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Senate Sponsors of Redress Bill Surpass Halfway Mark

WASHINGTON — With more than half of the senators signed on as co-sponsors, the Senate redress bill is expected to be introduced by Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) shortly, JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara announced March 17.

The addition of William Armstrong (R-Colo.), George Mitchell (D-Maine), Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), John Glenn (D-Ohio), Robert Packwood (R-Ore.), Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), and Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) brings the number of co-sponsors to 55 (37 Democrats, 18 Republicans).

Glenn is chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, to which the bill will be assigned after it is introduced.

The previous Senate redress bill had only 29 co-sponsors when Congress adjourned last year.



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto

Sen. Pete Wilson (second from left) was joined at his Little Tokyo press conference by (from left) Pacific Southwest District JACL governor Ken Inouye, National JACL president Harry Kajihara, and National Coalition for Redress/Reparations spokesperson Bert Nakano.

First-Time Sponsor

Bill Needed to Redress JAs, Wilson Says

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Calling the wartime internment of Japanese Americans "a terrible injustice," Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) gave his reasons for supporting redress legislation during a March 16 press conference.

Reporters and community representatives gathered at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to hear Wilson, who last month became a co-sponsor of the bill which Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) is expected to introduce this month.

Innocent People Interned

Wilson attributed the internment to "a fear that was based on racial and ethnic grounds, without any probative evidence indicating that the innocent people that were interned constituted a threat to the safety of the United States."

"Those freedoms, those guarantees that we so often take for granted, lapsed," he continued. "And instead very good Americans of Japanese ancestry wound up spending the years from 1942 to 1945 in internment camps. They did suffer privation, not only the loss of their liberty but the loss of their property. This legislation is aimed at attempting to redress that very serious grievance."

While the redress would be 45 years late, Wilson said, "it is particularly appropriate that it should occur in this year when we are going to undertake celebration of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, because fundamentally this legislation... seeks to observe the lapse of the kind of constitutional protection that should have been, but was not, extended to protect the rights of Japanese Americans."

442nd RCT's Record

He also noted that "America's most highly decorated combat soldiers were the members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who were the sons, ironically, of parents interned at Manzanar and at other places."

Those soldiers—among them his fellow senators Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii)—had "a belief that this country was capable of the kind of justice that we hope to bring about with this legislation," Wilson stated.

These statements marked a change in position for Wilson, who did not support redress bills introduced during the two previous sessions of Congress.

When asked why he changed his mind, he replied, "I've gotten individual letters, very thoughtful letters that were persuasive to me. But what really did it was listening to the arguments, which I think are all on the side of doing it."

The previous bill "obviously was not going to move," but conditions in Congress are now more

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'Sim' Togasaki, Nat'l JACL's First Treasurer, Dead at 86

by Harry Honda

SAN FRANCISCO — Susumu "Sim" Togasaki, 86, one of the founders of JACL, died March 10 at a nursing home where he was on the mend following repair of a broken hip. His family indicated he had developed pneumonia and may also have suffered a slight stroke.

Funeral services were held March 14 at Christ United Presbyterian Church.

After graduating from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., in 1927, Togasaki returned to San Francisco and joined the family import business, Mutual Supply Co., which his father had started in 1908 as a cooperative assisting other Issei businesses.

Nucleus of Leaders

He was part of a small nucleus of Nisei leaders now remembered as founders of National JACL: Saburo Kido, Tamotsu Murayama, Henry Takahashi, Tom Yatabe and Walter Tsukamoto.

Togasaki was present at an August 1928 conference in San Francisco which was also attended by two Seattle Nisei leaders, Clarence Arai and George Ishihara. At this historic meeting, the name of Japanese American Citizens



Sim Togasaki in 1947

League was picked for the new Nisei civic group, which would host its first national convention the following year in Seattle.

Togasaki was elected as the first JACL national treasurer at the 1932 convention and was re-elected for two more bienniums, "when finances were a pressing and persistent problem," as Bill Hosokawa recalls in his book *Nisei: The Quiet Americans*.

During the 1938 convention, it was Togasaki who had the chair out Intermountain representative Mike Masaoka from the floor

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Hearing on House Redress Bill Scheduled for April 2

WASHINGTON — A hearing on redress bill H.R. 442 has been set for April 2 by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations. The hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Room 2337 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Focus on Proposed Remedies

According to LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, the scope of the hearing will be limited to the proposed remedies because of Frank's belief that most people are aware of the facts surrounding the wartime exclusion and internment of Japanese Americans. Questions will deal with implementation of payments to former internees. Frank had stated that he intended to hold a hearing on the bill prior to the congressional spring break (April 11-20).

"Redress is an issue of fundamental justice and basic constitutional rights," said Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) "This hearing by the Judiciary subcommittee is the first step in affirming that message in Congress so that we can close a sad chapter in American history."

Bicentennial of Constitution

"I am delighted to see such progress for H.R. 442 so early in the 100th Congress," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.). "I remain confident that we can celebrate the Constitution's bicentennial by reaffirming the rights which were so tragically violated in the evacuation and internment."

In a related development, Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), chairman of the subcommittee during the previous session of Congress, has become a co-sponsor of H.R. 442. The bill now has a total of 134 co-sponsors. This figure includes Rep. Sala Burton (D-Calif.), who died in February.

Asian Admissions Task Force Meets With UC President

by J.K. Yamamoto

BERKELEY, Calif. — Members of the Asian American Task Force on University Admissions met with University of California President David Gardner on March 11 to discuss admissions of Asians at UC campuses.

At issue was a Dec. 21 article in the San Diego Union which quoted Gardner as saying that Asians are overrepresented in the UC system and that a "racial imbalance" existed as a result. Task force members felt that the remarks exemplified the attitude of UC Berkeley, which they accuse of altering admissions requirements in order to stem the increase of Asian students.

In his opening statement to Gardner, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ken Kawaichi,

task force co-chair, said, "The University of California and you, as its leader, have a unique opportunity to lead the educators of the state and nation in developing a fair and equitable policy toward Asian American applicants and in integrating Asian Americans into the structure of higher education at all levels."

Task force member Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, said that Gardner denied using the phrase "overrepresentation of Asians" but acknowledged talking about underrepresentation of other minority groups.

"We stated that the university was misinterpreting [state law] ACR 58," recalled Der. The law does "move the University of California to take seriously recruit-

ment and admission of Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans," he said, "but in no way does ACR 58 place a limit or ceiling on any racial or ethnic group."

Redirection of Students

The task force was worried that Asian applicants to UCLA and UC Berkeley are being redirected to other campuses in disproportionate numbers, reported task force member and JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, but Gardner's only concern was that "every UC-eligible student would be accommodated within the [UC] system," even if the assigned campus is not the student's first choice.

Until recently, said Wakabayashi, students gained admission through academic merit alone or

through affirmative action and other special admissions programs. "Just on merit, Asian percentages in admissions would be quite substantial," he stated.

But in recent years, UC and other schools have introduced "a middle tier which is a combination of subjective criteria and academic merit," he said, and the task force thinks that those subjective criteria, such as essay-writing ability or extracurricular activities, subtly discriminate against Asians.

The task force made the following recommendations:

- Systemwide representation of Asians on admissions committees and advisory groups;
- A systemwide study group, including faculty, students and

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because he had no credentials—though he had been invited by Tsukamoto to speak on what was wrong with JACL at the time, one objection being the fact that membership was restricted to one ethnic group.

Kido and Togasaki pushed for a JACL publication in the early years, and when enough money was accumulated to ensure at least one year's worth of issues, the Nikkei Shimin, precursor to the Pacific Citizen, hit the streets on Oct. 15, 1929. Togasaki was business manager then.

As PC Board chair in 1950-52, Togasaki, along with Kido, successfully sought to make the PC self-sustaining by moving it from its wartime haven in Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, rather than returning it to San Francisco with National Headquarters, because

of the greater potential for advertising to support the publication.

Togasaki was named to other JACL committees where national funding was crucial, such as the JACL Endowment Fund Committee in 1952 and the JACL-Japanese American Research Project, whose purpose was to write the Issei-Nisei story, in 1960. At the time of his death, he was the ranking JACLer with national tenure.

He was a founding director of the Sumitomo Bank of California, which was established in 1952. He belonged to the San Francisco Commonwealth Club, famed for its public forums.

The unheralded side of Togasaki was his work in the Church of the Brethren. His family had been befriended by the Brethren Service in Chicago after leaving

the Poston camp in 1943. He was elected deacon of his Oakland church and served as moderator, conference delegate and board member of the church-related LaVerne College.

In a 1961 church publication, Togasaki was highlighted as the "Most Unlikely Dunker." (Brethren are sometimes called Dunkers, especially in Pennsylvania Dutch country.)

Togasaki's mother, Shige Kushida, came from an active Christian family. Her mother studied at the international headquarters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Evanston, Ill., in 1886, and later founded the movement in Japan.

Togasaki's father, Kikumatsu, who was 94 at the time of his death in 1961 in Tokyo, was a pioneer Issei businessman in San Francisco. He came to the U.S. in 1887 after receiving a law degree in Japan. He led a vigorous protest against the San Francisco Board of Education when his first two children, George and Kazue, were sent to segregated public schools for Japanese, Chinese and Korean children in 1906. It took the intervention of President Theodore Roosevelt to close the issue.

Sim Togasaki is survived by his wife Yoshiko, sons Akira, Stephen and David, and daughters Moto-ko Grabowski and Carolyn Claybaugh.

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Politicians Speak in Support of Redress at Bay Area Event

by Mark J. Jue
SAN FRANCISCO—“1987: Time to Right a Wrong,” the theme of the Day of Remembrance ceremonies on Feb. 21, echoed the mood of its participants—that remembering is not enough.

“Forty-five years ago, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066,” said emcee Mollie Fujioka, JACL's Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District governor. “Many have called this the most flagrant violation of civil rights. To remember the camp experience is not enough. This is the time to organize and act so it won't happen to another group of people.”

She added that because this year is the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, she was

hopeful that survivors of the camps would be compensated in 1987.

Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), a co-sponsor of redress bill H.R. 442, was the featured speaker.

“Remembering can sometimes be a devastating experience,” she told the gathering at Christ United Presbyterian Church, “but it's important for our psychological benefit. We must express our anger and grief. Put the past behind us and work toward a world that won't allow concentration camps for anyone.

“I am ashamed of what this country did in 1942. It's time to apologize. The provisions should include compensation for the victims of the camps.”

Boxer declared that the recommended \$20,000 per individual was not enough and called it “an insult.”

“How can you measure in dollars ripping apart a family? How can you measure putting elderly Japanese Americans in camp and seeing their culture trampled on? You really can't, but we must make the gesture,” she said.

Boxer, whose 6th District includes parts of San Francisco and Marin County, said that she believed H.R. 442's chances of passing in the 100th Congress would be much better than in the last Congress.

“What we're doing in terms of redress is so important for the country... Let me assure you that I'll be there with you until we get this bill passed,” she promised.

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Doris Ward commented, "With the possible exception of the enslavement of Black people, the incarceration of Japanese Americans represents the country's darkest aspects of racism. It's ironic that the United States was at war with the most racist country ever—Nazi Germany—and at the same time committing racist atrocities and continued oppression against Asians, Blacks, and other dark-skinned people."

Ward is one of six candidates vying for the congressional seat of the late Sala Burton, another co-sponsor of H.R. 442. A special election will be held in April.

When asked if she would continue to support the bill if elected, Ward told the Pacific Citizen, "I would not only support it, but probably lead the redress movement. I feel it's important and I

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community members, to address admissions problems;

- Correction of "the conspicuous lack of Asians in administrative positions in both the system-wide administration and all UC campuses";

- Ongoing dialogue with the Asian American community to prevent future misunderstandings, with emphasis on "adequate lead time" in the event of "any substantial change" in admissions requirements.

"We met for about 1½ hours," reported Wakabayashi. "He's going to get back to us in late spring."

"He pointed out that what we're asking... is something that may not be well received by individual campuses" because of the "decentralized" nature of UC admissions, according to Der.

Other task force members present included San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing and UC Berkeley professors Ling-chi Wang, Ron Takaki, Amado Cabezas and Elaine Kim.

Gardner's office did not comment on the meeting.

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feel close to the issue as a Black victim of injustice."

Stephanie Miyashiro of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations warned, "Even now, Navajo and Hopi Indians are facing forced relocation from their homes. Iranians and Arabs are being threatened with internment for conflicts in the Middle East, and Asians have been and continue to be the targets of racial violence."

"Today, the Japanese American community is breathing life into the Constitution by exercising our fundamental rights to gain redress and reparations," she continued. "We've come a long way in the pursuit of redress. Today it's no longer an issue in our own community—it's now a national issue.... That's no small accomplishment. Who would've thought six years ago that we could come this far?"

Miyashiro urged the audience to support the redress movement by talking with friends and relatives, sending letters to Congress, talking to groups and clubs, get-

ting involved in local activities, and donating to JACL, NCRP and the *coram nobis* legal teams.

The program, sponsored by NCRP, also included a tribute to the late redress activist Minoru Yasui and Congresswoman Burton, an exhibit of camp artifacts by the National Japanese American Historical Society, and an elaborate ceremony in which 10 candles, each representing one of the camps, were lighted by representatives of various organizations supporting redress.

Deaths

Ernest T. Yamamoto, 72, a Seattle-born Nisei veteran of WW2 and owner of International Trading Company, a gift store in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo, died Jan. 28 at his Altadena home. He is survived by his wife Taka, son Robert Ken, and sisters Miyo Senzaki, Yoshiko Tamaki, Jane Tsuboi, Nobuko Tsuboi, and Hannah Tomita.

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favorable, he said. "Certain things take time... time to build a constituency... time to generate attention... I think that in this instance a critical mass has been reached."

Wilson acknowledged that the bill's \$1.5 billion appropriation would cause some "hesitation" in Congress. "I'm not going to say that I don't think a billion and a half dollars is a lot of money... but I will say that I think this is something that we can afford, and more to the point, that we are obliged to afford," he said.

In thanking Wilson, National JACL president Harry Kajihara said the senator's co-sponsorship

"is especially meaningful and critically important" because "other senators will certainly look to Sen. Wilson for guidance, opinions and information."

Wilson was also thanked by Bert Nakano of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. "Our community has worked very hard for 15 to 20 years, and I think it's finally coming to fruition," said Nakano.

When asked how many people would benefit from the bill, Wilson answered, "While there will be 60,000 potentially who will benefit from the actual payment of reparations, there will be about 240 million who will benefit. This is... a bill for all Americans."

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LEC UPDATE

Grayce Uyebara



The good news regarding the introduction of Sen. Spark Matsunaga's redress bill continues. As of March 17, Matsunaga and 54 of his colleagues had joined in support of this important legislation.

Organizations and individual redress supporters have been asked to follow up on the following senators: Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.), David Pryor (D-Ark.), Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), John Heinz (R-Pa.) and Paul Trible (R-Va.). All are members of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

It should be noted that co-sponsoring a bill does not mean a senator will vote for it when it eventually comes to the floor, so follow-up should continue with all members of Congress if redress legislation is to pass with all of its current provisions (especially the monetary provisions) intact.

On the House side, Rep. Bob Matsui announced that Dan Glickman of Kansas, who chaired the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations during the 99th Congress, has signed on as a co-sponsor. Since he continues as a member of the Judiciary Committee, he has an important vote on both the subcommittee and committee. He also chaired the one-day marathon hearing on H.R. 442 in April 1986, which makes him more knowledgeable about the redress issue.

N.Y. Fund-Raiser

The "Evening of Jazz" concert held Feb. 15 to a full house at the Universal Jazz Coalition Center of New York was worth all the aggravation of trying to get to East Village in Manhattan from the Kennedy Airport after a flight from San Francisco, where the JACL and LEC boards held separate and joint meetings.

It was relaxing and enjoyable to hear so much musical talent among the young people who created the exciting harmony of the evening. The rhythm of jazz and its musical development and progression is individualized by the players, but listeners can respond and participate without askance eyes checking the intrusion.

It was a fun evening to raise money, but obviously there was much hard work behind the effort. The New York Chapter members who planned the evening should be congratulated. We also

owe thanks to Cobi Narita for her generous support through the use of the center.

Boston Program

New England JACL, Asian American Resource Workshop and the Asian Council of the Rainbow Coalition sponsored a Day of Remembrance program Feb. 21 at Northeastern University. It was a great opportunity to meet the Asian American community of greater Boston.

Through music, poetry and audio-visual presentations, the events which followed the issuance of Executive Order 9066 were brought back to the consciousness of all who attended. The program was more than a Day of Remembrance, for the events ask for action from those who remember.

Rep. Barney Frank, current chair of the House subcommittee where H.R. 442 resides, told the audience that he plans to schedule a hearing this spring (April 2, we have just learned) so the bill can be marked up and presented to the full House this year.

Frank has been a strong supporter of redress from the start of JACL's effort to get the bills passed. To keep up with his agenda, we must commence immediately on expanding grassroots lobbying. Following Frank's presentation, I emphasized that more lobbying of congressional delegations must be done nationwide.

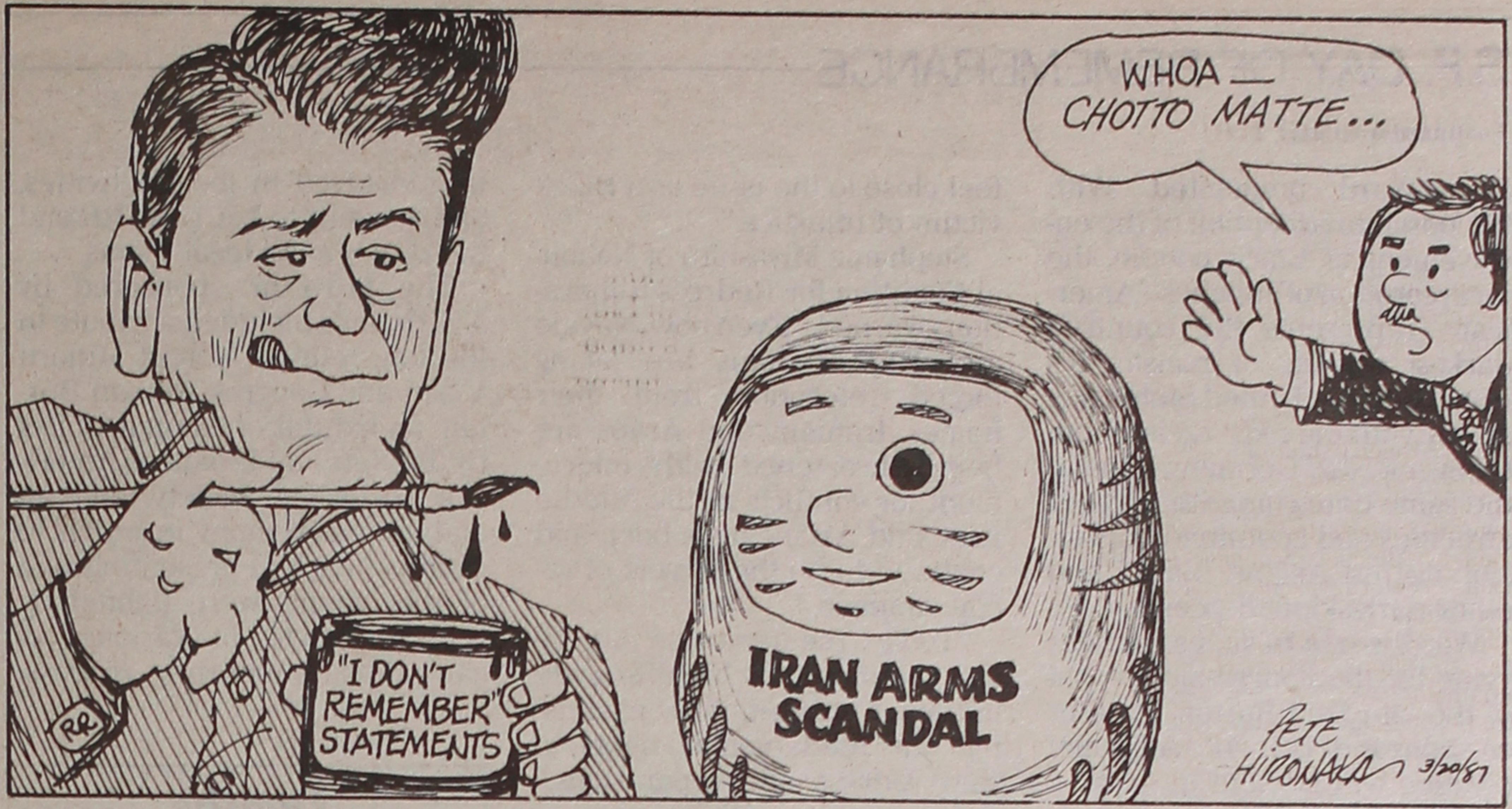
Gary Glenn, redress chair for the chapter and a recent addition to the LEC Board, closed the event with a letter-writing session. Over 60 letters were written to members of the Massachusetts delegation who have yet to co-sponsor H.R. 442.

Jack Ozawa Memorial

The family of Jack Ozawa, who died Nov. 8, has asked that memorial contributions be given to LEC to carry on redress work. Ozawa was president of the Philadelphia Chapter and also served as the chapter coordinator to cover New Jersey lobbying and fundraising. He spoke to groups on redress and was interviewed by area newspapers.

Chapter treasurer Sim Endo, who served as collection agent for the Ozawa family, gave LEC a check for \$4,315. LEC is most grateful to Jack's sisters and brothers, who made the decision that the memorial fund was for LEC: Marie Ozawa and Hamako Kawamura of Seattle; Dorothy Hirai of Kimberly, Idaho; Grace Michihira of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Roy Ozawa of Harbor City, Calif.; Harry Ozawa of Monterey Park, Calif.; and William Ozawa of Seattle. The family contributed \$1,000 to the fund.

LEC is most appreciative of the fund, for it recognizes the unfinished business of redress.



Finale Postponed

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



Well, it was a short vacation. The "Frying Pan" column is back. In the entertainment business, the phrase they use when they drag out a familiar old program is "by popular demand." On second thought, I don't think I should use that expression. Sounds too presumptuous.

On the other hand, I did hear from a few folks mourning the demise of the column—friends and strangers who get the PC in Washington, D.C., and Tokyo, evergreen Washington state and arid Arizona. And some way points. The Pacific Citizen office in Los Angeles got some reaction, too.

So, in a business in which two or three letters from the public is considered an impressive expression of opinion, the decision is to restore the column. On a regular basis.

To all of you, thanks for caring and saying so.

I don't have any delusions about this being a great column, brim-

ming with profound thoughts or deathless prose. I think, rather, that it's more like an old shoe, familiar, well-worn and comfortable. A generation of Japanese Americans have grown old together with the column and its conductor. We've grown to be friends and the readers are uneasy about that friendship ending. So we'll put that off for a while.

We'll pick up where we left off. Sometimes I'll write about trivial things that interest me. Once in a while I may get into politics, or comment about the unique role we Japanese Americans play in our native country, which hasn't quite become used to the idea that Americans aren't necessarily black or white. I'll write about the human experience that we all share.

Sometimes I might have something to say about the foibles that make us Japanese Americans what we are, and ask why, and perhaps come up with a few answers. Once in a while I'll try to provoke a smile, and as often I'll be serious. At all times I'll try to be interesting—not to everyone, unfortunately, but to a lot of readers. In other words, the column will continue to be what it was, which is what the readers seem to have missed.

At the same time, I think it is

important to remember that times and interests change. That is what the then-editor was telling me when she indicated the column was of marginal interest and should give way to more relevant material. In a way, she was right. There are new agendas to be addressed, and new writers to encourage. There's a lot of talent out there and I do not wish to be the fossil standing in the way of their recognition.

What my friends told me was that I wasn't necessarily a fossil. Pretty close, maybe, but not entirely. Perhaps they will change their minds when they see the new photo at the top of this column. Harry Honda, when he was editor lo these many years ago, found the old picture in the files and decided to use it. The picture didn't change, but I have. The new picture is the way I look today. Old. I can't help that. But there's one thing I can do, and that's to try to keep the ideas young.

Thanks for inviting me back into your homes again for a little while longer.

Since last week, PC received more letters of protest from Hashime Saito, Tucson, Ariz.; Jane Groat, Walla Walla, Wash.; Fred Oshima, Salinas, Calif.; and Jackson Eto, St. Louis. Also, Greater L.A. Singles JACL sent a petition signed by 56 members.

—Acting Editor

Finding the Funding

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry Kajihara



The third 1987-88 biennium National Board meeting was held at National Headquarters in San Francisco on Feb. 14 and 15. At the LEC Board meeting, executive director Grayce Uyebara reported that the Senate bill to be reintroduced by Sen. Spark Matsunaga had 42 senators signed on as co-sponsors (55 as of this issue).

One of the co-sponsors is Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.). Central California District governor Mae Takahashi indicated that Nisei Farmers League president Harry Kubo played a leading role in arranging for JACLers Fred Hirasuna and Tom Shimasaki to meet Wilson at a Nisei Farmers League function.

Intermountain District governor Hid Hasegawa played a major role in getting Sen. Steven Symms (R-Idaho) to become a co-sponsor. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.), a potential presidential candi-

date, is also a co-sponsor. This was all splendid news!

But we must be mindful of the enormous task that lies ahead. Besides getting more co-sponsors in the House and Senate, we must get a majority on key subcommittees and committees in both houses of Congress to support bringing the redress bills to the floor for a vote.

Funding Shortfall

JACL experienced a 4 percent decline in membership in 1986. Together with a sharp rise in liability insurance premiums, a need to hire a consulting firm to respond to IRS queries, a shortfall in 4-year chapter pledges and other unanticipated expenses, this decline resulted in a deficit of \$74,341 (preliminary figure), as reported by treasurer Alan Nishi at the board meeting.

By deferring payment of bills totalling nearly \$50,000 to January 1987, when a large portion of membership dues are received at Headquarters, borrowing from a lending institution was limited to \$25,000 in 1986. Nishi will publish a complete financial report in PC when figures become final.

If JACL continues to experience a downward membership trend, the funding shortfall will worsen in the out years. I asked

Nishi to make a 1987 and 1988 projection based on recent membership trends to establish a ballpark figure on the amount needed to supplement membership dues to cover operating costs for the biennium. As reported in a previous issue of PC, the shortfall could be \$27,012 in 1987 and \$123,485 in 1988.

The bottom line is that if JACL can increase membership, or at least sustain it, the shortfall will be reduced. There are things that National can do to promote membership. But in the main, membership increase depends a whole lot on the chapters. Chapters need to sponsor diversified, innovative and substantive projects and programs that capture people's attention and interest, together with personal contacts and invitations.

Fund Development

JACL needs to amass two to three million dollars. Earnings from this capital could supplement the membership dues to fund operations, which are now 90 percent dependent on dues. JACL needs to increase members, but increasing membership dues is not conducive to increasing, or even sustaining, members.

To show the "JACL flag," JACL

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Unsung Hero

In 1956, when I was stationed in Germany, a sergeant from Lithuania told us that it was a Japanese who saved his life during the war.

At that time, we did not know what he was talking about. An article about Senpo Sugihara deserved printing in PC.

SGT. TINGCANG S. SHIRAKI
 San Diego

For the record, PC did run an article on Sugihara on Feb. 22, 1985. In 1940, he ran the Japanese consulate in Kovno, Lithuania. In direct violation of orders from Tokyo, he granted more than 5,000 transit visas to Jews fleeing from the advancing Germans. When the Israelis honored him two years ago, he was 85 and too weak to accept the award in person. He died in July 1986. — Acting Ed.

Financial Column

Look forward to receiving the PC every Friday to keep in touch with Asian (especially JA) news and happenings. Keep up the good work.

But why use precious space running an article on IRAs (March 6 PC)? We get that type of info from other ordinary mass print. Hope you never have to cut back on columns like "East Wind" for more financial news of that type.

TIZ and ALICE TSUMA
 Mission Viejo, Calif.

Stand on Redress

Ever since JACL changed its policy on redress to individual monetary compensation, and eventually supported too the NCJAR class action suit, many of us non-JACLers have changed and softened our attitude toward the organization.

Has Bill Hosokawa changed his individual attitude on redress? Not that I know of. He once stated on KNBC-TV, in a news segment wherein he was interviewed by Jess Marlow and Tritia Toyota while promoting his *Frying Pan*

book, that he opposed monetary compensation because it "cheapens us."

How about his stating publicly whether or not he's changed his own stance regarding individual monetary compensation?

MARY TANI
 Los Angeles

Asian Admissibility

Since there are many more qualified students applying to UC Berkeley than can be accepted, a number of these students will find themselves falling back on a second or third UC campus choice.

How does a public university like Berkeley choose among so many qualified candidates? Does it adopt a selection process that is similar to those used by highly selective private universities, given that it must work under the restricted parameters of a public one? Does it seriously consider certain subjective criteria such as extracurricular activities or whether a student has tested out of Subject A English?

Jayjai Hsai of the Educational Testing Service astutely points to the Asian parents' inability to understand how a school can accept a hockey star over a student with better grades and test scores. Immigrant Asians, who have no experience with the admissions process of a postsecondary institution in the United States, are particularly baffled by this.

Their rationale is that good grades and good scores on college boards will automatically open the door to the University of California system; they are right. Unfortunately, many eligible candidates, including whites and Asians, are not admitted to the Berkeley campus.

If Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action in San Francisco, and Dr. Ling-chi Wang, associate professor of Asian American studies at UC Berkeley, profess to speak for all Asians, they do not have a le-

gitimate complaint of bias against Asian students at Berkeley.

A graph from the Office of Student Research at UC Berkeley shows that enrollments from 1982 to 1986 have only decreased for the two largest Asian groups, the Chinese and the Japanese. All other categories of Asian enrollments have increased. In fact, enrollments in virtually all other minority categories have risen since 1982.

The heartening side to this sticky issue is that students of Chinese and Japanese descent have achieved parity with white students in their admission to UC Berkeley. This is an achievement to be proud of.

Mr. Der, Mr. Wang and others cannot have it both ways; they cannot clamor for affirmative action for Asians and then cry foul because UC Berkeley attempts to achieve it for all ethnic groups. The reality is that qualified white, Chinese and Japanese students may find themselves enrolled at their second UC choice in order that the Berkeley campus may achieve a more diverse student population that includes Vietnamese, Blacks, Chicanos, and American Indians.

WILLIAM KAMI
 Assn. for California Education
 Berkeley

KAJIHARA

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needs to sponsor vigorous programs. Whether the program is on youth, aging and retirement, ethnic concerns, leadership development, or women's concerns, if each program is to be coordinated on a national basis, then money is needed to bring district representatives together for meetings and some seed money is needed to pay for material development, newsletters, mailing, etc. Without funds, we can only expect a fragmented program among the various districts.

A preliminary four-prong Diversified Fund Development Program was introduced and endorsed by the National Board. Prong 1 concerns formulation of an intensive, high-profile 1000 Club Life Member recruitment program headed by 1000 Club co-chairs Mas Hironaka (San Diego) and John Hayashi (St. Louis). Mas has long advocated and worked toward recruiting 2,000 life members, which would total \$1 million in capital. There are now approximately 340 life members and a capital of nearly \$200,000. More details on this program will be disseminated by the co-chairs.

Prong 2 is a vigorous pursuit of grants led by national director Ron Wakabayashi. An investigation will be initiated by staff to broaden the scope of grants that JACL can qualify for. An active pursuit will follow. Wakabayashi

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March 21 — April 4

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LOS ANGELES

March 31
5—9 p.m.
Asian Pacific American Support Group of USC will host the first in a series of after-business mixers for members, non-members, and USC staff, students and alumni at Julie's Restaurant, 3730 S. Flower St. Info: J.D. Hokoyama, (213) 743-4999.

March 25
Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Medium" opens at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Opera, directed by Mako with musical direction by Glen Chin, is scheduled to run through May 3. Show times and ticket information may be obtained by calling the theater, (213) 660-0366.

OAKLAND

March 28
8:30 p.m.
Asian American Theater Company's production of "Not My Fault" will be performed at the Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave. Admission is \$4. Further information may be obtained by calling (415) 658-1868.

SAN FRANCISCO

March 21
7:30 p.m.
"J-Town Revue," an evening of entertainment by Nikkei performers, will take place at AMC Kabuki Theater on Post and Fillmore streets. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by contacting the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, (415) 567-5505.

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March 29
Noon
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