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N.Y. Mayor supports financial compensation

NEW YORK—Mayor Edward Koch, in a June 2 letter to LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, expressed support for redress bills H.R. 442 and S. 1053. "Living in a time of reduced budgets and fiscal austerity as we do today, allocating \$1.5 billion... may seem extravagant," he wrote. "However, we must realize that an enormously grave injustice was committed." Koch went on to say that the wartime internment of Japanese Americans was "the result of long-standing racism against Asians, especially on the West Coast..."

"To place a monetary figure on the loss of property, livelihood, education, indeed three years of one's life, is difficult to do. But to ask for compensation for individuals would only be appropriate symbolic restitution."

JACL Committee proposes alternative plan

LOS ANGELES—The JACL Endowment Committee, meeting June 9, decided not to endorse the JACL-LEC application for a grant of \$200,000 (see May 23 PC), and offered instead a counterproposal for a loan of the same amount at \$25,000/quarter.

Endowment Committee chair Tomio Moriguchi said that "while fully cognizant of the fact that the National Council has full authority to decide on this matter, the committee felt it advisable to make a recommendation to the council."

Moriguchi said that according to the committee's recommendation, the loan would be made under the same terms as the present Endowment Fund loan to the National JACL Redress program, with payment due Sept. 1, 1989.

Implicit in the plan is a promise that if the ultimate purpose of the loan—redress—is successful, an all-out fund drive to increase the principal will be undertaken, said Moriguchi.

The current loan to JACL Redress was made with the understanding that National JACL would not encumber the JACL Headquarters building in San Francisco until the loan is repaid. The remaining balance on that loan, approximately \$60,000, is due in September.

Present at the meeting were committee members Mike Mitoma, Roy Nishikawa, George Kodama and Moriguchi. Mike Masaoka was unable to attend. National officers Rose Ochi and Gene Takamine, Pacific Southwest governor Ken Inouye, and LEC fund drive chair Harry Kajihara presented the LEC and National Board position.

Davis professor wins Human Relations Award

DAVIS, Calif.—In an emotional ceremony May 28, Isao Fujimoto, a UC Davis professor of community studies, was awarded the city's first Human Relations Award, which was established to honor local residents who work to improve human relations in Davis.

Fujimoto was honored by the city at the annual meeting of the City Council and the Human Relations Commission (HRC), a group that was formed after the stabbing death of Thong Hy Huynh three years ago at Davis High School.

Upon receiving the award, Fujimoto thanked the approximately 200 friends, students and family members gathered for the occasion. "No one person can do the job, so this award is not mine alone," he said. "I think it belongs to all of us who make this a better place to live."

He credited his parents, Ayako and Taichi Fujimoto of Morgan Hill, for guiding him toward a lifetime of community involvement as he recalled an automobile accident which took the lives of three of his 12 siblings. To aid the family, the community of Morgan Hill raised \$4,000, which Fujimoto's father used to set up a scholarship fund for high school students whose school work was threatened by family responsibilities.

"In the midst of his tremendous personal loss," Fujimoto said, "my father thought about the welfare of others. That reinforced in me the faith and the notion that everyone counts."

Fujimoto is national vice president of Rural America, a group that addresses problems facing rural people, and serves as an executive board member of American Friends Service Committee and the California Institute for Rural Studies.

Fujimoto has served as consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and numerous educational institutions, and was instrumental in establishing the Asian American studies program at UC Davis.



Rep. Eugene Chappie

Calif. Republican to co-sponsor bill

WASHINGTON—Rep. Eugene Chappie, a Republican representing California's 2nd District, which includes most of Sacramento Valley, has announced that he will co-sponsor redress bill H.R. 442.

He is the ninth co-sponsor to sign on since the Apr. 28 House subcommittee hearing on the bill.

Chappie, who had been visited by members of Marysville JACL, informed Momoko Hatamiya, head of the lobbying team, of his decision.

Now serving his third term in the House, Chappie will retire at the close of the 99th Congress. He has spent 30 years in public service and has represented over half of California's 58 counties at one time or another in his career. A member of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse & Control and the Agriculture and Merchant Marine & Fisheries committees, he is known as a fiscal conservative.

"The continuing build-up of redress co-sponsors is a testament to what hard work and diligence on a local level can pro-

duce," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.). "The JACL members who worked to secure these co-sponsors should be congratulated for their efforts. I am delighted to have these new co-sponsors and even more delighted to see the effort that has produced them."

LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara said Mineta and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) "are owed a debt of gratitude... for their personal commitment which has led to securing the support and momentum H.R. 442 has received on the Hill during this session of the 99th Congress."

"They have taken the time from their busy schedules to answer the concerns of members on H.R. 442 and have sent 'Dear Colleague' letters to seek support for the bill."

She also credited the lobbying of Philadelphia JACL and the help of the South New Jersey Jewish Community Relations Council for the co-sponsorship of New Jersey Democrat James Florio (see June 13 PC).

JAs asked to fight Navajo relocation

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Americans were urged to help prevent the relocation of Navajos from the Big Mountain area of Arizona during a program presented by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) on June 8.

More than 650 people gathered at the Japan America Theatre for a screening of the Oscar-winning "Broken Rainbow," a documentary about Navajo and Hopi resistance to Public Law 93-531, which requires thousands of Navajo to move from land that has been designated as Hopi territory. The majority of the roughly 10,000 people affected have refused to move despite the July 7 deadline.

Opponents of the relocation want the government to repeal the law and allow those who have already moved to return to their homes.

The Navajos' plight should be familiar to JAs, said Lou Gerwurtz of the Flagstaff-based Big

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Owners to change salon's name

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—The owners of JAPSS, the hair salon whose name has been a source of controversy for nearly two years, have told National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) that they are in the process of changing the name.

For the past 18 months, NCRR and Marina JACL have engaged in a series of activities to have the name changed, including a petition campaign, letters and

phone calls to the salon, and demonstrations outside the salon. After hearing testimony on the issue in December, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution in April urging the owners to change the name.

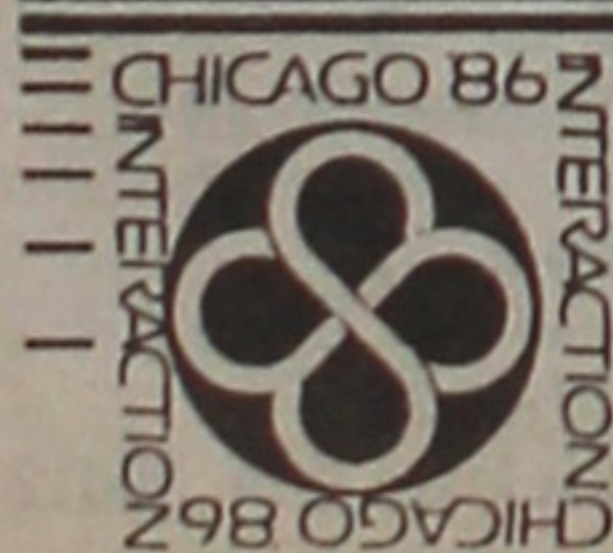
On May 24, co-owner Shuji Kida told NCRR that ideas for a new name were being solicited and that a new logo would be designed in June. NCRR members have submitted a list of possible names.

Richard Katsuda, co-chair of NCRR's anti-JAPSS campaign, commended the owners "for taking an affirmative action toward changing the name."

The name is an acronym made from the first initials of the five co-owners, two of whom are from Japan. Although they have maintained that the name was not intended as a slur, campaign co-chair Miles Hamada said, "No matter what the intention of the owners, the word 'JAPSS' is considered derogatory and offensive to Japanese Americans and should not continue to be used."



Lou Gerwurtz of Big Mountain legal team (left) with Aki Maehara of NCRR.



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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—A workshop on "Making Cross-Cultural Marriages Work" will be held June 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., 2nd Floor. Panelists: Kay Ikeda, clinical psychologist; Sachiko Reece, RN, MFCC; Yasuko Kowalchuk, MSW; Yoshi Matsushima, LCSW; and Richard Nasef, MS. Topics include concepts of marriage and parenting, verbal and non-verbal communication, role fulfillment and conflict resolution. Fee: \$35 per couple, \$20 per individual. Sponsors: Nikkei Family Counseling Program of Little Tokyo Service Center. Info: Yasuko Sakamoto, (213) 680-3729.

The National Republican Heritage Groups Council holds its annual convention June 26-29 at the L.A. Airport Hilton, 5711 W. Century Blvd., to discuss ethnic participation in this year's election. Sen. Pete Wilson and Rep. Bob Dornan are among the speakers. Full registration is \$180. Info: NRHG Council, (202) 662-1345, or Lance Izumi of Japanese American Republicans, (213) 329-9838.

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The Alameda Buddhist Temple Vacationland Carnival and Bazaar will be held June 28, 4-11 p.m., and June 29, noon-9 p.m., at 2325 Pacific Ave. There will be Japanese food, game booths and a raffle drawing.

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American Day with the S.F. Giants takes place July 5, 1:05 p.m., when the home team plays the St. Louis Cardinals. Lower reserved tickets are available for \$6 each. Info: Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, Inc., 563-5626.

GARDENA, Calif.—The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., holds its annual carnival featuring food, games and exhibits, on June 28, 3-10 p.m., & June 29, 1-8 p.m.

Reunions

Salinas/Poston

SALINAS, Calif.—Former Nikkei residents of Salinas and the Poston, Arizona Block 213 Reunion Committee are combining their reunion plans for an all-day gathering at Toro Park on Aug. 30. All former residents and their relatives are invited.

A delicious Japanese style box lunch and a steak barbeque dinner will be served. Registration is \$20/person, and the deadline for registration is June 30.

Info: Harry Sakasegawa, 612 Bautista Dr., Salinas, CA 93901; Helen Aihara Kitaji, 469 Cabrillo Ave., Salinas, CA 93901; Fusako Miyayama Nakai, 61 Irving Ave., Atherton, CA 94025; Alice Matsushita Hirabayashi, 8511 Naylor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045; Isam Nakamura, 1550 W. 51st Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90062.

Topaz Jr. High

OAKLAND, Calif.—The first reunion of Topaz Jr. High students (who would have graduated high school between 1946 and 1950) will be held over the Sept. 19-21 weekend at the Hyatt International Hotel near the airport.

Those wishing to attend may write to: Topaz Jr. High Reunion, c/o Tomi Gyotoku, 826 38th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121.

Asian video festival coming to L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Asian Cinevision's Fourth Annual Video Festival, set for June 25-27, 7:30 p.m., at American Film Institute, 2021 N. Western Ave., includes a broad range of documentary and experimental work from the U.S., Canada and Japan:

Program 1 (June 25)—"All Orientals Look the Same" by Valerie Soe; "Senjyu-Can.Non" by Kyu Seigen; "Holy Ghost" by Keiko Bonk, Susan Britton and Willoughby Sharpe; "Five Dances for Small Spaces" by Art Nomura; "Aluminum Dance" by Ye Sook Rhee; "Butterfly" by Nam June Paik; "La Ci Darem La Mano" by Arturo Cubacub; "Orientations" by Richard Fung.

Program 2 (June 26)—"Hard Contact" by Hiroya Sakurai; "Flora" by Rii Kanzaki; "Creatures from the Enchanted Isles" by Tomiyo Sasaki; "Grass or

When the Rain Falls on the Water Does the Fish Get Any Wetter?" by Janice Tanaka; "New York Hot Springs" by Taka Imura; "The Shining Hour" by Morifumi Arimura; "Eight-Pound Livelihood" by Yuet-fung Ho.

Program 3 (June 27)—"Broken Diary: Chapter II: Trip to Korea" by Shigeko Kubota; "Spalding Gray's Map of L.A." by Bruce and Norman Yonemoto; "Paris" by Ping Chong and Meridith Monk; "The New Puritans: The Sikhs of Yuba City" by Ritu Sarin and Tenzing Sonam.

Each evening's screenings will be followed by discussions moderated by members of Visual Communications, the L.A.-based Asian Pacific media organization. Admission is \$4 for AFI members, \$5 for non-members. Info: (213) 856-7787.

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Wada: 'Best and Worst of Times'

by Edna Ikeda

SAN DIEGO — Yori Wada, the only Asian American ever appointed as a University of California regent, related his experiences to a UC San Diego Asian American studies class May 29.

He was able to be nonchalant about the appointment, noting that he felt he was appointed by a fluke. When Wada was nominated for regents chair, however, there was so much controversy that he was elected with only a vote to spare.

Wada said that campus confrontations in the '60s brought about ethnic studies programs and made people aware of the term "Asian American." He recalled that he initially felt "acute discomfort at saying 'Asian American' at meetings and rallies."

But today, he noted, coalition-building has become commonplace, especially on the West Coast, where Asians "join one another in political campaigns, affirmative action and in protesting civil rights violations.

"Because of our growing but still low numbers in population, there is a need for Asian Americans to band together for political and economic power."

He also stressed coalition not only among different Asian ethnic communities but also with Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans.

Wada felt his background as a Nisei growing up in a small town in the 1930s shaped his life and viewpoint to such an extent that his family and grandchildren have been affected as well.

He was born in 1916 in the San Joaquin Valley. His father died when he was eight, leaving his mother to raise four children by herself. Wada remembers his mother as being very strong and never showing tenderness. However, the children never doubted her love for them, he said.

He grew up in the small town of Hanford, where the Japanese American community was close-knit during the Depression. His coming of age in the '30s was "the best and worst of times" for him.

There were the picnics, the *mochitsuki*, baseball teams, and *bon odori*. There was also the rebelliousness of the teenage years: stealing watermelons, drinking muscatel, sneaking cigarettes.

And there were deep wounds from prejudice and discrimination. Wada remembered mowing the lawns around the community swimming pool but not being allowed to swim there. When he tried to find housing at the start of his first day at UC Berkeley, he was turned down everywhere except at a Japanese rooming house.

After surviving an extremely painful and isolating first year at Berkeley, he was offered a position as a research assistant. He also roomed with other minorities at a dorm where he felt accepted. He was active in the student peace movement; when Japan invaded China, his group held pickets and he renounced his Japanese citizenship.

After graduation, he couldn't find work and was forced to return in shame to his hometown. When drafted into the Army, he was hoping for travel and a chance to escape the small town.

When his family was interned, he visited them at the Jerome, Ark, camp. He remembered the mixture of sadness, joy and suppressed anger at having to see his family behind barbed wire while he was still in the Army.

Upon returning to his Army unit, he resolved to get overseas duty. Wada and other Nisei in

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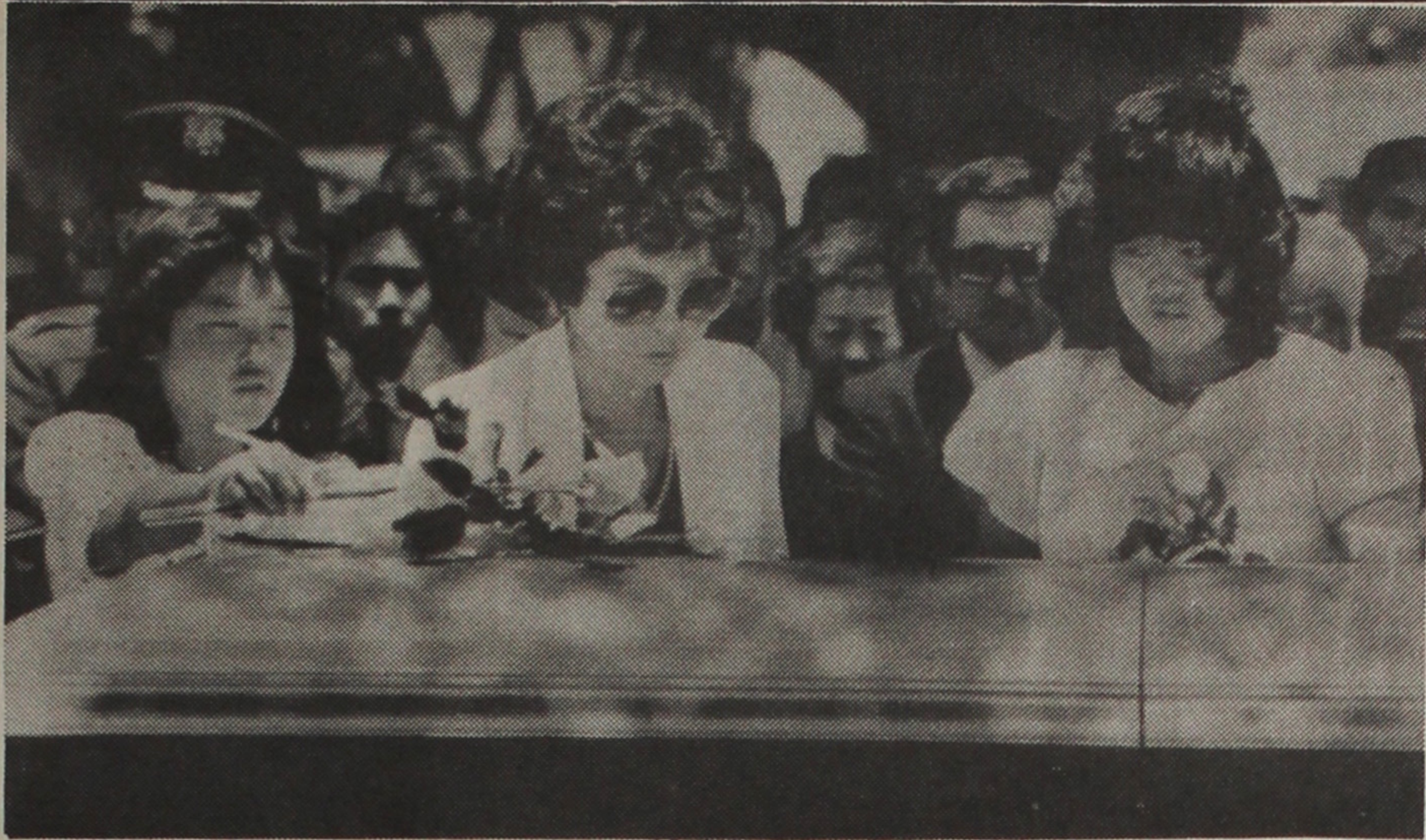
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HOME AT LAST—Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, killed in the Jan. 28 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, was laid to rest June 2 at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific ("Punchbowl") in his native Hawaii. His daughter Darien (left), wife Lorna and daughter Janelle placed roses on his coffin. About 700 attended the service, among them astronaut Loren Shriver, who flew on the shuttle Discovery with Onizuka last year. Services were held the day before in Kealahou, Onizuka's hometown on the Big Island.

JACCC honors 'Pacific Pioneers'

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center celebrated its sixth anniversary May 28 at the Bonaventure Hotel and honored three "Pacific Pioneers" for their work in promoting cultural ties across the Pacific.

Mazda Motor Corp. honorary chairman and senior advising director Yoshiaki Yamasaki was honored for his role in promoting cultural activities between the U.S. and Japan.

Southern California Gas Co. board chair and chief executive

officer Robert MacIntyre was honored for his support of such community organizations as Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Assn. of Asian Pacific American Artists, and Asian American Drug Abuse Program.

Frank Kuwahara, former president of JACCC and active community member, was honored for his lifetime work in support of Nisei flower growers and promoting cultural ties between the U.S. and Japan.

Guests at the awards program included Taizo Watanabe, consul general of Japan; James Hodgson, former U.S. ambassador to Japan; and Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.)

The Bobby Walters Orchestra with Alvin Ing and Aki Hara and the Fujima Kansuma Dancers performed at the banquet. Kathryn Doi Todd was the mistress of ceremonies.

New Asian anthology available

LONG BEACH, Calif.—*Echoes 4*, a showcase for Asian American literature, photography and artwork, is now available.

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Filmmaker wins Tatsukawa Award

NEW YORK — Internationally renowned filmmaker Christine Choy will receive the 1986 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Annual Award for her outstanding contributions to Asian American media arts at the gala opening night reception of the ninth Asian American International Film Festival June 27 at the Silver Palace, 50 Bowery.

The reception will be co-hosted by stage and screenwriter Horton Foote, television anchorwoman Kaity Tong, stage and screen actress Ruby Dee, Benihana restaurateur Rocky Aoki, and Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo.

Choy's films have received numerous awards. "Teach Our Children," which she co-produced and co-directed with Susan Robeson, won first prize in the 1974 International Black Film Festival. A 1976 documentary on Chinese immigration to New York City, "From Spikes to Spindles," received first prize in the 1976 International Film Festival in Nyon, France.

"To Love, Honor and Obey," a documentary on domestic violence first exhibited at Museum of Modern Art, Cinema Du Reel, France, garnered a Special Merit Award at the 1981 Athens, Greece, International Film Festival, and a special award at the Ann Arbor Film Festival in 1983, while "Mississippi Triangle," a film which explores the relationships between the Black, Chinese, and White communities of the Mississippi Delta, received the 1984 Buffalo Media Center Award and the 1984 Boston Globe Critics' Choice Award.

Her other critically acclaimed and award-winning films include "Bittersweet Survival," a 1981 documentary on the racial hostilities encountered by South-

east Asian refugees in the U.S.; and "People's Fire House No. 1," which is about the Polish community in Brooklyn.

Choy was born in Myong-hae in Shanghai to a Chinese mother and Korean father. In 1962 her family moved to South Korea, where she became interested in American rock and roll and Hollywood movies.

She emigrated to the U.S. in 1965 and attended Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and Columbia University before receiving a degree in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis.

In 1974, she began working on films with Third World Newsreel, a group of progressive filmmakers in New York, and has continued to produce and direct socially and politically conscious documentaries about prison inmates, domestic violence, race relations, apartheid, and Asian Americans.

Choy told the Pacific Citizen that she was happy to receive the award. "It means a lot more to me than all the other awards because this is the first award in which my work has been acknowledged by the Asian American community."

The film festival, presented by Asian CineVision, showcases dramatic, documentary, animated and experimental films by Asian and Asian American filmmakers. Info: (212) 925-8685. (See May 30 PC, p.8, for details.)

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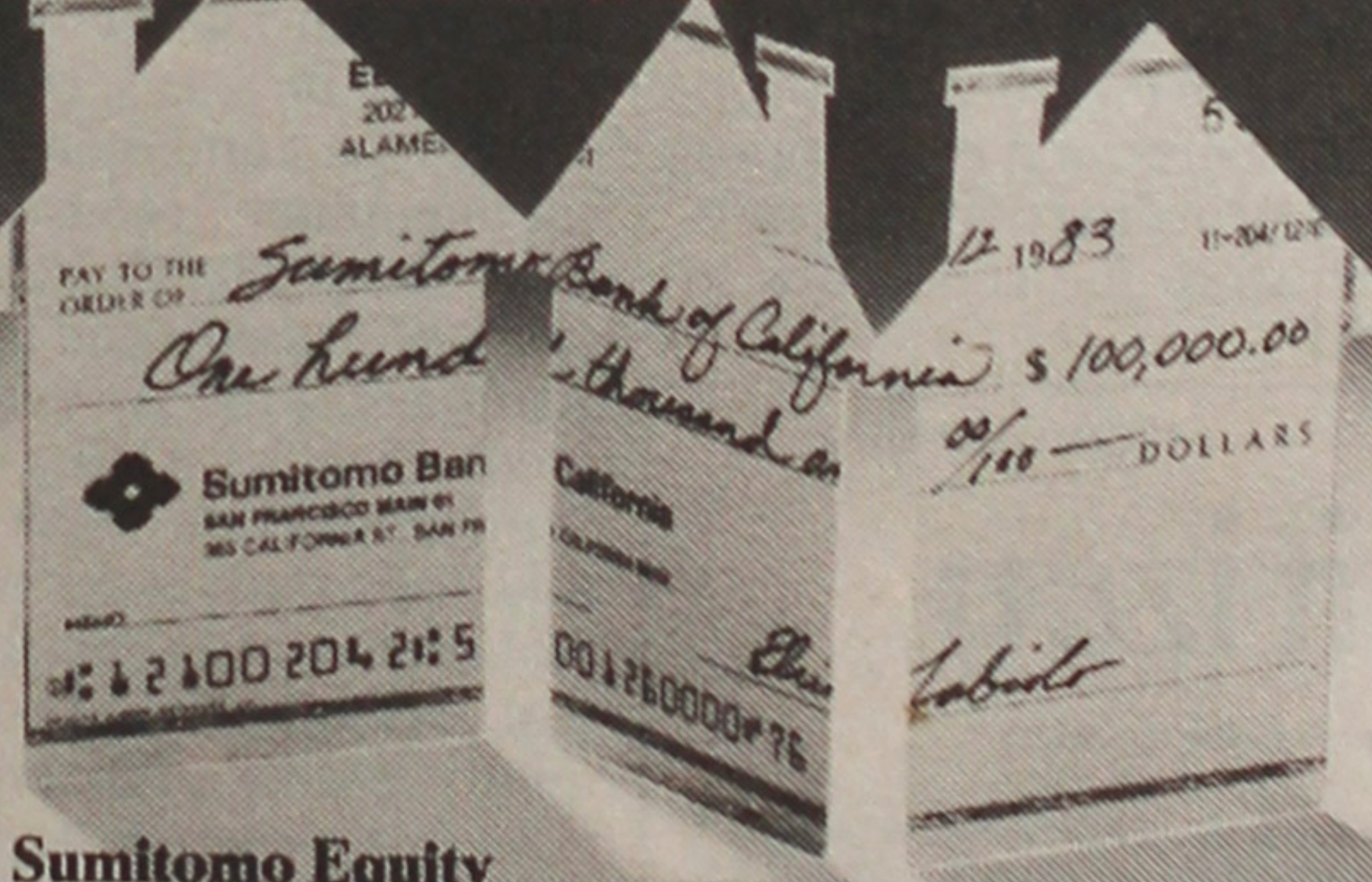
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A Morning at Traffic Court

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



COUPLE MONTHS AGO, after having dinner with friends in the University of Pennsylvania area, I returned to the automobile to find a parking ticket on the windshield. When I had parked the auto at the parking meter, it was already dark and I could not read the meter hours on that darkened steet. And the other meters with parked vehicles were not fed. So I assumed that the meter hour had passed. Several weeks later, being in the same vicinity during daylight hours, I checked the meter hour: I had missed the time by about half an hour.

So, technically, I was at fault.

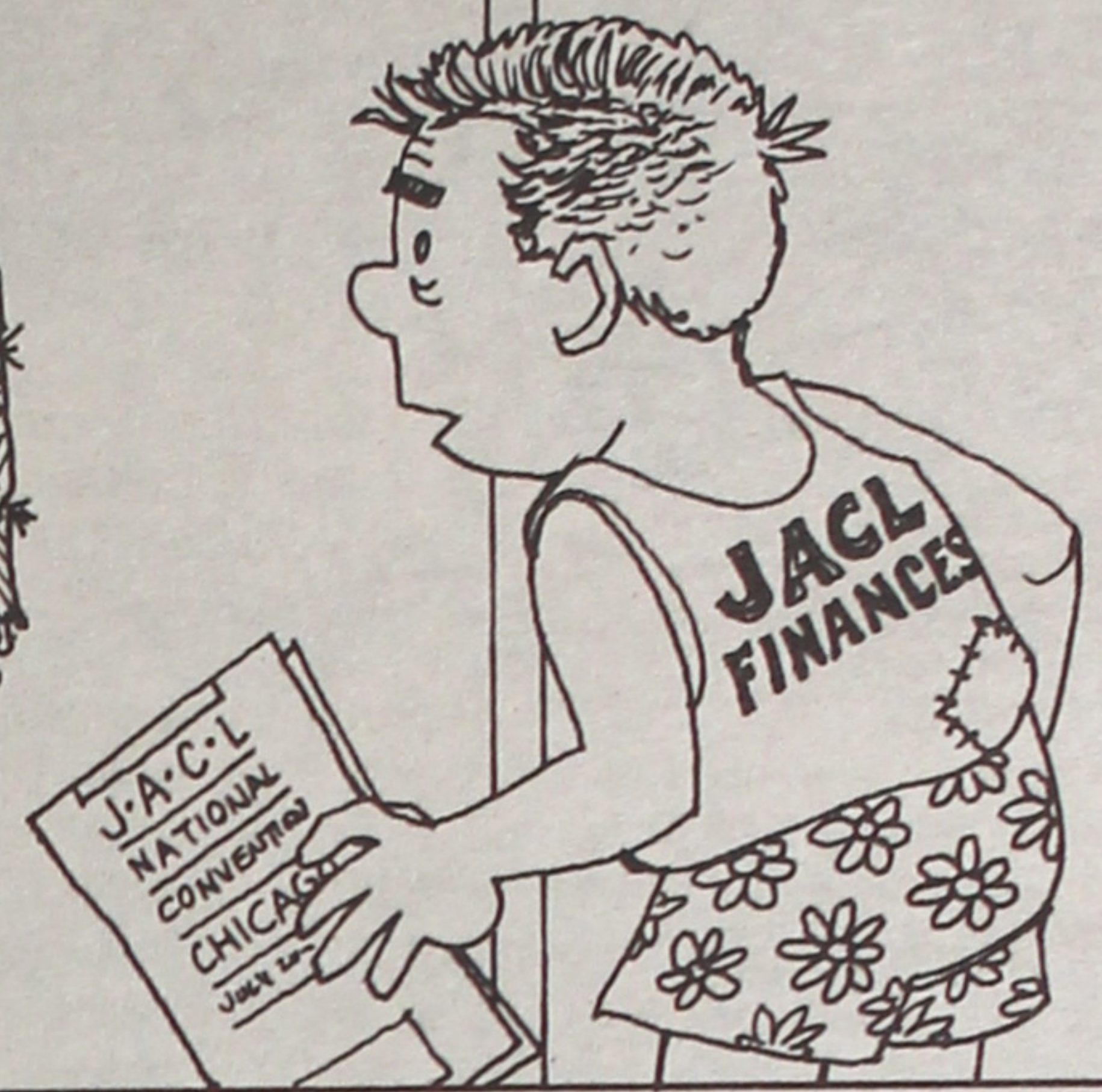
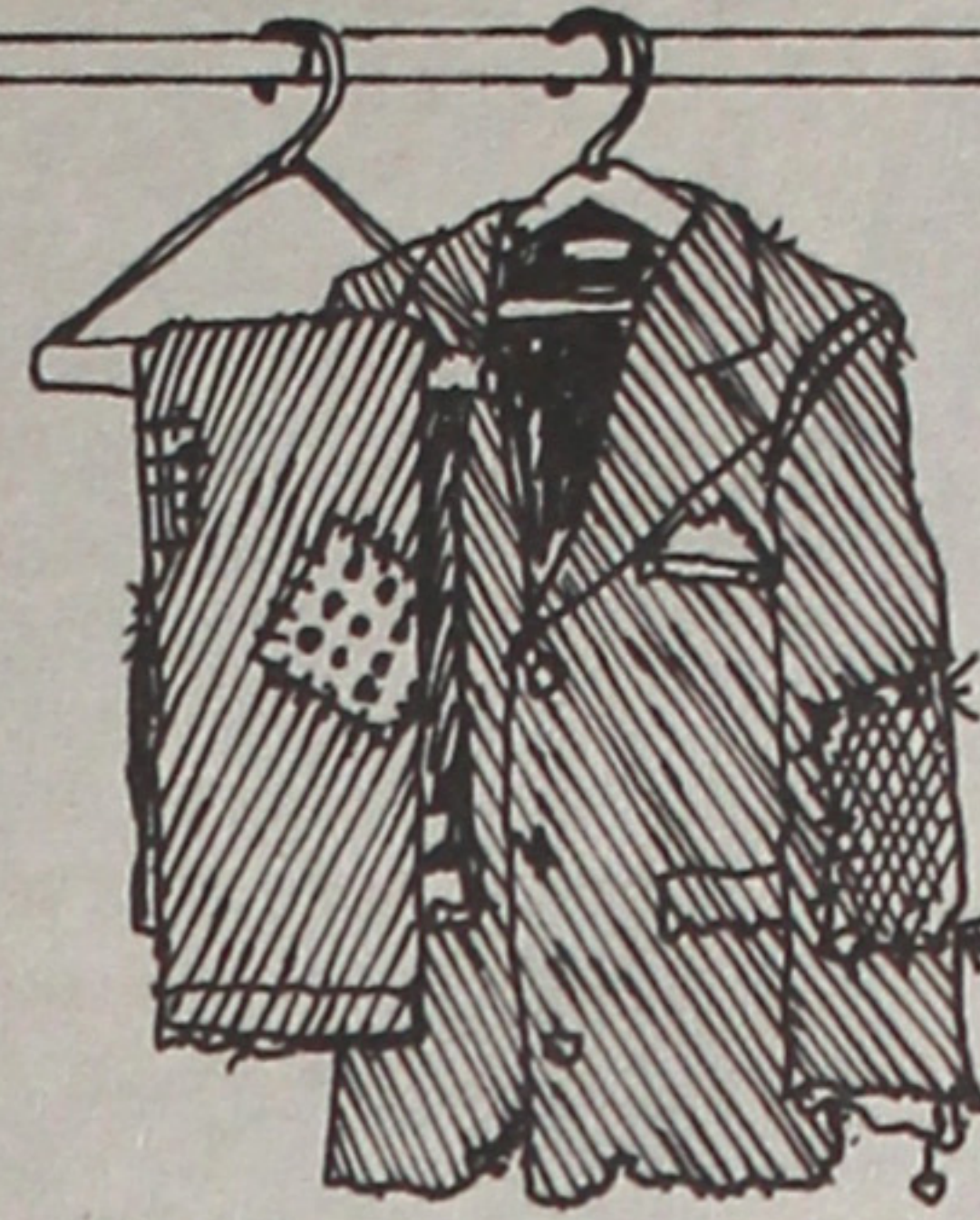
IT BOTHERED ME, however, that having failed to feed a quarter into the meter, that under those circumstances I should have to pay a parking fine. When I am at fault, I pay the parking fine. A couple of years ago, when we had house guests from Japan, I had occasion to drive them to an affair. Unknowingly, I had

parked my car, as I discovered upon returning, near a sign which read "Bus Stop." Can't argue with that one; so I shelled out the twenty-five bucks. But not this time.

PROMPTLY AT NINE in the morning, on one of my vacation days, I reported to the traffic court, attired in jeans and a baseball cap, with the summons issued to "Victoria S. Marutani" (I had been driving my wife's car). The courtroom was already nearly full and by the time the judge appeared, the room was overflowing. I spent the time idly looking about and made note of a few observations.

There were a few wearing suits, but most were what might be described as "blue collar" people. The men outnumbered the women; a goodly number were Black; there were two Orientals—myself and another fellow who, it turned out, was Korean. One young Black was in his military cadet uniform. A young white fellow sitting next to me had a black band around his head, holding down his ponytail hairdo. (Were I advising him, I would have suggested that a haircut would aid his cause a bit and removal of the headband may enhance his chances. As it turned out, his case, for a moving violation, was discharged by the

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judge because of the statute of limitations.) When the Black cadet's case came up, he stiffly stood at attention at the bar of the court; his case was dismissed. Which reminds me of a story.

GIUSEPPE WAS CHARGED with vending without a license and with much trepidation appeared before the magistrate at night court. While awaiting his turn, there was a case of three ladies of the night. The first lady, upon being asked by the magistrate as to her occupation, replied that she was a dancer. The magistrate rejected the claim and sentenced her to 10 days in jail. The second lady, in response to the same question, described

herself as a singer—and this, too, the magistrate rejected and sentenced her to 30 days in jail. When the third lady approached the bench, she replied to the question, "To tell the truth, Your Honor, I'm a prostitute." Whereupon the magistrate responded, "Madam, honesty is a rare commodity. I find you not guilty, and you are discharged."

When Giuseppe's case was called and he was asked how he pleaded to the charge, he declared, "To tella da truth, I'm a prostitute too."

(With apologies to all ethnic groups that I may have offended.)

THE KOREAN FELLOW, the best I could hear from the back of the room, was charged with a

moving violation. He lost. It was now about two and a quarter hours since I had reported to the traffic court, and I was beginning to chide myself that it would have been far more economical to have paid the parking fine. Suddenly, the name "Victoria Marutani" was announced, and I stood up, approached the bench, explained that I had been the operator of the automobile, and related why, under the circumstances, the issuance of the parking ticket was unjustified. (I was prepared to pay the fine and the costs and had the necessary finances on me.)

I'm happy to report that my wife's automobile continues to have a clean record.

Is There an Emergency?

by Roy Nishikawa
Past National JACL President

Delegates to the National JACL Convention in Chicago (July 20-25) will be asked to vote on a National Board resolution requesting that outright grants of up to \$200,000 be given to the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) from the principal of the National JACL Endowment Fund.

A similar request during the 1982 convention in Gardena died because of lack of support.

Instead, under the initiative of the Pacific Southwest District Council, a redress pledge program was developed and passed, calling for \$300,000 to be raised through chapter pledges with the Endowment Fund providing "back-up" for the pledges.

Delegates should understand that Article XV Section 3 of the JACL Bylaws prevents the use of the principal of the Endowment Fund except upon an emergency determined by the written approval of three-fourths of the chartered chapters (p.110, 1982 convention minutes, under JACL Constitution).

What then, is an emergency? According to Webster's, an emergency is "a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate action."

Implicit in this definition are feelings of fear, anxiety, and a deep concern for the loss of property and liberty, and even apprehension regarding personal safety. Such were the conditions in 1941-42.

What did the original founders of the postwar Endowment Fund have in mind when they set up the "emergency" requirement in the early 1950s?

I quote in part from JACL staffer Sam Ishikawa's memorandum, which is reproduced in the 1982 convention minutes:

(1) "Any amount donated by the recipient of Evacuation Claims would remain forever in the JACL Endowment Fund"; (2) "The Principal of the Fund would never be touched by the JACL"; (3) "National emergency was understood to mean an emergency of the type we faced in 1942. This emergency was not meant to include financial difficulty... for projects no matter how worthy they may be"—e.g., redress.

Does the "emergency of greatest magnitude" referred to by the LEC (May 23 PC) relate to the original concepts and intent of the founders of the postwar Endowment Fund? Or does the latest "emergency," as defined by LEC and apparently supported by the National Board, describe a financial problem arising out of an inability to raise sufficient funds?

As National JACL Treasurer (1950-56), I accompanied then-President George Inagaki and staffer Sam Ishikawa to the Bank of America to help draw up the original trust agreement for the Endowment Fund. Later, as National JACL president (1956-58) and as chair of the Committee on Japanese American Claims, I wrote thousands of solicitation letters on National JACL's behalf, promising contributors the permanence, fidelity and integrity of

A Worthwhile Effort

On behalf of Ford Kuramoto and myself, I wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to the editor and staff of Pacific Citizen for the Aging and Retirement Supplement of May 23.

We and our committee have been working for the past two bienniums with very little fanfare and less financial assistance from the National Board to bring about an awareness among our chapters of the need for a preventive program for the older Nikkei population.

We hope the supplement will arouse the interest and attention of our membership to the services our chapters can provide for the health and welfare of our older population.

For those attending the National Convention in Chicago, a truly worthwhile workshop is being planned.

Again, our sincere thanks to the Pacific Citizen staff for an outstanding supplement. See you in Chicago at the workshop.

K. PATRICK OKURA
Bethesda, Md.

Letters

The May 23 Aging and Retirement Supplement of the Pacific Citizen was great.

I personally was delighted to see two of my former colleagues of the National Mental Health team co-chairing the Aging and Retirement Committee—namely, K. Patrick Okura, my faithful and devoted executive assistant during my eight years as director of NIMH, and Ford Kuramoto, who spent several years with us and then went out into the community to provide comprehensive mental health services to the needy.

Both continued to serve their fellow men and women as competent professionals and humanistic volunteers. JACL is fortunate to have two such persons co-ordinating programs for the aging Nisei.

The Pacific Citizen is to be congratulated for its attention to the needs of a growing population.

BERTRAM S. BROWN
President, Hahnemann Univ.
Philadelphia

the Endowment Fund. The nature of the Fund was also widely publicized in the press and at all JACL district meetings.

Therefore, despite the urgings of the LEC and the current National Board to endorse, support and approve the resolution, I cannot do so in good conscience because I would be breaking faith with the original donors—many of whom are now dead.

Even though I approve of the principle of redress, which I have supported in many ways, I cannot take the position that "the end justifies the means" if the means used result in what I consider a breach of trust. The issue for me is not the importance of redress; that is a given. The issue is one of moral responsibility and preserving and maintaining

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A New Look at the South

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



Several recent visits to three cities in Alabama—Birmingham, Huntsville and Tuscaloosa—have changed that. The University of Alabama, founded in 1831 and with campuses in those three cities, is busily and expertly shaping a role for the state in the final years of the Twentieth Century.

Birmingham, no longer a grimy steel mill town, is the site of a magnificent medical center. Huntsville is leading the way into space with rocket power. Tuscaloosa, which among other things has a street named for Paul (Bear) Bryant, the football coach, also has something called the Capstone International Program Center.

What kind of image is created by the word Alabama? Until recently I had stereotyped old mental pictures of plantations and cotton fields, racial tensions and Gov. George Wallace, Police Chief Bull Connor and his dogs, the Selma march to Montgomery, catfish and red clay and a somnolent countryside.

Capstone has academic links with Korea, Japan, England, Germany, Belgium. It has programs on Latin America, the Soviet Union, Central Europe. The emphasis at present is on Japan. Courses in the college of arts and sciences cover Japanese language, history, politics, philosophy, anthropology, civilization. Many of these courses were developed recently through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Japan Victor Co. is building a plant in Tuscaloosa to manufacture magnetic tape. That means jobs. That means eight to ten Japanese families will be moving to Tuscaloosa to administer the plant. Several dozen local citizens to be hired as supervisors are going to Japan next month for training. In preparation for this trip they have been taking intensive familiarization courses conduct-

ed by Capstone International.

Capstone is also readying a course to help the Japanese adjust to their Alabama homes. Among the projects is a Saturday Japanese language school for the children with the University of Alabama providing space, directors and salaries for teachers who will be chosen from among Japanese exchange students.

At another level, the University is sponsoring an Alabama-Japan leadership program with a grant from the U.S.-Japan Foundation. A dozen Alabama opinion leaders—educators, a newspaper publisher, a Black neurosurgeon, an attorney, oil and gas industry administrators, a real estate developer, a power company executive—have been chosen to make a two-week visit to Japan late this summer.

To prepare for their visit, a uni-

versity administrator visited Japan last winter to set up a schedule of interviews, briefings, and plant visits designed to give the Alabamians an understanding of what makes Japan tick, what opportunities remain untapped in an Alabama-Japan relationship. It is expected these leaders will have much to say to the press, to service clubs, to business associates when they return. A second tour is scheduled for next year.

Japan is on the move and Alabama is making impressive efforts to meet Japan halfway in developing investment opportunities, trade, tourism, cultural exchanges. None of this sounds like the benighted South. It's a new, enlightened South, and it has reacted to the reality of these times with a vigor that leaves many other sections of the country floundering.

Vital Links

Grass-roots lobbyists can help activate more support for Washington Gov. Booth Gardner's request for other governors to support H.R. 442 and S. 1053 (see June 6 PC) by contacting the governors of those states which have passed resolutions to support redress. In addition to Washington, state legislatures have passed resolutions of support in New York, Minnesota, New Jersey, California, Oregon and Wisconsin.

In order to increase bipartisan support, we particularly ask the JACL membership to contact Republican governors Thomas Kean of New Jersey, George Deukmejian of California and Victor Atiyeh of Oregon.

There is a good possibility that the number of Republican congressmen co-sponsoring H.R. 442 can be increased if we can get the support of Deukmejian. California is the state with the largest Asian American population. Of the 17 of 45 representatives who still need to be lobbied, 16 are Republicans from the Pacific Southwest District.

Help From Districts

District governors, district and chapter redress coordinators are urged to begin the statewide lobbying work to get the governors to take a position on the bills.

On another piece of good news, we want to recognize the work of New York Chapter and its redress committee for the letter of support we received from Mayor Edward Koch.

With the help of Mayor Koch's

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letter, we plan to persuade Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York to follow the lead of Gov. Dukakis of Massachusetts.

Coalition Work

One of the results of the Apr. 28 subcommittee hearings was a June 4 meeting of leaders of human and civil rights organizations convened at the ACLU office in Washington, D.C.

In attendance were Wade Henderson, ACLU; Ralph Neas, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR); Ruth Flower, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Ed Nakawatase, AFSC; Lollie Bram, American Jewish Committee; Charles Kamasaki, National Council of La Raza; Maurice Barboza, Individual Rights Section of American Bar Assn.; Frederick Schwartz, National Forum for Immigration and Refugees; Jonathan Binder, Anti-Defamation League; and Stuart Ishimaru, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Wade Henderson and Ralph Neas will serve as co-chairs for the new National Coalition for Redress under the umbrella of LCCR. Joe Rauh, legal counsel

for LCCR and a member of the LEC Board, will also be invited to serve as co-chair. This coalition plans to meet every three weeks during the remainder of the 99th Congress. Next meeting is set for June 23.

The coalition will use their national and district contacts to assist the LEC grass-roots lobbyists. Where possible, coalition members will lobby members of Congress in Washington.

Henderson, Naes and I will meet with Dan Glickman, chair of the subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations; the purpose of the meeting is to urge the scheduling of the hearings on the Aleut portion of H.R. 442.

Jefferson Sessions

In the first week of June, we responded to a request from LCCR to urge members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject the nomination of Jefferson Sessions to federal judgeship in Alabama on June 5. Since JACL is a civil and human rights organization, we responded to the request to help reject the nomination of a person who has made insensitive remarks about minorities.

We called Philadelphia Chapter president Jack Ozawa to place calls to the office of Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Penn.) and to Washington Chapter president Ben Watada to contact Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.).

Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) cast the critical vote to kill the nomination of Sessions. Said Heflin, "I regret that I cannot vote for confirmation, but my duty to uphold the Constitution and my duty to the justice system

is greater than any duty to any individual."

This is a statement of courage and an example of public service. How different our lives would have been if those who served in the legislature and on the federal judiciary over 45 years ago thought as Heflin did.

Schedule Change

The calendar for Congress has been revised. We have a longer district work period to make appointments with the congressional delegation we plan to lobby. The Independence Day district work period will be from June 28 to July 14, a one-week extension. We ask you to start calling your district office to schedule appointments.

Let us hear from you—summertime apathy will not get us the votes we need. We can do it.

JACL recruitment topic of workshop

At the Chicago Convention, the Leadership Development and Recruitment Committee will hold a work session on "How to Recruit Younger Members to the JACL." The session will include presentations from chapters who have successfully attracted younger people, distribution of resource materials on "tried and true" activities, brainstorming and sharing of experiences.

The session will be held July 20. Reservations must be made by July 1. The fee (to be determined) will include lunch and resource materials.

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'EMERGENCY'

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fiduciary obligations.

For me, the long-term integrity of JACL is far more important than the short-term convenient access to funds from the Endowment Fund. I respectfully submit these thoughts now, for I will be unable to attend the Chicago convention—the first that I will miss since 1948.

I will not presume to tell delegates how to vote, but suggest that pressure will be great and emo-

tion will run high on this issue. It will take courage to vote your consciences.

Do we really have an "emergency"? Only the chapters can decide.

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Utah's Jardine Juniper
Enjoy a scenic hike up to the famous canyon patriarch the Jardine Juniper, a gnarled tree that is still growing on its rocky crag after 3,500 years.

Ronald V. Jensen Historical Farm
Five miles south of Logan at the southern end of the Cache Valley is the 120 acre Ronald V. Jensen Farm and Man and His Bread Museum. The museum boasts one of the largest collections of agricultural artifacts west of the Mississippi River and the farm features steam-powered tractors, harvesters, threshers, wagons and a fully operational turn of the century farm. Costumed participants are available to interpret this adventure into the past to farm visitors.

Fishing Bridgerland
If you're an angler, you'll want to unhook that fly rod—the Logan River is teeming with fighting German Brown, Rainbow, and native Cutthroat Trout. Bear Lake, Hyrum State Park, and Pockyping Dam are other excellent fishing spots that beckon the fishing enthusiast to Bridgerland.

Boating and Skiing on Bear Lake
In its majestic mountain setting, the crystal blue waters of Bear Lake stretch across the Utah-Idaho border, creating a watersports paradise. Thousands of sailboat enthusiasts, fishermen, picnickers, campers, water skiers, and swimmers are lured to its sandy beaches every summer. Winter offers an unusual treat for the fisherman; the running of the unique Bonneville disco. Thousands of high-boated fishermen from across the nation flock to the ice-covered lake every January to dip nets in search of the extremely rare fish.

Rodeo in Northern Utah's Vacationland
The rodeo season comes to Cache and Rich Counties in May and continues through August. Top named cowboys from all over the United States and Canada gather to compete in one or more of these popular rodeos. There's the intercollegiate Rodeo in May; the Wild West Rodeo held in Randolph each June; in July visit Woodruff's Old Western Rodeo; and in August the Cache County Fair & Rodeo rounds out the season.

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L.A. Municipal Court Judge Jon Mayeda with award winner Leslie Furukawa.

Who's Qualified to Help?

by Sue Kunitomi Embrey

I am compelled to respond to the letters which have appeared in the Pacific Citizen and other ethnic papers these past few weeks regarding the participation of Go For Broke, Inc. in the development of the Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

First of all, the questions: What criteria are these critics using as to who is "qualified" to help plan this exhibit? What evidence do they have that Go For Broke or any other organization or individual is, or is not, qualified? Who are they to sit in judgement?

As chair of the Manzanar Committee, a community-based educational organization, I made contact with the Smithsonian

when the first press release announced the exhibit and called for artifacts and realia. In February, when the Smithsonian staff was in Los Angeles collecting materials, I met with them. They saw our large collection of historical photographs, viewed the films in our files, and took names of other individuals and books we recommended for their further research.

The staff and the veterans of Go For Broke in the Los Angeles area have been very sincere and diligent in their efforts to pursue diverse points of view and experiences of the Japanese American community which will enhance the exhibit.

In our 17 years of existence, the Manzanar Committee has been involved in much research and collection of materials on Japanese American history. In the process, we have come to respect the community, which endured nightmarish adversity as

a consequence of their wartime incarceration. We believe Japanese Americans are a resilient and gallant people whose story needs to be told.

By the same token, through jealousy, competition and pure "sour grapes" attitudes, we cast stones at each other and factionalize our community. We are, after all, ordinary human beings.

If you have something to loan, or a story to tell (as all of us do), write to the Smithsonian. Give them an opportunity to look at and research the best and most diverse of our community. Write to: Tom D. Crouch, Curator, Mechanical Engineering & Manufacturing, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

We are, more or less, experts on our own constitutional rights and how they were blatantly violated by our own government. This is our chance to tell our government so.

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Minority Bar Assn. honors attorney

LOS ANGELES—Attorney Leslie Furukawa was honored by the Minority Bar Assn. of Los Angeles at the organization's installation and awards dinner on June 5 at Miriwa Restaurant in Chinatown.

In presenting the Presidential Service Award, past president Anthony Alexander said that it was being given to Furukawa be-

cause he felt that her outstanding efforts on the organization's behalf needed to be recognized.

"It's the first time that the award has been offered," he said, "and hopefully there will others in the future."

Rose Ochi, representing Mayor Tom Bradley's office, presented Furukawa with a certificate commemorating the occasion.

Chapters to receive tax survey

SAN FRANCISCO—A major accounting firm, Arthur Young & Co., has designed a survey for the JACL National Board to review the compliance of National JACL and its chapters with IRS regulations governing the operation of tax-exempt, tax-deductible organizations.

To be distributed to all chapter presidents next month, the survey is intended to identify areas of activity that may require modification or adjustment. The

completed survey should be returned to JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., S.F., CA 94115, as early as possible to facilitate a timely review.

Copies of the survey instrument will also be sent to National Board members and regional offices. Chapter officers who have questions or require assistance are asked to contact National Headquarters, their district governor or their district office.

Kikkoman donates \$10,000 to JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—Kikkoman International executive vice president and general manager Yoshihiro Nagayama presented a \$10,000 check to JACL for general support on June 11.

Participating in the presentation were Itsuto "Matt" Matsumoto, Northwestern regional vice president for Kikkoman; Cressey Nakagawa, San Francisco JACL president; Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director; and Steve Doi, also a JACL member.

Participants noted that a soy sauce container with the Kikkoman label appears in a painting by Issei artist Hisako Hibi showing life in the Topaz camp during WW2. Kikkoman made contributions through the American Red Cross for distribution in many of the camps. Kikkoman officials also recalled donations of medicine and clothing received from Japanese Americans during the postwar period.

The JACL representatives expressed their appreciation to Kikkoman and said that Nagayama's wish to provide long-term benefits for generations to come coincided with the goals of JACL.



Veterans at dedication of monument at Prowers County Court House were (from left) Frank Yoritomo, Tom Masamori, Jinko Yamaguchi, Nob Furiyue, Ken Aiba, Sus Hidaka, Ben Murakami (partly hidden), Kent Yoritomo, George Yoshida (partly hidden), Tom Tanaka, John Oya, Mits Kawamoto, Russ Sato, John Noguchi, George Ushiyama, and Edwin Shimabukuro.

Memorials held for internees, vets

GRANADA, Colo.—Led by general chairman Art Moriya, members of the Optimists Club of Denver assembled more than 40 former inmates of the Amache WRA camp and their friends for a brief memorial ceremony at the camp cemetery on May 24.

Rev. Joseph Sakakibara of Simpson Methodist Church led the services.

The contingent of Optimists

joined members of Nisei Post 185 of the American Legion and of the Military Intelligence Service at a memorial dedication at the Prowers County Court House in Lamar for county residents who died in military service.

On the monument listing those killed in action during WW2 are the names of 31 Nisei who volunteered from Amache and died in the European theater. A second monument lists war dead from WW1 and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Rep. Hank Brown (R-Colo.), a member of the House subcommittee now considering redress bill H.R. 442, was a principal speaker at the ceremony. George Ushiyama, president of Arkansas Valley JACL, along with Terry Nishida Sato and Min Yasui, both of Denver, urged Brown to support redress and become a co-sponsor of the bill.

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Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee, "because there's a shared understanding of what it means to be forced from your land, from your home, for reasons of race."

Only the Nikkei members of Congress "can point to their own history... and make that emotional, dynamic argument that is necessary," said Gerwurtz. Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) were interned as children during WW2.

He urged JAs in the audience to write to Mineta, Matsui, and Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii) to persuade them to "help us take the lead in this, and raise these issues in a way that will repeal this law." Although Inouye voted for PL 93-531 when it was passed in 1974, Gerwurtz expressed hope that the senator's position could be changed.

Aki Maehara, who was part of an NCRP delegation to Big Mountain in April, reported, "There was a 238-mile fence that kept them [Navajos] from their sacred lands, their burial grounds, as well as their grazing lands. And sometimes the fence went right through somebody's property."

Although PL 93-531 was intended to resolve a land dispute be-

tween the two tribes, opponents charge that the dispute was fabricated by energy companies that want access to the coal- and uranium-rich land currently occupied by the Navajos, and by tribal councils that seek to profit by leasing out the land for mining.

These councils do not represent their respective tribes, said Maehara. "We got to witness the Navajo and Hopi elders coming together and voting unanimously to show a united front in opposition to Public Law 93-531."

What he saw at Big Mountain "contradicted everything that

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has come out of the major media so far," Maehara added.

Alan Nishio of Pacifica JACL, one of the program's co-sponsors, said JAs have a "responsibility to try to get the word out" about the Navajo relocation. The large number of people who attended the program "is a reflection of the interest in the community about this issue," he noted.

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ple's Rights Organization, Latino Agenda Coalition, Comite de la Raza, Women of Color, and Eastwind Magazine.

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WADA

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his unit took demotions in order to get that duty.

Wada was in Okinawa during the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He is appalled today, he said, at his ignorance at the time of the extent of the devastation and suffering that occurred.

He was in the same unit as John Okada, author of *No No Boy*. Despite his own overseas service, Wada said he was understanding of those who answered "no-no" to the "loyalty" questionnaire, noting that it took a lot of courage considering what was going on in camp.

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veterans, you do a disservice to our entire community. My personal contact with the 442nd/100th was in 1943-44, when soldier friends were recuperating in Army hospitals around the Chicago area. I was one of the first to receive a personal letter from Yaeko Munemori telling us that her brother, Sadao, had been killed in action; and another telling of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to him posthumously. My memories of other friends killed in action are sad and long.

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After the war, Wada returned to San Francisco and went into social work.

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