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School board candidate Warren Furutani and his supporters react as they learn of the outcome of the election.

## Arguments on Redress Suit Heard by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the government petition to dismiss *U.S. vs. Hohri*, the class action redress lawsuit.

Solicitor General Charles Fried personally argued the government's case. In addition to seeking dismissal of the case on procedural grounds, Fried denied that the Justice Department concealed evidence in the 1940s showing that the internment of Japanese Americans was not based on military necessity.

Attorney Benjamin Zelenko stressed that the government did in fact conceal military intelligence reports and other evidence refuting allegations that Japanese Americans on the West Coast posed a danger to national security.

Lead plaintiff William Hohri chairs the Chicago-based National Council for Japanese American Redress, which filed the suit in 1983.

A detailed report on the proceedings will appear in next week's Pacific Citizen.

## Parallel Between Treatment of Palestinians and JAs Seen

LOS ANGELES — Members of Pacific Southwest District JACL will join Committee for Justice and other civil rights organizations in an April 28 demonstration in front of the Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles St., at noon.

The protests will be directed at deportation proceedings brought by the INS against seven Palestinians and one Kenyan charged with violating Section 241(a)(6) of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act by being affiliated with a PLO faction that advocates "doctrines of world communism." The defendants have denied the charges.

Supporters charge that the Palestinians are being punished for their ethnicity and beliefs rather than actual crimes committed, and that the arrests are part of a larger plan to detain Arab immigrants.

In February, a U.S. immigration judge ordered the release of the eight from prison after the government refused to publicly disclose any evidence it had against them.

### Mineta Objects

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), himself a former internee, expressed concern about an INS contingency paper that calls for the use of a detention facility in Louisiana in the event of a roundup of Arab aliens suspected of terrorist ties.

In an April 14 letter to Rep. Don Edwards, chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, Mineta wrote, "Obviously, such wholesale arrest by national identity is profoundly obnoxious and deeply disturbing. As one who has been the victim of such an action, I know first-hand the folly and cruelty inherent in such an illegal act."

### Questions About Committee

Mineta sought Edwards' help in answering questions regarding the Alien Border Control Committee, the group for which the INS report was drafted last year. The group is composed of representatives from the Justice Department, the FBI, the CIA, the U.S. Customs Service and the State Department.

"Is anyone at the senior levels of the Department of Justice concerned or upset by this work group's efforts?" asked Mineta. "If so, what actions have been taken to express that disapproval? Does the Department of Justice consider arrest by nationality legal? What is the current status of this committee and work group?"

In an April 8 letter to Edwards, members of the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA also condemned the government's actions. "We... see remarkable

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## Furutani Wins in Close School Board Race

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — One of the four Asian American candidates in the April 14 elections emerged as the winner in a hotly contested school board race.

Challenger Warren Furutani narrowly defeated Board of Education incumbent John Greenwood by a margin of 11,257 votes (51 percent) to 10,810 (48.9 percent).

Furutani, in his first try for public office, became the first Asian American to be elected to the Los Angeles school board. He will represent District 7, which includes the communities of Watts, Gardena, Carson, Wilmington, Lomita, Harbor City and San Pedro.

At his campaign headquarters in Gardena on election night, Furutani noted that the crowd gathered there exemplified "the

different generations, the different geographical parts of the area, the fact that we have different ethnic groups" supporting the campaign.

### Common Belief

"There's a term in politics called 'strange bedfellows,' but in terms of this situation, that didn't apply," he told cheering supporters after the election results were announced. "People came together... the glue has been a belief in quality public education, and that it is a fundamental cornerstone in our society and a vehicle of empowerment."

In reflecting on the campaign, he told Pacific Citizen that he was disturbed by the small number of votes by which he won. "Based upon all the work that went into it, it's a little scary to think that it would be that close."

Furutani described his opponent as "an eight-year incumbent not having anything to say about what he's done, and has spent all of his time trying to discredit the new kid on the block."

Among the accusations Greenwood made was that Furutani exaggerated his responsibilities at UCLA, where he was coordinator of Student/Community Projects at the Asian American Studies Center. "We got that basic lie refuted," said Furutani, "and UCLA clearly said that I'm an administrator/educator," as stated in his campaign literature.

Greenwood also charged that Furutani was involved in a riot between Asians and Blacks at Dorsey High School (Furutani said that he interceded and prevented a riot from taking place).

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## Smithsonian Unveils Details of JA Exhibit

WASHINGTON — Details of an exhibit on Japanese Americans scheduled to open Oct. 1 and continue for about five years, have been announced by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

According to a fact sheet released by the Smithsonian last month, the exhibit, entitled "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," will use the WW2 internment "to assist our visitors in understanding the complex unfolding of key constitutional issues" and to help them "consider the personal implications of the constitutional issues."

Organizers of the exhibit hope to raise such questions as "How could this have happened in America—a nation which has always offered the promise of liberty and justice for all?" and "Could it happen again?"

The exhibit is scheduled to include:

- A reconstructed Japanese American neighborhood in a major West Coast city on the eve of WW2;
- A reconstructed section of a WW2 internment camp;
- The largest collection ever assembled of objects relating to the Japanese American experience during WW2;
- Works of art produced by internees;
- Audio-visual presentations based on oral history interviews with former internees;
- The story of Japanese Americans who fought for the U.S. during WW2;
- A focus on representative legal cases arising from the internment.

Many of the artifacts were acquired with the assistance of the

Bernice Bishop Museum in Honolulu, JACL, National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco, and Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

The exhibition is supported by federal funds allocated by Congress as part of an appropriation for the museum's reinstatement program. Educational programs and materials accompanying the exhibition are made possible by support from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation, chaired by Ryoichi Sasakawa.

A booklet will be issued in conjunction with the exhibition, and regularly scheduled group and school tours are planned.

Organizers include curator Tom Crouch, project managers Art Molella and Ed Ezell, and exhibit designer Dru Colbert. For more information, call (202) 357-2700.

## Hirabayashi, Other Asians Listed in Wash. Hall of Fame

TACOMA, Wash. — Gordon Hirabayashi, who took the government to court to protest actions taken against Japanese Americans during WW2, is one of a handful of Asian Americans among the 65 individuals who have been voted into the Washington State Historical Society's Centennial Hall of Honor.

The society must pick 100 honorees by November 1989, which marks the centennial of Wash-

ington's statehood. Photographs and biographical sketches of those who are selected will hang in the Washington State Historical Society Museum.

### Prerequisites for Nominees

Nominees must have been born or have been permanent residents in Washington between Nov. 11, 1889 and Nov. 11, 1989; must have made outstanding contributions of national or interna-

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and that Furutani made radical statements as a Pacific Citizen columnist in the early 1970s, when he was a JAACL staffer.

"Although attempts have been made to use what I've done in a negative way, we have said from the beginning that it's a strength," Furutani maintained. "... We talked about it publicly because we're not ashamed of the activism, the willingness to stand up for justice, the willingness to take on the system when it was wrong—and now, the willingness to be a part of that system and make sure that it becomes right."

Gardena Councilman Mas Fukai, who played an active role in the campaign, said of Furutani, "He had a chance to go out and tell the people his story, what he wanted to do for young people, and obviously most of the people believed that. And I know one thing—he's going to do it."

"This is the 47th political campaign that I've worked on," said campaign manager Sharon Maeda, "and I have to say that there has never been a campaign like this. And I don't think there'll be another one until four years from now—when Warren runs for re-election."

Furutani, who will assume his duties in July, said he plans to address the current salary dispute between teachers and the school district as well as "particular concerns in particular communities."

In another school board race, challenger Tony Trias, a Filipino American, was unable to unseat District 3 incumbent Jackie Goldberg, who received 12,788 votes (63.9 percent) to Trias' 4,207 (21 percent).

**Wu in Runoff**

In the District 3 race for the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, Julia Wu forced incumbent Marguerite Archie Hudson into a runoff by placing second with 42,224 votes (22.4 percent). Hudson, with 92,341 votes (49.1 percent), failed to gain a majority vote.

Wu has been a member of the U.S. Commission on Libraries and Information Science, an English instructor at Los Angeles City College, and coordinator of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Indochinese Student English Assistance Program.

She had bipartisan support; endorsers included Rep. Bob Dornan (R-Calif.), Supervisor Mike

Antonovich (a former GOP candidate for senator), and members of Japanese American Republicans as well as Secretary of State March Fong Eu and Councilman Mike Woo, both Democrats.

If Wu wins the runoff, she will be the first Asian American to serve on the board.

**Song in Fifth Place**

City Council hopeful Arthur Song, a Korean American and the only non-Black in a field of 13 candidates in the 10th District, finished in fifth place with 2,225 votes (10.7 percent). The top vote-getters, Nate Holden (21.1 percent) and Homer Broome (15.7 percent), will face each other in a runoff; also finishing ahead of Song were Myrlie Evers (12.5 percent) and Geneva Cox (13.6 percent).

Despite his disappointment, Song said his showing was "compelling and very persuasive." He was pleased that he received 110 more votes than Kenneth Orduna. Song regarded Orduna, who had support from Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), as a "machine-backed" candidate.

Song was quoted in the Korea Times as saying that his supporters "were black people, yellow people, white people, young and old. It was such a gathering like this that humbled me."

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**Uchida Authors Novel on Life of Picture Bride in America**

BERKELEY — To mark the release of her book *Picture Bride*, author Yoshiko Uchida will appear at a book-signing May 9, 2-4 p.m., at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave.

Published by Northland Press, *Picture Bride* is a fact-based novel about Hana, a woman who, finding no hope of marriage in Japan, comes to San Francisco in 1917 to marry a man she has never met. The story follows her from her passage by steamer to the WW2 internment.

**Likened to Tanizaki**

Author Barry Gifford has said of the book, "*Picture Bride* is a tender, painful, exquisitely written novel that reminds me, in its accumulation of revelatory detail, of [Junichiro] Tanizaki's *Makioka Sisters*. This is a very serious and important book."

Uchida, a winner of two California Commonwealth Club Medals and the 1985 Bay Area Book Reviewers Award, is the author of



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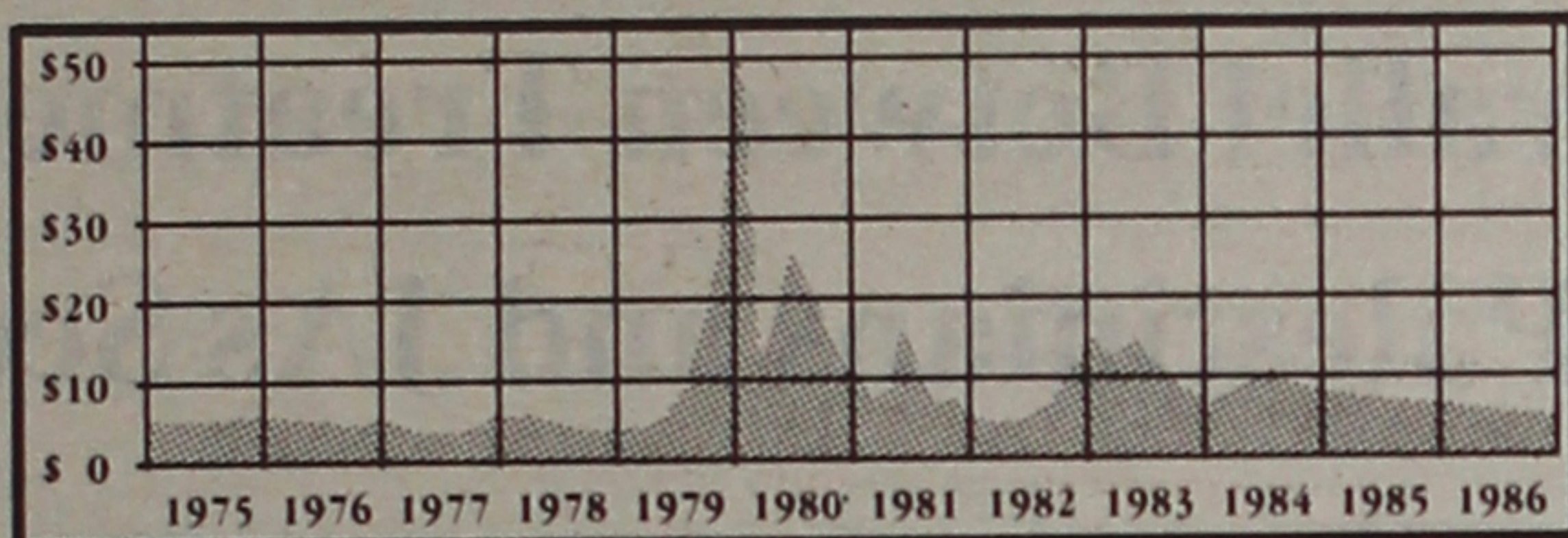
25 children's books. Her writing for adults includes *Desert Exile* (University of Washington Press), which is based on her family's experiences during the internment.

**Children's Book**

Her new children's book, *Two Foolish Cats*, illustrated by Margot Zemach, will also be available during the book-signing.

For more information on the book-signing, call Black Oak Books at (415) 486-0698. To order the book directly from the publisher, contact Northland Press at P.O. Box N, Flagstaff, AZ 86002; (800) 346-3257 (excluding Arizona).

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tional significance; and must be considered by colleagues or by other citizens in the state to be "one of Washington's own."

Those whose places are secure on the list include entertainer Bing Crosby, William Boeing, founder of the airplane company that bears his name, journalist Edward R. Murrow, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, and Sen. Henry Jackson.

Author David James, who calls the selection committee together for annual deliberations, said, "In the case of Hirabayashi, he stood up for his rights as a citizen—popular or not—and the committee felt he made a significant contribution."

### Challenged Government

Hirabayashi, who now lives in Canada, was a student at University of Washington when he was convicted of violating curfew and exclusion orders. The Supreme Court upheld his conviction in 1943, but the case was reopened in 1983 on the basis of new evidence of government misconduct in the case. A federal judge ruled in 1985 that the government had concealed evidence from the Supreme Court.

Other Asian Americans selected are sculptor George Tsutakawa, the late cinematographer James Wong Howe, and architect Minoru Yamasaki, who died last year.

—from a report by the Seattle Times

## PALESTINIANS

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parallels in the current situation of Arab Americans and the histories of our own communities," the letter read in part.

"We, too, have been minority peoples targeted by those at the highest levels of government for scapegoating, immigration exclusion and racial hatred. Is it an accident that the Reagan Administration today appeals to 'national security' to justify the arrests of Arab Americans? Was this not the very same argument used to justify the mass uprooting and imprisonment of Japanese Americans during WW2? ...

"We recognize that the Arab Americans—like Asian Americans—form a relatively small community within the larger mosaic of American society. Being a small community means being a potentially vulnerable community. Thus, there is a responsibility for all in America to speak out in defense of Arab Americans." Among those who signed the letter were professors Yuji Ichio and Don Nakanishi; Amerasia Journal staff members Glenn Omatsu and Karen Umemoto; Chiyo Maniwa, assistant coordinator of student/community projects; and administrator Elsie Uyematsu.

### Convention Speaker

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi was invited to speak on parallels between anti-Asian and anti-Arab prejudice at a national convention of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, held April 2-5 in Washington, D.C.

Wakabayashi was a panelist in a workshop on political and hate violence in America. Other speakers were Mike Ratner of the Center for Civil and Constitutional Rights, former New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya, Wilhelm Joseph of National Conference of Black Lawyers, and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

For more information on JACL participation in the case, call George Ogawa at (213) 325-7622.



Torrance (Calif.) JACL's first annual speech contest was held March 7 at Torrance Library. City Councilman George Nakano (left) presented awards to Johnny Pyon (3rd place—\$50), Sharie Sato (1st place—\$200), and Justin Yang (2nd place—\$100). Interracial marriage, U.S.-Japan relations and Asian American creativity were among the topics.

## Conferees to Look at How to Resolve Inter-ethnic Conflict

WASHINGTON — A national conference entitled "From Community Tensions to Inter-Ethnic Cooperation: Next Steps for Asian Pacific Americans" will be held May 8 at the Bellevue Hotel, 15 E St. NW on Capitol Hill.

Sponsored by the National Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Forum's Task Force on Asia Pacific Migration, the conference will include presentations of findings from workshops held in New York, Los Angeles and Houston to examine issues arising between Asian Pacific immigrant communities and the larger communities in which they have settled. The workshops were funded by a 1986 grant from the American Can Co. Foundation.

There will also be discussions of strategies and future directions in such areas as political empowerment, the media, public attitudes and anti-Asian violence, inter-ethnic competition, immigration law, and employment discrimination. Speakers include:

Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, D.C.; Arthur Flemming, chair of Citizens Commission on Civil Rights; Margaret Fung, director, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York; Wade Henderson, associate director, ACLU Washington Office; Barbara Huie, policy analyst for community relations, Department of Justice; Glenda Kay Joe, director, Asian Com-

munity Support Services Center, Houston; Charles Kamasaki, national policy director, National Council of La Raza; Paul Louie, consultant, Asian Pacific Cross-Cultural Issues, Los Angeles; Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.); Henry Mui, director, Organization of Chinese Americans; Joseph Trevino, director, League of United Latin American Citizens; and Andre Van Chau, director, Asia Pacific Migration Task Force.

Member organizations of the National Asia Pacific Migration Task Force include:

American Jewish Committee; Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce; Assn. of Cambodian Survivors; Cambodian Assn. of America; Hmong Highlander Development Fund; Indochina Resource Action Center; Indochinese Community Center; International Ladies Garment Workers' Union; JACL; Lao Federation of the Americas; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; National Assn. of Counties; National Council of Churches; Organization of Pan Asian American Women; United States Catholic Conference.

Participants will be able to attend an evening reception held by the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council and festivities marking Asian Pacific American Heritage Week the following day.

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## JA Assn. Offers Scholarships to East Coast Nikkei Students

NEW YORK — The Japanese American Association of New York will be awarding three scholarships to Japanese American students.

Applicants must be high school seniors from the New York, New Jersey or Connecticut area who have been accepted at an accredited college or university, and must be immediately related to a JAA member or recommended by an active member of the asso-

ciation. American citizenship is not required.

### Trip to Japan

The combined total of the JAA Award, the Moto Saito Award and the Leadership Award is \$5,400. One award will include a round-trip ticket to Japan presented by Japan Airlines.

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## A Little-Known Outrage

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Henry Fukuhara, the eminent Long Island watercolorist, was in Florida recently, where he met Mike Oda and his wife, Jerry. Jerry Oda, maiden name Kato, turned out to be a native of Peru.

She astounded Fukuhara with a story about how she and her family and their friends were rounded up during WW2, shipped to prison camps in Texas, and then told to fend for themselves after the war.

Fukuhara found this an incredible story. "I had not known about this," he wrote to me. "If there was any mention in the Pacific Citizen, I had missed it. Could you enlighten me as to why they were evacuated to the United States and never returned to their native land? If their story has not been told, I think it is time to do so."

Well, Henry, the story has been told repeatedly, but it is still one of the least-known stories of WW2. It got plenty of coverage in the Pacific Citizen, particularly during the period Wayne Collins and others were trying to block deportation of the Peruvian internees.

All of us can be excused if our laughter is bitter. Here were these people, hundreds of them, virtually kidnapped with American approval in Peru and imprisoned in the U.S. When Peru refused to take them back after the war, Uncle Sam tried to deport them to Japan on the grounds that they had entered this country il-

legally.

This fired up Collins' sense of outrage, which fortunately had a low boiling point, and he forced the U.S. government to say well, yes, they could stay here if they wanted. Many of them did, and became good and productive citizens.

The big question is why these people were uprooted. For one thing, Peru was nervous about Japanese subversion, and the United States, which was having hysterical fits of its own, wasn't about to persuade Lima that its fears were unwarranted.

For another, influential Peruvians (like influential Californians) saw an opportunity to seize some important assets if they got rid of the Japanese. And there is pretty good evidence that the U.S. was looking for hostages to trade for Americans in Japanese hands. What happened is not something to be proud of.

The best short, popular account of this sorry episode is contained in the late John K. Emmerson's book, *The Japanese Thread*, published by Holt Rinehart Winston in 1978. Emmerson was a State Department officer who had studied Japanese before the war. He was attached to the U.S. embassy in Peru to keep an eye on the Japanese, and soon learned they were harmless.

Before he could do anything about the miscarriage of justice, Emmerson was transferred to the China-Burma-India theater, where he became acquainted with Nisei linguists, including Hank Gosho.

Certainly many others like Fukuhara do not know, or may have forgotten, about the outrage committed in Peru. This is as good a time as any to remember.



## Action in the Senate

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On April 10, Sen. Spark Matsunaga introduced his Senate redress bill, S. 1009, with 70 senators co-sponsoring. This unprecedented number of co-sponsors shows the tremendous bipartisan support Matsunaga was able to muster for redress. Forty-six states are represented, with 44 Democrats and 27 Republicans.

Matsunaga read the names of the co-sponsors after he made his well-documented statement to strongly support the bill to provide "a long overdue remedy for what has been called America's worst wartime mistake and one of the worst single violations of individual civil liberties in our nation's history."

Matsunaga has personally shown that support can be developed from members of Con-

gress if we tell the story of the Japanese American experience, when the Constitution was set aside on the basis of ancestry.

Yes, redress is possible, but not without the story being told and then asking all people who believe in fairness and justice to support the two bills that are now before the 100th Congress.

As I sat in the Senate gallery, the woman sitting in front of me wiped her tears as she heard Matsunaga's eloquent presentation.

We must work harder and we must do our part right now. Why?

H.R. 442 is scheduled for a hearing by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations on April 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Rayburn House Building. JACL national president Harry Kajihara and I will testify. Chairman Barney Frank plans to move the bill to mark-up before summer.

We need many more supporters for H.R. 442. You are the ones who must get that support back in the districts. Are you asking your friends to write or to see the members of Congress? Let us hear from you with copies of re-

plies you have received to your letters. We will follow up in Washington. We ask that you:

(1) Send copies of letters to the Washington office, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW, #204, Washington, DC 20036;

(2) Send us summaries of contacts by telephone or of visits to district offices of members of Congress;

(3) Send us the names of friends and relatives in districts where we have no JACL chapters. We will add their names to our list in preparation for the nationwide letter-writing campaign on June 1. These letters are to arrive in Washington prior to the July 4 district work period. For this project, we will need the help of all the organizations that have passed resolutions of support for redress.

I repeat, we *must* hear from you. The time has come to mount a serious campaign—redress in the 100th!

The list of co-sponsors for S. 1009 appears in the April 17 PC. Please be sure to write thank you letters so the senators will know we truly appreciate their support.

The count on H.R. 442 is 134 co-sponsors.

## Coordinating Locally

by Cherry Kinoshita  
LEC Vice Chair/Operations

A national network of JACL-LEC redress coordinators to mobilize grassroots lobbying efforts for passage of H.R. 442 and S. 1009 has been activated.

Some 38 district and area coordinators have been appointed from a base of many longtime redress activists to work with chapter redress chairs in responding to the action alerts issued by JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara.

With enthusiasm running high because of the introduction of S. 1009 with 71 co-sponsors, renewed energy needs to be exerted to garner the necessary votes in the House, where the number of co-sponsors has remained virtually

at a standstill.

Through the combined efforts of the LEC Executive Committee, district officers, regional staff and chapter presidents, the national list of JACL-LEC district and area coordinators and chapter redress chairs has been identified as follows.

Positions yet to be filled are to be appointed (TBA) by the LEC executive director in the immediate future. Asterisks denote chapter presidents. JACL members or PC readers not affiliated with any chapter but who wish to help, particularly those who reside in areas where there are few Nikkei constituents, are urged to contact the appropriate district coordinator or Grayce Uyehara at (202) 223-1240.

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## A Lasting Lesson in Leadership

by B.J. Watanabe

Over 75 people convened in Los Angeles during the March 27-29 weekend to participate in a leadership conference geared toward a new generation of JACLers.

Co-sponsored by Pacific Southwest District and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), the conference offered participants an opportunity to develop skills, increase their understanding of key leadership issues and opportunities available to them, and meet with other JACLers interested in "making a difference."

After opening remarks Friday night by PSW leadership chair Bill Kaneko and LEAP president Irene Hirano, Phyllis Murakawa described a unique ice-breaker that assigned each person the name of a Japanese food. Armed with lists of foods, people collected each other's signatures next to their culinary nicknames.

Remarks such as "I sure don't feel like *fukujinsuke!*" and "Nori? Flaky, huh?" could be heard throughout the room as people met each other in an off-beat way.

Dr. Bob Suzuki, VP of academic affairs at CSU Northridge, provided an excellent beginning to the conference by speaking about leadership skills he gained during the 1960s, when he served as chair of the PSW committee to repeal Title II of the Walter-McCarran Act. This section allowed dissidents to be held indefinitely in detention camps

and was of great concern to JAS who had been through that experience during the war.

He discussed principles of leadership that he learned during the campaign, including: (1) understand those with whom you're working; (2) start with small successes and build on them; (3) be organized and know your goals; (4) avoid egotism; share the glory; (5) take risks; (6) be committed to your goals. He also spoke about personal benefits of involvement with volunteer organizations.

Joanne Yamauchi, professor of communications at American University, administered a "leadership styles inventory" which helped participants focus on their "people orientation" versus their "task orientation." This information provided food for thought and a reference point for JACLers throughout the weekend.

Congressman Norman Mineta was the keynote speaker on Saturday morning (see story on p. 8). Following his address, participants attended the first of three workshop sessions. Six workshops were offered, from which people chose three. The workshops were:

"Communication Skills: More Than Talk" with Joanne Yamauchi; "Ethnic Awareness: Understanding the Changing Asian Pacific Communities" with Akemi Kikumura; "Community Involvement: Broadening the Horizon," moderated by Harry Kawahara with panelists John Hatakeyama,

Pegi Matsuda, Barbara Miyamoto and Alan Nishio; "JACL Leadership Issues: Straight Talk" with Ron Wakabayashi; "Risk-Taking: Making It Happen" with Irene Hirano and J.D. Hokoyama; and "Male/Female Dynamics: Making It Work" with Audrey Noji and Randy Senzaki.

The workshops were well attended and well received, judging from the comments on follow-up evaluation forms. In addition to skill-building and JACL-specific sessions, two workshops focused on community involvement. In "Broadening the Horizon," panelists representing the academic, political, corporate, Asian American and mainstream sectors described their background and extracurricular involvement.

Pegi Matsuda, corporate contributions manager at General Telephone, related her on-the-job experience with Asian community groups and urged participants to learn how to ask for corporate contributions and avoid "thinking poor and thinking small." She said she ended up writing a proposal for an Asian group in Southern California because they lacked the vision and the know-how to do it themselves.

Panelists urged attendees to get involved in arenas beyond JACL, a theme that several of the speakers echoed throughout the weekend.

During Saturday lunch, JACL

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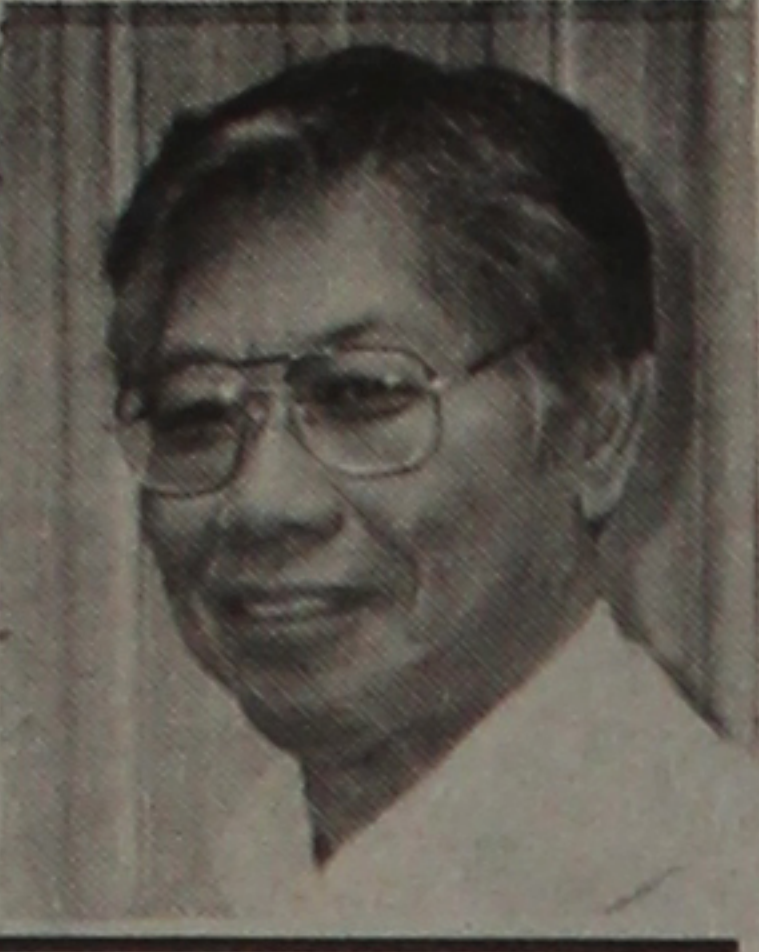
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# Inaccurate Implications

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry Kajihara



Recent articles regarding the personnel manual, ad hoc committees and the National Board appearing in the March and April issues of the PC require that I respond to dispel some of the impressions and implications that may result from inaccuracies.

Firstly, the committees resulted from the deliberation of the entire National Board in executive sessions that had been requested by several board members, not the national president. The executive sessions were requested to address allegations regarding the treatment of staff and the alleged failure of responsible individuals to adequately address these concerns.

Secondly, the decision to revise and update the manual (including the need to review for compliance with federal and state laws) and to make preliminary investigations into the allegations resulted from those discussions.

The appointments of committees—one to update and revise the manual and another to make preliminary investigation of allegations—were arrived at through discussions and consensus of the entire National Board. No one was excluded from those deliberations, and furthermore, everyone on the National Board had the opportunity and time during the discussion to comment upon the members of those committees.

Thirdly, the proposed draft of the personnel manual was a compilation of input from a variety of sources, not strictly a product of committee members.

Finally, we welcome the additional input in the PC and through other communications. However, hasty judgments about National Board members and premature conclusions serve little purpose other than to exacerbate anxieties unnecessarily. Moreover, the implication that only the writers of the PC articles are sensitive to an understanding of staff members is a disservice to every National Board member.

In the meantime, I hope that readers of the PC and other JACL

ers will have the patience and courtesy to allow the National Board to complete its deliberations and recommend needed changes.

I do not believe it is my duty as national president to impose my will upon the deliberations of the committees, nor upon the decisions of the National Board. I believe, however, that open discussions and dialogue on some problems is not only necessary but also healthy.

Nevertheless, as Yosh Nakashima has stated, "we must be sure of our facts before an article is written"—and I might add that all of the relevant facts must be known.

Again, I ask for your patience. If a thorough study is to be done, there must be time, a deliberative process, and sound judgment. The National Board and I only ask that you give us the time and the chance to complete our study and make our recommendations; then you may form your conclusions and we are prepared to take the heat for our judgment.

### Coram Nobis Case

Min Yasui's last wish was that his *coram nobis* case be continued to a just and final conclusion. A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals granted on March 23 the government's motion to dismiss the case. Peggy Nagae, an attorney and member of Yasui's legal team, said on April 6 that upon consultation with the Yasui family, the plans are to go forward on the case.

Shig Wakamatsu, a member of Chicago JACL, LEC treasurer and JARP chair, has graciously consented to take on one more job and serve as national chair of a nationwide fund drive for the Min Yasui Memorial Coram Nobis Fund.

A massive nationwide donation appeal letter campaign will be launched. Shig is busily engaged in the preparatory phase of this campaign with major help from Holly Yasui, past national president Dr. Jim Tsujimura, MWDC governor Tom Hara, and others.

Current work includes identifying key people to serve on the committee, developing a letterhead and logo, filing for a committee ID number, etc. This drive will reach out to the community. A major task of the key individuals will be the acquisition of organizational mailing lists and permission to use same.

## REDRESS PLEDGES

DISTRICT (Amount Received/Total Pledge)

Pac. S.W. (\$13,774/\$37,345)	37%
No. Cal./W. Nev. (\$44,012/\$43,987)	100%
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Mountain Plains (\$1,605/\$2,295)	70%
Eastern (\$4,137/\$4,025)	103%
Midwest (\$8,100/\$9,145)	89%
Cent. Cal. (\$5,950/\$7,465)	80%
Intermountain (\$3,000/\$5,570)	54%

## MDC Tackles Controversial Issues

The JACL Midwest District Council held its spring meeting in Indianapolis on April 11-12. Agenda items included reports by district officers Tom Hara, April Goral, and John Hayashi, with a presentation by LEC representative Henry Tanaka.

### Civil Rights Commission

The first major issue confronted by MDC was the Governors' Caucus position on the possible nomination of National Director Ron Wakabayashi to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

MDC Governor Tom Hara indicated that the majority of district governors felt the appointment of Wakabayashi to the commission, if offered, should be declined because of the current negative image of the commission among civil rights organizations, and because acceptance of the position would result in loss of time Wakabayashi could devote to his JACL duties.

There was some concurrence among MDC delegates with the caucus' position that JACL ought to separate itself from participation in the commission. However, MDC decided that Wakabayashi should be encouraged not to decline the appointment if offered.

MDC reasoned that an active voice of dissent on the commission is important and also argued that it is important for the organization to take the risk of possible negative fallout from participation on the commission in the interests of trying to augment the dissenting voices on the current panel. It was recognized that the current administration will end its term in less than two years, thereby creating additional pos-

sible opportunities to change the course of the commission.

### Redress Report

LEC representative Henry Tanaka reported on the progress of efforts being made on redress legislation. He stressed the importance of an active Midwest region, noting the sizable number of congressmen representing the area.

In separate reports, vice governor April Goral reported on her recent attendance at the PSW/LEAP leadership conference in Los Angeles, and 2nd vice governor John Hayashi related the experience of attending the Washington, D.C. leadership program in August. Regional director Bill Yoshino dealt with various administrative matters.

### Personnel Manual

Because of the current controversy surrounding the proposed JACL personnel manual, Hara devoted a portion of the last meeting session to this subject in order to clarify the various portrayals of the issue in the Pacific Citizen.

Hara expressed amazement that this question had generated the type of responses that had been evidenced in recent PC issues. He and others said that a review and updating of the manual is an administrative matter that falls within the responsibility of the National Board and that the process should never have involved soliciting input from the general membership.

Because the proposed manual strips various responsibilities from the national director, such as the hiring of staff and deter-

mining individual merit salary increases among staff, MDC questioned whether the drafters of the proposed manual understand the proper role of staff and board in an organization such as JACL. Tanaka, who was also a Cleveland delegate, expressed strong concern over the effect the controversy would have on staff morale and the distrust of staff implied in the manner in which the proposed manual was written.

The sense of the MDC was that the process needs to be set on a proper course and that staff and appropriate National Board members should work to resolve the content of the manual without delay.

### Tri-District Meeting

Mountain Plains Governor Bob Sakaguchi made a presentation promoting the combined meeting of the Midwest, Eastern and Mountain Plains districts to be held Aug. 5-9 in Denver. He detailed an array of activities ranging from workshops to recreational activities to a western barbecue.

The next meeting of MDC will take place at the Tri-District.

MDC expressed its gratitude to the efforts of Shirley Nakatsukasa and the assistance of Yasuko Matsumoto in the organization and planning of the meeting.

Delegates attending the meeting were Paul Igasaki (Chicago), Henry Tanaka and Gary Yano (Cleveland), Kaz Kimura (Dayton), Charles Longbottom (Cincinnati), David Maxon (Detroit), George Umemura (Hoosier), Diane Aratani (Milwaukee), George Sakaguchi (St. Louis), and Chris Sandberg (Twin Cities).

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Area 4 — Coordinator: Sam Honda; Twin Cities: Sam Honda.

Area 5 — Coordinator: Kaz Mayeda; Detroit: Kaz Mayeda.

Area 6 — Coordinator: Hank Tanaka; Cleveland: Hank Tanaka; Dayton:

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**Iko-So**

# Housing Project for Nikkei Seniors Completed in Oregon

PORTLAND — Iko-So Terrace, a 35-unit apartment building designed to provide comfortable and low-cost housing for the elderly and the handicapped, was formally dedicated March 29 after years of planning and fundraising.

A gathering of about 200 celebrated the completion of the Iko-So, which was built with funds raised within the Nikkei community and a low-cost housing loan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. An advisory board supported by Portland JAACL and Nikkeijin Kai led the project.

**HUD Official Speaks**

William Nishimura, Region 10 administrator for HUD, and John Henkle, project consultant, were keynote speakers. Other program

participants included board president Harold Onishi, the Rev. Chester Earls, Japan Consul General Shigenobu Suzuki, George Katagiri, Walter Sakai, Henry Ueno and Mike Irinaga. Onishi and Nishimura performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**Future Plans**

Through independent fundraising efforts, the project board was able to install an elevator, a garbage chute, additional handrails, and other amenities not eligible for funding under the HUD loan. The board is still planning social programs and a Japanese garden for the terrace.

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## Community Calendar

April 25 — May 10

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April 26 "Turning Leaves," a photo exhibit featuring the pictures of two Japanese American family albums, opens at the Doizaki Gallery in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

April 26 Chi Alpha Delta sorority will celebrate its 58th anniversary at its annual Charter Day Luncheon at Lawry's California Center, 570 W. Avenue 26. Luncheon will be highlighted by a fashion show. Tickets to the event are \$14.50 per person and may be obtained by calling (213) 478-6908. Event is open to Chi Alpha Delta members only.

**ROSEMEAD**

May 1 Asian/Pacific Family Center for Families in Transition, 3907 N. Rosemead Blvd., will celebrate its first anniversary with a special program. For more information contact Heather Kim, (818) 573-3322.

**NEW YORK**

April 28 "Wha...i, Whai, A Long Time Ago," a play by Korean playwright Che Inhoon and translated by Cho Ohkon, opens at the Pan Asian Repertory Theater, 47 Great Jones St. Cast includes Duyee Chang, Elizabeth Sung and Yung Yung Tsuai. Performances are scheduled to continue through May 23. Show times and ticket information may be obtained by calling (212) 245-2660.

**CHICAGO**

May 3 Fourth Asian American Coalition Banquet, sponsored by the Federation of Indian Associations, will take place at White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Info: (312) 986-0918.

**OAKLAND**

May 3 Lake Park United Methodist Church, 281 Santa Clara Ave., will host its annual bazaar. Event will feature a variety of foods for sale such as teriyaki chicken lunch for \$5, sushi, noodles, pot stickers, Chinese chicken salad and bakery items. Info: (415) 444-7262.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

May 2 Asian American Bar Association will sponsor Law Day at Self-Help for the Elderly, 640 Pine St., in conjunction with the Bar Association of San Francisco's Law Week activities. Free legal consultations will be offered in the areas of family law, immigration, landlord/tenant disputes, public benefits, wrongful termination, small business, criminal law and personal injury. Info: Rodney Low, (415) 834-4712.

**SAN JOSE**

May 3 Third annual Japantown Banner Run, sponsored by Yu-Ai-Kai Japanese American Senior Service, will take place beginning in the new North San Jose Industrial Park area and will continue to the finish near San Jose's Japantown. All proceeds will benefit the Yu-Ai-Kai Adult Day Health Care Program. Info: (408) 294-2505.

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Ruthann Kurose

## Tacoma Names JA as Internat'l Affairs Head

TACOMA, Wash. — Ruthann Kurose has been appointed as the city's international affairs manager effective May 1.

The program's overall objective is to improve the city's position in the international arena and eventually increase opportunities for trade development. Specific program areas include coordination with other major international organizations and related agencies; assistance for the city's sister city program; and planning of the city's sponsorship and/or participation in international events.

For the last three years, Kurose has served as international trade and tourism coordinator for the city of Seattle. Her duties included serving as staff assistant to Mayor Charles Royer during a 1986 trade mission to Chongqing, China.

Previously, she served for four years as legislative assistant to Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.). She has also served on the boards of World Affairs Council, Washington State Export Assistance Council, and Seattle JAACL.

The position, recently created by the City Council, is assigned to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Kurose will be responsible for development and coordination of the city's international relations program.

## COORDINATORS

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Mark Nakauchi, Frank Titus, Cincinnati; Charles Longbottom\*.

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**Eastern District Coordinator:** Tom Kometani, 4 Jessica Lane, Warren, NJ 07060; (201) 356-5484 (r), (201) 582-6559 (o).

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Area 4 — Coordinator: Patrick Okura; Washington, D.C.: Ben Watada (Virginia), Edward Sawada (Maryland).

Others — Bob Moteki.



**LEADERSHIP**

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National Director Ron Wakabayashi gave a presentation on the "JACL culture." The second workshop session, a cocktail hour and dinner were followed by a performance by Cold Tofu. The improvisational group amazed the audience with their witty and quick-thinking vignettes, often with audience input. One portion featured Marilyn Tokuda, the troupe's director, performing three different actions that had been spontaneously proposed by the audience.

For many, the highlight of the weekend was Saturday night, when everyone broke up into groups and concocted skits based on typical JACL activities. The seven groups came up with lively, hilarious and oftentimes painfully true presentations. Skits ranged from tedious board meetings decorated with reams of reports, minutes and proposals (represented by toilet paper) to a singles dance and wet T-shirt contest for "hard-up" Sanseis.

The skits were part of the lively and enthusiastic "Hamachi Ham-It-Up" show emceed by Billy "Boom Boom" Kaneko and Mrs. B.J. Watanabe, resident Nikkei bag lady.

Although some were reluctant to participate at first, most everyone got into the spirit of the evening and at times were vying for the best lines during the skits. A few in the audience nostalgically likened the show to past 1000 Club Whing Dings, while one person kept saying, "I can't believe this is a JACL event!" It was a terrific camaraderie-building activity that proved JACL can be fun, too!

At the Sunday morning workshop session, people were bleary-eyed but still feeling good from the "Ham-It-Up" show. After a quick lunch, everyone gathered for the closing session, which included a summary of the activities and how they all fit together, a brief discussion of leadership qualities and practices and a run-down on leadership opportunities within JACL. Afterwards, participants circulated, some reluctant to leave, some saying tearful goodbyes to new-found friends.

The conference was enormously successful. People not only gained greater knowledge and understanding of leadership, but also left with new friends, new ideas and energy, and most importantly, renewed commitment to JACL.

It was a significant event for the organization because it was one of the first times in recent history that Sansei JACLers from around the country had an opportunity to meet over several days to discuss leadership issues and start developing a network. Follow-up activities will be im-

**Chapter Pulse**

**CHICAGO**

• Chapter will host a meeting on redress May 1, 7:30 p.m., at Heiwa Terrace, 920 W. Lawrence Ave. Program will include videotape excerpts from the 1981 Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings in Chicago. Info: (312) 728-7171.

**MARINA**

• Chapter's Breath of Spring Dance will take place May 2 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Airport Hyatt, 6225 W. Century Blvd. Music will be provided by Freefall. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Info: Neal Natsumeda, (213) 329-8034.

**MILWAUKEE**

• Chapter will host its Spring Recognition Dinner May 2 at the Dynasty Restaurant, 639 W. Layton. Cocktail hour will begin at 3 p.m., followed by the program and dinner at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations deadline is April 23. Info: Margaret Igowsky, (414) 281-0646, or Barbara Suyama, (414) 251-2279.

**SAN MATEO**

• Chapter will sponsor a celebration of Tango No Sekku May 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Program, chaired by Diana Okamoto, will include a short background on the holiday, crafts and refreshments. Info: (415) 343-2793.

**WASATCH FRONT NORTH**

• Chapter will sponsor a dance May 1 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Ogden Buddhist Church, 155 North St., Ogden, Utah. Music will be provided by the Dave Sugihara Combo. Tickets are \$5 per person.

**WEST LOS ANGELES**

• Chapter will sponsor, along with the Venice Japanese Community Center, a Queen's Tea on May 3 at noon at the center, 12448 Braddock Drive, Mar Vista. Miss West Los Angeles, who will represent the chapter in the Nisei Week Pageant this August, will be selected at this event. Info: Jean, (213) 390-6714, or Karen, (213) 826-6684.

**ARIZONA**

• Chapter's annual scholarship banquet will take place May 2 at the Embassy Suites, 2630 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by roast sirloin dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be obtained from any chapter board member. Reservations deadline is April 27. Info: Peggy Matsuishi, (602) 934-3340, or Kathy Inoshita, (602) 937-5434.

portant in maintaining the momentum generated by the conference. The organizing committee is planning a follow-up session at the Tri-District convention on May 1, and possibly a Sansei convention in the fall. Enthusiastic participants from other districts have started the ball rolling and are planning leadership conferences in their own areas.

PSW is to be congratulated for its strong financial and moral support of this and other projects geared toward developing leaders among younger members. There is tremendous potential in JACL—especially in PSW—for increased Sansei membership and leadership. With the commitment and vision of the district, there will be many, many more younger JACLers working to "make a difference."

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Entitled "Redress: An American Issue," the program is jointly sponsored by the Seattle School District and Seattle JACL. The plenary session (8:30 a.m.-12 noon) is open to the general public; the afternoon session (1-4:30 p.m.) is for pre-registered instructional personnel only.

The morning session will include a keynote address by Chief Justice Vernon Pearson of the Washington Supreme Court, a panel presentation by former in-

ternees, and information on the current status of the redress campaign. The closed session will focus on development of curriculum units on redress and current resources on the Japanese American experience, such as publications, audio-visual aids, and a speakers bureau.

Contributing organizations include the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Today's Constitution and You, Ethnic Heritage Council of the Pacific Northwest, and Anti-Defamation League. For more information, call Seattle JACL president May Sasaki at (206) 762-9146.

**Northern California District Meeting to Take Place May 17**

SAN JOSE—West Valley Chapter will host this year's second quarterly meeting of Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL on May 17 at Holiday Inn Park Center, 282 Almaden Blvd. (at E. San Carlos).

Reports will be given by governor Mollie Fujioka, treasurer Nancy Takahashi, regional director George Kondo, John Yasumoto (Blue Shield Health Plan), Yosh Nakashima (1988 National Convention), George Matsuoka (redress/LEC), Don Nakahata (ethnic concerns), John Yamada (youth), George Yoshida (aging and retire-

ment), Ted Inouye (membership), and Lucy Kishaba and Sandie Ito (women's concerns).

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Fees are \$15 for delegates, \$14 for boosters. Hotel rooms are \$55 plus tax, single or double. Call (408) 998-0400 for reservations. For information on the meeting, call George Kondo at (415) 921-5225.

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# Mineta: JAACL Activity Good Way to Serve JA Community

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), speaking from personal experience, told participants in a leadership conference that being active in JAACL can lead to a greater role in shaping events, up to and including public office.

The San Jose congressman was one of the speakers at the March 28 session of a conference held jointly by Pacific Southwest District JAACL and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) at the Airport Hyatt.

"If we are not involved in American politics and government," he warned, "we will then in fact be excluded from the decision-making process which affects all of us—a situation which we cannot tolerate."

Such government actions as the exclusion of Chinese immigrants and the internment of Japanese Americans occurred partly "because of our own lack of political influence," said Mineta. "These memories alone should be evidence enough of the need for our political action and our community involvement."

While noting that Japanese Americans have made much progress in the last few decades, he urged the audience not to forget the activism and coalition-building of the '60s and '70s. "We must remember both the bitter failures and the forward strides of the past. If we forget the pitfalls, we will repeat them; if we ignore strategies which brought us success, we will have to reinvent them."

"And if you think things are good, look at the newspapers. What about the rise in anti-Asian violence? Where are we going to be as the whole issue of trade imbalance continues?"

JAACL plays an important role as "an organization which can speak for the community of Americans of Japanese ancestry," said Mineta, adding that leaders and decision-makers are needed to make the organization work.

"Its next leaders will not just

descend upon us from heaven," he said. "They will come from you and from others who care."

Contributions to the community, he continued, can be made in many ways—"as an individual voter, as a member of JAACL, as a member of other community groups, as a campaign worker, as a candidate, as a public officeholder—not only one that gets elected; remember all of those appointed positions as well."

He told the story of his own rise through the political ranks. As president of San Jose JAACL, he became familiar with city officials. When a vacancy opened on the City Human Relations Commission in 1961, he was appointed to fill it. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council in 1967, and was elected to the post in 1969. He went on to be elected as mayor in 1970 and as a congressman in 1974.

Mineta also stressed the need to work with other Asian American organizations as well as with "Black, Hispanic, Native American and other minority groups and women's groups who share our concerns for civil rights and our search for a political voice. If we act separately, the term 'minority' will remain an accurate one..."

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National Parks & Canyon  
Tour; Toy Kanegai, escort

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Mabel Kitsuse, escort

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23: Oct 2 - Oct 20  
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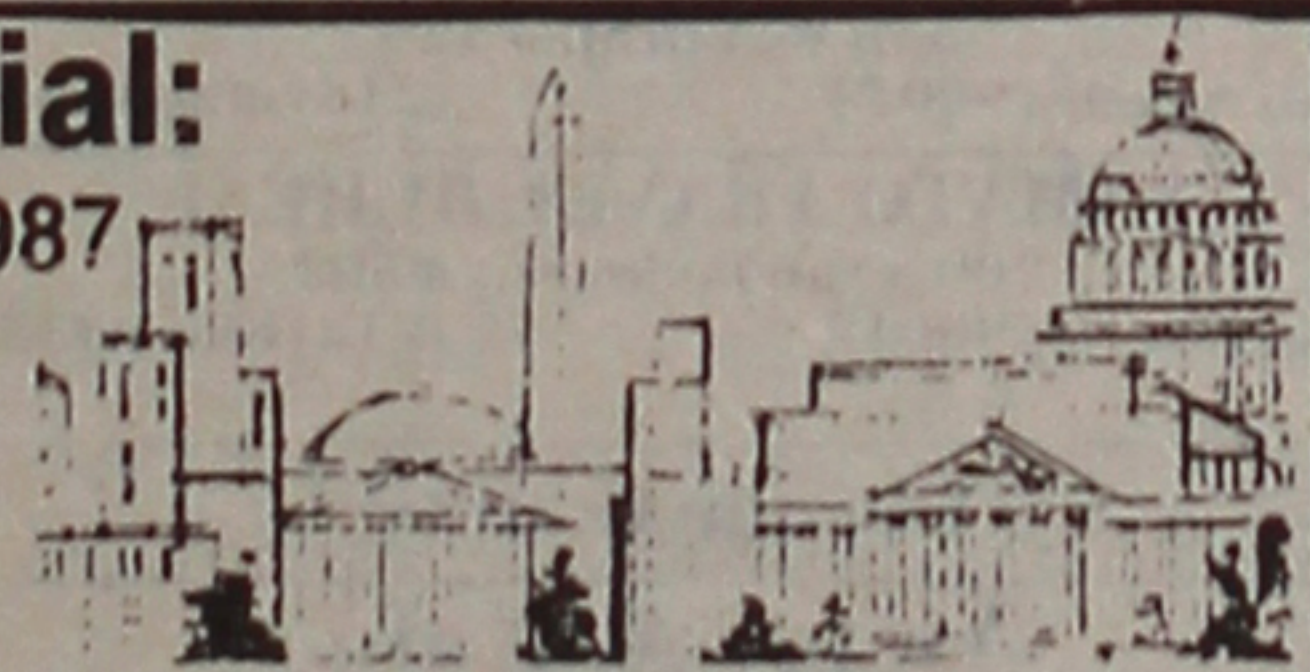
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