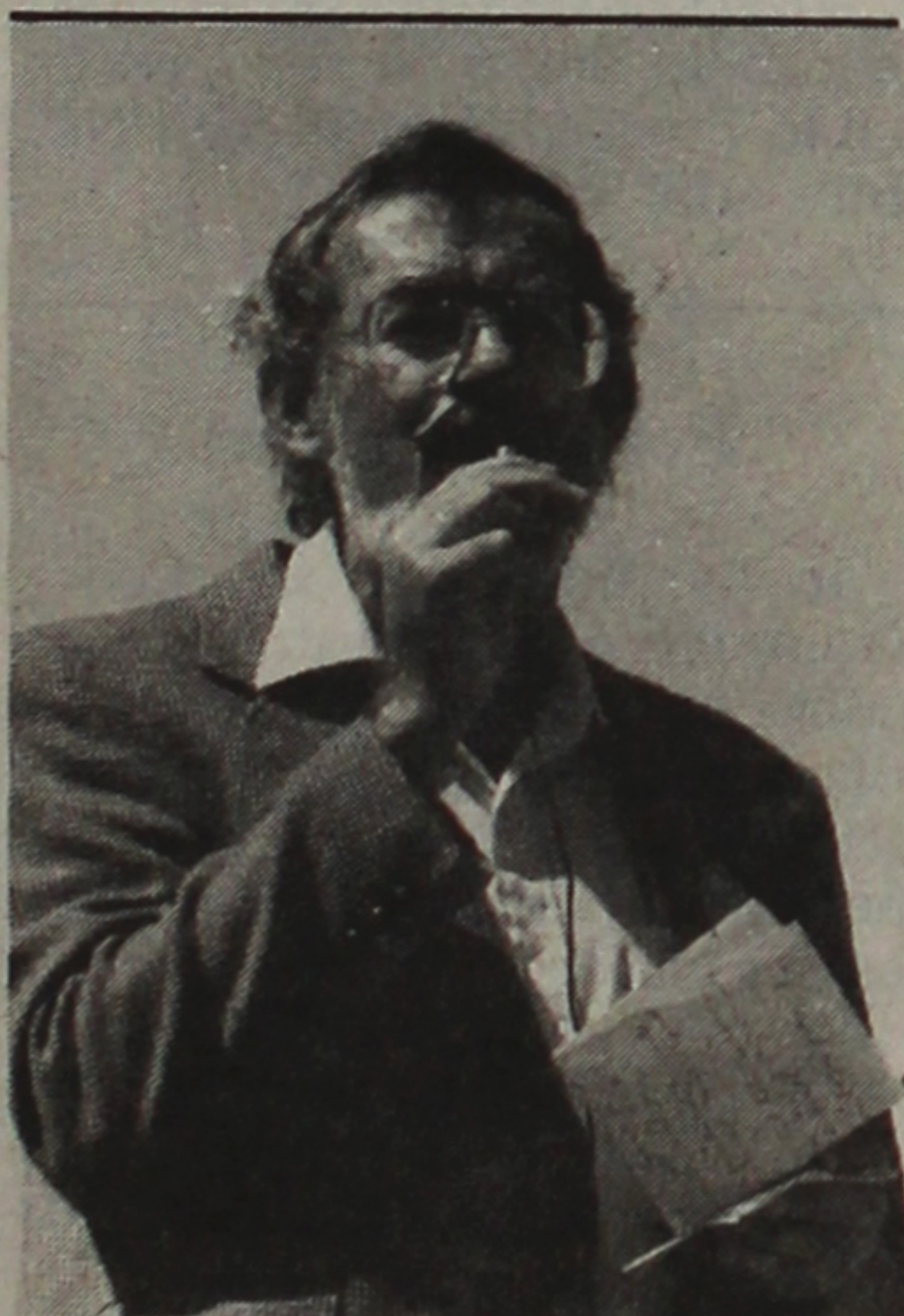


Photo by Sachi Yamamoto
Peter Irons

Internment recalled in Calif. desert

by J.K. Yamamoto

MANZANAR, Calif.—The unveiling of a National Park Service plaque and a speech by *coram nobis* attorney Peter Irons were the highlights of the 17th annual pilgrimage to Manzanar, the Inyo County camp where 10,000 Japanese Americans were interned during WW2.

The site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1985. First displayed at last year's pilgrimage, the plaque was temporarily placed on view at Los Angeles City Hall as part of an exhibit on the JA experience; it is now set in a boulder by the entrance to the camp, where two

guardhouses still stand.

Taking part in the unveiling ceremony were Sue Embrey and Warren Furutani of the Manzanar Committee and Ed Rothfuss, Death Valley Monument superintendent. Representing the City of Los Angeles, which owns the land where the camp was located, were City Councilman David Cunningham and Rose Ochi, executive assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley and a National JACL vice president.

The plaque, which proclaims that Manzanar "possesses national significance in commemorating the history of the United States

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Educators seek to break barriers

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Teachers, administrators and researchers from across the country focused their attention on barriers facing Asian Pacific American students and steps needed to break those barriers down during a gathering held Apr. 24-26 at the New Otani Hotel.

The keynote address for the 8th annual conference of the National Assn. for Asian and Pacific American Education (NAAPAE) was given by Dr. Bob Suzuki, vice president for academic affairs at Calif. State University Northridge.

Suzuki was critical of the popular image of Asian Americans as a "model minority." In a 1977 article that appeared in *Amerasia Journal*, he concluded that "the celebration of the success of Asian Americans was not only premature, but at worst a devious deception by the media." Subsequent studies "have largely confirmed my original findings and conclusions," he said.

"I think there's no denying that Asian Pacific Americans have made considerable progress over the last 20 or 30 years... However, they have not been nearly as successful as the mass media make them appear."

Although the 1980 census shows that Asian Americans have a higher median family income than whites, Suzuki said, Asians also have more wage-earners per

family, work longer hours per week, and tend to have larger families than whites. "On an individual basis, you find the median income of Asian Americans is usually substantially less than the average median income of white individuals."

He added that a greater percentage of Asians, as compared to whites, live below the poverty line and have less than five years of education.

Impact on Policy

The perception that Asians are generally successful "can influence public policy and programs," he said, citing as examples the omission of Asians from the Emergency School Assistance

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Dr. Bob Suzuki

Scholar to speak on picture brides' story

SAN FRANCISCO — Dr. Alice Chai, a University of Hawaii women's studies professor, will speak about the experiences of Japanese, Okinawan and Korean picture brides who arrived in the U.S. from 1908-24 on May 20, 8 p.m., at the California First Bank Hospitality Room, 1675 Post.

In view of last year's celebration of the centennial of Japanese immigration to Hawaii, "it is also an opportune time to take a new look at the forgotten immigrant women in Hawaii and their impact on various institutions in Hawaii," said Chai.

Many of the women who came as picture brides had never met their husbands before; the unions were extensions of traditional arranged marriages, except with the prospective groom represented by a photo sent back to Asia. Upon arrival, the women helped establish stable family lives and began to work, often in the fields.

During the period between the Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 and the 1924 Asian Exclusion Act, about 14,000 women from Japan, 7,000 from Okinawa and 1,000 from Korea arrived in Hawaii.

Between the ages of 17 and 25 when they came, the women interviewed by Chai and her colleague Barbara Kawakami are now in their 80s and 90s. Recording their experiences is "a matter of urgency," say the researchers.

Chai and Kawakami began the picture bride project in 1984 and have now accumulated a vast collection of life stories and visuals from the women, depicting both the economic, cultural, social



A Japanese picture bride photo from the 1910s.

and family life of Asian laboring communities in Hawaii and the conditions the brides left behind in their homelands—strict cultural expectations, poverty, and political repression.

The brides' anticipation was often shattered upon their arrival in Hawaii, said Chai and Kawakami. Some fortunate women

grew to love their husbands and adjusted to life in a new land, but others were not so lucky. Sometimes husbands did not look like their pictures, which had been taken years earlier; some men were physically abusive; others drank and gambled.

"My husband made good money as *luna* [boss], but every night gamble, gamble!" an Okinawan woman told Kawakami. "So I never had any money.

Alone with the children at nights... So many times I thought of dying, but when I saw the innocent faces sleeping, I couldn't. There was no place for me to go. Times like that I thought that if I could walk across the ocean, I would have."

Almost all of the women worked to supplement the family income, doing household chores for bachelor laborers, running shops or boarding houses, or working in the fields.

One Japanese woman related how she had to combine field work with caring for her child. "Those days no more babysitter. Everybody struggling, you know. So when my baby was one years old, I could not afford baby home because it costed \$2.50 a month per child when I made only \$20 a month.

"I used to [carry] my baby [on my back] and take with me to work in canefields... Sometimes baby get sunburn, also get plenty insect bits, real pity, you know... When baby small, time hard. But when they start crawling or walking around, more worry, you know. We hear sad stories about children drowning in irrigation ditches or walking into burning canes."

The talk is sponsored by Center for Japanese American Studies, Asian Women United and Korean Community Center of the East Bay. Info: (415) 547-3258.

JCCCCNC to honor five local leaders

SAN FRANCISCO—Five leaders spanning three generations will be honored for their contributions to the Japanese American community at the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif. (JCCCCNC) 1986 Awards Dinner to be held May 17, 7 p.m. (cocktails at 6:15) at the International Room of the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness Ave. and Geary Blvd. The honorees are:

- Yasuo Abiko, former vice president and English editor of the Nichi Bei Times, past president of San Francisco Chapter JACL and past district governor of No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District JACL. He has been a supporter of many civic causes.

- Archbishop Nitten Ishida, president of Japanese American Religious Federation and past president of JARF Housing, Inc. He was instrumental in the development of Nihonmachi Terrace and Hinode Tower, which provided housing for Japantown residents, and has been a leader in community functions.

- Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, Inc. Though prominent in many Japantown causes and programs, he is most noted for providing quality service to seniors through Kimochi.

- Kathleen "Kay" Okamoto, who has dedicated her volunteer services to the development and operation of the Hamilton Senior Citizens program and in various community organizations.

- Yukio Sekino, president of Nichi Bei Kai. His leadership helped bring the Nichi Bei Kai Building to completion. He has represented the community in building friendly relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Master of ceremonies will be Yori Wada, University of California regent. Chairperson of the event is Yo Hironaka.

Tickets are \$50 per person, \$500 per table, and \$750 per sponsor table. Proceeds benefit JCCCCNC. Info: (415) 567-5505.

For the Record

In the article on the Coors grant given to Houston JACL (May 2 PC), Betty Waki's telephone number should have been (713) 643-1338. We apologize for any inconvenience the error may have caused.

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Supervisors reject English campaign

LOS ANGELES — The County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved on Apr. 22 a resolution to oppose efforts to proclaim English as the official language of the U.S.

The resolution, drafted by the County Commission on Human Relations, said that efforts on the state and local level to have English made the official language "pit neighbor against neighbor" and "reflect on our worst fears, not our best values."

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who made the motion to approve the resolution, said, "The fact is that English is the official language of our nation. Throughout America's history, new groups have come to our shores and they and their children have mastered English in order to achieve their full measure of success... we should discourage meaningless laws that only serve to alienate our newest citizens."

The resolution was passed by a 4-0 vote, with Supervisor Deane Dana absent.



Celebrating the decision by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to oppose the "Official English" movement are (from left): Mas Fukai, Gardena city councilman and deputy for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Irwin Lai, publisher of the Los Angeles Enterprise; Linda Wong, attorney for Mexican American Legal Legal Defense & Education Fund; Supervisor Hahn; Stewart Kwoh, executive director of Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; and Collin Lai, director of Chinatown Public Safety Assn.

Civil rights group to mix work and play

SAN FRANCISCO—"In Defense of Civil Rights," an Asian Law Caucus fundraiser, will be held June 7, 7 p.m.-midnight, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Palace Hotel on Market and Montgomery.

In addition to the main speaker, Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo, the program will include a dance featuring the local rhythm-and-blues band Pride & Joy to show supporters "that we can enjoy ourselves even while we are seriously fighting to protect the civil rights of immigrants, minorities and low-income persons," said Peggy Saika, executive director of the caucus.

"Sometimes it's too easy just to say that we're tired of fighting against Reaganomics, anti-Asian violence and the erosion of immigrant and minority rights," said caucus board president Wilfred Lim. "You get tired of always feeling like you have to fight, but somehow we have to continue. We're all hoping that this year's fundraiser will sort of rejuvenate all of us."

Posters and flyers for the event, which show an elderly woman holding a young boy, are a reminder that "all of us, regardless of age, should be involved in protecting civil rights," said fundraiser co-chair Karen Kai, "and that the abridgement of one group's rights is the abridgement of the rights of all of us."

"For example, if a Vietnamese boy is killed in Davis just for being Vietnamese, then all of us who are Asian run that same risk of being hurt or killed just because someone has decided he or she doesn't like the way we look or the way we talk. We're all in this together."

Cost for the event, which includes hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar, is \$35 general, \$20 students, \$10 senior citizens. Info: (415) 835-1474.

Community Affairs

BOSTON—"To Be Ourselves," a program on being Asian and female in America, airs May 24, 8:30 p.m., on Ch. 44. Through music, dance, poetry, interviews and group discussions, producer Jon Ling Lum and an all-woman film crew bring to light issues concerning both women and Asian Americans. This Wing Productions film was funded by Corp. for Public Broadcasting.

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Performances led by noh master **Sadayo Kita** and kyogen master **Mansaku Nomura**, both designated as "Intangible Cultural Properties" in Japan, can be seen May 17, 1 p.m., at Dinkelspiel Auditorium at Stanford University. Admission is \$16 general, \$9 for students.

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—Sage United Methodist Church, 333 S. Garfield Ave., holds an **Oriental Bazaar**, featuring games, door prizes, ethnic foods, entertainment, cultural exhibits, country store and ceramics, on June 7, 12-7 p.m. Parking in rear; use library entrance on Ramona. Info: (818) 280-4060.

NEW YORK—Pan Asian Repertory Theatre presents Kobo Abe's "The Man Who Turned into a Stick" May 13-

June 7 (Tue.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m.) at Playhouse 46, 423 W. 46th St. Cast: Ernest Abuba, Raul Aranas, Kati Kuroda, Mary Lee-Aranas. Ron Nakahara directs. Tickets: \$10 and \$15, opening night champagne buffet \$35. Info: (212) 245-2660.

GARDENA, Calif.—The **Gardena High School Class of 1966** plans a 20-year reunion in August. Info: Cary Shimizu, (213) 943-0305, or Glenn Komae, 325-7085.

SEATTLE—New and used items are needed for **Seattle Keiro Home's** 6th annual rummage sale to be held May 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King St. Proceeds go to the new building project and items for patients. Donations are tax-deductible. Info: Seattle Keiro, (206) 329-9575, or Carol Suehiro, 271-1350.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Artist **Rose Niguma** will exhibit works in an exhibition entitled "Genesis I—East & West, Cultural Bridge" at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., until May 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and Sat.-Sun. during theater performances. Info: (503) 243-7930.

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Jewish organization backs redress

CHERRY HILL, N.J.—The Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey, which represents 60 religious, fraternal and social welfare organizations in the region, announced its support for redress bill H.R. 442 on Apr. 16.

In a letter to Pacific Citizen, JCRC president Mark Jacobs and executive director Alan Respler said, "The JCRC is committed to upholding social justice, civil rights and civil liberties for all. We care deeply that justice, as a basic American principle, be upheld... We urge the Congress to pass this important legislation."

The letter also quoted a statement from the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which endorsed redress

during its national convention held in San Francisco in February 1985:

"The World War II injustices against Japanese-Americans raise profound civil liberties issues, involving summary denial of basic due process rights and fundamental constitutional freedoms... Acknowledging these acts as violations of constitutionally guaranteed liberties, as well as taking steps to redress the injustices, are essential for protecting these rights in the future."

The NJCRAC is made up of 11 national and 111 local community and human relations agencies. Individual Jewish Community Relations Councils in Oakland, Calif., Philadelphia and Seattle have also supported redress.

Speakers set for 'Aging' conference

LOS ANGELES—"The Feminization of Aging," a conference sponsored by Pacific Southwest District JACL, takes place May 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m., at Edison Auditorium, Hoffman Hall, USC.

Keynote speaker will be Grace Montanez Davis, deputy mayor of Los Angeles since 1975. Following her address, attendees will go to one of four workshops (for which they will have preregistered) on issues of concern to older women. Topics and presenters are:

Health: Dr. Kenneth Tokita, director of radiation oncology at Torrance Memorial Hospital; Joan Gilbert Magit, geriatric nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist at Senior Health and Peer Counseling Center in Santa Monica; and Dr. Maryam

Bahreini, staff obstetrician/gynecologist at Torrance Memorial.

Finance: Emilia Kato, president of professional investment counseling firm of Emilia Kato & Associates; and Jan Bagnerise-Carter, manager of First Interstate Bank in Santa Monica.

Caretaker Generation: Richard Lieboff of the Dept. of Aging, City of Los Angeles; Sachiko Reese of Asian Pacific Family Counseling in Rosemead; Paul Oda, volunteer at Union Church in Los Angeles; and Eva Skinner, past president of Calif. Commission on Aging.

Alternative Lifestyles: Jack Lenz of Volunteer Center of Los Angeles; Michael Ego of the Dept. of Recreation & Leisure Time Activity at CSU Northridge;

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TWO ISSUES OF a chapter newsletter were sent to me from a reader, Frances Tojo from Cincinnati. The catchy, imaginative name of the publication: "The Grains of Rice." I've been mulling over in my mind how the chapter came to select that banner head as the monicker, for there surely is a special meaning attached to it.

In translating the title to *nihongo*, my first thought was *gohan no tsubu*, which, in turn, promptly brought to mind the many admonitions from my Issei parents not to waste food by leaving so much as a single *tsubu* of *gohan* in the *chawan*. (Oh, you, too?) And darn if such training didn't stick: to this day, I habitually clean out my rice bowl down to the last grain, even if I was full a couple of mouthfuls before.

But back to the newsletter of Cincinnati.

IT'S A PROFESSIONAL production as to content, composition and layout. I noted a brief item on "New Japanese Nationality Law" (the former "paternal line" system is changed to "paternal and/or maternal line" system), which was coupled with a *nihon-bun* explanation, complete with *kanji* and *hiragana*. There are cartoons, photographs and tailored ads. Many chapter activities are listed, including programs for learning *katazome* (defined as "paste resist stencil dyeing"), *origami*, calligraphy and greeting cards.

As they say: "My compliments to the chef." In this instance, "chefs."

ANOTHER ITEM THAT caught my eye was one entitled "Redress is Me" by Mrs. Betty Breyer. Among other things, after briefly outlining the sorry episodes of the spring of 1942, she then posed a series of questions that undoubtedly some readers of this column have posed. To quote from her column:

"How does [the 1942 uprooting] affect me? My parents were never interned. I was not interned. My family and friends, who faced this troubled time, do not discuss the horrors of separation or the

deprivations they suffered. Most of these people have assimilated into the greater melting pot and seem to be unscathed by the experience. Why then pursue redress? What implications does this hold for me?"

In a succinct manner she then answers: "The internment affects me as an American of Japanese descent and my relationship with other people. It affects the knowledge I have of my heritage... It affects my self-image as an American citizen... [It affects my approach to problem solving and involvement in controversial issues. It has an influence on my

approach to day-to-day living. It is part of me."

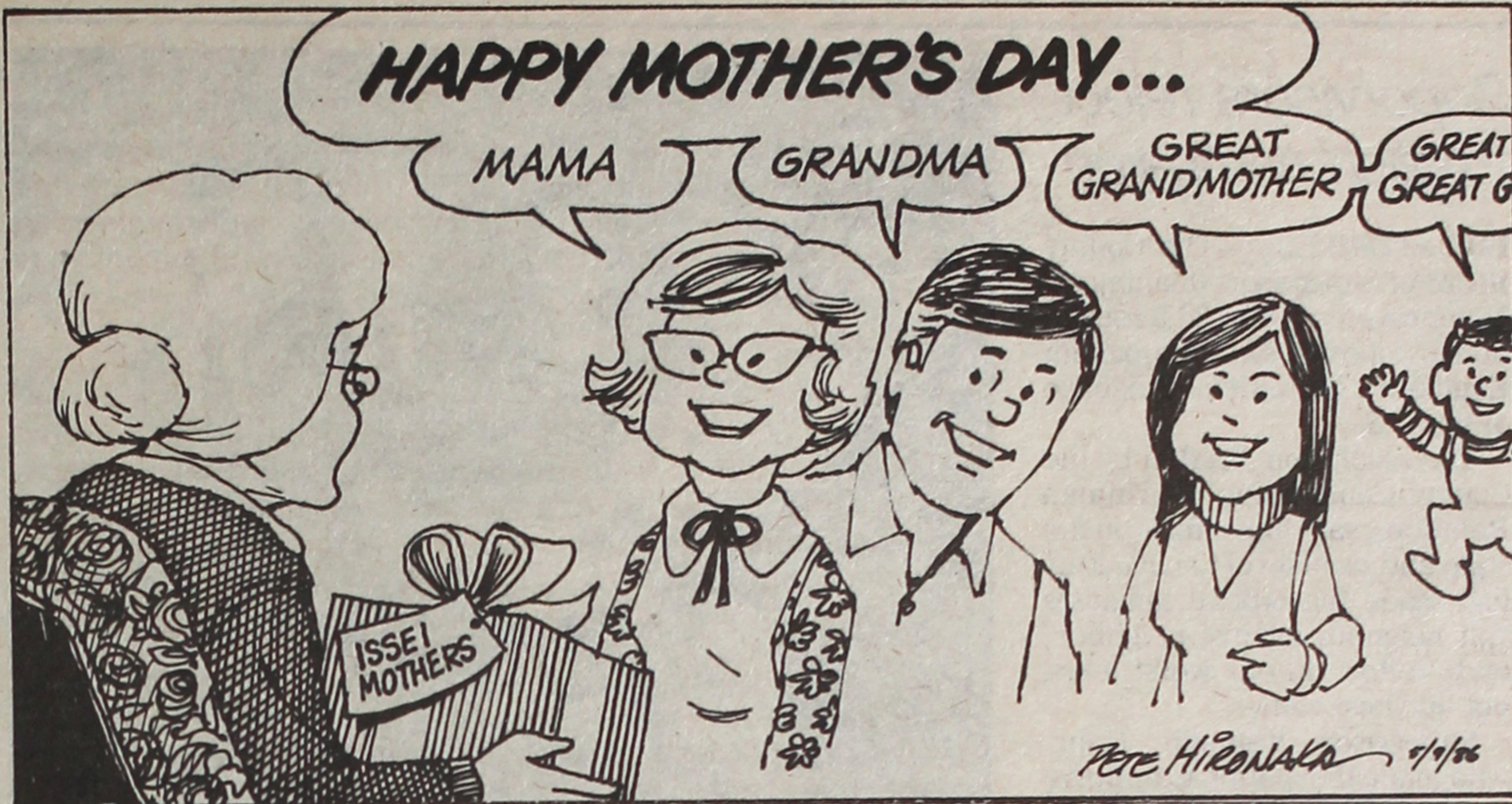
Well stated.

IF WE CARE enough about this country of ours—and I trust we all do—it is a matter of restoring the honor of this nation and all that we proclaim to be. That having committed a grievous wrong of its own, it has enough pride, enough respect for its values, to take even a symbolic step to recognize and rectify that wrong; that there is no "statute of limitations" on the restoration of honor. And that symbolic step must include that medium, that talisman, long established in our

social order: redress. No, not simply a verbal declaration; not simply mouthing of an apology. Rather, "redress," as appears in the First Amendment in our own U.S. Constitution.

I SUPPOSE THAT one can gaze upon the size of one's home, count the number of cars in the garage, tote up the total of last year's income—and then seek to reassure oneself that "All is well and the past is the past." If that be the size of one's world, and if one is to measure honor by a material inventory, there can only be a rude awakening.

But then it'll be too late.



The Heart of the Matter

by John T. Nakahata

Both the letters ("Don't Ignore U.S.-Japan" by Edwin Mitoma and "Let's Not Get Involved" by Ed Suguro, Apr. 11 PC) regarding Judge Marutani's column ("U.S.-Japan Relations Part 2," March 7 PC) have missed the essential point about why JACL should or should not be involved in U.S.-Japan relations.

Judge Marutani is entirely correct in his assessment that promoting U.S.-Japan relations has little to do with advocacy of the civil rights of Japanese Americans, but not for the reasons outlined by Mr. Suguro.

JACL's focus on U.S.-Japan relations as a civil rights issue is wrong because trying to improve U.S.-Japan relations treats only the obvious symptoms of the problem without attacking the underlying disease.

The symptoms are obvious

and tragic; Vincent Chin is only the most widely publicized example of the violence that has confronted Asian Americans as a result of other Americans' economic frustrations. The disease is much deeper. Asian Americans are treated as surrogates for the Japanese because the larger American society, blinded by racism, cannot accept Asians as Americans.

The problem for AJAs is not that the U.S. faces deteriorating relations with the country of our ethnic origin, but that our country will still not accept that non-whites are full Americans. Improved U.S.-Japan relations will not mean that American society has accepted AJAs.

Wrong Emphasis

What is the harm resulting from this emphasis on the symptoms rather than the disease?

First, it places the liability for prejudice in the wrong place. The Japanese are not the cause of prejudice against us; the decline of the American economy is not the root cause of prejudice against us.

These external economic pressures would not have any effect on Asian Americans if we were not perceived as alien. The blame for prejudice should be directed at racist American public attitudes.

Stopgap Measure

Second, focusing on U.S.-Japan relations is at best a stopgap measure. We, as Asian Americans, will always be threatened by problems in U.S.-East Asian relations until we have secured our rightful place as Americans, both in the mind and the heart of the country. As long as other Americans fail to distinguish between Asian Americans and the East Asian nations, our civil rights will be imperiled by any confrontation between the U.S. and an East Asian nation. It should be unacceptable to us that our rights are dependent upon the actions of nations to which we do not belong, let alone control.

Third, because U.S.-Japan relations is a mere stopgap measure without any lasting effect on the vulnerability of Asian Americans to race prejudice, JACL's scarce political resources should be allocated to direct and permanent initiatives to secure the equality of Asian Americans.

The two most common rationalizations for a focus on U.S.-Japan relations do not stand up to rigorous scrutiny. First, it is argued, we can improve our political position by forming an alliance with the Japanese. This is pure bunk.

Our interests as Americans and the interests of the Japanese may be diametrically opposed. The Japanese themselves have no real need to support our interests in areas such as voting rights, affirmative action, employment discrimination, etc. The Japanese do not face our fundamental problem of acceptance as Americans. On the other hand, we do have other potential allies that we should be more actively developing, such as the other Asian American groups.

Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Indochinese (and any Asian ethnic subgroup I have omitted) Americans are tarred by the same brush of non-acceptance. For these groups, as well as for AJAs, the solution to problems of racial violence and racism will be their acceptance as Americans or future generations of Americans. Taking an even broader view, our potential allies also include other minority groups who would benefit from an American society that embraced cultural, as well as political, pluralism. If we are going to spend time, as we must, developing allies, it is our fellow American allies that we must cultivate.

JAs Not a 'Bridge'

The second justification for U.S.-Japan relations is the "bridge" concept. I hope that no one really believes this any more. The Japanese do not need underinformed or uninformed Nikkei to tell them how Americans like to do things; they can hire the best management consultants, the best lawyers, the best marketing personnel that money can buy. These professionals have often devoted their lives to providing precisely the kind of bridge that we would so

presumptuously assume we could replicate.

We should not look to the Japanese to define our self worth. They don't need our advice, at least in our roles as Nikkei. Although they may appreciate the advice of some of us, if they hire us for our professional expertise, being Nikkei is not a qualification for a job as a consultant.

Watchdog Role

In the end, I am advocating that JACL play its traditional role as the watchdog of, and the advocate for, true democratic pluralism. Our political groups, such as JACL, must spend the time minding our collective political store. Anyone who has ever been around politics knows that this is itself a full-time job.

As American minorities, we may serve a "bridge" function, but that bridge must be internal to American society. The bridge we must help build lies between our current racist, WASP-male dominated culture to a culture that can accept and not be threatened by differences in race, religion, creed, and cultural and sub-cultural background. This is the proper mission for JACL into the next century.

Nakahata lives in Cambridge, Mass.

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A Partial Portrait

FROM THE
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The book is titled *The Story of Yamada Waka* (Kodansha, \$16.95) and subtitled *From Prostitute to Feminist Pioneer*. A more fitting title would have been *My Search for Yamada Waka*, for we learn much more about the author's difficulties in locating information about this remarkable woman than about the woman herself.

The author is the indefatigable Toyoko Yamazaki, whose books about the Japanese American experience were the basis for the ill-fated "Sanga Moyu" Japanese television drama.

Despite the awkward treatment, Yamazaki's subject is worthy. Waka was a farm girl born in 1879 near what is now the naval base at Yokosuka. She was married in 1896. The marriage was unhappy. Hoping to earn money for her parents, she was persuaded to go to the United States alone, a foolhardy ven-

ture. She landed in Seattle, found her benefactor was a pimp, and quickly wound up in a brothel.

After a time she escaped to San Francisco with the help of a man who then persuaded her to enter another brothel. Just why she agreed is never made clear. Once more she escaped, this time to the shelter of a Christian mission. Waka had only a fourth grade education and her new benefactors sent her to school, where she met the compassionate Yamada Kakichi.

Kakichi and Waka were married and returned in 1906 to Tokyo, where she became a writer and leader in the new feminist movement. She even wrote a "Dear Abby" type of advice column. A remarkable woman indeed.

Where author Yamazaki stumbles is in her inability to uncover reliable information about Waka's experiences in the United States. Given the passage of time, this is a virtually impossible mission. Yamazaki began her search in 1975, some 80 years after Waka's arrival in the U.S. and nearly 70 years after Waka's departure. Because written material was scarce, Yamazaki naively sought doddering oldsters who knew Waka personally, or knew of her. Yamazaki takes the reader with

her on these fruitless quests, and because there is so little to report, the narrative is heavy with the symbolism of burning sunsets, her sense of frustration and the mumblings of individuals who have nothing but fading memories to contribute.

Thus, unfortunately, we read far more about Yamazaki's disappointments, which are not interesting, than about Yamada Waka, who is. Since Waka emerges as little more than a cardboard figure, Yamazaki could have served her readers more nobly if she had focused on the sociological conditions among Issei immigrants that led to experiences of women like Waka.

Yamazaki's prowess as a reporter also is suspect. She flies from "flat, sunny orange groves" of San Francisco to Seattle, "a freezing town in the far north." She writes of a linotype machine in a Japanese language newspaper at the turn of the century, and of trying to retrace Waka's movements on Menard (Maynard) and Weaver (Weller) streets in Seattle.

If anything, this book is a prime example of opportunity lost. Our history is vanishing along with our pioneers. There is an urgent need to record the recollections of those who remain, so that future writers about our times need not flounder as Yamazaki was forced to do.

occasions when military achievements should be extolled, but an event commemorating the Constitution is not one of them.

As things stand, the emphasis of the exhibit is all wrong. It would be far more enlightening to the general public if the Japanese American exhibit can be given a legal focus: that is, the laws and constitutional issues which have affected Japanese Americans, from the earliest pioneers to the present-day campaign for redress.

Criteria for Inclusion

Every display should be tested with this question: "What does this have to do with the Constitution?" For example, a wedding dress can relate to the anti-miscegenation laws, a farm implement to the anti-Asian land laws, a school textbook to the school segregation episode, a naturalization certificate to the law denying naturalization—all constitutional issues argued before the Supreme Court.

There should be a direct connection with the Constitution before an artifact is included in the exhibit, and the caption should be able to explain precisely what the connection is.

In this regard, the plan to recreate a barrack surrounded by barbed wire and a guard tower is a great idea. By adding some documents or photographs related to the resistance to such inhumane and unconstitutional treatment, the theme can be completed.

The Constitution is a fragile instrument of government which requires constant vigilance in order to make it work. The Japanese American example provides an excellent lesson in what can happen if we, as a nation,

A Lot of Class

by Edna Ikeda

The new Asian American studies class here at UC San Diego has caused quite a stir among the Asian American students and community. For one thing, you just don't get speakers like Min Yasui, Lawson Inada, Laurence Yep, Norman Mineta and Yori Wada here very often—let alone once or twice a week!

Yasui arrived during the second week of class (UCSD professor Peter Irons was featured the preceding week). Los Angeles and other big cities may see a lot of Yasui, but here in San Diego there was a lot of excitement about his arrival.

Yasui was greeted the weekend he arrived with a dinner at the house of class instructor James Lin, sponsored by Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA). Yasui's schedule for the next four days included numerous lectures at UCSD and San Diego State, a JACL fundraiser, an informal community reception at his penthouse, interviews with no fewer than three radio stations and a newspaper, and a meeting with local politicians and an Asian American lawyers' group.

Writer Lawson Inada described the class as an "ongoing conference." His UCSD lecture was followed by an evening of festivities: an informal reception with students and community and an impromptu poetry/music jam session with a local jazz band.

This is the fifth week of class, and with the fifth guest speaker, children's author Laurence Yep, here in town, one would think

that the APSA students and community are getting tired from the pace by now! By week ten, there will have been an additional seven guest speakers.

Instructor Lin commended the students in APSA for their involvement in everything from putting out publicity and press releases to picking up speakers at the airport. He was grateful for the student/community support.

Last winter, Lin first heard that UCSD might have funding for an Asian American studies class. In December, he made a special trip to UC Berkeley to visit Elaine Kim, chair of Asian American studies there. With her help and an enormous number of phone calls, he compiled a list of speakers. Since there was no time to find an instructor, math professor Lin put his own name in. By late January, funding had been approved and the class was on its way to being a reality.

The students feel they are benefiting greatly from the class. Leidyne Lau, an APSA member, said the class was a "wonderful experience." She hopes the work done on the class this quarter will make it an ongoing thing. She thought it "will help give support to the [students'] culture and themselves, their self-esteem."

Ming Leung, a UCSD anthropology major and APSA member, also felt good about being in a class with other Asians and viewing topics from an Asian American perspective. He spoke of self-discovery:

"It's like meeting someone that you know, that you hadn't seen for a while—like meeting a lost friend."

Letters

Two Who Spoke Out

I thank you for your excellent article on "Visible Target" (Apr. 18 PC).

While the half-hour documentary tells of the emotional and physical hardships of the Nikkei community as a result of the evacuation, which all of us can relate to, I would like to emphasize the role that Walt and Milly Woodward, publishers of the Bainbridge Review, played in their stand against the evacuation and their strong belief that the rights of Bainbridge Island American citizens were being violated.

To my knowledge, there were only three newspapers on the West Coast that took a similar stand. The Woodwards and their children suffered insults and abuse, lost subscriptions and advertising to their newspaper, but they held strong to their belief. It would have been easy for the Woodwards to say nothing, but they did not.

succumb to expediences of the moment. I hope it is not too late to rethink exactly what we are trying to accomplish through this exhibit.

In fact, they had the insight that someday in the future the Bainbridge Japanese would return to their homes. To make it easier, they carried a weekly column from the camps so other residents would not forget them. As a result, the Bainbridge Island Nikkei were able to return without incident.

Walt and Mildred Woodward are getting on in age, as we all are. In their lifetime I would like to see them receive some kind of national recognition as true Americans who stood up for their belief in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

Meanwhile, I would like to urge everyone to see "Visible Target." PBS has scheduled it to be shown nationally on Sunday, June 15, at 10 p.m. However, this does not guarantee that it will be shown in all areas. It is up to local PBS stations to pick up the option as to whether they would like to show the film. I therefore urge viewers to write or call the program director of their local PBS stations to make certain that "Visible Target" will be shown in their area.

Thank you again for your help.

PAUL T. OHTAKI
San Francisco

GUEST'S CORNER

The Wrong Slant

by Raymond Okamura

In September 1987, our nation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

As part of the bicentennial observance, the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution will sponsor a number of special exhibits. One of the exhibits will be on the Japanese American experience.

Smithsonian director Roger Kennedy believes that the WW2 incarceration was perhaps the greatest failure of the Constitution and represents one of two instances in our entire history when the Constitution was seriously threatened (the other being the assertion of "executive privilege" during the Watergate crisis.)

So far, so good.

But here's the rub: the Smithsonian has relied almost exclusively on Go For Broke, Inc., a veterans' organization, for advice and help in the planning stages. A name change to the "National Japanese American Historical Society" was just a cosmetic stratagem: they are still the same old group of veterans.

At the risk of attacking a sacred cow, I don't think that a veterans' group should be involved in this particular project. Of all the Japanese Americans who went through the internment, the veterans are the least deserving to participate in an event celebrating the Constitution.

The mainland Japanese Americans who volunteered for military service from within the con-

centration camps basically betrayed the Constitution. They acquiesced to a massive desecration of our most cherished constitutional rights without a whimper. (The soldiers from Hawaii are a different matter because constitutional rights remained more or less intact there.)

True Heroes

The real patriots who defended the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, were those who refused to obey the discriminatory curfew, refused to be imprisoned without charge or trial, refused to comply with an outrageous loyalty oath, and refused to volunteer or be drafted while they and their families were still incarcerated.

Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, Mitsuye Endo, the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, and thousands of others who protested or resisted were the actual heroes. They valued the Constitution more than those who accommodated and went along with government decrees.

The biggest enemies of the Constitution, of course, were government officials like Franklin D. Roosevelt, John J. McCloy, John L. DeWitt, and Earl Warren. They all tried to destroy the Constitution in the name of "national security" and "military necessity."

Due to the influence of Go For Broke, the exhibit will have a decidedly military slant. It is quite natural for people to try to glorify their own past, and veterans are no exception. Indeed, there are



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Roster of Candidates

As of the Apr. 21 deadline, 11 nomination forms have been filed for National JACL offices.

As previously reported in the PC, two people are running for national president:

Harry Kajihara of Ventura County Chapter, currently finance and fund drive chair of LEC; and

Rose Ochi of East Los Angeles Chapter, currently JACL vice president of membership.

The two candidates for the position of secretary-treasurer are:

Incumbent **Gene Takamine** of Selanoco Chapter, whose candidacy was previously announced

in PC; and

Alan Nishi of French Camp Chapter, currently secretary of the No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District Council Executive Board.

Three candidates seek the post of vice president for public affairs:

Incumbent **Kaz Mayeda** of Detroit Chapter;

Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle Chapter, currently co-vice chair of LEC; and

Mike Suzuki of Washington, D.C. Chapter, currently Eastern District governor and an LEC board member.

The following candidates are running unopposed:

Yosh Nakashima of Golden Gate Chapter, whose candidacy was announced in a previous PC, is running for reelection as vice president of general operations.

Mary Nishimoto, currently Downtown L.A. Chapter president, is running for vice president of membership services.

William Marutani of Philadelphia Chapter is running for vice president for development and planning.

Diana Kato, currently Seattle Chapter historian and JAYS secretary, is running for National Youth Council chairperson.

Biographies, statements and photos of all candidates will appear in a future issue of PC.

Resolutions: Serious Business

by Lillian C. Kimura, Chair
Resolutions Committee

The distribution of registration forms for the 1986 Chicago convention tells us that the time is fast approaching when JACL will be deciding its course for the next biennium.

The Resolutions Committee would like to remind chapter leaders that the deadline for submission of resolutions is May 31. It is important for chapters to comply with this date, since the new rules adopted by the National Board preclude the submission of resolutions after that time except on issues which could not have been known about prior to the deadline.

This ruling was made to discourage last-minute entries which in most cases have not been endorsed by chapter boards and which chapters have not had an opportunity to discuss prior to the convention. As it is now, the resolutions process is the only way program and policy directions for National JACL are determined. Therefore, the resolutions should be thoughtfully prepared and should be on issues which require the concerted and collective action of the national movement.

As one reviews the Codification of Past Resolutions, there are some items which probably should not have been brought through the resolutions process. A case in point is the one on smoking in the meeting rooms. I don't know what it says about us as a group that we couldn't decide to ban smoking without having to have a resolution on it. The Resolutions Committee will recommend the deletion of a number of resolutions which now stand on the books.

The rules provide that resolutions may be new items of business, changes in positions adopted at previous conventions, or recommendations to the National Board for consideration. New items include additions to the program and policy of the organization unrelated to past actions. Changes in positions are items modifying positions or policies adopted at previous conventions. Recommendations to the National Board include recommended changes in National operations, such as change in headquarters location, administration of convention, etc.

Chapter boards are encouraged to submit resolutions which will further the purpose and aims of JACL.

PSW chapters discuss finances

SAN DIEGO—A straw vote tally indicated half of the chapters in the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council would accept a \$2 increase in national dues while the other half said "no increase" with respect to the 1987-88 national budget.

Twenty chapters were represented at the May 4 district session hosted by the San Diego JACL at the Holiday Inn on the Embarcadero.

National treasurer Gene Takamine explained to the council that there are several budget scenarios under consideration but said his feeling is strongest for "no raise or zero-budgeting." Dues increases over the past six years, he noted, only resulted in

losses of overall membership, and he felt it was time to brake this fall.

Major budget increases are being pointed to. Headquarters operation is faced with a \$20,000 increase in liability insurance; redress has to repay a \$70,000 loan from the Endowment Fund, and Pacific Citizen has been paying 40% more in postage each week.

Two New Chapters

The district welcomed two new chapters-to-be sponsored by West Los Angeles JACL: So. Calif. American Nikkei (for the 30-40 age group), represented by Art Okawachi, and Nikkei Leadership Assn., represented by Art Antonio.

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Baker of Gardena, Calif., former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and former intelligence officer David Lowman "bordered on irrationality tinged with renewed war hysteria of the early 1940s," said Yasui.

Congressmen Speak

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) made the first presentation. "No one in this Congress is personally responsible for the decision to intern loyal Americans," he said. "But we are leaders in the government of this nation here and now, in 1986. And the burden has fallen on us to right the wrongs of 40 years ago."

"Significant legislation is difficult to enact. But as human beings who care for the sacred principle of equal justice for all, we

must be shocked that this bill did not pass long ago by unanimous consent."

In addressing the financial aspects of the bill, he said, "I understand our budget constraints... but I know that the funds authorized in H.R. 442, appropriated over three, five or even ten years, are but a minuscule fraction of the trillion-dollar federal budget."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), who said that to talk about this issue publicly or privately is very difficult, broke down in tears as he described the experiences of his parents.

Matsui's parents went to grammar school and high school in Sacramento. Three years before Matsui's birth, they were able to buy a house and an automobile, but they lost their property when they were interned in Tule Lake. They later became farm laborers in Idaho.

The department also opposed the appropriation of funds for educational purposes: "... we do not believe it is the proper function of our government to adopt an 'official' version of these historical events. Similarly, we oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars to 'educate' the American people to accept this official interpretation of our history."

While recognizing that Japanese Americans "were expected to make personal, professional, and social sacrifices of a nature not expected of other United States citizens," the report continued:

"As it is impossible to bring back to life the many Americans who died in the American war effort, including those heroic Americans of Japanese descent who fought in the U.S. Armed Forces, so it is impossible to restore to all those Americans the freedom that was taken from them as a result of war."

The report gave similar reasons for Justice Dept. opposition to provisions in the bill for restitution for Aleuts forcibly relocated in Alaska during WW2.

violating curfew orders because, he said, the curfew was "short-lived" and "relatively mild" compared to the subsequent exclusion from the West Coast.

While the government challenged the judge's vacation of the first conviction, Hirabayashi's attorneys sought to have the curfew violation conviction vacated as well.

Now that Voorhees has rejected both motions, the government has 30 days in which to file with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; Hirabayashi has 10 days.

Michael Leong, a member of the legal team, told the Pacific

"Mr. Mineta and I are not here for the \$20,000," he said. "We are here for fundamental justice." He concluded by asking, "What does Congress consider important? What are your priorities? What are your sense of values?"

Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.), an active proponent of redress, said, "This year we have a \$286 billion budget for national defense. For what? The expenditure is to defend this country. The one billion-plus payment to redress the Japanese Americans is also to defend this country."

Also addressing the compensation issue was Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), who said, "Since January of this year... we have given \$250 million to the Irish... and we are about to give \$100 million in aid to the *contras*."

"H.R. 442 is a debt... It is a debt of justice and it is a debt of material loss of property, livelihood and education."

Opposing Views

"I strongly oppose this legislation," said Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-N.Y.), who prefaced his remarks by saying that he is "one of the most supportive members in Congress as far as Japan is concerned" and has "some knowledge of the Japanese language."

"You had to have lived through Pearl Harbor," he said, suggesting that Mineta, who was 10 years old when interned, and Matsui, who was 10 months old, could not have been aware of the situation.

Stratton said that the Hawaiian Japanese were serving as agents for the Japanese Navy, "providing the precise location of the Pacific fleet. The Japanese living in Hawaii were responsible for the successful attack."

Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.), who served as vice chair of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, stated that he was the sole dissenter on the \$20,000 payments but that he accepted the findings and the remaining remedies. "The monetary payment was never a *sine qua non* of future governmental actions," he said.

Citizen that a notice of appeal will probably be filed in order to keep Hirabayashi's options open, but that a final decision has not been made on whether to pursue the case further. The government has given no indication of its intentions.

In any event, Leong said he considers the Hirabayashi decision a major victory because the judge's finding of government misconduct shows that "the government's actions are not recognized as [judicially] valid."

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persons so accused are not alive to defend themselves today. Moreover, some of the Commission's conclusions and its selection of evidence marshaled in support of its conclusions are suspect."

The department opposed the payment of reparations to former internees because of the \$37 million paid under the 1948 American Japanese Claims Act. "Congress recognized long ago that many loyal Americans of Japanese descent were injured by the wartime relocation and internment program. Although the Commission's report challenges the amount of compensation chosen by Congress as inadequate, Congress has spoken after considerable debate, and there is no good reason to question that settlement now, 3½ decades later."

The report further pointed out that a bill that would have expanded compensation for certain losses was rejected in 1956. Congress thus judged the Claims Act "to be fundamentally sound," wrote Bolton.

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while lead attorney Rod Kawakami and other members of the Hirabayashi legal team argued that evidence disproving the "military necessity" claim was deliberately concealed from the Court.

Voorhees vacated the conviction for violating evacuation orders, stating that the government had committed "an error of the most fundamental character" in its handling of Hirabayashi's case. At the same time, however, he let stand the conviction for



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While acknowledging that "not one Japanese American nor national was ever accused or convicted of one act of espionage," he said he did not think the commission thoroughly explored the question of the "Magic" cables, decoded messages sent between Japan and its diplomats in the U.S. before WW2.

Quoting messages from the Japanese embassy in Washington regarding the utilization of second generation Americans of Japanese ancestry and resident nationals, Lungren claimed on this basis that President Roosevelt was not making his decision on a racial basis.

His belief that monetary redress would not be appropriate was based on the 1948 American Japanese Evacuation Claims Act, under which \$37 million of the \$148 million in claims filed by over 26,000 Japanese Americans was paid. He also cited the Social Security Act, which was amended in 1972 to give work credits to all those over the age of 18 at the time of internment. In 1978, he added, the federal civil service retirement provisions were amended to allow the same kind of credit.

Matsunaga's Testimony

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) returned from a trip to Hawaii to testify after accompanying President Reagan on Air Force One.

"It is significant to note," he said, "that the military commander of the then-Territory of Hawaii, which had actually suffered an enemy attack... did not believe that it was necessary to evacuate the 260,000 Japanese Americans from Hawaii."

Matsunaga's father "had been arrested too, but was released on my appeal to the provost marshal. Fortunately, I happened to be an Army officer in Uncle Sam's uniform on active service... and my voice was heard."

Matsunaga's military status was later taken away. His voice broke as he recalled how he then became part of the 100th Infantry Battalion to prove his loyalty to this country.

Apologizing for straying from his written testimony, Matsunaga

explained, "What I heard this morning has worked up my emotions."

Representing the CWRIC were Father Robert Drinan, a former member of the commission; Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, who presented testimony on the long-term social and psychological effects of the internment; and Michael Barth of the ICF Corp., which did a study on the economic losses suffered by people removed from the West Coast.

Jeers from Audience

S.I. Hayakawa, special advisor to the Secretary of State and former senator from California, testified against H.R. 442, bringing audible reaction from many in the audience.

"Those who seek redress are a minority of the Japanese American community," he said. Since he was 35 years old at the time, he claimed to be "more conscious of what happened than these younger people who are talking."

Jeers were heard when Hayakawa said that the relocation was the "best thing that happened," as it dispersed JAs throughout the country.

He claimed that there is "something fishy" about redress. Although he and his wife belonged to JACL chapters, he said, redress was never mentioned until he heard that a redress program had already been adopted at the 1978 Salt Lake City convention. He charged that it was not voted on by the chapters.

Hayakawa concluded that the redress movement was coming from young radicals at college campuses. In his prepared statement, he said, "I thought of the student radicals, white and black, that almost destroyed San Francisco State, and began to see some analogies." He was president of the college during student protests of the late 1960s.

He described camp life as a vacation from the back-breaking toil experienced by Japanese immigrants and their children.

Someone from the audience called out, "Go back to Canada!" Glickman asked that the audience withhold comments.



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SAN FRANCISCO—A caricature that appears in an advertisement for MG Mitten, an auto accessory business, in the May issue of Road and Track has prompted letters of protest from JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi.

The ad in question depicts a Japanese, with slanted eyes and buck teeth, driving a car and saying: "Oh, what a feeling! I love MG Mitten 'cause dey have rots of stuff for my MR-2, rike ruggage lacks, steeling weers, leal view millols. Ah so! Good plices too! Evelything you needing for good dliving."

In an Apr. 25 letter to the magazine, which is based in Newport

Beach, Calif., Wakabayashi said the ad was "in incredibly bad taste" and "overtly racist."

"Is it your policy to accept such offensive material?" he asked.

In a letter to the Pasadena-based MG Mitten, Wakabayashi wrote, "The caricatures are direct throwbacks to the early 'yellow peril' era when backwardness was more common."

"Frankly, I was quite shocked at the advertisement. From a perspective of racial sensitivity it ranks as one of the most callous examples in recent memory. May I urge you to pull this and all similar advertisements in the interests of goodwill and decency."

W.H. Chin of San Francisco wrote a similar letter of protest to Road and Track on Apr. 17, saying that the ad "promotes stereotypical Asian images... The only thing missing from the MG Mitten ad are captions that say JAP or TOJO."

PSWDC

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The district also approved a \$2,500 PSWDC Trust Fund request to start a JACL leadership training project and supported by-law amendments adding a national vice president for the 1000 Club and establishing a 1000 Club life trust fund.

A pre-convention orientation for PSW delegates to review the budget and convention agenda and get the proxies in order will be held June 22 at Little Tokyo Towers in Los Angeles.

—Harry Honda

War memorial will include JA soldiers

LAMAR, Colo.—The dedication of a war memorial at the Prowers County Courthouse on May 24 at 2 p.m. will be among the highlights of the Lamar Centennial Week activities.

The names of 31 Japanese American servicemen, Amache internees killed in action during WW2, will be included on the black granite monument, which is dedicated to Prowers County residents killed in WW1, WW2, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

The Denver Central Optimist Club is planning its annual pilgrimage to Amache to coincide with the dedication ceremony. Vehicles will leave the Denver area at 7 a.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. Info: Kent Yoritomo, 936-4362, or Jim Hada, 237-2159.

Chapter Pulse

Placer County

PENRYN, Calif.—Placer County JACL holds its annual scholarship fundraising dinner May 17, 6-8 p.m., at the Placer Buddhist Church hall, 3192 Boyington Rd. Cost: \$7.50 per person.

The chapter will present three scholarships to Placer County high school graduates: the JACL-Thomas M. Yego, Sr. Award (\$500), the JACL-Sgt. Masa Sakamoto Award (\$300) and the Placer JACL Award (\$200).

The Okei Memorial Achievement Awards will be presented to outstanding graduates of Gold Trail Elementary School in Gold Hill, El Dorado County. The award is given in memory of Okei Ito, a member of the ill-fated Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony, who died at the age of 19. Her grave lies on a knoll overlooking the school.

In addition, the chapter administers a \$200 scholarship awarded by the Roseville branch of California First Bank.

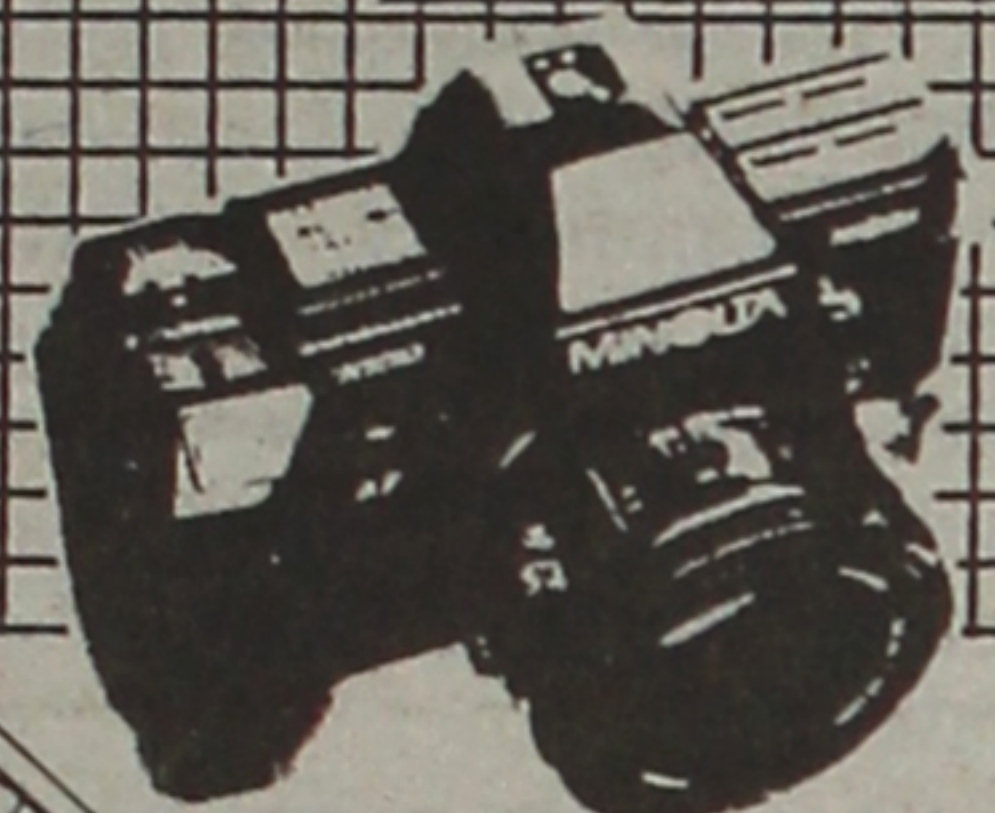
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—Roy Yoshida

Ventura County

OXNARD, Calif.—Ventura County JACL will have a clean-up at the Japanese Cemetery on Pleasant Valley Rd. from 8 a.m. to noon on May 17. Info: Yas Umeda, (805) 984-3333.

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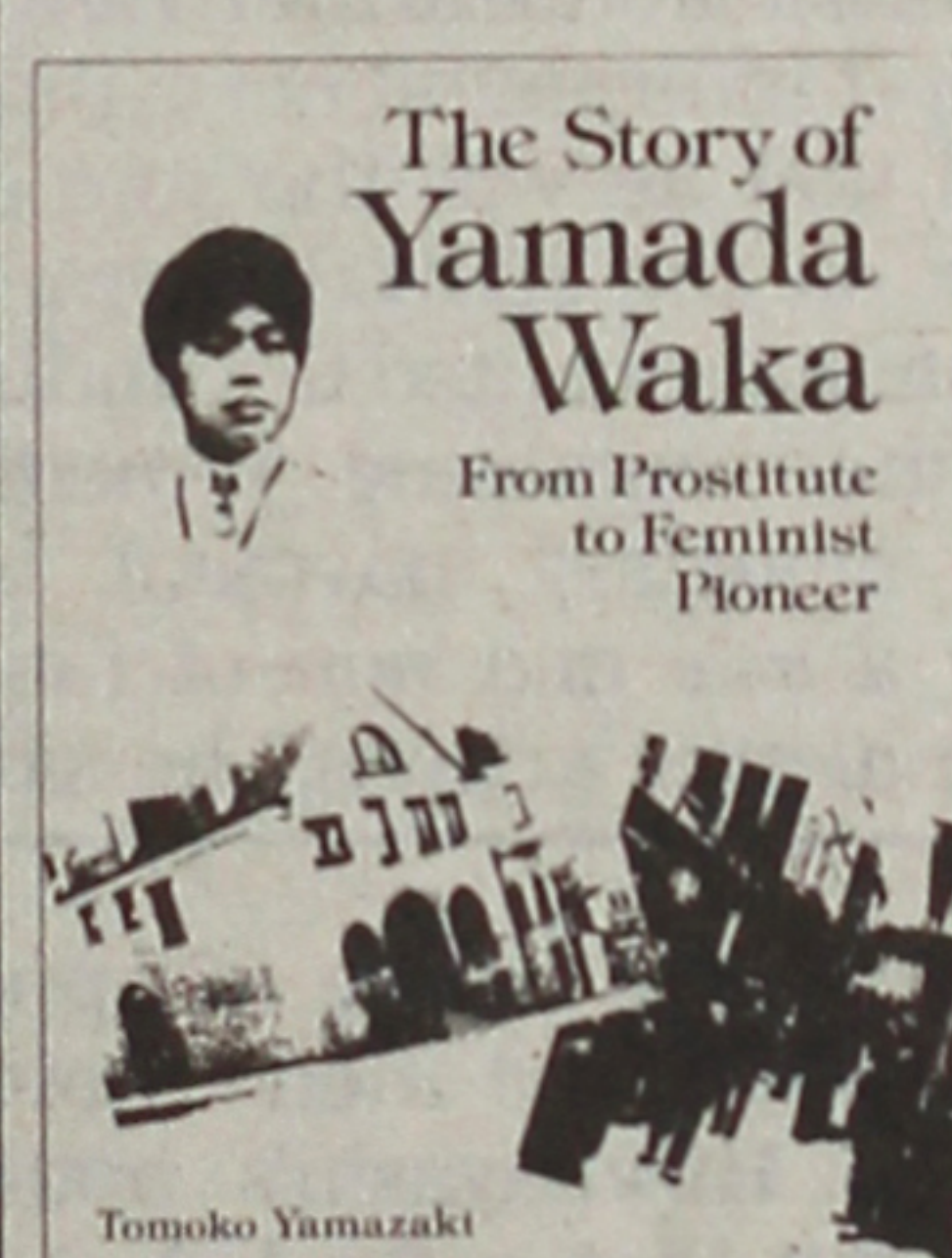
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Broken Promises

Attorney and UC San Diego political science professor Peter Irons, who played a major role in the reopening of three wartime Supreme Court cases that upheld the government's actions, spoke about the legal aspects of the internment.

"The Founding Fathers made a promise to all Americans in the Constitution... that no person would be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, without the right to charges, without the right to a hearing," he said.

"Franklin Roosevelt broke that promise when he signed Executive Order 9066... The attorney general, the solicitor general, members of the War Dept. and the Justice Dept. broke that promise when they told the Supreme Court that Japanese Americans were guilty of disloyalty and had committed acts of sabotage and espionage, and knew that those charges were untrue... The justices of the Supreme Court broke that promise when they upheld the



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto

A visitor to the Eastern Calif. Museum in Independence views a display on life in Manzanar during WW2. Shi Nomura gathered many of the camp items.

convictions of Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi."

Victories achieved in the three cases over the last three years show "that America is a land that honors its promises, that we can in fact redeem the broken promises of 40 years ago," he said.

Irons quoted Judge Marilyn

Patel's ruling in the Korematsu case, which stated that "in times of war and declared military necessity, our institutions must be vigilant in protecting constitutional guarantees."

While the "current of racism" that existed during the war "has subsided to the extent that we can meet here without being sur-

rounded by barbed wire and guard towers," Irons warned, "that current is still underneath the surface of American society..."

"The scourge of racism that led to the internment and that today leads to violence against Asian Americans across the country... can only be conquered if there is a national commitment and campaign... The resources that we would devote to overcoming a virus as deadly as AIDS... are needed to free all Americans from the disease of racism."

Nomura Recognized

Miya Iwataki, an aide for Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), paid tribute to Shi Nomura, a former Manzanar internee who for the past 13 years has been expanding the display of Manzanar artifacts at the Eastern California Museum in the nearby town of Independence.

Believing that "the Manzanar episode was a vital chapter in the history of our country, as well as of the Inyo Valley," Nomura, together with museum director Henry Raub, "has been working

tirelessly to present a documentation of the daily life of Manzanar," said Iwataki.

On Dymally's behalf, she presented Nomura with a certificate recognizing his "commitment to keeping this visual part of our American history available for all to share."

Statements on the redress movement were given by Richard Katsuda of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and Hannah Tomiko Holmes of National Council for Japanese American Redress (Irons read her speech, as she is unable to talk). June Lagmay presented a resolution from Assemblywoman Gloria Molina to members of the Manzanar Committee.

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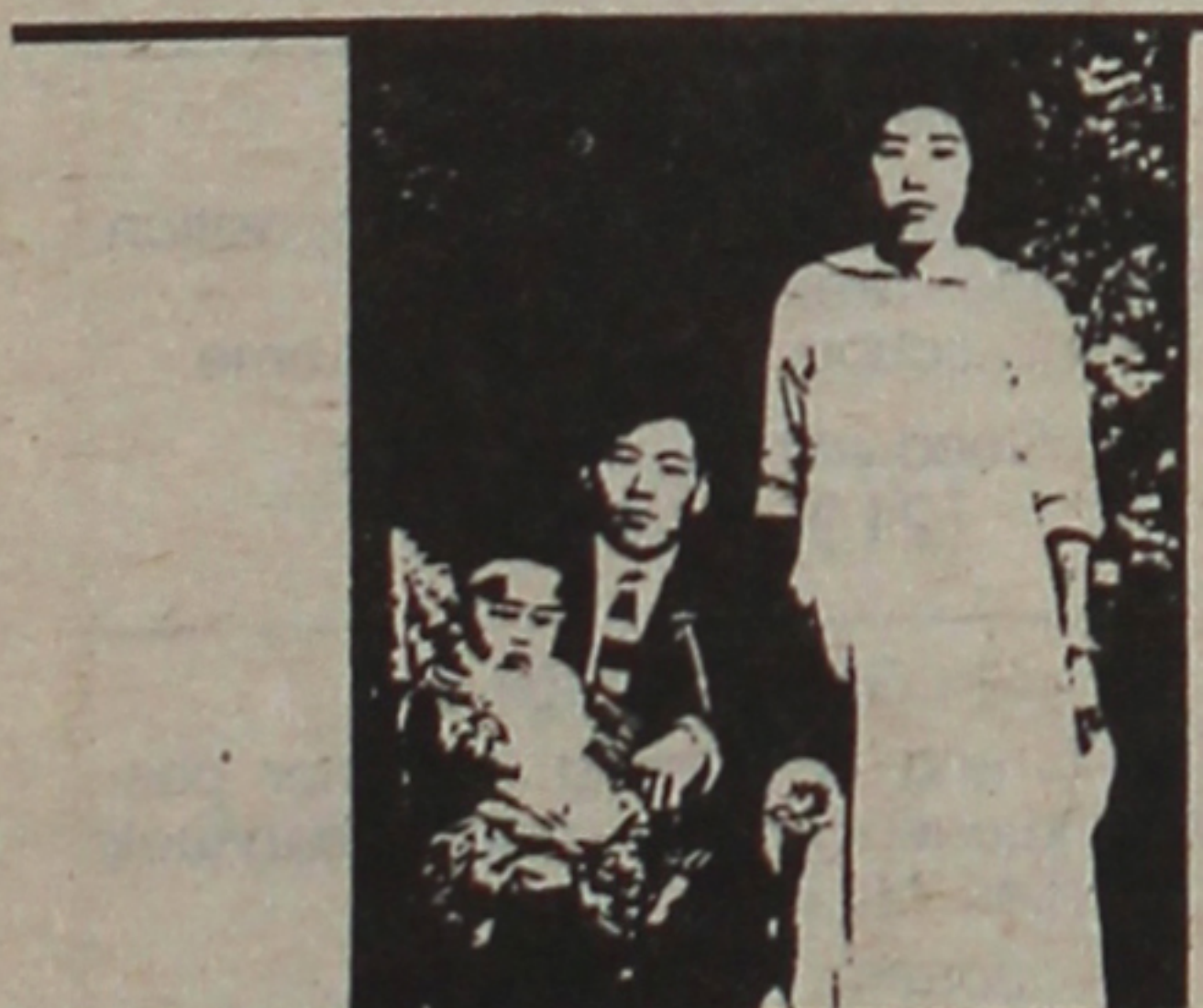
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EDUCATION

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Program and various federal affirmative action programs in the early 1970s. As chair of JACL's National Commission on Education, he helped get Asians included in such programs.

"Since then, there have been many actions taken to exclude APAs as a protected minority group by federal agencies, private foundations, and institutions of higher education," Suzuki noted. "There's no question in my mind that these actions are strongly influenced by the 'model minority' image."

Employment discrimination against APAs still exists, he said, but in a more subtle and complex form. "Although most APAs today encounter few problems gaining fair access to jobs, most of them encounter problems when they attempt to move to the higher positions. Most become stratified in lower-echelon positions."

According to Suzuki, Asians are often passed over for promotion on the basis of some kind of subjective judgement. When he was interviewed for his present job, he recalled, an administrator told him, "You look like rather a laid-back, reserved individual. Do you think you can deal with the pressures of this job and make the tough decisions that are going to be required?"

His answer was, "If you knew what I have gone through in my previous positions as an administrator, you wouldn't even be asking me that question." Although he got the job, he felt he had been somewhat stereotyped.

Roots of the Problem

Because of "cross-cultural differences in perceptions about effective leadership style," he continued, Asians "are often viewed as not being qualified for managerial positions."

Suzuki felt that another problem is that some Asians, because of past discrimination, "believe that it's impossible for them to gain upward mobility, so they never plan on achieving higher positions."

He urged his fellow educators to "help APA students develop



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto

Former Olympic athlete Sammy Lee speaks at NAAPAE conference dinner.

greater verbal facility, higher self-esteem and a better understanding of the dynamics of society" so that they can better compete with their white counterparts.

Asian Americans "must assume part of the responsibility for overcoming the barriers," he said. "Certainly part of the responsibility lies with the larger society, but if we wait around for others to remove those barriers for us, we'll never overcome those barriers."

Warren Furutani of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, one of the conference co-sponsors, expressed a similar philosophy. "If we're going to have good students, then we'd also better produce good teachers. If we're going to have good teaching programs, then we'd better have good administrators. If we're going to have good administrators, then we'd better fight like hell to get people to sit on policy boards that make the decisions... In every area the Asian Pacific American community is boldly taking the challenge."

'English Only'

Opposition to the current effort to make English the official language of California was voiced by Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo.

"It's one thing to insist that in

our schools... every young man and woman in the classroom learn how to speak, write and communicate in English," said McCarthy. "It's another thing to bring forward... strident voices in a manner to intimidate people who may come speaking another language, and to suggest that they are strangers in the land they have adopted."

He also pointed out that children who grow up bilingual or trilingual will have an edge in the area of trade when they enter the job market.

Woo described the "Official English" movement as "part of a broader trend in our society to scapegoat the immigrants, to blame the newcomers here for all the ills of American society." He charged that the movement ignores "positive opportunities [to learn English] in terms of bilingual education, in terms of English as a second language classes."

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A native of Loomis, he graduated from Placer Union High

School in 1941. During the war, he was editor of the newspaper in the Arboga Assembly Center and a reporter for the Tulean Dispatch while at Tule Lake. In 1949 he graduated from veterinary school at Michigan State University and from the U.S. Army medical field service school officer candidate program.

Mayeda was a veterinary school lecturer at UC Davis from 1964-81 and authored or co-authored 11 scientific publications. He spoke at professional conferences and served as an advisor for a veterinary Explorer Post.

He was recently honored by friends in Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Sacramento and awarded by UC Agricultural Extension Service, Calif. Veterinary Medical Assn., and Western Poultry Disease Conference.

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In endorsing NAAPAE's goals, McCarthy said, "The composition of faculty and staff in a school, in some reasonable manner... must mirror the makeup of the student body, at least in this very sensitive, transitional period, so youngsters can see role models."

Workshops dealt with such topics as bilingual education, inter-ethnic conflict, adjustment problems of refugees, and university admissions standards.

Gold Medalist Speaks

The evening banquet's keynote speaker, two-time Olympic diving champion Sammy Lee, kept conferees entertained with a series of one-liners.

"How many of you sitting here today said to yourselves, 'I'd rather starve than get into education?'" he asked. "Congratulations, you're doing both."

On a more serious note, he recalled that his father, who immi-

grated from Korea, taught him that "education was the only way that we could get the key to climb the ladder of success." Thus, while pursuing his goal of becoming an Olympic gold medalist—which he achieved in 1948 and 1952—he also studied to become a doctor.

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