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## Proposal Aimed at Racist Crimes

LOS ANGELES — Following the recommendations of a city task force on "crimes of hate," formed April 21, Councilman Michael Woo has proposed hiring a full-time City Attorney, serving as a Victim Advocate Coordinator, who will investigate all reported hate crimes based on race, religion, creed, national origin, sex or sexual orientation.

"It's now time for the city to take firm and decisive action to put needed resources on the line in our fight against crimes based on hate or prejudice," declared Woo. Joining him at the City Hall conference were City Attorney James Hahn, Council members Gloria Molina and Zev Yaroslavsky and a dozen community leaders.

"Crimes of hate" is the recently coined phrase referring to violence directed at members of minority groups—the Hispanic, Asian, black, gay and religious communities," said Woo. "While this phenomena gained attention several months ago after several instances of violence towards the gay community, hate crimes have sadly spread to other minority groups."

A councilman for the Silver Lake, Hollywood and Studio City areas, Woo created the task force to address fears raised by violence in the gay community. His motion will allocate \$44,787 to the City Attorney's office to fund a full-time attorney whose sole responsibility will be following leads on racially motivated crimes.

Responsibilities of this Victim Advocate Coordinator on the City Attorney's staff would include identifying hate crimes; prosecuting them and working with judges on appropriate sentencing; assuring victims receive all available services of a Victims Assistance Program; working with police; and building a data bank on crimes of hate in the City Attorney's Planning and Research Division.

"This additional full-time attorney will be able to investigate all reported crimes based on bigotry. A large challenge still remains—getting people to report these crimes. Community-run hotlines are the best way to gather the facts on unreported crimes," Woo said.

Community leaders attending the news conference were David Lehrer, Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith of Los Angeles; Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; Maria Alvarez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Sandra Mandel, Mark Novak and Steven Windmuller from the Jewish Federation Council; and Raymond Johnson, NAACP.

Members of the task force include Tom Coleman, GLCSC; Rita Gonzales, Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos; Paul Self, Stonewall Democratic Club;

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Speakers at press conference include, from left, Mike Wong, Ron Wakabayashi, Henry Der and Tom Hsieh.

## Crime Report on Asian Gangs Misleading, Say Asian Leaders

By Carole Hayashino

SAN FRANCISCO — Responding to suggestions made at a recent press conference called by Asian American leaders in San Francisco, California Attorney General John Van de Kamp met with Asian community leaders on July 28 to clarify statements he has made regarding organized crime and Asian gangs.

The July 16 press conference, sponsored by Asian American organizations, had been called because of Van de Kamp's statements made in San Francisco and Los Angeles warning the public of the "biggest and fastest growing threat to public safety: the rapid expansion of Asian gangs."

"We were shocked by the alarming tone and focus of the Attorney General's statements," said Henry Der, Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action. "His narrowly focused press statement on Asian gangs was irresponsible and incomplete. Unless clarified and substantiated, his public comments have the potential of creating gross misunderstanding concerning the presence of Asian Americans in California."

Der was also troubled by Van de Kamp's prediction that the

transfer of Hong Kong from British to Chinese control in 1997 would accelerate movement of the Triads to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Attorney General had stated that unless warnings were sent across the Pacific to deter gangs from doing business in California, the state would have its own "marielito-style disaster." This was in reference to the 1980 movement of Cuban criminals into Florida.

Said Der, "For those who have limited knowledge of Asian Americans or who seek reasons to dislike Asians, [his] sweeping assertions... endorse the erroneous notion that all Asian immigration to America equals crime."

Ron Wakabayashi, National Director of the Japanese American Citizen's League, observed that while the Attorney General's intent was to bring attention to a problem that deserves careful monitoring, the report "raises suspicion of all Asian Americans."

In a statement issued July 27, Van de Kamp apologized for not taking greater care in differentiating between the reported crime problem and "law abiding Asian communities."

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## AB37 Vetoed by Deukmejian

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Deukmejian vetoed a bill July 24 that would have revived the recently expired bilingual education program and six other school programs until June 30, 1992.

California's bilingual education law required schools to provide instruction in the native language of non-English-speaking students, while teaching them English, any time there were 10 or more of them in a grade who shared a common primary language. The goal of the program was to teach the students English while preventing them from falling behind in other subjects.

Despite a compromise in Assembly Bill 37 which was designed to give school districts

and parents greater say in the instruction of non-English-speaking students, the governor said in his veto message, "In the absence of an agreement in the Legislature of more flexible guidelines for the program, I believe it is better to allow each school district to fashion its own."

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco), author of the bill, said the veto "is a slap in the face of all of those parents who want a better future for their children than they had."

Deukmejian vetoed the measure to appease Assembly Republicans who favor giving school districts wide latitude in teaching students who are not fluent

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## Inouye Target of Racial Slurs During Iran-Contra Hearings

WASHINGTON — Sen. Warren B. Rudman (R-New Hampshire) said that his office and the Senate committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair had received "ugly ethnic slurs against our chairman," Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), reported the *Los Angeles Times* in a July 14 article.

Rudman's office began receiving the comments July 7, the first day of Lt. Col. North's testimony. A spokesman said the senator's office had received between 15 and 20 telegrams, letters or telephone calls containing racial slurs referring to Inouye. One telegram said: "You and your Jap chairman are a disgrace to our country."

Most of the derogatory letters and telegrams described the senator as a "Jap" who was out to destroy the U.S. Some asked Inouye to "go home to where he

belongs."

Inouye, who lost an arm fighting on the 442nd Battalion during WW2, received America's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross. He has also been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, five battle stars and four Distinguished Unit citations.

Inouye's ethnicity has been a public issue before. On Aug. 1, 1973, during the Watergate hearings, John Wilson, an attorney for one of the defendants, called the senator, who was serving on the Watergate investigation committee, "a little Jap."

Inouye's office has received about 1,500 derogatory telephone calls a day and hate mail by the bagful since the Iran-Contra hearings began said an aide. He typically receives 200 aspersive calls a day.

## Total of 159

## House Bill Gets 9 More Co-Sponsors

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nine new co-sponsors for H.R. 442 were added since mid-July, bringing the total number to 159. The following five Congressmen became co-sponsors on July 17: Les AuCoin (D-Ore., 1st district), Sherwood Boehlert (R-N.Y., 25th district), Brian Donnelly (D-Mass., 11th district), David Nagle (D-Iowa, 3rd district), James A. Traficant, Jr. (D-Ohio, 17th district) and Patrick L. Swindall, (R-Ga., 4th district).

On July 23, three additional Representatives, David E. Skaggs (D-Colo., 2nd district), Sander M. Levin (D-Mich., 17th district) and Wayne Owens (D-Utah, 2nd district) became co-sponsors.

Support for H.R. 442 has been increasing steadily, with the month of July showing a great leap forward, according to Grayce Ueyehara, JACL-LEC Executive Director. The Washington JACL-LEC office, which is coordinating the lobbying effort on H.R. 442 and S. 1009 has seen a steady increase in the grassroots letter-writing campaign after an Action Alert bulk mailing of 3,500 letters went out on June 10. This campaign has stepped up the nationwide effort to lobby the remaining members of Congress to support the redress bills.

Ueyehara reports that daily copies of replies from the members of Congress are being sent to the Washington office. This procedure helps the Washington office to assess the legislator's position on the redress bill. The information is then sent to the Nikkei members of Congress so that they can personally discuss the legislation and answer special concerns which need to be clarified in the legislator's mind.

The grassroots effort to meet with the legislators in their district office is also showing an increase as Ueyehara receives re-

ports on these contacts.

Through the efforts of the three Nikkei members of Congress, the follow-through contact following the grassroots lobbying shows the effectiveness of the cooperative work which is being done during these critical weeks before Congress adjourns for the August break. Congressmen Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui and Congresswoman Patricia Saiki have focused on those members from the priority list developed by the JACL-LEC staff.

"We must quickly move up to getting the minimum of 218 votes by the target date of September 17," said Ueyehara. "If the goal is not reached by that time, the bill should not go to the floor defeated. This recent increase shows that the grassroots contacts are productive but the work must be done now. The human and civil rights organizations and the church groups under the Task Force for Redress, under the umbrella of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights have been enlisted to reach out within their organizations for the lobbying effort to get more support for H.R. 442."

The JACL-LEC office in Washington, D.C., 1730 Rhode Island Avenue N.W., 20036 will provide sample letters and brochures to use for the letter-writing campaign for interested parties. Call for assistance at (202) 223-1240.

The other approach is through the district office of the legislators. Since Congress is on recess from August 8th to September 8th, Ueyehara feels "this

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in English. His decision also indicates his willingness to side with the Republican minority in the Assembly, which has thus far given him strong support on other fiscal matters.

Last year, the governor vetoed a Brown bill that would have extended the life of bilingual education and the Economic Impact Aid, School Improvement, Native American Early Childhood Education and Miller-Unruh Reading programs. They expired in state law on June 30.

AB37, in reviving the programs, would have also extended the special education and gifted and talented education programs to June 30, 1992. They will sunset June 30, 1988.

Since Federal law requires bilingual education, and money for the programs is already contained in the 1987-88 state budget, Deukmejian noted that funds will continue to go to school districts "without the unnecessary restrictions on program administration which would have been imposed by this legislation."

However, supporters of AB37 expressed concern that the governor's veto will cause confusion among many school officials this fall since school districts will be able to use any program they wish.

## Yasui Fund Update

CHICAGO — 999 donations totaling \$35,755 have been received as of July 27 at the Midwest JACL office in Chicago for the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund, according to a phone report taken by the PC. "The response to our 4th of July mailing has been most gratifying," said Fund Drive Chairman Shig Wakamatsu. "It is heartwarming to know that there is a strong community of individuals who share the values for which Min Yasui stood for in life, who are giving concrete support to those ideals. The support thus far gives every indication that the Yasui family will be to carry through Min's *coram nobis* case to its conclusion."

Before Yasui died, he stipulated that any balance beyond what is required for legal expenses of *coram nobis* case are to be forwarded to the redress legislation efforts of the JACL. The donation checks may be made to Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund, c/o of JACL Midwest Office, 5415 N. Clark Street, Chicago Illinois, 60640.

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## CRIME REPORT

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The Attorney General also attempted to clarify why his annual crime report devotes ten pages out of seventy-four to Asian gangs. Asian leaders have criticized him for failing to also focus on white supremacy groups, Colombian nationals, traditional organized crime families and other groups covered in the report.

"Organized crime in this country has often been organized along racial and or ethnic lines," said Van de Kamp in his statement. "This year it was the judgement of our intelligence experts that the fastest growth and most significant changes were occurring among Asian gangs. That is what we reported."

"In doing so," his statement continued, "we did not intend to single out our Asian communities for unfair criticism, nor to imply that Asian Americans are somehow less law-abiding than other citizens."

According to Wakabayashi, the July 28 meeting with the Attorney General was "productive and very hopeful." The creation of a task force was initiated to review and report issues of significance to the Asian American community. Wakabayashi also added that he would be meeting with staff from the Attorney General's office, along with Der, to further develop the concept.

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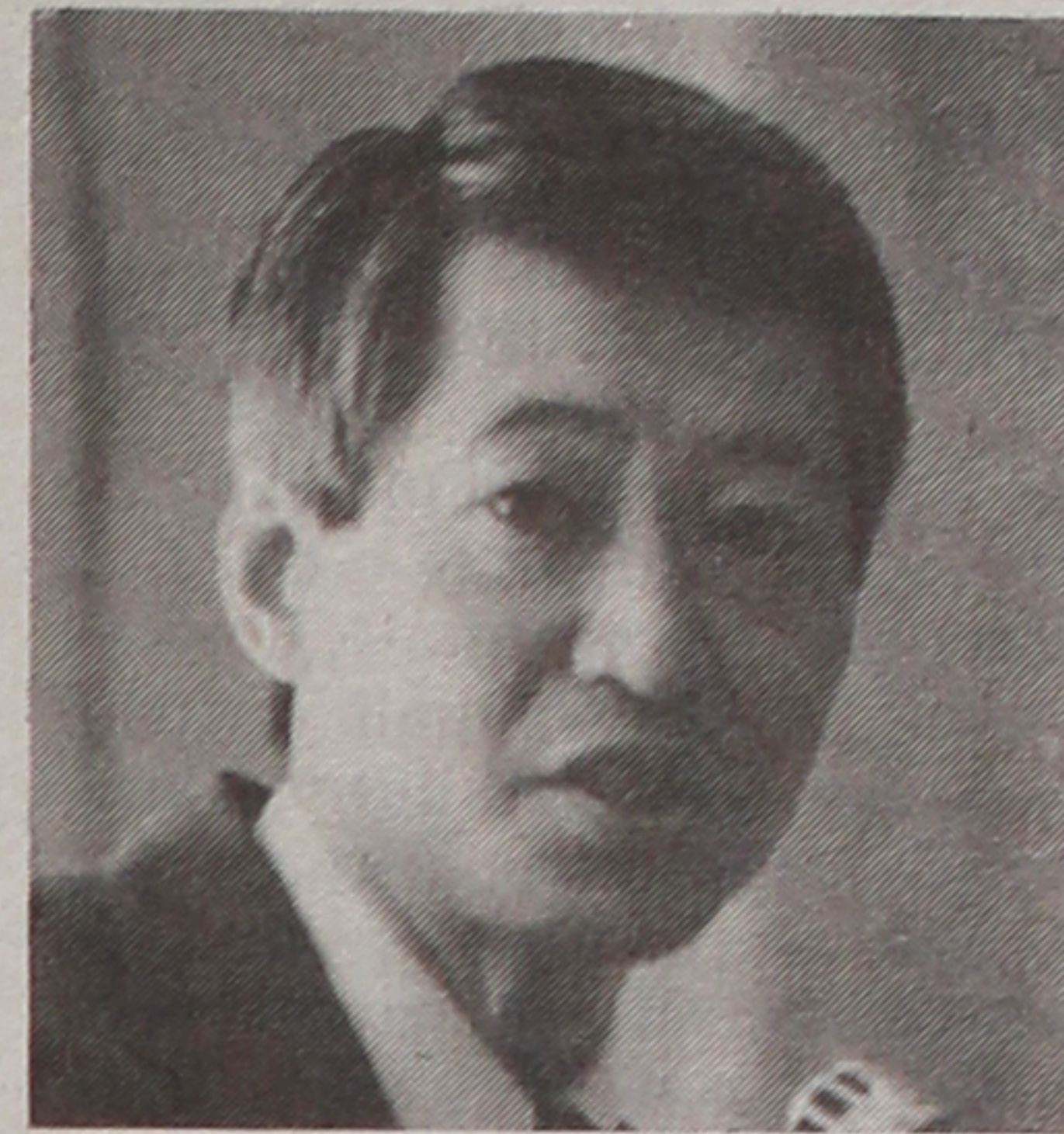
## Matsui Bows Out of Senate Race

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced July 22 he is bowing out of the running for California's 1988 Senate race.

According to a *Los Angeles Times* article, the five-term congressman cited his underdog position among the Democratic challengers and his increasing workload in the House as reasons for his decision.

The move strengthens the position of the presumed front-runner in the primary race, Lt. Gov. Leo T. McCarthy. The victor can expect to face Republican incumbent Sen. Pete Wilson.

Matsui declined to endorse any Democratic contender but said: "The thing I did learn in the last four months going up and down the state of California and talking to Washington people is this is an opportunity seat for the Democrats. I don't see any strength with the incumbent." Matsui's indecision with the



Robert Matsui

Senate race has kept his name circulating among political professionals. This may give him an advantage in 1990 when the offices of governor, lieutenant governor and others are up for election.

"One of these lesser offices is very do-able," said Matsui at a press conference.

According to the *Times* report, Matsui said he had consulted with former California Rep. Ed Zschau (R-Los Altos) about the growing demands of serving in the House and about the possibility of running for the U.S. Senate. Zschau gave up his seat last year to make an unsuccessful run for the Senate.

"He indicated to me the difficulties involved. He literally had to give up many of his House responsibilities and basically live in California. I just didn't feel I was able to give that kind of commitment with my responsibilities on the Ways and Means Committee" said Matsui.

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## 47th Nisei Week Festival Slated

LOS ANGELES — The 47th annual Nisei Week Festival will be held from August 8 to 16, it was officially announced by General Chair Alan Furuta.

Opening Ceremonies of the festival will take place in the newly-renovated Brunswig Square Building, E. 2nd St., on Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. Expected events include a Shinto ceremony of dedication and purification, the ceremonial cracking of the sake wine barrel and a demonstration of Ondo folk dancing by Rokumine Hanayagi and her students.

The festival officially begins with the Coronation Ball, which will be held at Stouffer Hotels, 9841 Airport Blvd. Six candidates will be vying for the crown currently held by Jennifer Kusumoto Ahn.

On the morning of Aug. 9, the Samurai 5K will begin at the fire tower of the Japanese Village Plaza on First St. At 4 p.m. the same day, marching bands, taiko drummers, floats, folk dancers and various movie/TV celebrities will take part in the Grand Parade through the Little Tokyo streets.

Exhibitions, both visual and performing, will be held in various locations in and around Little Tokyo on the weekends of Aug. 8 and 9 and Aug. 15 and 16. They include *bonsai*, *ikebana*, dolls, swords, *bankei* tray scenery, *sado* way of tea, as well as various crafts.

In addition, a carnival will be held on the parking lot across the street from the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center on the weekend of Aug. 15 and 16.

The festival will be climaxed with a benefit drawing and the street folk dance Ondo to the

beat of the *taiko* drums. Closing ceremonies will follow in the JACCC Plaza.

Aiding General Chair Furuta are Tim Itatani, James Okazaki and Jerry Fukui, who will be chairing the Coronation Ball, Carnival and Parade respectively.

Others on the committee are Alan Ono, Parade co-chair; Elsie Kikuchi and Michi Sujishi, Queen Committee; Frances Hashimoto, Queen's Reception; Nicky Abernathy and Kats Kunitzugu, publicity; Satoru Uyeda, Calendar; Toshimitsu Takahashi, exhibits; Patrick Seki, sports; Hideo Kikuchi, Ondo; Steve Kikuchi, sound system; Archie Miyatake, street decoration; Ken Ota, Pioneer/Awards Luncheon; Jerome Matsuoka, benefit drawing; Mitsu-hiko Ito, finances; Willard Yamaguchi, T-shirts; and Bobby Chun, hospitality.

## Great Leap Preview Is Great

LOS ANGELES — Engrossing, exciting and exuberant describe the preview of the new Great Leap musical, "Talk Story," which was held July 20 in the George J. Doizaki Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. The reception was an "appetizer" for the full production of "Talk Story," described as a "musical odyssey of Asians in America." It will show August 14 and 15 at the Japan America Theatre.

Beginning with a few words by Taizo Watanabe, Consul General of Japan at Los Angeles, and William Clossey, Vice President of AT&T (sponsor of the reception), the cast of "Talk Story" took to the stage and performed two vignettes, the first titled "Family Business," which segued into "Gaman."

"Family Business" told of the hard, yet love-filled life of an immigrant Chinese family circa 1942. The cast included Michael Paul Chan, Wallis Lahtinen-Eastman, Nobuko Miyamoto, Deborah Nishimura, Janet Saito, Natalie Wise and Denar Young. The ending of this piece cleverly faded into the beginning of "Gaman," as the Chinese patriarch began to speak of his Japanese neighbors from across the street, who were evacuated to a concentration camp.

When Miyamoto took over the stage in a solo performance, the boisterous mood of the previous

piece contrasted with the quieter, moving introspection of "Gaman," which told the story of a little girl's relationship with her grandmother while interned. The multi-media show effectively used slides and live singing with a dynamic sounding musical background to aid the presentation.

Founded in 1978, Great Leap is a community-based, non-profit organization which brings contemporary Asian American performing arts before the public eye.

Tickets are \$100, \$50 and \$25 for the August 14 premiere performance and reception. Tickets for the August 15 performances, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., are \$8 for senior citizens and children under 12, and \$12 for general admission. For information, call the Japan America Theatre at (213) 680-3700 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or weekends noon to 5 p.m.

## Nikkei Heads Cancer Society

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Dr. Yosh Maruyama, professor and chairman of Radiation Medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, has been named the new president of the Kentucky Division of the American Cancer Society.

A radiation physician and cancer researcher, Maruyama has been active in cancer society programs for many years. He is a pioneer in the study and application of neutron radiation to cancer therapy.

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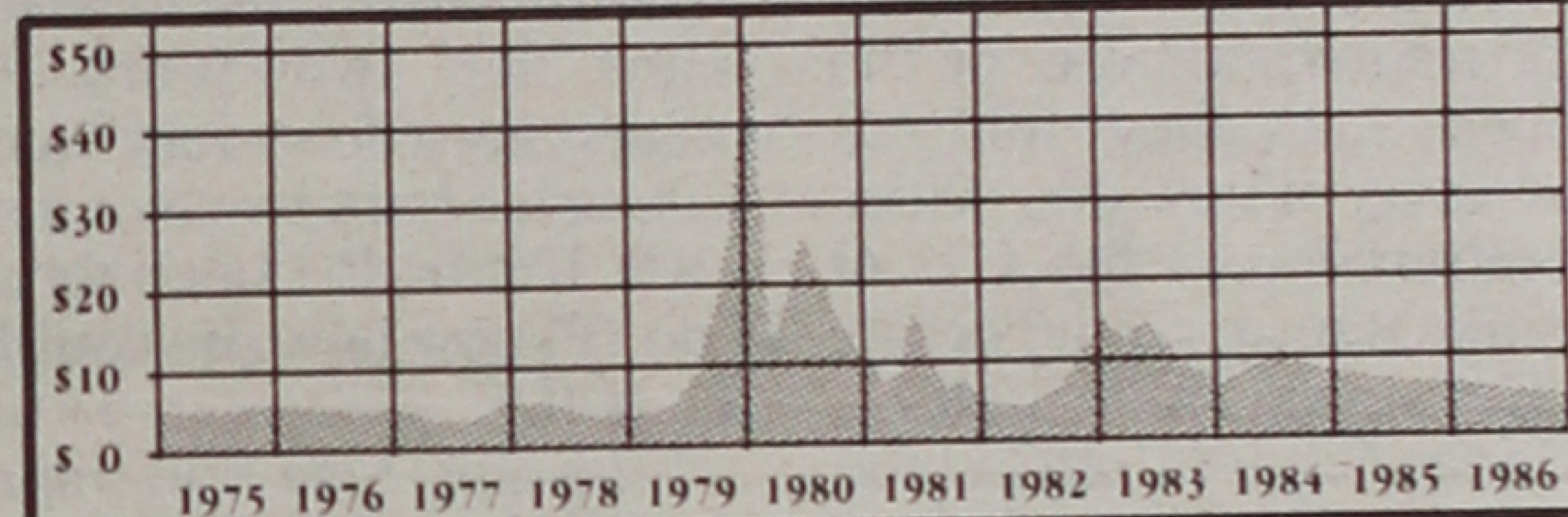
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## War Bride No Tomodachi

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN

Bill  
Hosokawa



Judging from her name and speech, I would assume Eiko Wigglesworth is a "war bride," one of thousands of Japanese women who married American servicemen and came to live in the United States.

She telephoned me the other day from her home in Colorado Springs to ask what might be done to get the Japanese government to honor her friend, Grace Watson. Who was Grace Watson and what had she done to deserve such recognition, I asked.

Eiko Wigglesworth explained that Ms. Watson had helped countless Japanese women to adjust to life in America, to learn to cope with American ways and speak the English language. Furthermore, Mrs. Wigglesworth said she had asked some of the women who had been helped by Ms. Watson to write testimonial letters. It was not easy to get the details in a telephone conversation, so I asked Mrs. Wigglesworth to let me see some of the material she had collected.

Eventually a parcel arrived. It contained nearly 50 letters—all but three of them in Japanese which I cannot read. But I could read the return addresses on the envelopes, and they told an amazing story of how war brides have scattered over the U.S. of A.: Yoshiko Benson from Tucson, Ariz.; Kay Lyall from Melissa, Tex.; Hanae Gilmer from Lemon Grove, Calif.; Hideko Smith from San Diego, Calif.; Atsuko Jacobs from San Antonio, Tex.; Takako Falmar from Rancho Cordova, Calif.; Ruriko Hoffman from Warner Robins, Ga.; Michiko

Cole from Compton, Calif.; Keiko Ingerson from Lewiston, Me.; Yoko Bennett from Prince George, Va.; Kiyozu Molloy from Suisun, Calif., and a great many from various parts of Colorado.

The letters in English gave me a good idea of what the Japanese letters said.

Momoko Rarick, who has lived 27 years in Colorado Springs: "I have known Grace Watson since 1960 as a Japanese Bible class teacher and as a friend. She has been very helpful to many Oriental ladies who lived there, and live here now, with American husbands. She helps those who have had family problems, lost husbands, needed transportation for doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Ten years ago when my husband passed away she encouraged me and helped me in many ways. . ."

Yoko McAnally, APO San Francisco: "As a child of 12 I met Miss Watson during one of the Japanese women's Bible class. Most of these women had come to the U.S. after marrying American servicemen. My mother was one of them. Due to their unfamiliarity with the English language and the new cultural environment, these women faced tremendous obstacles. Miss Watson has been of great help to them through their various difficulties. . ."

Charles E. Wineman, Colorado Springs: "My wife and I had a rough time for three or four years. Grace Watson was there to help. When I had to go to Germany for two years, Grace helped my wife so very much. My wife had a baby two months after I left. If it hadn't been for Grace I don't know how she could have made it."

I have no idea how Japan selects its honorees, but it's amply apparent that Grace Watson deserves recognition as a humanitarian and good will ambassador by both Japanese and U.S. governments.



## Terms of Internment

EAST  
WIND

Bill  
Marutani



TO THE NISEI they were known simply as the "the camps." To the Issei, they were known as *shu-yoo-sho*, the ten barbed-wire camps into which some 115,000 Nisei and their parents were herded in 1942. Over the years, I wondered what the *kanji* were for the term so that I might have some grasp of the meaning. From what little I know of *Nihongo* (which is just enough to get me into difficulties), I lazily assumed that *shu* was "gather" (*atsumaru*), *yoo* was "use" (*mochiuru*), and *sho* was "place" (*tokoro*). Put them all together and you have place-used-to-gather people.

Well, friends, that's only one right out of three. *Sho* is correct. (I'd move to the back of the class,

except I'm already as far back as one can get. Sorry.)

WHAT STARTED ALL this was my use of the term "*hibakusha*" in writing (in English) to a friend. The word is used in reference to the atomic bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Again, in my lazy fashion I interpolated (a euphemism for guessing), figuring that *baku* was "explosion" or "bomb" and *sha* was "person" (*mono*). And as for *hi*, why of course it must be a derivative of "fire," for had not the atomic explosion generated a fire-heat that pulverized and scorched? Indeed, when in Hiroshima in 1946, I had heard the Japanese refer to the "*pikadon*," a Japanese onomatopoeic description translated into "flash-boom."

I was wrong on *hi*. But there's hope: Two out of three isn't bad—for me, anyway.

WHAT I FOUND in the *jibiki* for *hi* was that it meant "suffer, endure" (*koomu-ru*). Then the dictionary gave an example of the use of the *kanji* for *hi*: *hi-yoku-ryu-sha*, meaning "detainee, internee." And I suddenly won-

dered to myself, "How come I never heard the Issei use that term?" *Sha*, as we know, means "person;" so if we substitute *sho* (place) in its place, would we not end up with *hi-yoku-ryu-sho*—"an internment camp" or "detention place"?

That's when I decided I must look up the composition of the term *shu-yoo-sho*, after all these years. No more guessing.

WE ALREADY KNOW that *sho* means "place;" that leaves *shu-yoo*. *Shu* (*osameru*) means "obtain, put away;" *yoo* means "contents, literally. But the *jibiki* goes on to describe some of the context in which *shu-yoo-sho* is used in the Japanese language, and I then understood why the Issei referred to Heart Mountain, Minidoka, Poston (Toastin' and Roastin', to complete the trilogy of the three camps), Tule Lake and so on, by that term. For the dictionary described the term to refer to holding civilian internees (foreigners) and prisoners of war.

Behind barbed wire, in those tar-papered barracks, the watchtowers with searchlights, the perimeter patrolled by bayoneted soldiers. . . *shu-yoo-sho*.

## Changes Called For

ONE THING  
LEADS  
TO ANOTHER

Bob  
Shimabukuro



The departure of acting editor J.K. Yamamoto presents us with an opportunity for serious thought about the future direction of the Pacific Citizen. We have seen editors ("permanent," acting, or otherwise) come and go with alarming regularity, but we have seen very little action which would indicate that the

P.C. Board either understands or cares what is going on.

In our desire to avoid confrontation with the problems, we attempt to "blame" the staff resignations on the emerging generations of "youngsters" who, it is said, have better opportunities elsewhere, are not as loyal as Nisei, are not patient enough, are too arrogant, immature, etc.

It is easy to see how this shifting of responsibility and avoidance of the problem comes about—after all, the same qualities plague the JACL organization itself. Seeing these "young," "disloyal" and "impatient" editors come and go is less threatening than offending the aging readership with any

changes in direction, content and management.

The P.C. Board has to make up its mind immediately and come up with a coherent policy for the editor to follow; otherwise, a continuation of the pattern of resignations will cripple the paper and eventually kill it.

### Too Many Bosses

At present, it is nearly impossible for the editor to function adequately because *everyone* in the organization feels that he or she is the boss. Various factions within the organization "know" exactly what is troubling the paper and what it would take to get the paper back on track. Yet very few know the day to day operation, the pressures from opposing groups, the late submissions of articles, and the continuing revenue battle.

### JACL Gospel

One group wants the paper to be the gospel of the organization. After all, it is said, the members and chapters support the paper; it should represent the organization and defend the policies and goals of the JACL, or at the very least, provide a vehicle for discussion for issues of concern. In addition, this group wants the paper to promote every JACL chapter event.

### Successful Offspring

Another group wants the paper to confirm its own perception that their children are doing well. This group feels that it is important to run stories on successful AJAs, since these "successes" can serve as role models. The fallacy in this reasoning is that very few of the supposed beneficiaries read or care about

the paper. The real rationalization for this approach is that Nisei continue to look for some justification for all their suffering. After all, they endured for their children's sake. So it is not surprising for this group that success stories take on great significance. It gives their lives more meaning.

### Redress Cheerleader

Another group wants the paper to be the major source of redress information as well as a cheerleader full of hope and promise. An admirable purpose, given the number on priority of the organization. But that raises all sorts of questions about the independence of the newspaper, not to mention journalistic ethics.

### Familiarity and Comfort

Still another group has to have its familiar columnists who share their ideas and reflections of their world and events in a manner that is comfortable, comforting and non-threatening. Topics and opinions which are disturbing and force some mental activity on the part of the reader are best left unpublished or unsaid, according to this group.

### Forty Year Dispute

There is also a small but persistent group which wants to rehash the 40-year-old disputes and antagonisms within the AJA community under the guise of "we need to know our history." We do. But a fresh perspective sure would be nice sometime.

Given all these demands on an 8 to 12 page paper, the editor is faced with very little substantive discretion. Changes in layout, graphics and typefaces are per-

missable, but changes in content, issue prioritization and regular columnists are definite no-nos.

### Changes Needed

So what would help the work situation? A change in the management structure is definitely called for. There have been numerous personnel inquiries in the past few years. And for all the flak about national, complaints from P.C. staff, which have been a lot more than National staff, have gone largely ignored. You don't have the kind of turnover that the P.C. has when staff morale is high. Obviously, something is wrong.

Second, the paper needs to be made more interesting. And this is where all the factions come in. As long as the paper continues its course, it will die along with the membership out of sheer boredom. The topics never change, the issues never change, but then the organization never changes either.

### JACL Issues

By this time next year, a new slate of candidates will be running for national office. And they will be running on the apple pie and motherhood issues of JACL—redress (we're for it), leadership (we need it), and membership (we die without it).

The crucial issue that needs to be addressed is: JACL—Do we need it and why? Once we answer that question, the answers to other "problems" will follow. If there is a legitimate reason for the existence of JACL, there will be an active membership. If there is an active membership, leaders will develop out of the

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ranks.

Whether the legitimate reason is an expanded civil rights organization for Asian Americans or a smaller assembly interested in the concerns of single and/or widowed Nisei women (which the demographics suggest as a real possibility), it is important that JACL figure out what it is here for and what it wants to be 10 years from now.

Likewise the paper. But the paper can help the organization. Just suppose that a few issues be set aside wherein no one reminisces about anything, or expresses bitterness about something that happened 40 years ago or something that happened in the past that will happen again if we're not eternally vigilant. After all, things happen all the time when we're not eternally vigilant, whether they happened before or not.

**Back to the Future**

It would be nice to see an issue in which everybody expresses where they'd like to be ten years from now - what they would be doing and what the organization should be doing.

Many of us feel that the time of contribution toward the or-

ganization or to life itself is long past, for whatever reason - age, disgust, frustration or fatigue. These we need not hear from.

But let us hear from those who know that they want to be doing ten years from now, those who plan to be living, active human beings. For these are the ones who will be alive spiritually, if not medically or legally. Legacies have a way of being passed on.

Against my better judgement, those who want to be bitter will be allowed that privilege, but only if they are bitter about something that happens in the future. Remember, no looking back. We should try such an issue sometime.

Having said all this, I hope you'll pardon one look back. After all, the reason for this article in the first place was to thank J.K. for his three years of devoted service to the P.C.; for his undying (and successful) attempt to improve the writing quality of the paper; for all his hours making sure that, at the very least, everything was grammatically correct; for all his "volunteer" labor; for his dispassionate zeal; and for his steadfast regard for journalistic principles. Thanks J.K. I hope your working conditions will be a lot better where you're going.

## National JACL Board Motions

During its June 20-21 meeting in San Francisco, the JACL National Board passed motions to:

- Approve the appointment of a Personnel Advisory Committee consisting of VP of Operations Yosh Nakashima, Governors' Caucus Chair Denny Yasuhara, CCDC Governor Mae Takahashi, MPDC Governor Steve Hasegawa, EDC Governor Mike Suzuki (or his successor) and Legal Counsel Gene Takamine (as a non-voting member) for this biennium. The committee should work with National JACL staff.

- Approve San Diego Chapter's recommendation for June 17-23 as the dates and Vacation Village as the site for the 1990 National JACL Convention.

- Pass on the additional cost of an insurance certificate issued by the JACL insurance carrier to the chapters (presently at \$100 per event).

- Approve a resolution giving purpose, description and regulations of National 1000 Club Life Membership Fund, as amended.

- Designate the Japanese American Library as the repository for National JACL redress documents with the proviso that the library may not sell or transfer the documents to another organization.

- Accept recommendations of National Scholarship Chair Fae Minabe regarding use of funds for \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500 internships.

- Approve allocation of \$710 to the Leadership Development Committee as per a report by committee chair Tom Nakao.

- Defer any action pertaining to joining a lawsuit or submitting an amicus brief in the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's case challenging the McCarran-Walter Act until such time as all the facts are known. No national staff shall pursue any activity pertaining to this issue, other than monitoring, without National Board approval.

- Endorse a proposal by Dr. Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi of City University of New York to locate participants for a study on long-term effects of the WW2 experience.

- Approve presentation of oral and written testimony by Anti-Asian Violence Subcommittee Chair Floyd Shimomura as an official representative of JACL at

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## Are We Ready for the Big Push?

## LEC UPDATE

Grayce Uyehara



The lobbying effort to round up the votes for H.R. 442 is in full swing through the joint efforts of Congressmen Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui, Democrats of California and Congresswoman Pat Saiki (R-HI) and the JACL-LEC Washington office. The three leading supporters of H.R. 442 have sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to their members of Congress.

JACL-LEC's responsibility is the outreach effort to the grassroots constituents of the members of Congress throughout the nation. We have developed a mailing list of over 3,500 people which does not include the contacts which are being made by the human and civil rights organizations in Washington and the use of their regional offices. We also used the list provided by SRS Inc. of Washington, D.C. who had used the redress issue to enlist new members to JACL. We asked all of these people and particularly the district and chapter redress coordinators to contact at least five other people, relatives, friends and business associates to join in the redress cause by writing letters to their legislators.

Also included were the over 1,000 people who participated in the fund-raising plan created and executed by national JACL President, Harry Kajihara. The funds were absolutely necessary to activate JACL-LEC as a lobbying organization to get the redress bills passed in Congress. This is belated recognition of the inordinate amount of time Kajihara gave to take redress out of the talking stage in order to bring to reality the network of lobbyists. The nationwide outreach for redress supporters would not be in place today without Kajihara's leadership and commit-

ment to redress.

Our Action Alert #4 has produced results and has brought additional grassroots or constituents into the fold. How do I know? The number of letters which come daily to this office from new people who ask us for sample letters and brochures because they want to help with redress tells us that many of you are asking others to join in this concerted effort to get the votes for the bills. These letters are coming from throughout the country. We were especially looking for people in those areas where there are no JACL chapters. Lo and behold, we find people in many locations of Florida, in Tennessee, North Carolina and upper New York, among others. As a result of their letter-writing we have been able to establish the position of more legislators as these same people have followed my directions and returned copies of the responses they received.

I know summer is vacation time, but if this momentum is not increased during this period when the legislators will be back in their districts for a month until Congress reconvenes on September 8, we will be sure to lack the necessary votes. Keep up the letter-writing so that when Congress returns, each member of Congress will be faced with a deluge of letters asking for their vote on H.R. 442. The reality is that the greatest number of Nikkei reside in California. The focus has to be away from California to find supporters in the other states where we need help. This plan can be executed only if you take the time to write or call your contacts to help.

In California, we also call on the Nikkei Republicans to organize their efforts to line up the Republican votes. All California Republican legislators but one are on the co-sponsors list. As constituents and contributors to campaign, one Republican talking to another Republican can, in all likelihood, be more effective. Let us hear from you what you can do to help the redress cause.

Action Alert #5 will be going out next week with the high and low priority target list which will give directions for the big push or mop-up work which has to be done during the month of August and into the first week of September. Without this final effort we will not be able to have the bill passed in this first session of the 100th Congress. On the other hand, there is a good possibility we can, with your diligence and the leadership our three Nikkei Representatives and the leadership of both Democratic and Republican supporters of redress in Congress, finally attain redress.

**The Redress Majority**

In response to those individuals who identify themselves as the "silent majority" who are against seeking redress and who have shown no evidence that the majority of Nikkei support their position, I am asking Pacific Citizen to publish from the June 20, 1978 issue, the article "What the Surveys Show" under the JACL National Committee section on

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

While preparing for the April 1986 hearings before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) was informed by the committee's council that we could not discuss the class action lawsuit of *Hohri et al vs. U.S.* because of the doctrine of the separation of powers. We complied. You can imagine our surprise in the hearings, then, when the subcommittee's chair initiated a discussion of the *Hohri* case. Apparently, some powers are less separate than others.

More recently, the two houses of Congress have crossed the separation of powers even more vigorously by including wording in their respective redress bills that places restrictions on the *Hohri* case and even threatens the cases' viability. Both S. 1009 and H.R. 442 have had added to them clauses that define the extinguishment of all claims for redress against the U.S. In essence, these clauses state that in receiving payment under the Act (S.1009 and H.R. 442 enacted as law), an eligible individual shall have no further claims for redress against the U.S. In other words, in receiving payment under the Act, a person may not join as a member of the NCJAR class action lawsuit.

With a casual reading, these extinguishment clauses seem reasonable. Redress through legislation or through the courts is sought from one and the same U.S. government. But further analysis reveals these problems:

- 1.) If the legislation is enacted before the courts have permitted the *Hohri* case to proceed to trial, the courts may decide that the issue of redress has been resolved by a legislation and dismiss the case. From a monetary view, this may not seem so bad. But the case addresses constitutional issues, such as *Korematsu*; these can only be resolved by the courts—because of the separation of powers. The opportunity to repair our constitution would be dismissed as well.

- 2.) If the legislation is enacted and the courts do not dismiss the *Hohri* case, former victims will be required to choose between redress under the Act or via the lawsuit. How is one to make such a choice? What if one flips a coin and chooses the class action, and the courts ultimately decide against the class? Has redress been decided by the flip of a coin? Or what if the lawsuit wins

a substantially larger award than that legislated? Again, has justice been reduced to a lottery?

- 3.) The two bills contain substantially different extinguishment clauses. H.R. 442 requires that once an eligible individual has been notified by the Attorney General, he or she has six months in which to refuse payment under the Act. If he or she does not opt out, he or she opts in and accepts future payment as the exclusive remedy. Again, on first reading, this seems reasonable. But what if future payment extends into a distant future? H.R.442 also requires that payments are permitted only after the money to make payments has been appropriated through separate legislation. Will appropriations be enacted for payments? How long will this take?

At the same April 1986 hearings, I was confronted by Tim Gojio, former JACL Washington representative. He candidly told me that he thought NCJAR was going to propose legislation to enable the lawsuit and thereby "cut off at the knees" legislative redress. I assured him we had no such intention. NCJAR has consistently supported legislative redress—beginning, if anyone remembers, in 1979, when the first redress bill was introduced by representative Mike Lowry. We will, however, attempt to protect the lawsuit. We don't want our lawsuit severed at its knees. Also, we have alerted the legislative leadership of H.R. 442 of the problems described in the 3rd paragraph and have their assurances that the problem will be fixed.

Finally, I fully realize that these problems have not occurred through malicious intent. We have discussed these matters with several members of Congress. All concur that the lawsuit should be allowed to proceed. Indeed, most believe that the recent Supreme Court hearing and decision in the *Hohri* case have propelled redress legislation. The problem in the 3rd paragraph is doubtlessly an inadvertency. I hope your readers, including the leadership of the JACL and JACL-LEC, will accept as authoritative this explanation of NCJAR's recent activities in Congress.

WILLIAM HOHRI

National Chairperson  
National Council for Japanese American Redress  
Chicago

Reparation [Editor's Note: Due to time and space restrictions, PC will reprint said article next issue]. This survey was done before JACL formally activated the redress legislative effort.

My work as Executive Director who turned 68 on July 4th (proof that I am not a "Sansei activist" and there is nothing wrong in trying to change our society to be a better environment for all humanity) shows that the great majority of people who are involved actively in gaining redress and who are financially supporting the lobbying work are the Nisei. They are the ones who can recall those lost years and who also know that being silent about those years when our Constitution was suspended is not patriotism at its best.

The older ones had to start over again and many did not regain the position which took years to establish. The young ones did not receive quality education during those years away from mainstream America. Sometimes I think that experi-

ence of being put away and labeled as unacceptable Americans has had dire psychological effects on the Nikkei who went through the experience. It alters the way we look at our society and how we think we ought to behave within that society. Opposite of the "silent majority," I feel that those who go out and speak about our experience are the ones who are taking the risk because they have to start with the premise — look at me, I am different but will you accept me for what I am — and share the painful years of rejection with those who did not go through that experience. It has been a long and difficult educational process and, finally, many in America have now heard that the Constitution lives in the hearts and minds of the American people. This is what we believe and why we seek redress. It is not the \$20,000, but without the symbolic payment for the loss of personal freedom for which we have fought wars, there is no remedy for Japanese Americans.



## Narita Reviewed

By Laurie Mochidome and George Johnston

"Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei" is a moving portrayal of the pain that lurks behind the image of the Asian woman in western society.

Jude Narita's one-woman show consists of five vignettes, each the story of a female either stereotypically or realistically conceived. The strength of "Coming into Passion" is Narita's ability to destroy superficial images by revealing the humanity beneath them.

In "Karate and Bamboo" and "Good Job," Narita turns a rebellious young Sansei girl and a Vietnamese hooker into more than just colorful characterizations. The cocky swagger of the gum-chewing, leather-jacketed girl belies her respect for her grandparents who teach her that to be truly tough, both mentally and physically, one has to be like bamboo and overcome the "storms" of life by being resilient. In "Good Job," Narita's hooker unconsciously creates an aura of sadness as she proudly tells of being able to support her family and work in a bar when other prostitutes must work in street "cages."

"No. 852" and "Little Boy" are both subtler pieces which even



better display Narita's gifts as an actress. A lesser performer could not convey the increasing angst of the Filipina mail-order bride as she recognizes her plight, or the chilling drama of a children's story about the Hiroshima bombing. Narita's artistry is most evident here where even her silence has all the emotional impact of a scream.

"Nisei Day," the last vignette of the five, describes a Nisei woman's first experience of asserting herself by refuting a racist remark. Her statement is a declaration of pride in her heritage.

Because "Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei" combines all the elements of good theater with a powerful message not usually dealt with in American theater, it is an important experience that should not be missed. Written by the actress and directed by Peter Flood, it will be presented at the Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., from July 9 to Aug. 16. Reservations can be made by calling (213) 466-1767.

## Variety Show Acts as Fundraiser

ARVADA, Colo. — Relying on the talents of Denver-area Asian Americans, the *Disappearing Moon Cafe* raised \$1,770 for Colorado's Asian Pacific Center For Human Development "Asian Youth at Risk" program with a variety show held June 27 at the Simpson United Methodist Church. According to Pam Shinto, a core committee member, the show was "...successful... everyone worked hard."

The performances included music, magic, skits, puppetry, dance and lip-sync for an audience of about 300. Dr. Sumiko Hennesey, Director of the APCFHD, felt that "the audience enjoyed it immensely, (it showed) a lot of creativity. I'm proud of them."

The Asian Youth at Risk Program trains Asian Americans aged 14 to 17 to become peer counselors and certifies them. The peer counselors are then obligated to reach out to help other Asian students in their schools and communities.

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Lynn Sheppard, co-chair of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles; David Taylor, American Civil Liberties Union; and Lewis Gutierrez and Mary Claire Molitor from the City Attorney's Office.

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## LOS ANGELES

**Aug. 1**—Ceremony for the placement of the Little Tokyo Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places and the opening of the cornerfront office of the Japanese American National Museum. 11 am at the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, corner of 1st St. and Central Ave. Info: 213 625-0414.

**Aug. 1**—Rummage Sale sponsored by the Asian Human Care Center and the Handicapped Boy Scouts in the parking lot of the Asian Human Care Center, 5211 W. Olympic Blvd., 8 am to 4 pm. Info: Henry Kwon, 213 933-8537 or 213 483-3840.

**Aug. 15**—Maryknoll-in-Los Angeles marks its 75th Anniversary with a special liturgy at St. Vibiana's Cathedral, 3 pm; gala dinner-dance at the Bonaventure Hotel, 6 pm. Dinner reservations at \$50/person or \$500/table of 10 accepted until July 31. Info: Maryknoll 75th, 222 S. Hewitt St., L.A., 90012, 818 781-7688.

## Hiroshima Program Slated

SAN FRANCISCO — Dorothy Stroup, author of *In the Autumn Wind*, will be the featured guest at a special Interfaith Commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center on Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The program, in remembrance of victims and survivors of the nuclear holocaust, is being co-sponsored by the Friends of Hibakusha—a support group for American survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—and the SFJCC Tikun Olan ("Repairing the World") program. The date marks the 42nd anniversary of the bombings.

Stroup, a teacher of English as a Second Language at UC Extension, Berkeley, will discuss her novel which chronicles the life of a Japanese family before, during and after the Hiroshima tragedy. A book signing and reception will follow her presentation.

The special commemoration will be led by Rabbi Yossi J. Leivowitz, Associate Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El; the Rev. Will Ma-

suda of the Buddhist Temple of Marin; and the Rev. Nobuaki Hanoaka, Senior Pastor of the Pine United Methodist Church.

"We're providing a Jewish response to the issue of nuclear weapons and war," says Jason Gaber, director of the Tikun Olan series. "And in this program, specifically, we're responding to the suffering of the Japanese people who were victimized by a holocaust, as were the Jews in Nazi Germany. Throughout the year, the Tikun Olan series presents programs that empower individuals in making this a safer, saner world."

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Senate mark-up of S. 1009 was re-scheduled for July 28, but because Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman John Glenn could not get a quorum, it was further postponed. Ueyehara reports that she "has been informed that there is a possibility for a re-scheduling for next week, the last week before the August recess. Otherwise, it will wait until their (Congress) September return."

## Artist Honored

SEATTLE — Charles Royer, mayor of Seattle, proclaimed July 13 "Paul Horiuchi Day," in honor of the artist's contributions to the city's cultural growth and heritage through his abstract paintings and collages.

Horiuchi, one of the Pacific Northwest's leading artists and a resident of Seattle for forty years, has had many of his works represented in public and private collections throughout the U.S., Canada and Japan.

The proclamation was presented to Horiuchi by the Pacific Northwest Arts Council during a special dinner at the Seattle Art Museum on July 10.

## BOARD MOTIONS

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an upcoming congressional hearing on anti-Asian violence, with travel expenses of up to \$450.

■ Authorize printing of 1,000 copies of an updated and expanded JACL report on anti-Asian violence, with funding from restricted funds.

■ Approve a National JACL program under which airlines flying to Japan from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Chicago, and Honolulu will be asked to donate round-trip passage to Japan as a humanitarian gesture for atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. who need medical aid.

■ Approve the concept of extending an invitation to the National Association of Japanese Canadians to attend the 1988 Seattle convention. The National Convention Committee will work out logistics and feasibility.

■ Accept the National Legal Counsel's recommendation regarding the Carole Hayashino personnel matter.

*The publication of this list, originally planned for the previous issue, was postponed because of space limitations.*

## CHAPTER PULSE

### CONTRA COSTA

■ JACL Barbecue, Aug. 2, 5-8 pm, at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Ln. Info: Esther Takeuchi, 3008 Phillips Ct., Richmond, CA 94806.

### MARINA

■ Actor Rodney Kageyama will speak at a meeting on Aug. 6, 7:30 pm, at Burton Chase Park. Kageyama, who played a role in the movie "Gung Ho," will discuss Asians and their acting abilities. Info: Bill Kaneko, 213 342-5644 or 213 205-5515.

### MILE HI

■ The Tri-District JACL Convention, for the Mountain/Plains, Eastern and Mid-west districts, is August 5-9, at the Marriot Southeast, I-25 at Hampden Ave. A smorgasbord of events and activities. Info: Kent Yorimoto, 5946 Iowa Pl., Lakewood, CO 80226, 303 936-4362; Bob Sakaguchi, 303 469-4337 or Tom Masamori, 303 237-3041.

### NEW YORK

■ N.Y. Chapter Picnic, 2 pm, Aug. 15, at the home of Tom and Janet Kometani in Warren, N.J. Info: New York Chapter JACL, 7 W. 44th St., New York 10036, 212 921-5168.

### SEATTLE

■ The Seattle JACL will have a concession booth selling refreshments at this year's Seafair hydroplane races on Aug. 2, 6 am to 6 pm, with proceeds benefitting the chapter and the convention. Volunteers needed. Info: Teresa Sato, 206 367-8710 or Lisa Chinn, 367-8120.

### WATSONVILLE

■ Chapter's annual community picnic will be held Aug. 9, 11 am, at Aptos Park. A barbecue steak lunch will be served.

### WEST VALLEY

■ The 10th annual Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, is Aug. 15, 10 am-5 pm, at the Saratoga Lanes parking lot, Saratoga and Graves near Prospect Road in San Jose. The Japanese American cultural event features food, drummers, folk singers, folk dancers fresh produce and crafts.

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