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Supt. meets with Asians, responds to calls for input

SEATTLE—School Superintendent William Kendrick, answering demands from the Asian community for more input, has announced that he will form a more broadly based multicultural management council to advise him on school issues instead of relying on an administrative cabinet of top aides.

The former Salem, Ore., superintendent was presented with a list of demands from the Asian community July 30 after he had decided to fill new jobs in his reorganized administration with non-Asians (see Aug. 15 PC).

The management council will include administrators, principals and students, Kendrick said. In addition, a larger community advisory group to get citizen views will be created.

Alan Sugiyama, chair of the Asian Pacific Directors Coalition, called his informal meeting with Kendrick on Aug. 6 "very productive... We covered a lot of issues, and it looks like a lot of things are in motion to address our complaints."

Kendrick also promised that Asians will have a say in developing a plan to address low scores by Asian students on achievement tests. He is considering separately different groups of Asian Pacifics—Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Samoans and others—instead of lumping them together as they have been for most district statistics.

—from reports by the Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Japanese national kept in detention by provision of McCarran-Walter Act

NEW YORK—A Japanese citizen who for the last nine years has lived quietly in the United States as a student and teacher was arrested and detained because of alleged terrorist and/or subversive activities upon his return from the Netherlands on July 7, reports Clifford May in the New York Times.

Choichiro Yatani, an instructor and Ph.D. candidate in social

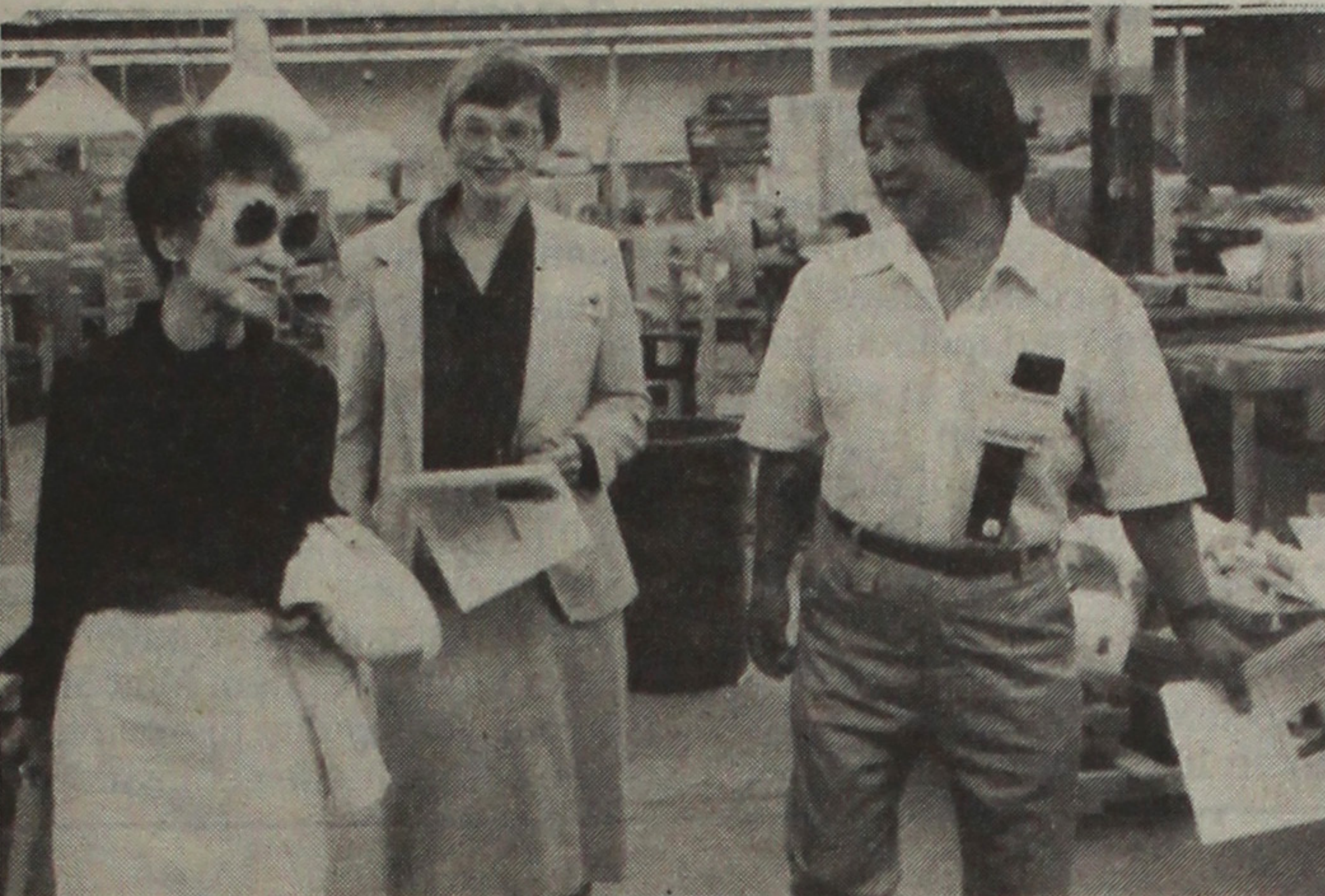


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PRODUCTIVE PLACE — Visiting the facilities of Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) during National JACL Convention in Chicago are (from left) Hana Masuda of Seattle, chair of Pacific Northwest District JACL Aging & Retirement Committee; Dr. Donna Leonetti, director of University of Washington's Nisei Aging Project; and Dale Morioka of San Francisco. (For background of JASC, which will soon be 40 years old, see story on p. 3.)

D.C. conferee lands co-sponsor

by Grayce Uyehara

WASHINGTON—One of the immediate results of the JACL Washington Leadership Program held during the week of Aug. 4-8 was the addition of Rep. Robert Young (D-Mo.) to the list of co-sponsors of H.R. 442.

Young was lobbied by John Hayashi, one of nine participants in the leadership conference. Hayashi was able to secure an appointment with Young and his aide to discuss the redress bill and received Young's commitment to become a co-sponsor.

Young represents the 2nd Dis-

trict of Missouri and is presently serving his fifth term. He serves on the Public Works & Transportation Committee and its subcommittees on Aviation, Public Buildings & Grounds, and Water Resources.

He also serves on the Science & Technology Committee and its subcommittees on Energy Development & Application, and Energy Research & Production.

Hayashi is an attorney with the Mark Twain Bank in St. Louis and a member of St. Louis JACL.

Young is the 140th co-sponsor of H.R. 442 and the 135th voting member.

with "formal and uninformative" replies.

"We are at a total loss to understand why immigration and the State Dept. are sending this valuable person out of the country," he said.

State Dept. spokesperson Ruth van Heuven said that Yatani's visa had been revoked for a number of reasons, chief among them being that he had belonged to "a Communist Party or an organization affiliated with a Communist Party." Asked to provide evidence substantiating that charge, she replied, "I'm not free to comment."

Charges Denied

Yatani denied that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party or any radical organization. Under the provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, aliens may be excluded from the U.S. on such grounds. Yatani said that the only infraction in his past was his arrest in Tokyo in 1968 at the age of 21, along with about 70 other students who were demonstrating against the Vietnam War.

According to the assistant director for deportation at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Scott Blackman, Yatani was arrested when immigration officers found his name in the "lookout system," a list of people

Foes of California English initiative form coalition to prevent passage

by J.K. Yamamoto

A campaign to defeat Proposition 63, the initiative that would declare English the official language of California, was launched by a coalition of Asian, Latino and other civil rights organizations Aug. 13.

Members of Californians United Committee Against Proposition 63, who held simultaneous press conferences in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego, fear that if the measure is passed in November, it will eliminate or curtail government services in other languages and in general create an anti-immigrant atmosphere in the state.

"We all recognize that English is the official language," said Linda Wong, associate counsel for Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund in Los Angeles. "But we do not recognize the motives underlying the initiative, and the consequences for the communities that will be impacted."

Proponents of the initiative falsely assume that immigrants

have no desire to learn English or to become a part of the U.S., claimed Wong.

"Immigrants that come to the U.S. want to learn English," stated Irvin Lai, president of Chinese American Citizens Alliance. "But our government has no funds to supply them with classrooms and teachers and instructional materials."

The initiative "will not help people to learn English at all," and will instead "deny [immigrants] the use of multilingual services... It jeopardizes their livelihood, it violates their civil rights," charged Lai. "I believe this is institutional racism."

"Immigrants of all cultures have assimilated as succeeding generations learn English, often while maintaining their native tongue," pointed out Rosa Martinez, associate director of ACLU of So. Calif. "There is no reason to begin now thinking in such vindictive and racist terms, but that is exactly what Proposition 63 encourages."

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Nagao of Seabrook eulogized

BRIDGETON, N.J.—The 1986 Seabrook JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Banquet, held June 21 at Centerton Golf Club, began with a surprise presentation to Charles Nagao of a State Assembly resolution posthumously honoring his wife, Mary Chiyoko Yamashita Nagao.

The resolution, which pays tribute to Mary Nagao's "lifelong commitment to providing a high quality of life for her fellow Japanese Americans" and her "outstanding record of dedicated service to the citizenry of this state,"

was introduced by Assemblymen Joseph Chinnici and Guy Muziani.

A native of California who moved to New Jersey in 1944, Nagao died May 14, 1985 at the age of 64. She had retired in 1981 as a supervisor in the office of the Cumberland County Clerk and was an active member of Seabrook JACL and various professional, religious and civic organizations. Gov. Thomas Kean honored her as the 1984 Outstanding Senior Citizen in New Jersey, and the Board of Chosen Free-

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Sac'to LEC fundraiser planned

SACRAMENTO—Following several planning meetings by LEC representatives from eight Northern California JACL chapters, Sacramento Community College auditorium has been selected as the site of an LEC fundraiser to be held Nov. 29.

Participating are the Florin, French Camp, Lodi, Marysville, Placer, Reno, Stockton and Sacramento chapters. The Cortez and Livingston chapters are also expected to take part.

The program will feature actor George Takei, who appears in the upcoming film "Star Trek IV," and actor/writer Lane Nishikawa, perhaps best known for his one-man show on the Japanese Amer-

ican experience, "Life in the Fast Lane."

Congressmen Robert Matsui of Sacramento and Norman Mineta of San Jose have also been invited to attend and to give an update on House redress bill H.R. 442.

Selected leaders in the larger community are being asked to endorse and support the fundraiser, which is intended as an educational forum on the redress issue for non-Nikkei in the area.

Jerry Enomoto, an LEC Board member and former National JACL president, is chair of the organizing committee. Mary Tsukamoto, recently named as JACL-er of the Biennium, is vice-chair.



A New Jersey Assembly resolution posthumously honoring Seabrook JACL-er Mary Nagao is presented to her husband, Charles Nagao, by Arthur Marchand on behalf of Assemblyman Joseph Chinnici.

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Community Affairs

BERKELEY, Calif.—A photo exhibit on "Filipino Women in America, 1860-1985" can be seen at UC Berkeley's International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Sept. 7-13. The exhibit includes oral histories collected by Seattle historian Dorothy Cordova. Related activities: a forum on historical and contemporary issues facing Filipinas, Sept. 7, 1-2 p.m.; reception honoring local pioneers, Sept. 7, 1-4 p.m.; poetry reading, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.; folk singing, Sept. 13, 8-10 p.m. Info: 643-6420 or 642-9460.

SAN FRANCISCO—Chiropractors Sho Aoyagi and Clayton Heatley will give a presentation at the first Nisei & Retirement meeting of the 1986-87 season Sept. 6, 1-3 p.m., at California First Hospitality Room. Lecture-demonstration will include anatomy of the spine, causes of back pain, and how to treat back problems. Info: Aiko Kajiyama, (415) 752-7836.

Nobiru Kai (Japanese Newcomer Services) offers Japanese language classes beginning Aug. 23. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes will be held Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-

noon, until Nov. 1 at Kimochi Home, Octavia and Sutter. Tuition: \$45. Info: (415) 922-2033, Mon-Fri, 1-5 p.m.

National Japanese American Historical Society holds a steak barbecue picnic Sept. 20, 11 a.m., at the Japanese garden of Mt. Eden Nursery, Industrial Blvd. and San Mateo Bridge Rd. in Mt. Eden. The garden is a replica of Katsura Rikyu Imperial Villa in Kyoto. Games and entertainment will follow the barbecue. Tickets (\$12.50 each) can be obtained from NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St. Info: (415) 431-5007.

SEATTLE—First Hill Lions Club sukiyaki dinner will be held Sept. 13, 4-7 p.m., at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Proceeds go to scholarship fund.

A **Single Adult Group** sponsored by Blaine Memorial will hold a strictly-fun walk/run Sept. 20 at Myrtle Edwards Park with brunch afterwards, and a matsutake hunt Oct. 11. Info: Blaine Memorial, 723-1536, or Sharon Harada, 226-1881.

Scholarlooks at Chinatown, Little Tokyo societies

NEW YORK—Stanford Lyman, a professor of sociology and Asian studies at New School for Social Research, has published *Chinatown and Little Tokyo: Power, Conflict, and Community Among Chinese and Japanese Immigrants to America*.

Based on ethnological field work in San Francisco's Chinatown and historical documents, the book emphasizes the differences between harmony and solidarity and demonstrates how conflict has reinforced the traditional web of group affiliation within these communities.

Topics covered include the effects of imbalances in sex ratio on family formation and a detailed investigation of clans and secret societies in Chinatown and the families and *kenjinkai* of Japanese Americans.

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Asian drug program gets donation

SAN FRANCISCO—The Nikkei Lions Club donated \$1,000 to Asian American Residential Recovery Services (AARRS) and to Haight Ashbury Medical Clinic's Bill Pone Memorial Unit, two local drug treatment programs, on June 20.

Lions International has made drug awareness one of its key areas of support, said outgoing Nikkei Lions president Matt Matsumoto, adding that his chapter is one of the first to get involved

locally.

AARRS, which celebrated its first year of operation June 6, is the only residential drug and alcohol treatment program in Northern California specifically designed to serve Asians. It is a comprehensive, drug-free 12- to 18-month program that involves individual, group and family counseling, educational seminars, physical fitness, recreation/art therapy and educational/vocational development.

In its first year, AARRS has served more Asians than all the other residential programs in San Francisco combined. Currently, the program has 16 residents, with a waiting list of others trying to enroll.

AARRS was initiated by a coalition of service providers, attorneys and other members of the community in February 1985 to provide treatment for Asians who, for various reasons, were not utilizing existing programs.

"We [Asian Americans] are not immune to drug abuse," said Darryl Inaba, director of Bill Pone Memorial Unit and a founding member of AARRS. "The biggest problem in fighting drug abuse among Asian Americans is the social and familial denial that the abuse even exists."

Following a tour of the AARRS facilities, Nikkei Lions president Ted Sato, member Steve Ide and Matsumoto presented the check to AARRS board chair Bruce Chan, AARRS executive director Davis Ja, and Inaba.

"Our ultimate goal," said Ja, "is to end the need for this facility."

AARRS is located at 2024 Hayes St. Info: (415) 386-4815.

Nissan presents truck to AADAP

LOS ANGELES—Nissan Motor Corp. USA presented a King Cab truck to the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) on June 6.

The presentation was made by Nissan executives to executive director Mike Watanabe and administrative director Elaine Shoji.

Also present was Norman Ari-kawa, an AADAP supporter who helped secure the truck. "It's a pleasure to help out a fine program like AADAP and to ensure that your agency will be able to continue the great work that it

has been doing for the community," he said.

The agency will use the truck primarily in youth, residential and community assistance programs for such activities as transportation of equipment for camping trips and sporting events, food distribution, and pick-up of donations.

AADAP provides residential, outpatient and prevention/education services in the area of substance abuse. It is located at 5318 S. Crenshaw Blvd., L.A. 90043. Info: Meg Thornton, (213) 293-6284.



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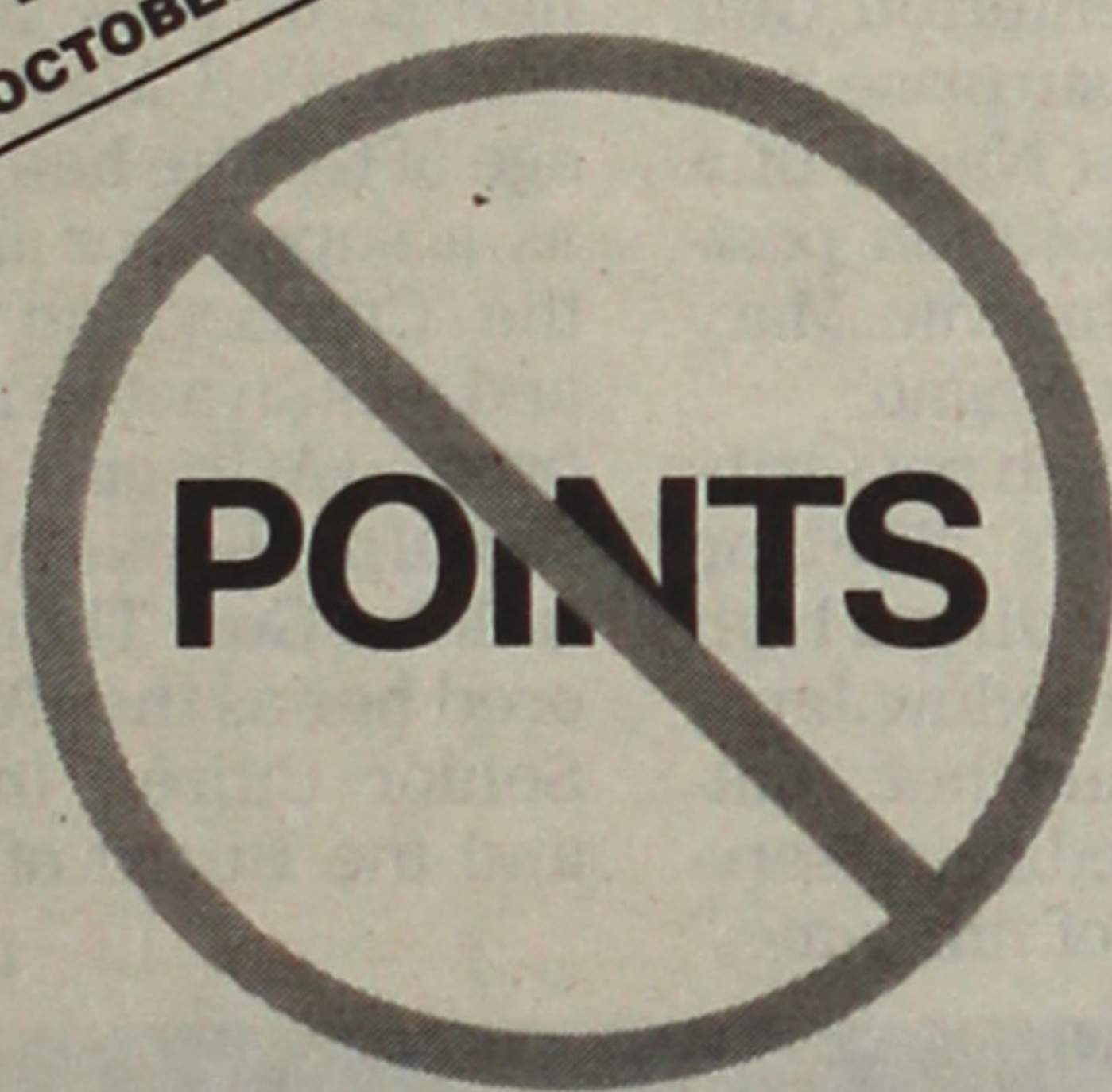
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Chicago agency now in 40th year

CHICAGO—Aug. 30 will mark the 40th anniversary of Japanese American Service Committee, a human services agency whose budget has grown from \$9,000 in 1946 to nearly \$1 million today.

DETAINEE

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who "may be excludable from the U.S."

Paradoxical Twist

Immigration lawyers said the case illustrated a paradoxical twist in the laws and procedures concerning aliens and their rights in the U.S. Officials conceded that had Yatani entered the country illegally, without a visa, and been arrested on criminal charges, he would enjoy a battery of rights to which he is not now entitled, despite being a longtime resident of the U.S. with a clean record, a home, a job and two children who are American citizens.

But because Yatani was arrested while trying to legally enter the U.S., federal officials consider that he is not yet back in this country and is therefore not entitled to the same constitutional guarantees, including bail.

Yatani was returning to the U.S. after presenting a paper in the Netherlands which analyzed the nuclear disarmament movement. His trip was sponsored and partly paid for by SUNY Stony Brook.

Yatani's advisor, Dana Bramel, said that Yatani "was only about a year away from finishing his Ph.D." His thesis is to be on Japanese business management techniques and the American character, Bramel said.

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JASC began as the Chicago Resettlers Committee, which helped JAs newly released from the WW2 internment camps to locate homes, jobs and schools, overcome language barriers, and in general adjust to their new surroundings.

The committee was itself helped by such groups as Chicago Community Trust, Catholic Youth Organization, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago (a forerunner of United Way of Chicago), American Friends Service Committee, National Congregational Committee on Christian Democracy, and Brethren Service Committee.

During the postwar years, the committee conducted naturalization classes for Issei and provided guidance and counseling for Japanese war brides.

Contemporary Programs

Today, JASC offers services for the elderly, youth, the emotionally disabled, and newly arrived immigrants among Japanese Americans, other Asians, and non-Asians.

Programs include: a sheltered workshop offering a therapeutic, work-oriented environment; an adult day care center; casework counseling; in-home services;

health maintenance through exams, screenings, education and referral; job placement; leisure time activities; a nutrition program; a home companionship program; and the Heiwa Terrace senior citizen apartment building.

When JASC celebrated its 35th anniversary, a proclamation from Mayor Jane Byrne stated that JASC "has become a community-wide social service organization concerned with the health and welfare problems of the elderly and emotionally disabled... and through the JASC a permanent bond of friendship has been firmly established in our community."

In 1984, JASC was honored for its "outstanding programs and services for the elderly" by the Mental Health Assn. of Greater Chicago.

JASC's long-range plans for the next five years include a major fundraising campaign for development of a Home for the Elderly that would provide comprehensive care.

JASC employs 44 full- or part-time professional and staff persons. The executive director is Masaru Nambu. On the executive board are president Arthur Morimitsu, vice presidents Paul Kadowaki, Noriko Takada, Thomas Tokuhisa, and Kiyo Yoshimura; treasurer Steve Fujii; and secretary Joyce Nakamura.

Info: JASC, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640; (312) 275-7212.

Get involved, JA seniors told

by Jane Kaihatsu

CHICAGO — Highlighting the Aging and Retirement Workshop at the JACL National Convention was the keynote speaker, Dr. Arthur Flemming. In his speech, he stressed "involvement" as the key element to living one's retirement years in a "meaningful and significant manner."

Flemming is probably best known to Japanese Americans for serving on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. But he is also former Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare (now Health & Human Services) and has served on the U.S. Commission on Aging.

He is also past chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, where he paid special attention to the rights of senior citizens.

Contrary to the stereotypical image of retirees staring dolefully into space with empty time on their hands, the vigorous Flemming said that working when one is aging is very important and added that senior citizens are giving the message that they "want to be involved in life."

"We all know that non-involvement leads to rapid physical,

mental and spiritual deterioration. But, as a result of our experiences and training, we are in a position to make contributions to our life," he stated.

Flemming also acknowledged that working, paying employment is an economic fact of life for some people. He felt that there were opportunities for some to think about second or even third careers.

"In this area the older person may need some help. There is a need to invest in counseling, training and placement for the older person, for him to find the 'right' job and get psychic compensation."

Volunteer work was also mentioned as an area for further exploration by the aging. In a refreshing change from the standard array of projects to become involved with, Flemming asserted, "Older people have the opportunity to become deeply involved—for perhaps the first time in their lives—in the political process and demonstrate that our government can work. If our political system can work, it is dependent on the grass roots level."

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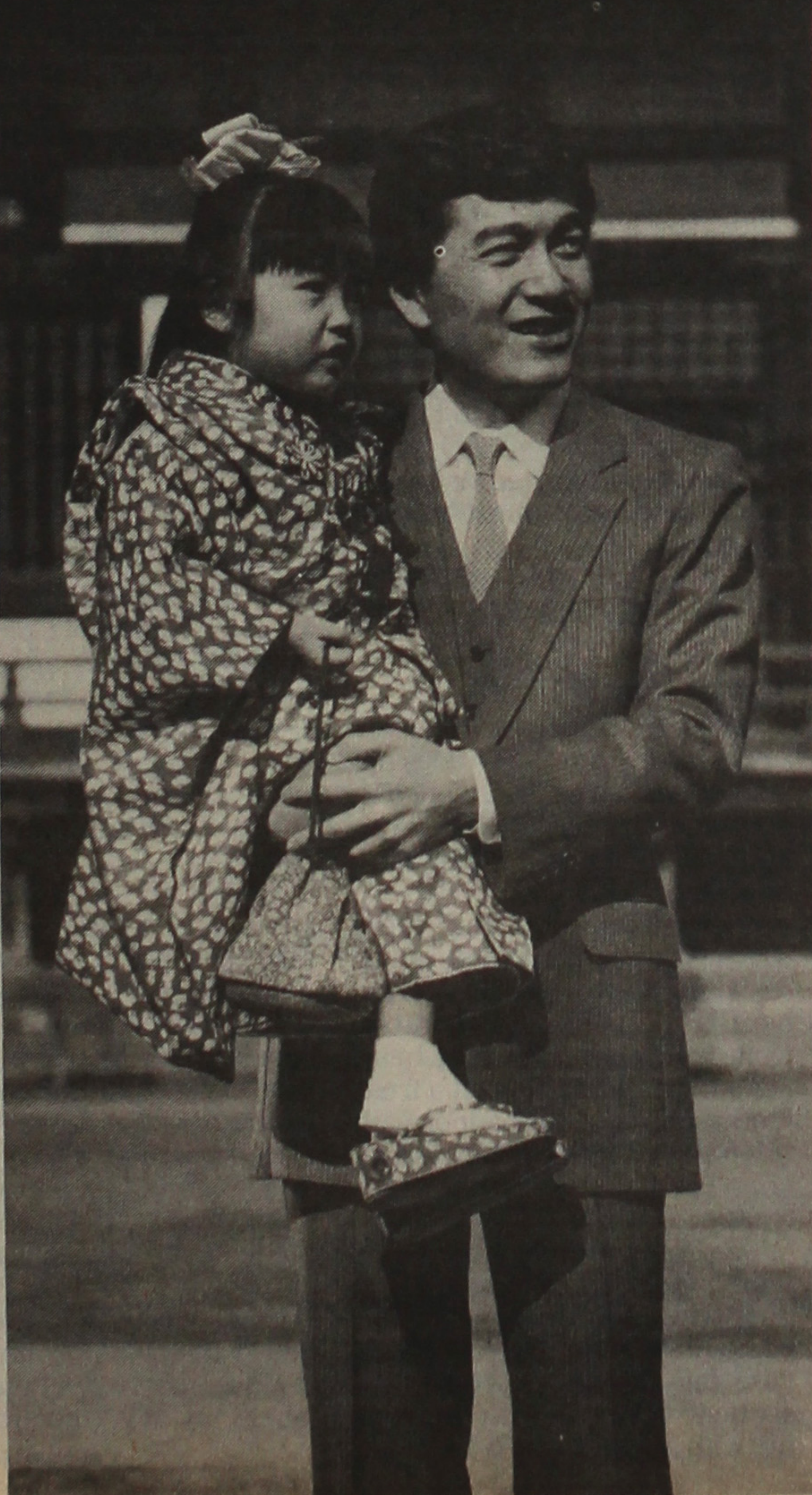
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That Tule Lake Photo

EAST WIND

Bill
Marutani



BACK IN JUNE in this column (June 27 PC) we wrote about a group photograph taken in Tule Lake camp in 1943 with the banner "Forward with Christ." I estimated that there were some 300 folks pictured in the 8 x 10 photograph, and with the aid of a magnifying glass we thought we recognized about a dozen people.

In closing that column, we suggested that perhaps some readers out there who had a copy of this particular photo might be able to identify a few more individuals. I was in Tule Lake but a few months, leaving that barbed-wire enclosure in early fall of 1942. Thus I knew very few people, particularly those in that photo.

ONE OF THOSE in the photograph was Mollie Yasutake, now Fujioka. Mollie arrived in Chicago with her copy of the photo to see how many people could be identified by some of the delegates attending the JACL National

Convention held this past July. I didn't have the opportunity to check Mollie's score. She did, wisely, bring along a magnifying instrument, for some of the eyesight "ain't what it used to be."

YET ANOTHER INMATE of Tule who was also in the picture wrote and placed a number of identifying names on the reverse side of a Xerox copy of the photo. Aki (née Saito) Yasutake of Chicago provided a rundown of a family tree from the photo.

I had identified Perry H. Saito, who had answered the call to the ministry. Aki then identified the following: Morse T. Saito, Perry's brother, who is next to Perry. Then nearby: Fumi Yabe-Saito (I now recall that Fumi had a beautiful singing voice which we were privileged to hear at several camp programs), Dolly Saito-Aylesworth (Perry and Morse's sister, then Aki Saito-Yasutake (cousin of Perry), and Naoko Saito-Yahiro (Aki's sister). Also nearby: Gary H. Yasutake. Aki also identified Father Daisuke Kitagawa standing next to Harry K. Mayeda. And sister Helen Mayeda-Saiki is a couple of rows above them.

I'm sending this identifying data along to Mollie so that she might raise her count. For others

of you out there who have the photo and are attempting to reconstruct the puzzle of identifying names, the foregoing clues may be of aid.

THE TWO SAITO family trees through cousins Ransaku Saito and Kinai Saito had their roots in Gumma-ken, from whence both came. Each married ladies from Tokyo. And although both cousins arrived via Vancouver, from there their paths differed: one settled in Oregon, the other established roots in Washington. In 1942, they and their families were uprooted and thrust into camps. And in 1943, the photo which is the subject of this column came to be—including at least parts of the two branches of the Saito's, rejoined under stressful circumstances.

Perhaps in the next century, when some blue-eyed blonde bearing the name Saito seeks to trace his/her family roots, this column might serve to provide some clues.

AT THE TIME the group photo was taken, little did those who were there consider that someday their presence and the photograph may have great significance later. But someone surely must have compiled a comprehensive identifying list that is yet available. If so, send it to me; I'll then announce the good news and mail copies to all those who ask.

The search goes on.

Letters

Credit to the Nation

Recently, I was privileged to see a documentary film, "Yankee Samurai," about the shameful treatment of Japanese American citizens during WW2 and the heroic exploits of Japanese Americans in battle.

It moved me to tears to see these hard-working, loyal Americans torn from their homes, land, and businesses; placed in detention camps; and forced to sell their assets at ridiculously low prices. It was reminiscent of what happened to the Jews and other minorities under Hitler and Stalin.

These victims of hysteria, greed and discrimination could justifiably have turned against a government which gave them such undeserved treatment. Instead, the Nisei soldiers chose to prove their devotion to this country with incredible bravery, taking on the toughest assignments, liberating towns in Italy and France as well as the Dachau concentration camp, and becoming the most decorated unit in WW2.

As an American citizen of the Jewish faith and a WW2 veteran, may I express my heartfelt admiration and gratitude to my Japanese American brothers and my deep sorrow at the behavior of this government toward your people during WW2. You are

more than a credit to this nation; you are an inspiration to all Americans and a reminder of what true patriotism is all about.

I urge our government to publicly acknowledge the wrong done to Japanese Americans during that period, to make what restitution it can, and to ensure that never again will any group of citizens be indicted en masse and denied basic constitutional rights.

JUDD C. KRAMER
Woodland Hills, Calif.

Yoneda Speaks Out

Evidently Professor Peter Suzuki (Letters, Aug. 1 PC) does not know what actually happened in Manzanar during 1942, nor has he read my autobiography *Ganbatte* thoroughly.

Therein he would find there was a group of about a dozen or so calling themselves the Manzanar Black Dragons, mostly Kibei, some riding in a trash truck bearing a black pirate flag on a front fender and a white banner with "Manzanar Black Dragon Association" in Japanese on the other fender.

They went from block to block telling Issei parents not to allow their children to work on the camouflage net project, otherwise they would face dire consequences. My wife Elaine was hit with rocks, thrown by some

youngsters egged on by a Dragon leader, as she worked at the net factory.

On June 5, 1942, the Dragon truck driver tried to run over Tokio Slocum (Tokutaro Nishimura) and me, destroying the steps on which we sat. On Aug. 23, 14 Kibei, many of them Dragon members, invaded our 20' x 20' "apartment," threatening that I would be the first executed by the "victorious Japanese Army!" They kept shouting in Japanese for half an hour, scaring my wife and three-year-old son Tommy.

I enlisted in the MIS Nov. 28, 1942. The night before our departure for Minnesota on Dec. 2, a group of loiterers appeared outside our barrack. James Oda and I, with an iron bar and baseball bat, went after the ruffians, calling to them as they ran away, "Come back and fight, you cowards!"

Under these circumstances, what was wrong in reporting these pro-fascist hoodlums to the authorities?

As to the Communist Party not speaking out against the evacuation order, this is described in *Ganbatte*—as is the fact that the Communist Party USA has publicly admitted its grave error in publications and conventions, pledging to eradicate all facets of racism.

I was called a "Korean dog" and "FBI spy" many times while in Manzanar. Now a Peter Suzuki labels my WW2 comrades and

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Asian Groom Catalog

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob
Shimabukuro



Periodically, I spend some time thinking about what I want to do for the rest of my life, with one of the primary thoughts being that whatever I do, I have to make some money for a change—teenage daughters, I find, are very expensive.

Recently, while going through another one of those periods, I ran across another article about the Asian bride catalogs, and as I was beginning to get outraged once again, it suddenly dawned upon me, "Why Bob, there's your ticket!"

I could start a service whose time had come—the Asian groom catalog. All the Asian men could send their pictures with a little short bio, and a little statement saying why they thought they'd make good husbands.

The women would pay \$3 for the catalog, and \$350 for the name and address of some man they thought sounded interesting. What happened after that point would not be my responsibility. The only service I would provide would be the catalog,

and the names and addresses after receiving the \$350.

Think about it, all you single women. Having trouble finding the "right" man? Try an Asian man. They know how to make a woman feel like a woman. A veritable cottage industry designed to make at least six figures.

Think it would work? I posed the question to a few friends. Asian female responses: "\$350 for a set-up with an Asian man? Forget it." "It would be a great service—a whole catalog of Asian beefcake. I'd pay for the catalog. Don't know about the set-up fee, though." "Will the men in your catalog be trained to pick up my socks and give me backrubs when I'm tired?" "Will the guy's income be included in the bio?"

Asian male responses: "You'd go broke in no time." "Fat chance, that'll be the day when women want an Asian male." Sometimes, I have to conclude, we have a terrible self-image. But I did get one response, "Sure, any time, just give me a call, I'll send a picture and a blurb about myself." Thank goodness. At least one person would contribute his photo.

So the real question—Any women out there willing to pay \$3 for a catalog of one potential Asian groom?

A last note, for a \$10,000 donation to the typesetter/equipment fund, I'll send you my address and phone number.

AGING

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The seasoned advocate cited some examples, such as the budget issue with Congress and a group called Save Our Security. The group of retirees attempted to bring to the attention of congressmen the need to increase revenues to Social Security and cut back on defense spending.

They were successful by a mass-mail effort to Congress by all of their members and showed the representatives that the grassroots definitely had strong feelings about how budget cuts could affect their lives.

When Flemming arrived at the workshop, he had just flown in from testifying in Washington, D.C. on behalf of H.R. 442. An avid supporter of redress from the very beginning of the movement, he offered a new and direct approach to the largely Nisei audience. He put responsibility for the passage of H.R. 442 heavily on the Nisei, particularly the older or retired ones.

Making the System Work

"Those of us who are older and believe in the Commission recommendations can help and work within the system to make

sure it will have a victory," he declared.

"I'm convinced we can do it. But we have to work on it to make sure it will get the attention it deserves."

He said that the work people put in on redress will offer "an opportunity to hand down to our children, the heritage of our nation having confronted it [the evacuation and detention] and at long last did something about it. In addition, it's a tremendous opportunity to become involved. And it will give us the psychic compensation that we so desperately want and need."

After a standing ovation, Aging and Retirement Committee member Louise Kamikawa presented Flemming with a samurai doll, hand-made by Lily Okura, to personify strength and endurance which he so ably has demonstrated in his support for redress and other Japanese American issues.

The rest of the workshop continued with presentations about Asian Americans and their growing numbers of older persons, sheltered workshops like the one run by Japanese American Service Committee in Chicago, and the question of Sansei addressing (or not addressing) care for their aging parents.

Volunteers for Justice

FROM THE
FRYING PAN

Bill
Hosokawa



Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui are names that belong in any history of Japanese Americans. They, for their various reasons, chose to defy the United States government's discriminatory curfew and evacuation orders in 1942.

Hirabayashi and Yasui told government agents of their intent to test the legality of the orders, invited arrest, and went to prison. Korematsu went into hiding and eventually was apprehended and put in the camp he had tried to evade. The United States Supreme Court found them guilty and thereby placed the stamp of approval on what even then were seen to be gross assaults on the Constitution.

Over the decades, overturning the Supreme Court's decisions, made in the heat of a wartime situation, seemed to be the most important item—bar none—remaining on the agenda before the sorry Evacuation episode could be closed. There was little precedent for getting the Supreme Court to change its collective

mind and prospects for review and reversal were dim.

Then Prof. Peter Irons discovered apparent suppression of pertinent evidence by the government in the Supreme Court hearings, an illegal action that may have had an important bearing on the Court's faulty judgment. There now appeared the possibility of reopening the cases by a rare device known as *writ of error coram nobis*. It was worth a try, but it would be a long and costly process. Irons asked the three principals whether they wished to pursue a legal remedy. They did indeed.

What was needed at this point was a team of dedicated attorneys who could undertake the appeal. And here I hesitate to name names because I do not have all the facts and, unintentionally, might fail to credit all of the deserving. Let me say only that most of the volunteers were young (Arthur Barnett, who represented Hirabayashi in 1942-43 also joined the team), that they were from various ethnic groups, and they were moved by a remarkable dedication to seeing justice done.

I think it is safe, however, to say that Irons found a staunch supporter in Kathryn Bannai, a Sansei attorney in Seattle. She set about assembling a Seattle team to work on Hirabayashi's case. About the same time another team was being organized in the San Francisco Bay area, on

behalf of Korematsu, and some Oregon attorneys became involved in Yasui's appeal. Bannai helped coordinate their collective efforts.

Some of Bannai's friends recall that she told the attorneys on her team they might have to contribute maybe five hours of work a week. As it turned out, at various times Bannai and some of the others were putting in 40 to 70 hours a week. And seeing how hard Bannai was working in spite of a recent marriage and opening her own law practice, the others pitched in.

I know some attorneys who routinely charge \$100 to \$125 an hour for office time, much more for courtroom appearances, and who bill clients even for 3-minute telephone conversations. It's hard to imagine the value of the time contributed by the *coram nobis* lawyers. They have achieved a large measure of success, too complex to delineate here, but the work isn't over.

Currently, a dozen lawyers headed by Rod Kawakami, who took over as lead attorney when Bannai had a baby, are meeting once a week to prepare briefs to be submitted in the Hirabayashi case to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals by Aug. 31 in one more tortuous step that may lead to the Supreme Court itself.

A few weeks ago, the National JACL Convention in Chicago voted a certificate of recognition for the legal teams. That was a nice gesture, but so distressingly inadequate. What we owe those attorneys is a debt of gratitude beyond measure or recompense.

Here's What We're Doing

PRESIDENT'S
CORNER

Harry
Kajihara



What do newly elected National JACL presidents experience and do at the beginning of their terms? I suspected what they did, but now I am finding out. The experience? Wonderful!

Many (about 20, to be exact) have written or telephoned. "Congratulations, I heard (or read) you've been elected to the JACL presidency. You certainly took on a big job! You'll be very busy for the next two years. I know you'll do a good job," they say.

"Thank you! I'm looking forward to the job," I say.

I appreciate the calls and letters. Thank you to all who contacted me. So what are your newly elected National officers, including me, doing?

Committee Chairs

There are approximately 35 committee chair positions to fill. The vitality of a specific committee depends a great deal on the chair. Chairs volunteer their service through total dedication and concern for the organization. They know they are making a time and energy commitment.

JACL never falls short of chairs. That says something about JACLers. Currently, all the elected officers are seeking potential chairs for committees under their purview. The district governors have been requested to submit names of potential chairs. I wish to have all districts represented in chair positions. The deadline for firming committee chairs is Sept. 15.

Program for Action

The National JACL Constitution (Article 7, Section 2) calls for the National Council to adopt a program for action. This idea was conceived and put into the Constitution to give a direction for the organization to pursue through the biennium. Some actions may span multiple bienniums.

At the recent National Convention, Dave Okimoto of Seattle Chapter recommended that specific goals, tied to the National Council-adopted Plan for Action, be developed and that ensuing efforts and progress be reported to the constituent JACLers.

I have asked National Board members to develop specific goals which fall under their cognizance and forward them to VP of Planning & Development Bill Marutani. The end product will be a consolidated document containing specific goals with milestones and target dates for accomplishment. VP Marutani will keep JACLers informed on the Plan of Action developments.

Chapter Redress Pledge

Action by the previous administration "fences in" the first \$60,000 of the 4th year (Oct. 1, 1985 to Sept. 30, 1986) chapter redress pledge for repayment of the loan from the Endowment Fund incurred by the JACL redress operation. The \$60,000 is due Sept. 30.

A report in the Aug 8 PC indicates that \$40,340 has been received during the calendar year 1986 (up to June 1986). If all chapters submit their 4th year pledge, approximately \$135,000 would be received by the JACL treasury. This would cover the \$60,000 loan and the \$75,000 advance to LEC.

So chapters, please make your best effort to submit your 4th year chapter redress pledge. Thank you!

Let's Show Some Respect to Staff

by Yosh Nakashima
VP of General Operations

This article is particularly difficult to write, since it deals with what might be rather than just what is. We will try to give some assessment of what could occur, which is dependent upon a number of other factors which come into play.

Now that you are thoroughly confused, we can state that which is certain and that which is in progress. The positions of program director, business manager and receptionist are open and applications for these positions will be accepted until the end of August. Qualified applicants are few and far between, but we are hopeful that some will come our way.

If the budget allows, another clerk/typist, with computer proficiency, would be welcome. As stated at the Chicago convention, we need to increase our computer equipment and use as quickly as possible. Budget limitation is our biggest obstacle at present.

Further staff attrition and turnover is possible at both national and regional offices, depending upon circumstance. The situation with the Pacific Citizen can be critical and volatile depending on how recent changes are handled and whether those changes are sensitively managed with regard to job delegation and job concerns by remaining staffpersons.

Within JACL, we have been fortunate that there has been little significant controversy with personnel matters to date. We are concerned that the same sensitivity and quiet disposition of personnel matters will prevail in

the next biennium as our fiscal crunch becomes more acute.

There are those who show biased attitudes about staffing based on perception and false information rather than true facts. We cannot continue to tolerate abusive and insensitive behavior by certain volunteers as to their treatment and communication with staffpersons. There is no open season on staff without factual evidence.

There are those who feel a need to be regularly informed about a variety of efforts and accomplishments by the many staffpersons of JACL. That need to be informed is valid, but the vehicle to inform is unclear at present.

Chapter presidents are regularly informed about a variety of things, but we have no control about what happens beyond that first contact.

Using the Pacific Citizen is the most efficient and cost-effective, but with the limited amount of space and pages available, other priority news items should prevail. The fine tuning and use of PC for JACL news requires a lot of experience and good judgment by the editor.

Communication, "an interchange of thoughts and opinions by words, letters, and messages," is one of the more difficult processes within JACL. We constantly talk about it but come up short in individual implementation. There are too many undeclared agendas and too many situations in which we cannot openly discuss issues due to personal considerations and/or embarrassment to JACL.

Leadership at every level must communicate responsibly and in a timely fashion. Issues and specific concerns must be dealt with directly between the parties involved.

Perhaps if we publish a general job description for volunteer leaders as well as for all staff positions, that might lead to better understanding and communica-

tion enhancement for all.

Our dedicated staff needs our support, cooperation and appreciation. Please be sensitive to every aspect of the relationship between and among all those who work for JACL, staff and volunteers.

Convention Aftermath

by Henry Sakai
Past PC Board Chair

As the person overseeing the Pacific Citizen finances the past four years, I find the decision of the past National Board very frustrating. The PC Board wanted to raise subscription rates to members to \$12/year for 1987-88, based on data indicating that it would cost at least \$12/year to provide a PC subscription to JACLers.

PC justified the increase on the basis of a 40% increase in postal rates in 1985. In addition, we are constantly striving to improve the newspaper as well as to increase the number of pages to 12 or 16 from its present eight.

The National Board wanted a \$2 increase in National dues also, so that would mean a total increase of \$4. Obviously they felt it would be difficult to pass, so they decided on holding the increase to \$2 total, \$1 each for PC and National.

Since PC went independent at the 1982 convention, it has to hold membership subscriptions as low as possible (at cost), but it should not have to subsidize National because of their shortcomings.

I've always said the problem with National is that they never communicate what they are doing to the membership through PC. As a result, when convention time comes it is difficult to ask for a dues increase, since most members wonder what National is doing with this money.

PC typesetting/equipment fund, please do so now—it will pay off in a better PC. Hopefully, in two or three years, PC will be in good shape financially, but right now we are still growing and need your help.

I said this in 1982 and told Kajihara again before the convention: I think the best way to raise the base money for LEC/Redress is to go on a national pledge drive. If JACL can't get 3,000 members who are willing to pledge an average of \$100 a year, redress is in trouble. This could be the funding base; together with non-JACL contributions and other fund drives (dinners, contests, etc.) LEC should be able to reach the \$400,000- to \$500,000-a-year goal.

As Kajihara said, all of us need to get involved and help LEC Director Grayce Uyehara in her effort to push redress lobbying. I've always known Grayce as a hard worker and she is certainly keeping the membership informed.

Don't forget to send in your tax-deductible contribution to the PC Typesetter Fund—Harry Honda and the staff really appreciate your help. We thank you in advance.

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As of Aug. 18, 1986: \$35,383.02 (838)
This week's total: \$ 80.00 (3)
Last week's total: \$35,303.02 (835)

\$25 from: Marian Nagano, Sam Nakano.

\$30 from: Michi Weglyn.

Thank You!

LETTERS

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me as "informers." I take great pride in helping to defeat the fascist Axis. Name-calling will not deter my beliefs.

KARL YONEDA
San Francisco

SEABROOK

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holders named her and husband Charles as Outstanding Citizens of Cumberland County.

Chapter Officers

Newly elected chapter president Misono Miller took up the reins from outgoing president Gregory Ono, who had served an unprecedented three consecutive terms. Also installed were Sunako (Sunkie) Oye, 1st VP; Le-

nore Wurtzel, 2nd VP; Ray Ono, treasurer; Carol Nagao, recording secretary; Irene Kaneshiki, corresponding secretary; C. Scott Nagao, official delegate; Charles Nagao, alternate delegate; Peggy Fukawa, historian; and Gregory Ono, ex officio.

Jill Otani received the Mary C. Nagao Scholarship, which was started this year. Other high school graduates who received chapter scholarships were Alan Minato and Joseph Morita.

Other graduates honored were Todd Fujimoto and Timothy Mo-

rita (8th grade), Allan Caulk (high school), Robert Minato, David Mukoda, Christopher Otani, Jeffrey Wakai, Mark Wakai, David Yamasaki, and Keith Yokoyama (universities and colleges), and Dwayne Sonny Gannon Yamasaki (graduate school).

The National JACL Silver Pin was presented to Carol Nagao. Eastern District Council Governor Mike Suzuki gave a speech on differences of self-image between the older Nisei and the younger Sansei and Yonsei. Entertainment was provided by the Seabrook Minyo Club.

Upper Deerfield Township Mayor Carl Kirstein extended greetings and announced donations of the book *This Place Called Home* to several libraries. The book contains a chapter on the Japanese Americans who settled in Upper Deerfield Township, especially in Seabrook. The author, Alan Palmer, dedicated the chapter to Mary Nagao, his friend and an important source of information and materials.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Vernon Ichisaka, the chapter's first president in 1946, who died in October 1985.

Chapter Pulse

Honolulu

HONOLULU—Honolulu JACL holds its annual scholarship luncheon Sept. 13, noon, at Flamingo Chuckwagon. In addition to scholarship presentations, the chapter will sponsor a forum featuring congressional candidates Neil Abercrombie, Mufi Hannemann, and Pat Saiki, all of whom are chapter members. They will speak on redress and other issues. Cost: \$7.50. Info: Larry Kumabe, 396-8505, or Lillian Takeshita, 395-6246.

Fresno

FRESNO, Calif.—Fresno Chapter JACL has dropped American Loyalty League (ALL) from its name.

Established in 1923, ALL was the first JACL chapter. The name change was suggested by Sansei members who felt that ALL no longer accurately identified the chapter as an organization devoted to the civil rights of all people, regardless of ethnic background.

Ventura County

OXNARD, Calif.—Ventura County JACL Singles, a mostly Sansei and Yonsei group, is planning a hike in the Santa Monica mountains Sept. 21. Meet at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa at 9 a.m. for a 4.5-mile hike, followed by picnic lunch. Info: Sue Ann, (805) 488-5479, or Guy, (805) 985-7896.

Contra Costa

EL CERRITO, Calif.—A family barbecue for JACL members will be held Sept. 14, 5-8 p.m., at El Cerrito Community Center. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 Issei and children. Deadline for reservations: Sept. 5. Send checks payable to Contra Costa JACL to Esther Takeuchi, 3008 Phillips Court, Richmond, CA 94806. Info: (415) 223-2258.

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U.S., Latin American Nikkei athletes 'go for the gold' in Mexico sportsfest

by Harry Honda

MEXICO CITY — The participation of easy-going Americans added the missing ingredients to make the 11th International Nikkei Sports Festival, held Aug. 7-9, the most exciting affair in two decades, hosts and officials of the meet declared.

Brazil, with its Nikkei population of nearly 700,000 in São Paulo as a source of talent, went home with most of the trophies and medals in the five categories: track & field, judo, table tennis, swimming and tennis.

The program attracted over 300 athletes, coaches, trainers, delegates and parents from five countries: Argentina, Brazil, Peru, the U.S., and Mexico.

Rick Noji, high jump sensation at the Univ. of Washington, broke his personal and International Nikkei Sports Festival records with a 75" leap on Aug. 9.

He also broadjumped 7.11m (breaking a 1977 record of 7.08m), won the triple jump with a 14.35m leap and ran a leg on the U.S. 4x100m relay team, which placed third.

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Japan Omote Tour Oct 3-20

Tour #1: Tokyo, Nikko Excursion, Kamakura, Hakone, Atami, Nagoya, Toba, Kashikojima, Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima (11 days). Land tour: ¥251,000 (dbl occ), plus airfare. Tour escort: Steve Yagi.

Kyushu Extension: Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Beppu, Mt. Aso, Kumamoto, Amakusa, Unzen, Nagasaki, Fukuoka, Osaka, Tokyo. Land tour: ¥171,000 (dbl occ). Tour escort: Steve Yagi.

Tohoku Fall Foliage Oct 18-Nov 1

Visit Tokyo, Asamushi Spa, Lake Towada, Ohdate, Lake Tazawa, Tamagawa Spa, Hachimantai, Morioka, Hiraizumi, Sendai, Matsushima Excursion, Togata, Zao, Yamagata, Yonezawa, Iizuka Spa, Bandai Plateau, Higashiyama Spa, Koriyama, Utsunomiya, Nikko, Tokyo. Land tour: ¥360,000 (dbl occ), plus airfare. Tour escort: Toy Kanegai.

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NIKKEI SPORTS

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In other individual honors, speedster Ana Mizoguchi of Brazil took home two gold medals and a silver after setting a new record of 24.6s in the 200m, winning the 400m with a 59s time, and finishing second to Rosa Kikutu in the 800m. Kikutu beat Mizoguchi by .4s, with a time of 2'33.3".

In the men's competition, 30-year-old Katsuhiko Nakaya, also from Brazil, broke two records, running the 100m in 10.1s and the 200m in 20.8s. Nakaya and Mizoguchi earned, respectively, the men's and women's Best Foreign Athlete honors.

"Iron Horse" Allen Just of Orange County in California won three gold medals, finishing first in the 800-, 1500-, and 5000-meter runs.

The swimming competition was dominated by Brazil, which won all the gold medals at the CEDOM Olympic pool, a workout pool for the 1968 Olympic Games and now a recreation/museum complex with a quarter-mile track and gymnastics facility.

The sports festival, which added swimming and tennis to its schedule this year, continues to expand as delegates, team managers and coaches plan to field teams in soccer and girls' softball as well as open track & field for seniors—a recommendation by Carrie Okamura, Pacific South-

west Nisei Relays coordinator and Orange County JACL president.

Officials of the Japanese Mexican Assn. and the sports festival organizers gratefully recognized the U.S. Nikkei participation at the opening and closing ceremonies, pointing out how long the wait has been to meet with their American competitors. "Certainly, America's pres-

ence made all the difference in the world," meet coordinator Manul Murakami of Mexico City declared at the Sayonara ceremonies.

Carlos Kasuga, president of Pan-American Nikkei Assn. said, "Mexico was most grateful in hosting this tremendous and memorable international first."

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● Pacific Escape Hi-Lites (New Zealand/Australia) 15 days	\$2,704	
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Stanley Diamond, chair of California English Campaign, has denied having any intention of doing away with court interpreting, emergency operators and other services that use languages other than English, calling such accusations "unconscionable lies, knowingly done."

Opponents counter that the vagueness of the initiative's wording invites action by those who oppose bilingual services. The measure directs state officials to "take all steps necessary to insure that the role of English as the common language... is preserved and enhanced" and to "make no law which diminishes or ignores the role of English as the common language."

Although the text of the measure states that the new law is "not to supercede any of the rights guaranteed to the people by this [state] Constitution," that would not preclude an assault on bilingual services, according to J.M. Lawson, president of Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Los Angeles.

Bilingual education, for example, "is not as such a direct right of either the U.S. Constitution or the state constitution," he said. "It is a derivative right, because the boards of education have recognized the need to educate the children... In order to make those derivative rights prevail, the state will have to be sued, the constitution will have to be challenged again, and that will be another long legal process."

Because the measure also states that any California resident who feels the law is not being enforced "shall have standing to sue the State," opponents

foresee a series of lawsuits, many of them frivolous.

The initiative can also be widely misinterpreted, said Wong. She cited an incident in the city of Fillmore, which had passed an "Official English" ordinance, in which a restaurant employee told Hispanic customers they could not converse in Spanish.

"Before we change the constitution, we need to look at those changes, because they cannot be reversed easily," warned Alan Clayton of League of United Latin American Citizens.

George Ogawa of South Bay JACL, noting that National JACL had passed a resolution against making English the official language of the U.S., said a resolution urging Pacific Southwest District JACL to specifically oppose Proposition 63 would be introduced at the Aug. 24 District Council meeting.

At the Bay Area press conference, Father Jack Ryan of the Archdiocese of San Francisco declared that Proposition 63 "would divide the state along racial and ethnic lines, promoting resentment instead of understanding between neighboring communities."

"Promoters of the initiative have publicly stated that they object to multilingual advertising by companies like McDonalds,"



Speakers at Los Angeles press conference given by coalition opposing "Official English" initiative included (from left) Rosa Martinez, ACLU of So. Calif.; Irvin Lai, Chinese American Citizens Alliance; Linda Wong, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDEF); and Alan Clayton, League of United Latin American Citizens.

said Sonya Malara of Direct Language Publishing. "I resent their high-handed attempt to control how the private sector chooses to conduct business."

Also speaking were Ed Chen of ACLU of No. Calif., Diana Campoamor of MALDEF, and Timothy Twohey of Service Employees International Union. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi also attended.

A group of Democratic legislators spoke out against the ini-

tiative in Sacramento. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown said, "This measure is a step backwards and I hope the voters will reflect on that."

State Sen. Art Torres said he would support a bill providing \$1.1 million to deal with illiteracy and poor English skills in California. Also lending their support to the alternate proposal and opposing Proposition 63 were State Sens. Herschel Rosenthal and Diane Watson and As-

semblywoman Gloria Molina.

Spokespersons at the San Diego press conference were Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego JACL; Irma Castro, executive director of Chicano Foundation; Gregory Knoll, director of Legal Aid Society of San Diego; Shoon Lio and Yosh Kawahara of Pacific Asians for the Rainbow; David Valladolid of National Day of Justice Committee of San Diego; and Linda Hills of ACLU of San Diego.

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