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New Mexico Senators Back Redress Bill; Count Now 72

WASHINGTON — New Mexico Sens. Pete Domenici (R) and Jeff Bingaman (D) became co-sponsors of redress bill S. 1009 during the first week of May.

Introduced with 71 co-sponsors (including the prime sponsor, Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii) on April 10, the bill now has a total of 72 co-sponsors. One of the original co-sponsors, Sen. Stephen Symms (R-Idaho), withdrew his co-sponsorship after the Easter recess.

The New Mexico senators were lobbied by New Mexico JACL Chapter member Ruth Hashimoto lobbied in Washington in March, when she was attending a board meeting of Sister Cities International. Also, LEC chairman Jerry Enomoto asked professional friends in New Mexico to write to the senators.

Domenici is minority leader on the Senate Budget Committee. Bingaman is a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee, to which S. 1009 is assigned. He joins Sens. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.) as a co-sponsor on the five-member Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services.

Asian Groups Vow to Prevent Future 'Vincent Chin' Cases

Asian American and other civil rights groups are denouncing the May 1 acquittal of Ronald Ebens on charges of civil rights violations in the Vincent Chin case and urging the public to address the larger issue of anti-Asian violence.

Ebens, who was accused of racial motivation in the baseball bat slaying of Chin five years ago in Detroit, was acquitted by a federal jury in Cincinnati after a two-week trial. An appeals court had overturned Ebens' 1984 conviction on the same charges last year. The retrial was moved to Cincinnati because of the case's notoriety in Detroit.

"It appears that the legal avenues to pursue justice in this case have come to an end," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), "as unsatisfying and disappointing as the final decision is."

"We must now turn our attention to halting such racially motivated violence before it occurs, and we must be ever vigilant to assure that our system of justice aggressively pursues crimes against those of Asian ancestry with the same vigor as it pursues crimes

against all other Americans."

James Tso, national president of Organization of Chinese Americans, commented, "While the judicial system gave Mr. Ebens all the benefits of a fair trial, his acquittal was clearly a miscarriage of justice."

"The American judicial system favors the criminal's civil rights over the rights of their victims. Mr. Ebens' attorneys used every legal maneuver to win for their client. On the other hand, our U.S. Department of Justice apparently lacked the skills and resources to win this most symbolic case. Mr. Ebens may not be guilty by this jury's decision, but in the hearts of every fair-minded American citizen, he is guilty of the racially motivated killing of Vincent Chin."

While expressing disappointment at the verdict, JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi said the Chin case was nevertheless "important and significant in raising the consciousness of the community regarding anti-Asian violence—something that we have to keep addressing."

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GUBERNATORIAL GREETING — California Gov. George Deukmejian hosted a reception May 4 at the Capitol to mark Asian Pacific Heritage Week (May 3-9). Accepting the governor's proclamation is Appellate Court Judge Morio Fukuto. Also taking part in ceremony are Clayton Fong (left) and Fred Bautista of Deukmejian's staff.

Japan Names Nikkei Honorees

A number of Japanese Americans were named April 29 as recipients of medals from the Japanese government for contributions to U.S.-Japan relations. Among the honorees are:

— Bill Hosokawa, 72, of Denver, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon. He has been Denver's honorary consul general of Japan since 1974 and has written books on the Japanese American experience. He is a member of the Fullbright Grant Selection Committee, former editor of the Denver Post, and a Pacific Citizen columnist.

— Yoshimi Shibata, 71, president of Mt. Eden (Calif.) Nursery, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette. He has made contributions in the area of plant cultivation. He has been a board member of Rose, Inc., and president of Wholesale Florist and Florist Supply Association.

— Takeo Taiyoshi, 80, of Los Angeles, Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays. He has been a leader in Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, Little Tokyo Business Association, and Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

— Kikue Ishizaki, 91, owner and president of Yamato Sukiya-ki in San Francisco, Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays.

— Noboru Kageyama, 74, of Seattle, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays. He is general manager and president of the North American Post.

— Frank Baba, 72, of Bethesda, Md., Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon. He is being honored for contributions in broadcasting and cultural exchange.

— Kazuo Kinoshita, 72, of Gresham, Ore., Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays. He is a former president of Gresham-Troutdale JACL.

— Tomeo Hanami, 76, of Monterey Park, Calif., Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays. He is president of Fukushima Kenjinkai, Southern California.

— Frank Oda, 71, of Honolulu, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays. He is president of Arts Hawaii Co., Ltd.

— Hisako Saito, 73, of Portland, Order of the Precious Crown, Ripple. She is former chair of the Japanese Women's Club.

— Shigemori Tamaki, 89, of Monterey Park, Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays. He is advisor to the Okinawa Club and has been active in Southern California Gardeners' Federation and Pioneer Center.

Of the 4,581 medal recipients, about 48 are foreigners.

Commission Still Lacks an Asian Member

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's April 15 appointment of William B. Allen to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has disappointed and angered those who had been pushing for Asian American representation on the eight-member panel.

Allen, a conservative Black, is a professor of government at Claremont (Calif.) College. There are now four Blacks, two Hispanics, and two Caucasians on the commission. No Asian American has ever been appointed.

Susan Lee, executive director of the National Democratic Council of Asian Pacific Americans, called the appointment "a real slight" for Asians and said that Reagan had missed a "historic opportunity."

"We submitted five very qualified persons," she said. "All had expertise in civil rights."

The five recommended by the NDCAPA were Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director; Chia-Wei Woo, president of San Francisco State University; Stewart Kwok, director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; Kung Lee Wang, a founder of Organization for Chinese Americans (OCA); and Manoranjan Dutta, a professor at Rutgers University.

Washington, D.C.-area Asians "felt that they were misled," said Lee, because the White House staff had gone so far as to interview one of the five. (That individual has declined to be identified publicly.)

"Instead of just signing ceremonies and photo-taking sessions, we want a little bit more [from the administration]," added Lee. "We want some tangible, substantive returns."

OCA national president James Tso also expressed disappointment in Reagan's decision. "This administration missed a great

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Government Still Denies Constitutional Violations, Author Drinnon Says

by Iku Kiriama

MANZANAR, Calif. — Under the warm April skies of the Owens Valley, before over 300 people who had made the annual trek to Manzanar, author and historian Richard Drinnon addressed the theme of the pilgrimage, "Honor the U.S. Constitution."

Sue Kunitomi Embrey and her Manzanar Committee chose the theme marking the Constitution's 200th birthday to make people aware of the 14th Amendment, which provides that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the law."

Drinnon, author of *Keeper of Concentration Camps: Dillon S. Myer and American Racism*, elaborated on wartime violations of Japanese Americans' civil rights, citing the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

The Fifth Amendment limits the power of the national government by stating that no person will be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

"The states acquiesced and willingly deprived the Nikkei due process of the law," Drinnon said. "However, it was the national government, not the states, that took the lead in trampling the rights of Japanese Americans."

The government's actions were not without precedent, he con-

tinued. "The Constitution of 1787, sadly, established a government under which non-whites were non-persons in a civil sense. The Fourteenth Amendment gave citizenship to Black Americans, but even after Blacks were no longer excluded formally from the political compact, other non-whites continued to be, including the Native Americans, the Chinese Americans, and later still, the Japanese Americans."

"They continued to be subjected to the historic assumption that this was a white man's country in which non-whites had no rights which the white man was bound to respect. This historic racist context is indispensable for any full understanding of the tragedy of the 1940s."

Drinnon maintained that "exclusion and detention were not

terrible mistakes as the government conceded last Monday [at the April 20 Supreme Court hearing on *Hohri V. United States*]. Not sharp departures from traditional American fair play. Not aberrations lacking precedents."

Rather, he said, they were "the offspring of all the decades of anti-Oriental agitation, 'Yellow Peril' hysteria, alien land laws, immigration exclusion and the rest."

Drinnon presented three links in a chain of evidence which he said showed government duplicity. The first was two documents, which Drinnon called "smoking guns," turned up by archival researcher Aiko Yoshinaga Herzig.

A memorandum sent by President Roosevelt to the Chief of Naval Operations, dated Aug. 10, 1936, said that "every Japanese

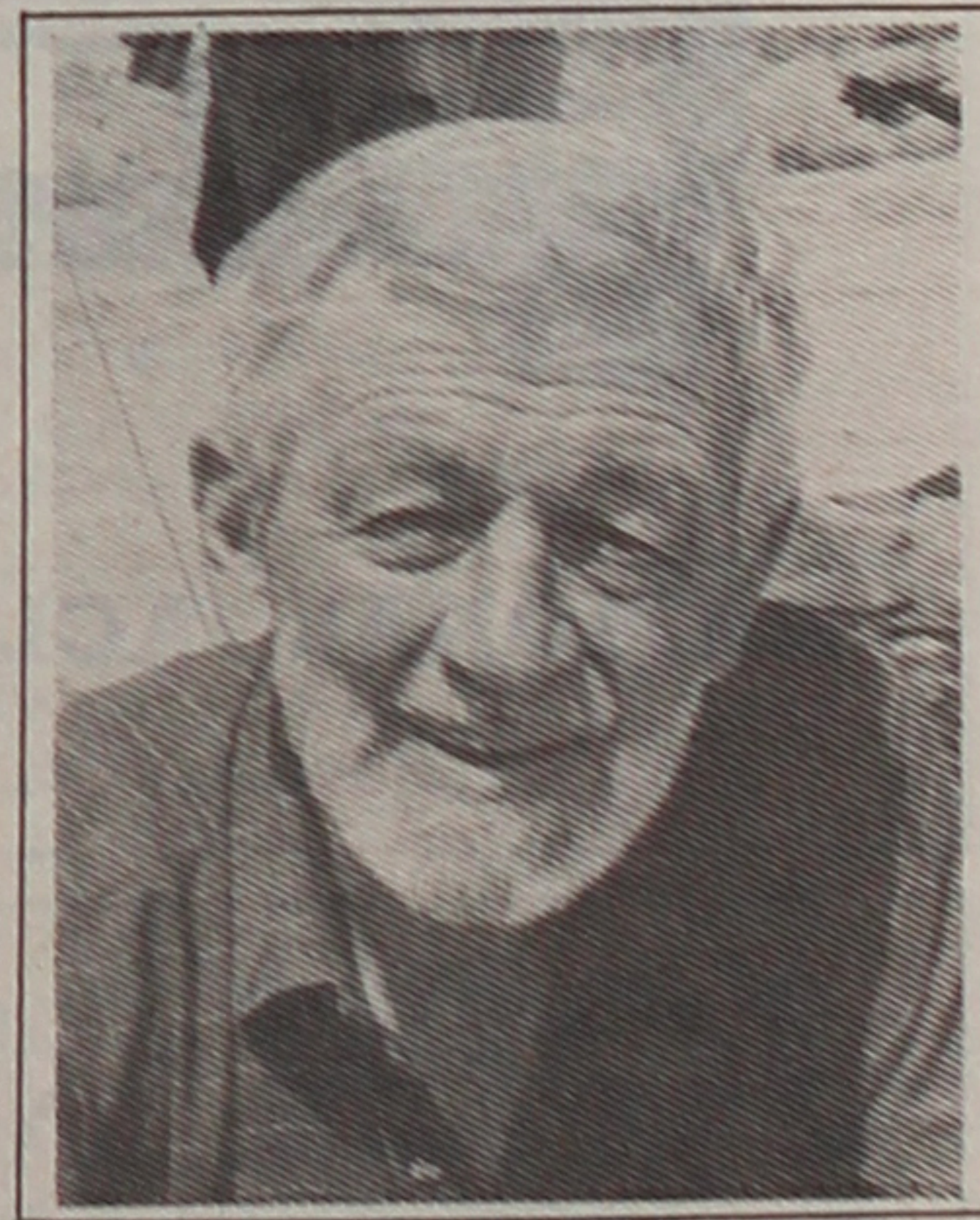


Photo by Naomi Hirahara Rafu Shimpo
Richard Drinnon

citizen or non-citizen on the island of Oahu who meets... Japanese ships or has any connection with their officers or men should

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Asian Pacific Advisory Council for Calif. Schools Appointed

SACRAMENTO — State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig has announced the appointment of new members to his advisory councils on Asian/Pacific Islander, Black and Hispanic affairs.

The advisory councils were formed three years ago to advise Honig on educational matters related to the three groups. Leaders from the various ethnic communities were invited to participate based on their affiliation with the state's major educational and public agencies or with business and community organizations involved in public education.

Japanese Americans serving on the Advisory Council on Asian/Pacific Islander Affairs are Gene Awakuni, UC Irvine; Nadine Hata, El Camino College, Torrance; Michael Honda, Franklin-McKinley School District; Deborah Ikeda, Fresno City College; Kenji Ima, San Diego State University; and Alice Kubo, assistant superintendent, Elk Grove Unified School District. Also appointed to the council were:

Joya Chatterjee, Alum Rock Union School District; Chanthan Chea, UC Irvine; Lori Tom Chinn, National Hispanic University, Oakland; Theresa Do, Lemon Grove; Elaine Kim, UC Berkeley; Herlinda Leong, Los Nietos School District; Maj. Gen. Dewey Lowe, Fair Oaks; Felizardo Moscos, Sweetwater Union High School District; Kim Anh Nguyen, San Jose Unified; Eugene Obillo, Paramount Unified; Lily Ogden, Glendale Unified; Suzie Oh, Los Angeles Unified; Corazon Ponce, San Francisco Unified; Prany Sananikone, Lottery Committee, Long Beach; Dien To, Santa Clara County Office of Education; Ray Tom, Stockton Unified; Seni Tufele, Santa Ana; Leticia Woo-Ming, Rancho Cordova; Burton Yin, Oakland Unified.

"These councils have played a pivotal role in assisting the depart-

ment and have provided ongoing communication with ethnic communities throughout our state," said Honig.

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings with Honig, the three councils periodically convene jointly to address issues of common concern.

Information on the activities of the councils may be obtained from Mario Muniz, director of the department's Office of External Affairs, at (916) 324-1857.

Jerome Camp Reunion Slated

DOWNEY, Calif. — Japanese Americans who were interned at the Jerome, Ark., camp will hold their first all-block reunion in 45 years July 4, 5 p.m., at Sambi Restaurant, 8649 E. Firestone Blvd.

Former Jerome internee Bert Nakano, spokesperson for National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, will speak on the topic "Redress Now!"

Mary Kochiyama (née Nakahara) of New York will be among the guests. Also attending will be Jerome USO workers and Crusaders who were involved in a campaign to write letters to Nisei in the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

For dinner reservations, send a check for \$17.50 per person to: Chiyo (Ogata) Nakahara, 967 Battery St., San Pedro, CA 90731; Sumi (Seo) Seki, 3625 Caspian Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810; Sally (Kiritani) Tsuneishi, 1521 S. Walnut St., San Gabriel, CA 91778; or Kay (Tagami) Sato, 25021 Feijoa St., Lomita, CA 90717. Deadline is June 13.

RICHARD DRINNON

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be secretly but definitely identified and his or her name placed on a special list of those who would be the first to be placed in a concentration camp in the event of trouble."

A second memo, sent by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to FDR on Oct. 9, 1940, proposed steps in preparing for war. Step 12 was to "prepare plans for concentration camps."

These documents reveal that the Roosevelt Administration planned to build camps long before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, said Drinnon, adding that the rights of Japanese Americans were not mentioned. "Indeed, for FDR, the Nisei were apparently Japanese citizens, while their Issei parents were apparently Japanese non-citizens. Whatever the designation, Nikkei had no rights these white men felt bound to respect."

The second link consisted of internal Justice Department memoranda released under the Freedom of Information Act, the first edition of Gen. John DeWitt's *Final Report: Japanese Evacuation From the West Coast, 1942*, and district court rulings in the recently reopened *Hirabayashi* and *Korematsu* Supreme Court cases.

These documents show that "the government knew there was no military necessity for exclusion and detention, and that it concealed its knowledge from the Supreme Court, it suppressed evidence, lied and engaged in

misconduct so massive as to amount to a fraud on the courts," Drinnon declared.

The third link was the government's brief to the Supreme Court in the *Hohri* class action suit, in which Solicitor General Charles Fried maintained that the government did not mislead the Supreme Court in the wartime cases.

"Forty years after the fact, the government denies its wartime duplicity, fails to acknowledge that the district courts have all found it guilty of misleading the Supreme Court, still seeks to avoid judicial accountability, and seeks to overturn the Appeals Court decision that would have given the 120,000 victims at long last their day in court," said Drinnon.

He quoted the 1986 opinion of Appeals Court judges J. Skelly Wright and Ruth Ginsburg, which allowed the class action suit to proceed: "Today, now that the truth can be known, the government says that the time for justice has passed. We cannot agree."

He exhorted the crowd to remember that "the time for justice was yesterday, today and tomorrow—always. At the very least, I

hope your presence means that should the keepers of the concentration camps beckon again, you can be heard loud and clear: 'Hell, no! We won't go!'"

Los Angeles Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky called Manzanar "a living monument, not a history book" which can serve to educate the post-1945 generation so that the camp experience will never be repeated.

He pondered how such injustices happen: "When good people keep quiet, evil people thrive... Stand up and have the guts and the courage to say 'No!' The longer you wait, the more excuses not to act, the more difficult it becomes to act, and then it becomes too late to act."

Rose Ochi, executive assistant to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, presented certificates of commendation to Drinnon and to Nancy Gohata for her 11 years of bringing busloads of people from San Fernando Valley for the pilgrimages.

After a joint Buddhist and Christian ceremony, the 18th Manzanar Pilgrimage closed with the traditional ondo dancing.

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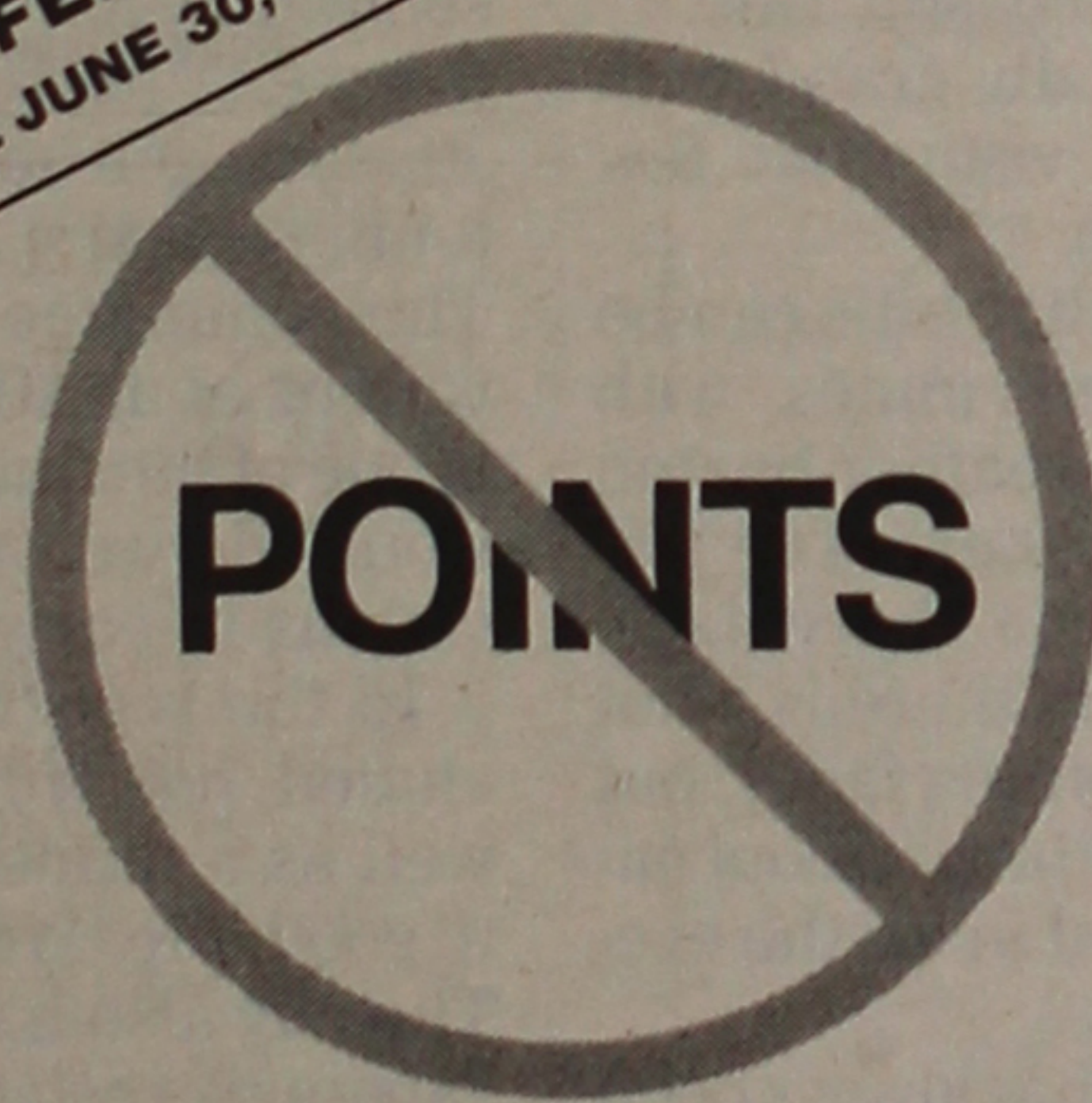
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Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chairman of the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the House Judiciary Committee, opened the April 29 hearing on H.R. 442 by stating that it was agreed that what the government did to Japanese Americans during WW2 was wrong, and that the issue is what the appropriate remedy is.

He recognized his colleagues first, to permit them to return to their business elsewhere. "If you agree with what has been said," he told them, "please just state that you agree and don't explain in great detail what it is you are agreeing with."

The opening remarks set the tone for the focused and tight schedule which Frank followed.

Other subcommittee members present at the start of the hearing were Ranking Minority Member E. Clay Shaw of Florida, Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), and Howard Coble (R-N.C.). Absent were Jack Brooks (D-Texas), Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.), and Lamar Smith (R-Texas).

Frank, Berman, Morrison, Cardin and Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) are co-sponsors of H.R. 442. Glickman entered the hearing during the testimony of Richard Willard of the Department of Justice.

There were three recesses for roll call vote between 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m., when the hearing ended. The trade bill was the issue before the House that day.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) spoke first. He said that a Department of Justice task force had recently concluded a study and recommended a round-up and incarceration of certain "nationalities" for vague national security reasons, and that barbed wire and cots had already been shipped to Louisiana for this purpose.

He pointed out that Solicitor General Charles Fried had said in his recent appearance before the Supreme Court that the internment was "frankly racist" and a "wrong judgment."

Moving on to the technical aspects of the bill, Mineta said, "The heart and soul of this bill is, of course, the payment of significant monetary compensation... These payments would be for compensation for the loss of civil and constitutional rights, not for the loss of property."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) also commented on Fried's statement before the Court. He asked the subcommittee members to re-

call that statement when the Justice Department representative testified. "I have reviewed the Justice Department's letter to this subcommittee last year," he said, "and would say that it is almost in direct contradiction to what the Solicitor General presented before the Supreme Court."

Matsui's answer to those who oppose the bill by saying that all people suffer during times of war was that all citizens have a responsibility to protect their country but that "I don't have any responsibility under a democracy to be a six-month-old child incarcerated by my government because of my origin."

"In a totalitarian form of government, I suppose then I would have that obligation... but not in a democracy," he said.

After Matsui's testimony, Frank asked Shaw if he had any questions. Shaw replied, "I have no questions. There is no question that what happened was wrong. I can't help but notice that today's hearing coincides with the consideration of the trade bill."

Frank responded that the trade issue deals with America's relationship with a foreign country while the internment deals with the relationship of Americans with other Americans.

"There is a distinction," said Shaw, "but we are talking about prejudice in both cases."

Berman disagreed with Shaw, stating that neither the issue of discrimination nor the trade bill were part of the hearing.

Berman then asked Mineta if the bill extended eligibility for payments to individuals who were relocated from Latin American countries. Mineta answered that the purpose of the legislation is to compensate U.S. citizens who were wronged by their own government, and that compensation for Peruvians is not included since their relocation was an act of the Peruvian government.

The chairman terminated this discussion, saying that this point would have to be discussed at a later time, as it was not central to the purpose of the hearing.

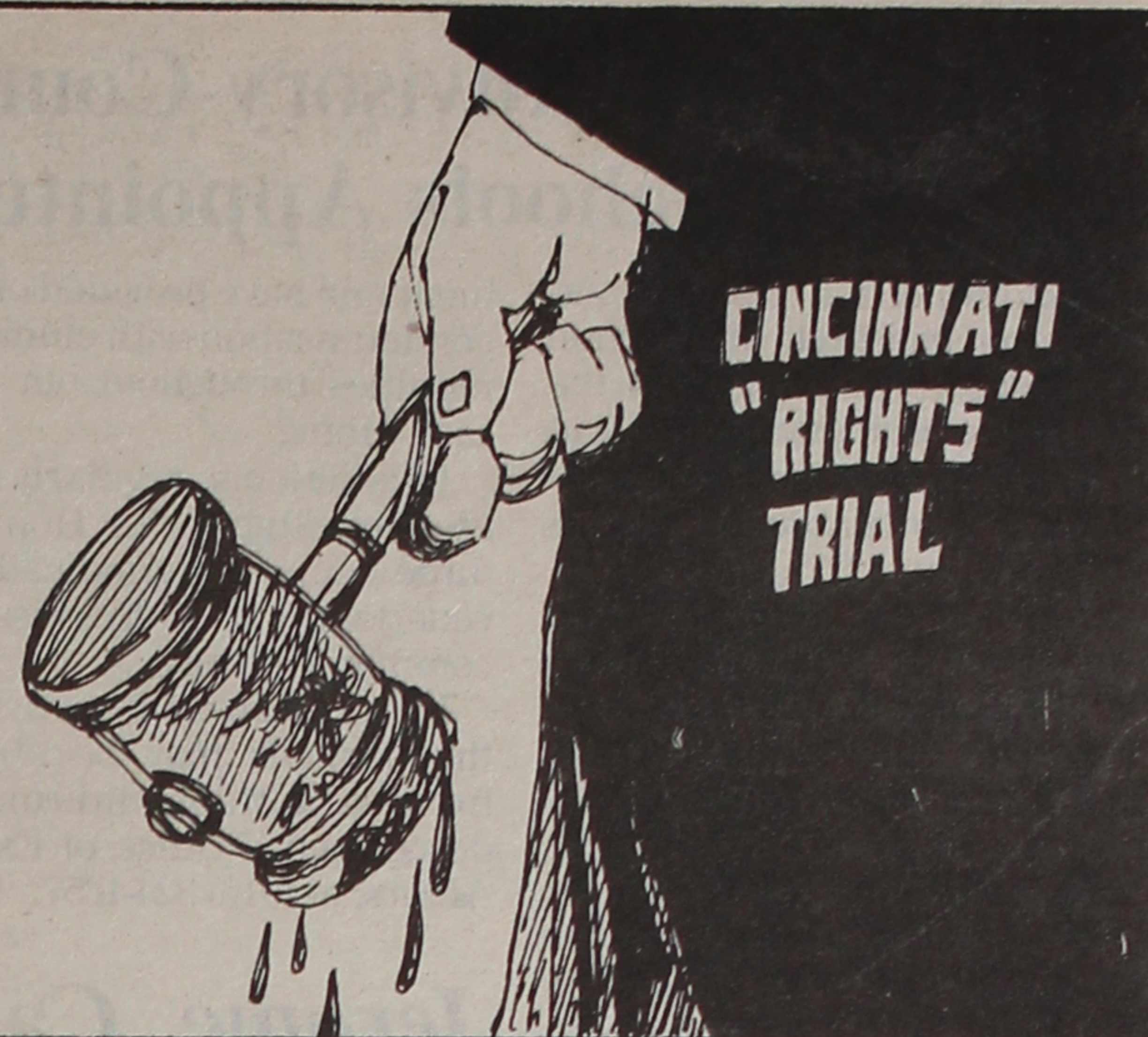
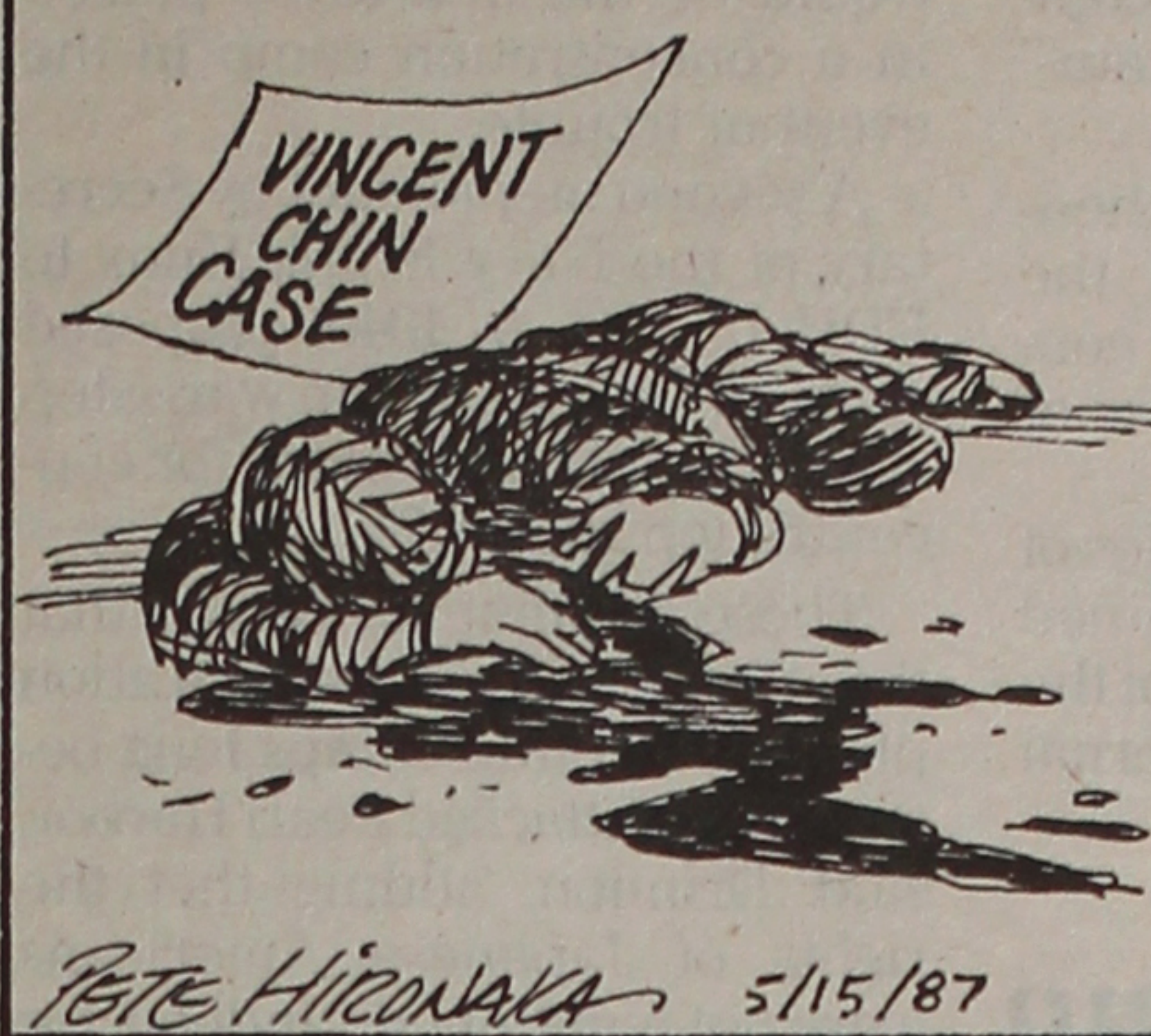
Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) opened his remarks by quoting his father, who had said the evacuation of Japanese Americans was a dark day in American history. Young's primary interest, however, was in separate legislation which he had introduced to compensate native Alaskans relocated by the U.S. government during WW2.

He said that the victims are rapidly dying and that action needs to be taken soon, for their history contains "horror stories beyond imagination."

In H.R. 1631, Young noted, instead of the \$5,000 in individual compensation recommended by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civil-

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ANOTHER BRUTAL BEATING



The Hatred Still Lingers

FROM THE
FRYING PAN

Bill
Hosokawa



There was an item in the local paper the other day about President Chaim Herzog of Israel visiting West Germany. It was the first trip by an Israeli head of state to the land where so many millions of Jews died in the Holocaust. Herzog visited the site of the Nazi death camp at Bergen-Belsen, where he laid a wreath at a new memorial.

Herzog's visit was a statement that while the Holocaust will never be forgotten, it was time to put the Nazi horror behind us and move on to other things.

On a far different scale, but with similar symbolism, Emperor Hirohito visited the United States a decade or so ago and was received hospitably by Americans. Despite current trade friction,

commerce between the U.S. and Japan adds up to an astonishingly huge exchange of goods and services. It is difficult to remember that only a little more than four decades ago the U.S. was preparing to bomb Japan into oblivion and Japanese were killing themselves rather than surrender to the feared Yanks.

Times and attitudes change.

But not everywhere, and not with everyone.

It is a curious and amazing fact that there are still among us individuals obsessed with hate—I do not believe hate is too strong a word—for JACL and its leadership during the confused and precarious days of 1942.

They fault JACL and its leadership for acceding to the evacuation, although they do not suggest what other course might have been taken. They persist in seeing JACL and its wartime leadership as usurpers of community power, although it is patent that they were drawn inevitably into the vacuum created by federal seizure of Issei leaders.

Hitler plunged Europe into war with Mussolini's support.

Stalin stabbed Poland in the back, and then Japan after nuclear bombs had obliterated Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which made a mockery of the Constitution. The frightened Gen. DeWitt ordered the racially inspired evacuation at the urging of people like Earl Warren and Col. Bendetsen and the approval of liberals like Walter Lippmann. A majority of the U.S. Supreme Court did not have the courage to reverse Roosevelt's error.

Perhaps these figures are too distant to be tarred with blame. JACL and its surviving leaders are close, and that makes them a vulnerable target for the unending vendetta. Never mind that, despite its numerous faults and weaknesses, JACL has survived as the only national organization of the Japanese American community. For that reason alone it deserves better.

What gain is there, aside from paranoia, in continuing to feed the hate? Chaim Herzog could tell us there are better things waiting to be done.

Irasshai!

EAST
WIND

Bill
Marutani



WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD to the first of its kind for us: the Tri-District Convention of the Easter, Midwest and Mountain Plains district councils to be held Aug. 5-9 in Denver.

The workshops sound most imaginative, including subjects such as: Identity Conflicts in Racially Mixed Children; Asian Women in the Media Arts; Communication Skills; Asian Men and Women, Roles in Transition; Leadership Training Skills; Sexual Harassment; Job Discrimination; Asian American Literature, just to name a few.

It'll pose a dilemma if two special ones are scheduled at the same time. Which one do I go to?

THE MILE-HI CITY is always a beautiful place to visit, and in the past decade the frau and I have had occasion to enjoy the beauty and sights three times during the summer. And we always enjoyed our visits.

In between, I managed to sneak in a couple of extra visits for one thing or another. Renting a *kuruma* and simply heading for the hills, the Rockies, and just wandering around up there is breath-

taking. The sensation of acrophobia, particularly on those mountain roads peering over the precipice of narrow roads down into the lush valleys below, is better than a roller coaster ride.

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UP IN THEM tar hills can be found abandoned mines with long-vacated, weather-beaten shacks here and there. I've forgotten the name of the village, but somewhere up there is a hot spring. Rustic, nothing fancy; but frau Vicki has a "thing" about *onsen*, so we checked in for the evening to soak.

My experience has always been ending up feeling woozy after one of those sessions, getting out of the mineral springs feeling sympathetic for all lobsters. And wondering how it is that the frau seems to manage to relax in the enveloping heat—and even go back for more.

I guess it's something about opposites managing to join in matrimony.

THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE managed to work out a hotel deal that one cannot refuse: accommodations at the Marriott for under 50 smackers, whether it be a couple or a family up to four. "That's a bargain hard to beat," commented Vicki. Indeed.

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ties are bound to be top-notch. Bucking the downward trend of hostelryes all too often found in the U.S.

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In the registration fee are included not only a luncheon as well as a dinner-dance, but also a good ole Western barbecue. The city also has some excellent Japanese restaurants as well as gift shops. It also has a beautiful Buddhist temple.

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An Unvarnished Account of the Hawaiian Japanese

by Richard T. Kenmotsu

"The collective experiences of 'Buddhaheads' [Hawaiian Japanese] are not that much different from 'kotonks' [Mainland Japanese Americans]," stated University of Hawaii professor Franklin Odo recently. "The relationship between islanders and mainlanders should be much closer than it is. We have a lot to learn from each other."

Odo was in San Francisco in March to introduce his lavishly illustrated book *A Pictorial History of the Japanese in Hawaii: 1885-1924* at a book-signing and luncheon sponsored by National JACL, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL, and Japanese American Library.

The book is about working people—who are not "heroes" in the general sense—and acknowledges their experiences and work. Where previous histories about the Japanese are "recycled" material originally written in the 1910s and 1920s, Odo and

co-author Kazuko Sinoto have used newly discovered and collected newspapers, diaries, novels, and autobiographies, much written by Issei in Japanese.

While covering plantation life, newspapers, religious leaders, and schools, the book also delves into the seamy side of immigrant life: bored wives, prostitutes, rip-off artists, wife stealers, and the military.

Also tapped are the rich oral traditions of the Issei as captured in *holehole bushi* (*holehole* is dried cane leaf), which are songs in Japanese sung by the laborers and based on Hiroshima folk songs. Odo recited one example that reflects the loose plantation life:

*Tomorrow is Sunday
Come over and visit
My husband will be out
watering the cane field
I'll be home alone.*

The scoundrels and rip-off artists are subjects of other *holehole bushi*. One concerned a Joji Nakayama, of high *samurai* background, who became inspector-

in-chief of the Japanese section of the Hawaiian government's Bureau of Immigration:

*The workers keep on coming
Overflowing the islands.
But it is only middleman
Nakayama
Who rakes in the money.*

Apparently, Nakayama was taking bribes to let in certain picture brides as well as being involved in the exchanging of other unhappy brides.

The Rev. Takie Okamura is another colorful personality mentioned in the book. A native of Kochi and a graduate of Doshisha University in Kyoto, he arrived in Hawaii in 1894 to Christianize the Japanese immigrants. One of his activities was trying to break up the prostitution rings run by local Honolulu Japanese gangs.

However, these gangs did not take this righteous crusade lying down. For example, they published veiled threats in their own gang newsletters, reported Odo: "Every month there are at least 15 nights when there is no moon.

People who try to oppose us had better beware."

Besides, the gangs retorted, as "good" Japanese, their prostitutes remitted dollars back to Japan regularly; so who was this upstart Okamura anyway, trying to mess with gang operations?

Odo did not want to glorify such historical experiences. Those were really hard times, and it is important to remember and not merely gloss over such hardships. There are a lot of people, he said, who were smashed or devastated by the immigration experience, and some were completely destroyed.

Maintaining that the histories of the Japanese in Hawaii and on the Mainland dovetail, Odo told the audience that racism is a part of Hawaiian society, and that class oppression is still very much in existence today.

The Hawaiian Japanese are beginning to collect and preserve their experiences, although they are behind the Mainland Japanese Americans with their newly

established ethnic museums and library.

The Hawai'i Immigration Heritage Preservation Center of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu asked Odo to write a history of the Japanese in Hawaii in conjunction with the 1985 celebration of the 100th anniversary of Japanese contract labor to Hawaii. His pictorial history covers the story of Issei laborers from arrival in 1885 to 1924, the year of the Japanese Exclusion Act.

Odo is currently compiling an anthology of Issei literature, including more *holehole bushi*. A Sansei born in Hawaii, he graduated from Princeton University and taught for many years in Southern California before returning to Hawaii.

The book is published by Bishop Museum Press. There is an English and a Japanese edition; both are \$22. Books can be ordered by mail from: Japanese American Library, P.O. Box 590598, San Francisco, CA 94159; (415) 567-5006.

Letters to the Editor

The Peruvian Japanese

This letter is in reference to another excellent column by Bill Hosokawa, entitled "A Little-Known Outrage" (April 24 PC), concerning the removal of Peruvian Japanese in that country to camps in Texas by order of the U.S. government during WW2.

The column mentions the book *The Japanese Thread* by John K. Emmerson. Where can I purchase a copy? Also, there is another excellent book concerning the same subject entitled *Pawns in a Triangle of Hate* by C. Harvey Gardiner (University of Washington Press, 1981).

The author is a research professor of history (emeritus) at Southern Illinois University and had previously written a related book entitled *The Japanese and Peru, 1873-1973*.

In writing *Pawns in a Triangle of Hate*, Professor Gardiner has thoroughly researched and documented the story in depth. Traveling all over the U.S., Peru and Japan, he has interviewed government officials as well as the victims. The book gives a complete history from the time of Japanese immigration to Peru to the victimization of approximately 1,800 Peruvian Japanese and the aftermath.

It is a story of sadness, wartime diplomacy and the injustice perpetrated under the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt against people of Japanese ancestry, this time in Peru. Once started, this book is hard to put down.

During the Commission on

War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearing in Chicago, I and many others were shocked to hear the emotional testimonies given by Professor Gardiner and two Peruvian Japanese victims. He also gave a dramatic presentation at the "From Relocation to Redress" conference in Salt Lake City.

It was during the conference dinner that I had the privilege of being seated at Professor Gardiner's table for more informal discussion on the subject. He was very personable and all of us at the table had an interesting and enlightening evening.

If for some unconscionable reason Professor Gardiner has not received proper recognition, this should be rectified immediately, especially by the Japanese government.

STANLEY N. KANZAKI
New York

Briefly Noted

Some years back, PC adopted "JPN" as an abbreviation for both "Japan" and "Japanese." This was first suggested by Patsy Mink of Honolulu. Subsequently, I suggested "Jpn." for "Japan" and "Japanese" (PC, January 1979).

Ed Suguro asks what is a suitable abbreviation for "Japanese" (April 3 PC). How do you feel about "Jpnse." for "Japanese"?

G.N. ASAWA
Anaheim, Calif.

While they are not used in PC headlines, I have no problem with "Jpn." or "Jpnse." I object only to "Jpnz" because there is no "z" in "Japanese." — JKY

UYEHARA

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ians, the amount has been increased to \$12,000. There are 350 Aleut survivors.

In response to Young's appeal that the legislation be moved to the floor soon, Frank said the subcommittee intended to vote on the legislation within the next couple of months, but he could not make further guarantees. The subcommittee then took its first recess.

After the hearing reconvened with only Frank present, later joined by Coble, Rep. Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii) presented her testimony, which focused on the 1,500 Hawaiian Japanese sent to

Mainland detention centers and the 300 placed in the camp at Ewa Beach on Oahu. She ended by saying, "The measure before us is not a budget issue, it is a matter of personal freedom, and the protection of individual rights in a democratic society."

Coble complimented "the gentlemen from California to Alaska ... and the gentlelady from Hawaii." He said his position was that "I can't defend it. I can't say 'I know how you feel' to Mr. Mine-ta and Mr. Matsui, because I don't. I know that war imposes hardship and suffering generally, and I don't know where to draw the line."

To be continued next week.

Mountain Plains Ponders JACL's Future

by Jennifer Yazawa

The Mountain Plains District Council JACL held its biannual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. on April 3-4. Delegates from the Houston, Omaha, Mile-Hi and Arkansas Valley chapters convened at the Albuquerque Hilton. National JACL vice president and former judge William Marutani of Philadelphia was the invited guest of the New Mexico Chapter.

One major issue discussed at MPDC's Saturday morning meeting was the future of JACL, particularly with respect to recruiting Sansei and Yonsei.

Bob Sakaguchi of Denver reported on how his chapter is seeking to involve younger Americans of Asian ancestry (AAA) in issues relevant to JACL. He suggested that it would be helpful to have community/business centers to bring these groups together. These centers would be more than a place to house various functions of JACL and its members; they would be business/activity centers for all Asian groups.

If the AAA professionals were involved in the initial planning, designing, and funding, he said, they would be more likely to use the center for their "home base" and form networks with other

AAA professionals as well as with the larger AAA population.

Another major agenda item was the upcoming Tri-District (Mountain Plains, Midwest and Eastern) Conference to be held Aug. 5-9 in Denver. The meeting will be sponsored by MPDC with the Mile-Hi Chapter hosting.

The afternoon's program was divided into two sessions. In the first, Elizabeth Chestnut presented the background of her exhibit "Turning Leaves: The Family Albums of Two Japanese American Families." She displayed a portion of the exhibit showing how one family had preserved its cultural identity and adapted to American culture over several generations.

Developed by the Japanese American Family Album Project, the original show was designed to encourage families to look more closely at their own photographic collections. The show is touring Berkeley, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Gallup, N.M. Funding came from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The presentation elicited recollections from Roy Takeno of Denver and George Uchiyama of San Luis Valley/Rocky Ford, who are living resources on the history of Japanese immigrants

in Colorado and New Mexico.

During the second session, Randy Shibata moderated a discussion on the future of JACL. Panelists were Marutani, Eli Yao of Chinese American Cultural Alliance, and Fay Yao of Albuquerque Chinese School. A major concern was the balancing of pride in one's historical and ethnic heritage as a member of a minority group with effective participation in the mainstream majority culture, which is essentially Eurocentric.

Another concern was that individual Asian groups must leave the political conflicts and prejudices of the "old world" behind. To continue to fight "old world" problems would only serve to divide Asian groups here, panelists agreed.

The Sayonara Banquet was held on Saturday evening. Stan Harada was master of ceremonies and Marutani was keynote speaker. Marutani read excerpts from the congressional hearings on redress. His final message was that seeking redress is a basic constitutional right, without which none of the other rights has any meaning.

Afterwards, attendees interacted informally, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

1787-1987 — and 1942

The following editorial appeared in the May 7 edition of the Washington Post.

The Smithsonian Institution is not often in the middle of political controversy. But an exhibit planned by one of its museums—the National Museum of American History—in connection with the bicentennial of the Constitution has caused a stir.

That is because it raises the painful question of how, under our Constitution, it was possible for this country to intern Japanese Americans during WW2.

We think the museum is right to go ahead with the exhibit, despite some protest. The questions it raises are worth debating.

Americans of Japanese ancestry—citizens as well as legal aliens—who had been neither charged nor convicted of any wrongdoing, were summarily

shipped off to detention camps in 1942.

For many years after the war had ended, there was little public discussion of the policy. Military authorities said the evacuation had been necessary to protect the West Coast, and even the Supreme Court had ratified the harsh decision.

Some small payments were subsequently made by the government to compensate for tangible losses—about \$37 million—but most of the evacuees lost homes and businesses or sold them for a pittance during the brief time they were given to pack up.

No compensation can ever be made for the years spent in confinement, for the terrible stigma of imprisonment or for the injustice that was inflicted.

Some steps have been taken re-

cently. President Ford, in 1976, acknowledged that a mistake had been made. Courts have overturned some convictions for violating exclusion orders, and new civil suits for damages have been litigated. These may not succeed because of the statute of limitations, but Congress can still respond to recommendations made by a special commission in 1983 and vote to compensate the victims.

About half of the original 120,000 internees are still living. A Senate bill with 69 co-sponsors and a House bill with 137 have leadership backing and momentum. Both call for a formal apology to individuals and some form of payment, both personal and into a general trust fund. Those who have doubts about the need to make amends should visit the Smithsonian exhibit this summer.

Chapter Pulse

NEW YORK

•Chapter's annual Scholarship Dinner-Dance will take place May 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Warwick Hotel. Dinner committee is being spearheaded by Sandy Funatake. Info: (212) 614-2838.

CONTRA COSTA

•Chapter's Caring, Aging and Retirement Program meeting will take place May 22 at 8 p.m. at East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Guest speakers will be Lillian Omi and Tomoyo Takahashi.

MILE-HI

•Chapter will host a tri-district convention committee meeting May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nisei Post. Chapter members and friends are encouraged to attend.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

•Chapter's annual graduation banquet will take place June 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Tickets are \$15. Reservations may be obtained by calling Dr. Charles Rich, (206) 535-2454, or Yosh Tanabe, (206) 922-7045.

SEATTLE

•Chapter's benefit golf tournament will take place June 14 at Jefferson Park Golf Course beginning at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 with participants paying green fees. Further information may be obtained by writing Bob Sato, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 108, Seattle, WA 98104.

STOCKTON

•Chapter's community picnic will take place May 24 beginning at 10 a.m. at Micke Grove Park. Signups for horseshoe competition will be taken at 11:30 a.m. Contest will begin at 12:30 p.m. Activities also will include races for boys, girls and adults.

VENTURA

•Chapter will participate in a cleanup of the Japanese Cemetery, Olds and Pleasant Valley Road, Oxnard, May 16 beginning at 9 a.m. Info: Yas Umeda, (805) 487-0666.

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Nisei Relays Coming to CSU Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Application forms for the JACL Nisei Relays, to be held June 14 at CSU Long Beach, are being sent to JACL chapters which sponsored teams at previous meets, co-chairs Carrie Okamura and Russell Hiroto announced.

The Nisei Relays are co-sponsored by Pacific Southwest District Council JACL and the CSU Long Beach Track Program. Entry deadline is May 31.

This is the second year in

which the distances of running events are metric except for the popular mile and two-mile runs.

Okamura added that the Nisei Relays Committee is collaborating with Pan American Nikkei Association-Southern California on the selection of a U.S. Nikkei athletic team in track, field, swimming and possibly judo for the 1988 PANA International Sports Festival in Lima, Peru.

She noted that high-jumper Rick Noji of University of Wash-

ington, who was on the U.S. Nikkei team last year in Mexico City, did well at the Puma-Mt. SAC Relays last month and is a likely prospect for the 1988 Olympics.

At Mt. SAC, Noji high-jumped 7'5", finishing in a three-way tie for second place behind Jake Jacoby's record-setting 7'7" jump. In Mexico City last August, Noji high-jumped 7'5" for the first time, establishing a meet record.

Info: (213) 267-1560 or (714) 894-9092.

JACL Gets Chevron Grant for Health Fairs

SAN FRANCISCO — For the fifth consecutive year, JACL has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by Chevron USA to fund the Minority Health Fair Program.

In a letter to JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, Dick McGrath of Chevron USA wrote, "Chevron USA has been pleased with the growth of the Minority Health Fair Program and its positive impact upon the Japanese American community. The JACL and Chevron both benefit

when local JACL chapters provide community health fairs to the public they serve."

"We are thrilled and delighted that Chevron USA has once again provided the resources to hold health fairs in our community," said Wakabayashi. "The sensitivity that Chevron has shown toward ethnic and women's organizations through support of programs confirms their important role in serving the community at large."

The JACL/Chevron USA Minority Health Fair Program provides initial funding of \$250 to local health fairs.

JACL chapters sponsor these events or co-sponsor them with other community groups. JACL also provides posters and informational brochures to be used at health fairs.

For more information, contact National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 921-5225.

JA Chairing National Self-Help Committee

LOS ANGELES — Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has appointed Mark Mayeda, deputy director of the California Self-Help Center at UCLA, to chair the steering

committee of a national workshop on "Self-Help and Public Health."

Mayeda will develop the program with 25 individuals promi-

nent in health, research, business, social welfare, philanthropy and self-help.

The center will host the workshop at UCLA Sept. 20-22. Participants from around the country will develop a national agenda on policies, programs and activities for improving the partnership between self-help groups and public health. Koop will present the keynote address.

Mayeda has been vice chair of United Way's Asian Pacific Research and Development Council, a board member of the Ford Foundation's Consortium on Employment Communications, executive director of Asian Rehabilitation Services, president of Asian Pacific Planning Council, and a member of JACL.



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May 16 — 30

LOS ANGELES

May 15
6 p.m. Mayor's Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week Dinner will take place at Friendship Auditorium, 3021 Riverside Drive. Theme of this year's event is "Contributors to Education." Admission is \$30 per person. For ticket information call Lily Quan, (213) 485-3404.

May 16-31 Recent works by sculptors Eleanor Komai and Todd Rich will be on display at Little Tokyo Clayworks, 106 N. San Pedro St. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 18 and 20
7:15-9:15 p.m. Occidental College's East Wind, Jade West and Asian Alliance will sponsor two speakers' forums in Johnson Hall, Room 101, on the college campus. The May 18 program, "The New Leaders: Forging a Progressive Course Into the Future," features L.A. City Councilman Mike Woo, former Monterey Park Mayor Lily Chen, L.A. Board of Public Works Commissioner Dennis Nishikawa, and attorney Art Song. The May 20 program, "Actors/Actresses: Working Toward Balanced Portrayals," will feature Kim Miyori, Gedde Watanabe, Patti Yasutake, Sab Shimono and Rodney Kageyama. For further information call Guy Aoki, (818) 980-9490.

SEATTLE

May 24
7:30 p.m. "An Evening With Arnold Mukai," a stand-up comedian, will take place at the Theater Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. Admission is \$7 general and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information call (206) 340-1445.

WEST COVINA

May 24
1 p.m. San Gabriel Valley Singles will host a panel discussion, "Learning to Cope With Loneliness," at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. For more information call Irene, (818) 965-2165.

NEW YORK

May 27
8 p.m. Chen and Dancers will be presented at the Theater of the Riverside Church, 120th Street between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue. Two other performances will take place May 29 at 8 p.m. and May 31 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 general, and \$5 for students and seniors. For information call (212) 864-2929.

SAN FRANCISCO

May 16 Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California Awards Dinner will take place at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Honorees are Haruko Obata, Cultural Award; and Shichinosuke Asano, Sandy Ouye Mori, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki and Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Community Awards. Tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations and ticket information may be obtained by calling Charles Morimoto at (415) 567-5505.

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Asian Women Writers Seek Poetry, Prose

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Submissions of poetry and prose by Asian Pacific women writers should be photocopies, as submissions will not be returned; include name, address and telephone number of writer on each page; and include permission from author or publisher for use in a public reading if material is copyrighted. Deadline is May 30.

The reading will take place June 28 in Los Angeles. If a writer does not wish to take part in the reading, a PAAWWW member will read the work. Writers should indicate their preference.

PAAWWW is a non-profit group established to preserve, develop and promote Asian Pacific American literary and media arts. Members include playwrights Momoko Ikô, Velina Houston and Wakako Yamauchi. Send submissions to PAAWWW c/o Emma Gee, P.O. Box 36-D 94, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

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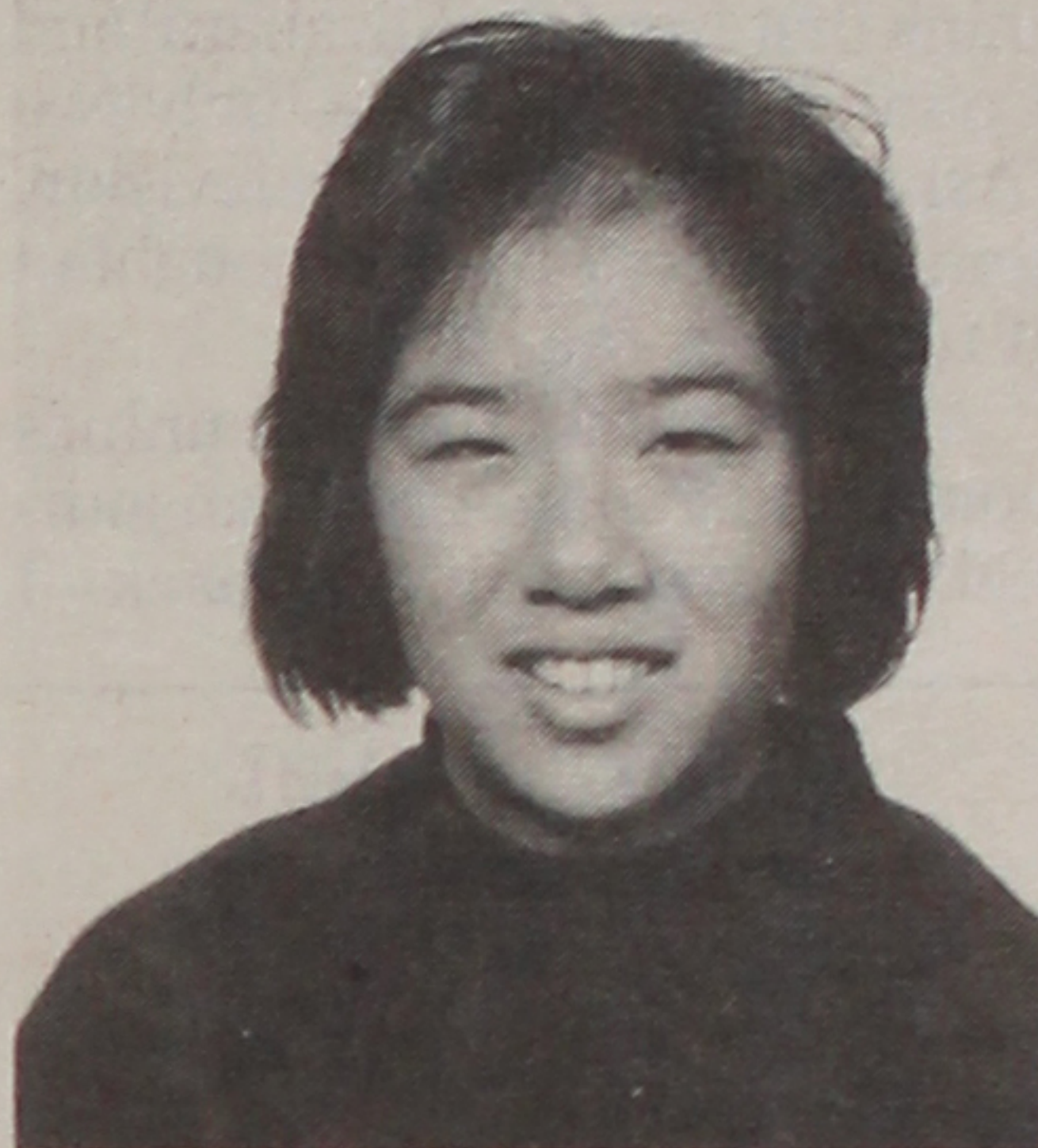
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SOUND INVESTMENT — A stereo tape recorder was recently donated to the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum by Japanese American United Alliance, represented by (from left) Ken Okajima, Jimmy Tokeshi, Derek Mikuriya, Dave Ikegami, and Ellen Koga. The recorder is to be used for oral history interviews with Issei and Nisei. JAUA is a community service group affiliated with Downtown L.A. JACL.

Deaths

Marjorie "Mitsi" Tokioka Nishimura of Houston, co-owner and president of Post Oak Travel Inc., died March 2. A resident of Houston for 31 years, she was a graduate of Skidmore College in New York and the Harvard-Radcliffe Program for Business Administration in Cambridge. She also was a founding member of River Oaks Breakfast Club and an active member of 7 College Conference.

Nishimura is survived by husband Dwight; daughters Anne Nishimura Morse of Boston and Ellen Kimi Nishimura of Houston; son Dwight Ken Nishimura Jr. of New York; and parents Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Tokioka of Honolulu.



Christeen Taniguchi is the recipient of a \$500 UCLA Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae Scholarship for the 1986-87 school year. A graduate of North High School in Torrance, Calif., she is majoring in political science and plans to enter law school.

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Jennings: AA Journalists Can Link Cultures

by J.K. Yamamoto

SAN FRANCISCO—Journalists of Asian descent have a special role to play in the media, Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight," said during an April 8 scholarship benefit dinner held by the San Francisco chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA).

"I think you have a dual responsibility," Jennings told the audience at the Hotel Meridien, "and I say this to you as an immigrant. I come from Canada originally, and when the subject of acid rain comes up, or the question of the Canadian mentality... people turn to me and look for some kind of cultural explanation about a country I haven't lived or worked in for 22 years."

The first burden for Asian American journalists, he said, is to try "to break down the portals of bias and resistance, which exist surely in news organizations. It really is a disgrace when you think that Ken [Kashiwahara] and Connie [Chung] are the only two [Asians] on network television, and I confess I hadn't thought of it until Ken raised it."

At the same time, Jennings continued, Asian American journalists have "to reach back—I

don't care if you're third generation, fourth generation, second generation—but to reach back to those lands from which your ancestors came and try to sensitize the rest of us in the population."

He observed that the U.S. continues to be Eurocentric in its orientation. "I thought when the Reagan Administration came to power, particularly as a former California administration, that there would be a conscious effort to shift the country's mentality... so that we on the other side of the Rockies would begin to look in a more creative way toward the nations of Asia, so that the biases and the bigotry... would be broken down to some extent. And it hasn't happened."

While fielding questions from the audience, Jennings was asked whether he had stated that the Japanese were grateful to the U.S. for having dropped the atomic bomb. He replied in the affirmative, but sought to "set the record straight, because it was a subject of considerable embarrassment."

"I said it in Hiroshima on the 40th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb," he said, "and at the end of the broadcast I was explaining... what the Japanese we had met were telling us about their feelings about democracy. We had met a number of people in Hiroshima who had made the point that the dropping of the atomic bomb—although inhuman from their point of view—had brought to an end a horrible situation and, as I recall my quote, had set Japan firmly on the road to democracy."

"I read in some horror in Harper's magazine some weeks later that I had inferred that the Japanese were happy that we had dropped the bomb on them."

Opening remarks were made by KPIX-TV news anchor and AAJA chapter president Wendy Tokuda, who noted that she has been mistaken for fellow KPIX broadcaster Jan Yanehiro and even for Miyoshi Umeki, who co-starred in the TV series "Courtship of Eddie's Father" in the early 1970s.

"There are still relatively few of us on television," she said, adding that "there are no Asian American news directors... only one Asian American publisher... no nationally syndicated Asian American columnist."

Asian American broadcasters sometimes get hate mail from people who lost a relative in WW2, lost a job because of Japanese imports, or are facing economic competition from Vietnamese refugees, she said. "To the person who wrote that letter, it doesn't matter if you're Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino or Korean, because to them we all look alike."

AAJA, Tokuda said, "is trying to change those attitudes. We're trying to get more Asians jobs... as more of us get jobs in this profession, we are changing the coverage of our own communities."

The program was emceed by ABC News correspondent Ken Kashiwahara and his wife, Lupita Aquino Kashiwahara, KGO-TV producer and sister of slain Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino. Entertainment was provided by San Jose Taiko Group and Golden Lions Club.

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ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson said of the acquittal, "At a time when racial violence is on the rise, such a decision will only serve to heighten racial tensions. The National Rainbow Coalition will continue to seek justice for the family of Vincent Chin and all victims of bigotry and hatred."

In its commentary on the case, the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ stated, "What happened to Vincent Chin should never be forgotten. As the recent Howard Beach incident did for African Americans, the Chin murder will, hopefully, bring Asian Americans and others to resolutely take a stand against the escalating violence now stalking the Asian American community on a national level."

In Cincinnati, Americans for Asian Concerns, the community coalition formed in response to the Chin case, will continue its efforts to prevent racial violence. "We hope to avoid any incidents

because of the Chin case," said Jo Okura, a member of Cincinnati JACL and of the coalition. "It is done and over with, and we are looking to move forward. I think what we are faced with now is a matter of education about the ethnic intimidation law, not just for Asians, but for the general public."

She was referring to a state law, passed by the legislature last year, that makes ethnic intimidation a crime.

American Citizens for Justice, the Detroit-based coalition that pressed for federal prosecution in the Chin case, said it plans to open an Asian Center for Justice to monitor reports of anti-Asian violence. Board member James Shimoura said private funding would be sought.

ACJ president Kim Chong-Mi Bridges said the outcome of the case "gives our community a clear indication that we have only begun the fight for justice."

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