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House Passes Redress Bill

H.R. 442 Passage Draws Positive Reactions

By George Johnston

The following is a compilation of reactions by some community leaders and organizations to the House approval of H.R. 442 on Sept. 17.

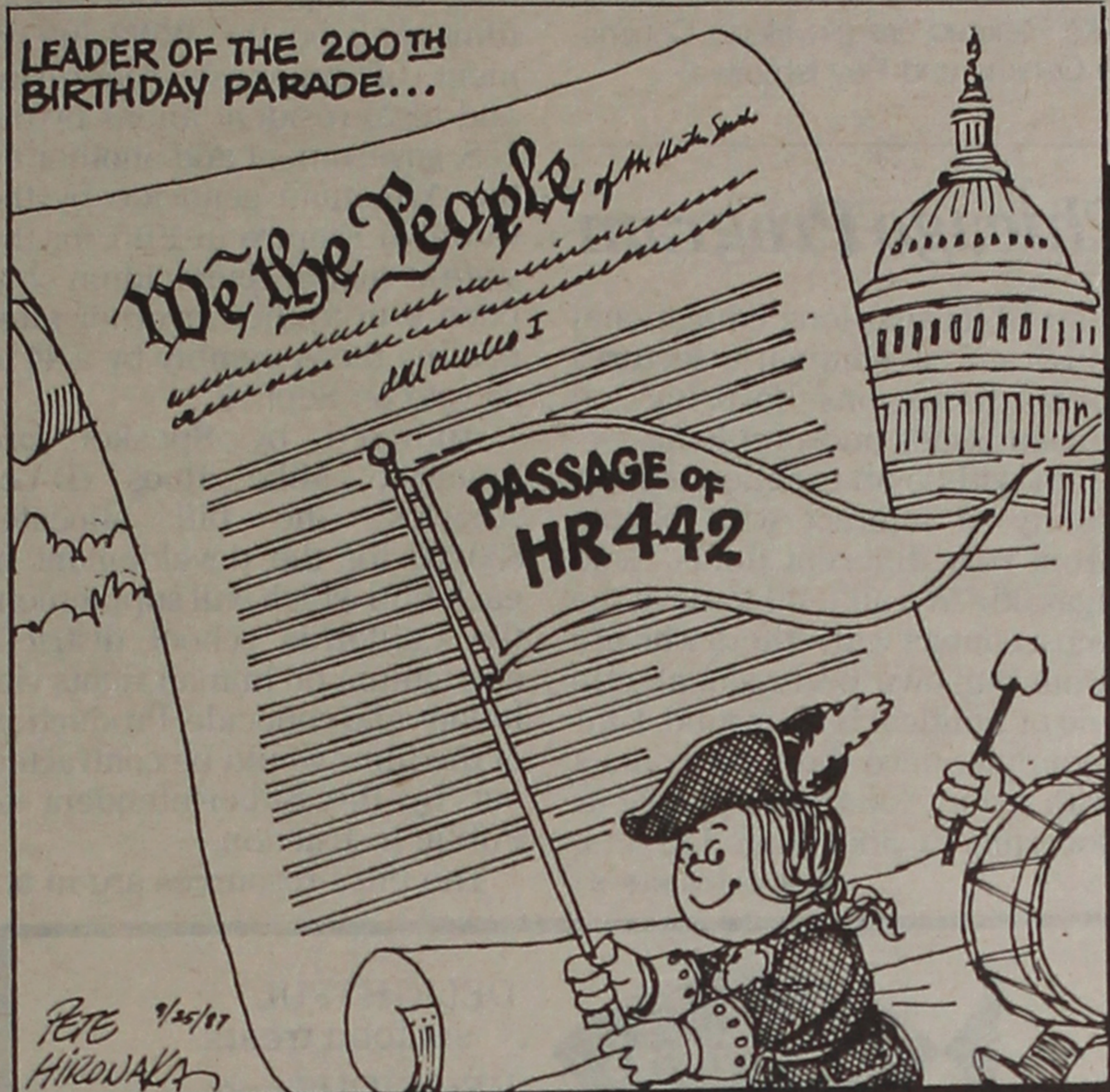
■ **JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi:** "Ten years ago, when the first expressions to take up a campaign of redress were raised, the conventional and practical wisdom discounted the idea as idealistic and unobtainable. The idea grew, nurtured by a wonderful process of our sharing with ourselves, the intimate and sensitive feeling about that ordeal. We grew stronger as a community, united in a common vision to respond to the pain and suffering of great injustice, not with anger demanding retribution and vengeance, but offering instead public education and a dedication to strengthen our Constitution and our interrelationship as a nation of diverse people."

"H.R. 442 and S. 1009 symbolize our contribution to this day, the 200th anniversary of the Constitution. We celebrate by strengthening this document. We celebrate, knowing that millions of Americans understand one clear object lesson of the importance of Constitutional guarantees. We celebrate the expansion of the Constitution as a living document, becoming ever more inclusive of the remarkable and rich diversity of this nation."

■ **JACL-LEC:** "We commend our House of Representatives... for recognizing that apologies without compensation are empty words to the 60,000 survivors who were incarcerated from one-to-four years in desolate camps... Noteworthy is the fact that the passage of H.R. 442 was achieved by the wide-ranging support from many segments and illustrates that in this pluralistic society, common grounds include areas of human dignity, social justice and civil rights."

■ **National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Los Angeles - San Francisco:** "We especially want to express our sincere thanks to Speaker of the House Jim Wright, House Majority Leader Tom Foley — the prime sponsor of H.R. 442 — Majority Whip Tony Coelho, and Representatives Peter Rodino, Barney Frank, Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and Mervyn Dymally for their invaluable roles in getting the bill passed."

"But most of all, we credit the grassroots support which provided a rock solid foundation for the bill's movers in Congress. Without the courageous and insistent demand for justice by the former internees themselves,



supported by their friends, children and grand-children, this legislation would have never gotten off the ground in the first place. And without the support of justice-minded people of all nationalities, and civil rights, religious, veterans, labor and other organizations around the country — this legislation would never have had a chance.

"... If this bill becomes law... (it) will strengthen the rights of all by helping to prevent the government from ever again committing such an injustice."

■ **Rep. Norman Mineta:** "Where else could this happen in this world but in the United States?"

■ **Rep. Robert Matsui:** "The decision today is to uphold that beautiful, wonderful document, the

Constitution of the United States... I think it is only fitting that on the 200th anniversary of the day the Constitution was signed, the House has voted to uphold the fundamental principle of justice for all Americans by recognizing that a grave injustice was committed 45 years ago against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry."

■ **Rep. Barbara Boxer:** "... I had aunts and uncles and cousins and grandparents pulled from their homes in Western Europe because of one reason — their ethnicity. I am proud that as we celebrate the Constitution we commemorate all of its glory in the best possible way by defeating all crippling amendments

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Public Apology from U.S. Gov't, \$20,000 Compensation Included

By Grayce Uyehara and Rita Takahashi

WASHINGTON — On Sept. 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed, and 200 years later, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, with 243 "yes" and 141 "no" votes. The bill includes provisions for a public apology from the U.S. government and \$20,000 to each surviving internee.

During the process that led to the final House vote, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Rep. Bob Matsui (D-Calif.) delivered testimonies which related their own personal experiences with the evacuation and relocation of Japanese Americans.

Mineta, Matsui Applauded

Mineta, who as a 10-year-old wore his Cub Scout uniform the day he and his family boarded the train that evacuated them, related the experience of more than 120,000 individuals, saying "We lost our homes, we lost our businesses, we lost our farms, but worst of all, we lost our basic human rights." He pointed out that at the same time that people lost their basic rights, they were also stigmatized as disloyal. According to Mineta, this "... unwarranted stigma of disloyalty... clings to us still to this day."

Matsui illuminated the impact of stigmatization by relating his father's experience, saying, "My father was not able to talk about this subject for over 40 years and I was a 6-month-old child... It was very interesting because when he finally was able to articulate he said, 'You know what the problem is, why I can't discuss this issue, is because I was in one of those internment camps, a prisoner of war camp, and if I talk about it the first thing

I have to say is look, I wasn't guilty, I was loyal to my country, because the specter of disloyalty attaches to anybody who was in those camps'."

Matsui went on, saying, "The real issue here today is an issue of fundamental principle. How could I, as a 6-month-old child born in this country, be declared by my own government to be an enemy alien? How can my mother and father, who were born in this country, also be declared a potential enemy aliens to their country?... They did not go before a court of law, they did not know what charges were filed against them." Upon completion of their statements, Mineta and Matsui both received applause and standing ovations.

Rep. Pat Saiki (R-Hawaii), while addressing the issue of monetary compensation, said, "We can never fully repay people for the loss of their dignity and their legal rights under the Constitution. However, financial payment is an appropriate means by which to provide some restitution."

Amendments Defeated

Despite the general agreement that "a grave injustice was done," there was some disagreement about the solution. Rep. Daniel E. Lungren (R-Calif.) offered an amendment to eliminate the monetary compensation to individuals. According to Lungren, there is a "... misguided notion that the dollar sign is the only genuine symbol of contrition." While Lungren addressed his amendment, he stopped several times to ask that order be maintained, since he apparently could not even hear himself.

While many congresspersons spoke in opposition to Lungren's amendment, some spoke in favor. Rep. Bill Frenzel (R-Minn.) said, "The committee is asking us to purge ourselves of someone else's guilt with another generation's money. Should we pay blood money to cleanse this embarrassment?" He also added, "What a funny way to ask us to rub ashes on our heads." Rep. Ron Packard (R-Calif.), apparently unable to distinguish the difference between Japanese nationals and U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry, indicated that he could not support compensation since U.S. WW2 prisoners of war of Japan were not fully compensated.

Meanwhile, Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.) raised the point that there is a precedent

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Matsui Credits Community, Others for Bill's Success

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — Two days after the passage of redress bill H.R. 442 in the House of Representatives, a jubilant Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) said, "I think we renewed faith in the Constitution with the vote... if more people begin to understand and are educated about this issue, they will realize that it wasn't the Japanese but American citizens that were incarcerated."

While in town to attend a dinner held by the Asian American Bar Association, Matsui met with members of the Japanese American Democrats Club. Over coffee at the New Otani Hotel, the congressman discussed the legislation that would redress the surviving 60,000 who were interned in U.S. concentration camps during WW2.

"What I found to be really touching," said Matsui of the Sept. 17 session, which coincided with the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution, "was that many of the members... were saying that it was a really important vote



Redress Address—Rep. Robert Matsui talks to members of the Japanese American Democrats Club at the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo on Sept. 19 about H.R. 442, which the House approved on Sept. 17. (l-r) George Kodama, Matsui and Midori Kamei.

for them and a vote they themselves really felt good about."

Called the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, along with Senate bill S.1009, H.R. 442 contains a public apology for what has been seen as the unjust detainment of Americans citizens and legal alien residents during WW2. Its

proposed \$1.2 billion trust fund would compensate each surviving internee with a payment of \$20,000. In addition, it would provide another \$50 million for educational programs dealing with the wartime relocation. Passed in the House by a vote of 243 to

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and passing H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987."

■ **Rep. Mervyn Dymally:** "This is a victory, not only for the Japanese American community, but to all of us who believe in fighting for justice and our basic First Amendment rights."

■ **The Rev. Jesse Jackson:** "Victories such as the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 are important. They give us hope. They show direction — a sense of right and wrong, a sense of national character and purpose. . . Generations of Japanese Americans have suffered long enough from an unfair burden of guilt and shame, unjustly accused of disloyalty for no other reason than the color of their skin. . . Let us mark the passage of H.R. 442 as a first step in healing a deep wound, removing a scar upon this nation's history."

■ **Asian Americans for Community Involvement, San Jose:** "The passage is a vital step towards correcting one of the most shameful and unconstitutional blemishes in American history. We join others in urging the U.S. Senate to quickly pass the compassion bill on redress and reparation in their side of Congress quickly. It's a joyous day for all who hold dear to the tenets of the American Constitution."



Thank You Visit—Members of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations delegation that went to Washington, D.C. this summer visit with Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), a co-sponsor of H.R. 442. Pictured are (l-r) Heizo Oshima, Marie Kurihara, Miller, Ray Higashi, Hide Oshima and Roy Ishizawa.

Igasaki Named to Chicago Program

CHICAGO — Paul M. Igasaki, Asian American Liaison for the City of Chicago and JAACL chapter president, was named as one of 29 Fellows in the 1988 Leadership Greater Chicago program.

Sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust, the program identifies promising Chicago area leaders that have distinguished themselves in professional and civic affairs.

The four-year program provides for an exchange of ideas as

part of its year-long educational program of seminars, lectures and discussions focusing on urban issues and problems.

"It will be an excellent opportunity to interact with people from very different fields," said Igasaki. "We all tend to have the most contact with others who are from our own professional, ethnic or political background. I, for example, have the most contact with Asian Americans, people in government and other lawyers."

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Bill to Fund Film Passes Assembly

SACRAMENTO — A bill to fund and develop two educational films, one on the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans and legal resident aliens by the U.S. government and another on the Armenian genocide by the Ottoman Empire in 1915, for the state's model curriculum has been sent to the Governor after passing the Assembly by a 44 to 28 vote on Sept. 11.

Authored by Speaker pro Tempore Mike Roos (D-Los Angeles), the bill allocates \$50,000 for the development of each film which will supplement the California school district's curriculum on human rights violations and genocide. Production of the films would be contracted out by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The bill's resources are in ac-

cordance with a 1985 mandate, also introduced by Roos, which requires the addition of human rights violations "with particular attention to the inhumanity of genocide" to the social studies curriculum for grades 7 through 12.

"Educators and administrators agree that students today have little direct knowledge and are usually poorly informed about past human rights violations," said Roos.

"The requirement to teach our children about many examples of human rights violations was a necessary first step in making them aware of the horror of such events. Providing adequate teaching materials is the necessary second step."

Stating that the films required by the legislation are "in no way intended to inflame any community," Roos said they would "provide historical information to students on these two examples of human rights violations by established governments. To ignore either one of these events," said Roos, "would be, in effect, to rewrite history."

Roos said he expects the governor to sign the measure within a few weeks.

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for economic recompense when the government wrongfully infringes on an individual's rights. Citing *Dellums v. Powell*, he noted that the Supreme Court sustained the Federal Court decision that first and fourth amendment rights were infringed when individuals were arrested on the steps of the Capitol (when they came to present Dellums a peace petition during the Vietnam War). The economic award was that all persons would receive an aggregate award of \$12 million. According to Dellums, "That meant that this gentleman (Dellums), on the basis of the violation of the first amendment rights, was to receive \$7,500. All of the other persons whose first amendment rights had been violated and who had been imprisoned overnight or for a day or two were to receive at least \$10,000 . . . we have a history in this country of providing economic recompense where indeed the government has violated the rights of its citizens."

Despite the fervor with which Lungren pursued the issue, his amendment was defeated 237 to 162. After Lungren's amendment was squelched, Rep. Norman D. Shumway (R-Calif.) attempted to pass a different amendment. Shumway's amendment proposed a "formula" approach to compensation, based upon the age of the individual at the time of incarceration, and length of incarceration.

As Shumway presented his amendment, there was so much commotion on the floor that order had to be called several times. His amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Scoreboard Lights Up

The House responded to House Speaker Jim Wright's (D-Texas) comment, "Today we finally have an opportunity to redress that ancient wrong." As the House voted on the bill, a scoreboard lit up with red ("no" votes), green ("yes" votes) and amber (present, not voting) lights. It soon became clear that the end result would be favorable for H.R. 442.

JACL-LEC (Legislative Education Committee) Director Grayce Ueyehara expressed elation at the House vote. "We of the JACL-LEC are gratified that this bill passed, after many years of hard

work on the part of many, many individuals dedicated to equal justice and fair play. These individuals and organizations acted with strong conviction, commitment and vigor to correct this grave injustice and to remove the stain on the U.S. Constitution. To all that were involved in this momentous decision, we celebrate and salute you," she said.

Ueyehara added, "Passage of this bill would not have been possible without the dedicated and consistent support of the congressional members and staff. JACL-LEC commends and appreciates the leadership provided by many congressional members, including Representatives Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, Patricia Saiki, Speaker Jim Wright, Majority Leader Tom Foley, Chairman Peter Rodino and Rep. Barney Frank of the Judiciary Committee." The JACL has given redress its highest priority since 1978 and JACL-LEC was activated in 1985 to take over the lobbying campaign.

Redress Fight Continues

The arena for redress now moves to the Senate, which will soon vote on its version of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, S. 1009. Support for S. 1009, which transcends party lines, appears to be strong. Although it's expected that the Senate will approve the bill, the final step will be to garner President Reagan's signature. Justice Department officials and the Office of Management and Budget have said they will recommend President Reagan to veto the bill.

Earlier versions of H.R. 442 included provisions for redress for Aleuts who were also forcibly removed from their homes during WW2. These provisions were removed from the current version and are to be addressed separately at a later date.

MATSUI

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141, the measure is now headed for the Senate floor.

Matsui, a 4-term congressman representing the 3rd District of Sacramento and a former internee, has, along with Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), been instrumental in gaining House support for H.R.442.

However, he credited the work of congressmen such as Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) and the support of the Japanese American community with the measure's recent success.

"Without the constant involvement and support, I don't think we would've seen this bill pass and get as far as it has," said Matsui. "It showed the judiciary committee that we did have some support for the legislation."

In acknowledging the controversy surrounding some of the measure's provisions, most notably its extinguishment of claims clause, Matsui stated, "Whenever you have a claim, part of [it] will be an extinguishment of all future rights against the government for that action. This happens on lawsuits . . . on any claim the government agrees to." This requirement that any former internee accepting compensation must drop all further legal claims against the government

has been criticized since it could possibly jeopardize the class action suit filed by the National Council of Japanese American Redress, as well as the *coram nobis* cases.

About the likely opposition in the Senate to the individual payments, Matsui replied that his greatest fear was a change in the payment schedule or a filibuster. In the House, Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calif.) and Rep. Norman Shumway (R-Calif.) had introduced amendments that would have either wiped out payments entirely or reduced the size for

certain individuals.

Although both amendments had been defeated, Matsui said H.R.442 would have been pulled before passage if either one had been adopted. "If the [compensation] was stricken," he declared, "we weren't going to let members of Congress vote for the Lungren amendment and then . . . tell [former internees] 'I supported the legislation.'"

Other obstacles which still face the passage of redress legislation include the on-going confusion many have in differentiat-

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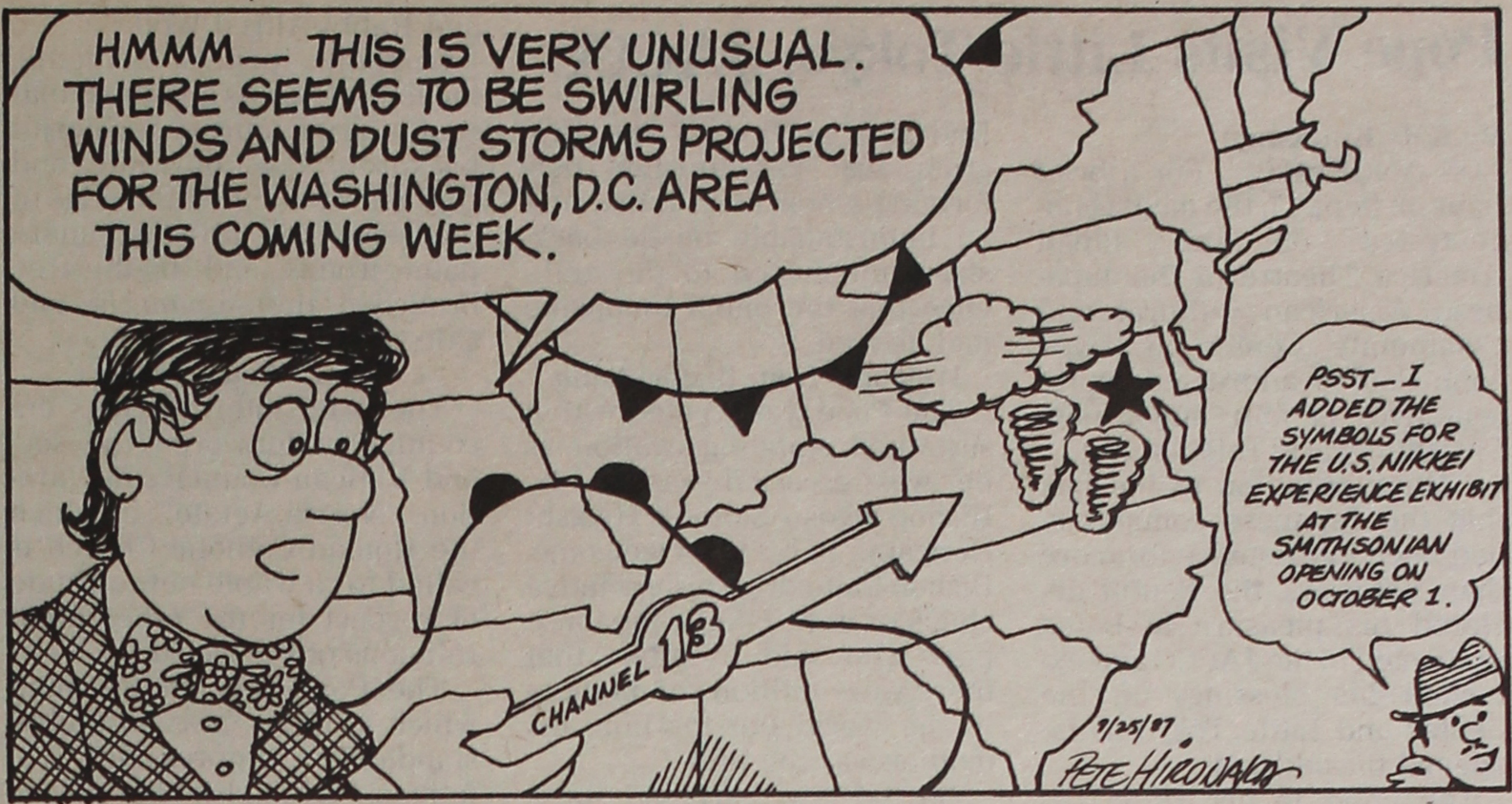
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Table with 4 columns: AYE, NO, PRES, N.V. for roll calls #320 and #321, including party affiliations like DEMOCRATIC and REPUBLICAN.



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of amounts in the Fund shall be liquidated and receipts thereof deposited in the Fund and all funds remaining in the Fund shall be deposited in the miscellaneous receipts account in the Treasury.

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(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board of Directors which shall be responsible for making disbursements from the Fund in the manner provided in this section.

(b) USES OF FUND.—The Board may make disbursements from the Fund only—

(1) to sponsor research and public educational activities, and to publish the hearings and findings of the Commission, so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood; and (2) for reasonable administrative expenses of the Board, including expenses incurred under subsections (c)(3), (d), and (e).

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Board will be composed of 9 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from individuals who are not officers or employees of the United States Government.

(2) EFFECT OF REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PAYMENT.—If an eligible individual refuses to accept any payment under this section, the amount of such payment shall remain in the Fund and no payment may be made under this section to such individual at any time after such refusal.

(3) PAYMENT IN FULL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—The payment to an eligible individual under this section shall be in full satisfaction of any claim of such individual against the United States arising out of acts done to that individual that are described in section 102(b). This paragraph shall apply to any eligible individual who does not refuse to accept payment under this section within 6 months after receiving the notification from the Attorney General referred to in the last sentence of paragraph (1).

(4) QUORUM.—5 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(5) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board.

(6) DIRECTOR, STAFF PERSONNEL.—(1) DIRECTOR.—The Board shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the Board.

(2) ADDITIONAL STAFF.—The Board may appoint and fix the pay of such additional staff as it may require.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.—The Director and the additional staff of the Board may be appointed without regard to section 5311(b) of title 5, United States Code, and without regard to the provisions of such title governing appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that the compensation of any employee of the Board may not exceed a rate equivalent to the minimum rate of basic pay payable for GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332(a) of such title.

(4) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Administrator of General Services is authorized to provide to the Board on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Board may reasonably request.

(5) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—The Board may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or property for purposes authorized under subsection (b).

(g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 12 months after the first meeting of the Board and every 12 months thereafter, the Board shall transmit to the President and to each House of the Congress a report describing the activities of the Board.

(h) TERMINATION.—90 days after the termination of the Fund, the Board shall terminate and all obligations of the Board under this section shall cease.

SEC. 9. DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE INTERNMENT.

(a) DEPOSIT OF DOCUMENTS IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES.—All documents, personal testimony, and other material collected by the Commission during its inquiry shall be delivered by the custodian of such material to the Archivist of the United States who shall deposit such material in the National Archives of the United States. The Archivist shall make such material available to the public for research purposes.

(b) AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.—The Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate shall, without regard to time limits otherwise applicable to the release of congressional documents, direct the Archivist of the United States to make available to the public for research purposes, all congressional documents not classified for national security purposes which are transferred to the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate relating to the evacuation, relocation, and internment of individuals during the evacuation, relocation and internment period.

(c) TERMS.—(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. (B) Of the members first appointed—(i) 5 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years; and (ii) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years, as designated by the President at the time of appointment. (C) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which such member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. A member may serve after the expiration of such member's term until such member's successor has taken office. No individual may be appointed as a member for more than 2 consecutive terms.

(3) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Board shall serve without pay, except that members of the Board shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out the functions of the Board, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the United States Government are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

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SEC. 11. COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET ACT.

No authority under this Act to enter into contracts or to make payments shall be effective except to the extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts. Any provision of this Act which, directly or indirectly, authorizes the enactment of new budget authority shall be effective only for fiscal year 1989 and thereafter.

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he died during the war. I went to the Orient and fortunately got back in time. Times change. There was no AAJA back in those days and it wouldn't have done much good even if there was. Now the nation is more sensitive to minority ambitions, more aware of the need for fairness in giving minorities economic opportunities. And given those opportunities, members of minority groups are demonstrating their ability to compete and deliver. What's particularly laudable about AAJA is that those who have made it, or are making it, are going out of their way to help others find opportunity.

The Clerk announced the following pairs on this vote: Pelosi for, with Quillen against. Lantos for, with Coughlin against. Kemp for, with Mrs. Smith (NE) against. Berman for, with Crane against. Lewis (CA) for, with Baker against. Konnyu for, with Oxley against.

(There will be a breakdown by party and states of the House vote in a subsequent issue.—The Editor.)

Pope Visits Little Tokyo, JACCC

By Kats Kunitsugu

LOS ANGELES — For a brief hour on Sept. 17, the media concentrated on the Japan America Theatre of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center as Pope John Paul II addressed representatives of four major non-Christian world religions.

Calling attention to the fact that the Japanese community had been in existence for more than 100 years, the Pontiff declared his pleasure at being welcomed to the JACCC and extended his blessings on the Center and Little Tokyo as he opened his address.

The Pope, in his white cassock, arrived about 15 minutes earlier than expected, cutting into "pre-event entertainment" being enjoyed by a capacity audience of 840. The Zenshuji Taiko group, representing the

Buddhist portion of the program, had just finished performing when flash bulbs and an unmistakable bustle backstage announced to the audience that the papal limousine had arrived.

Welcome from Bishop Saito

The Pope was greeted with a sustained standing ovation as he was escorted onstage by Bishop Gyoko Saito of Higashi Honganji. In his brief welcome, Bishop Saito drew appreciative chuckles as he cited a Japanese poet who said in effect that there were millions of mothers in the world but for him, his mother was the best.

On the gray carpeted stage, the Pope was joined on a raised dais by the Venerable Havanpola Ratanasara, Swami Swahananda, Dr. Maher Hathout (a native Egyptian representing the Islamic religion)

and Rabbi Alfred Wolf. Symbolic panels depicting the four religions and the Papal coat of arms hung as a colorful backdrop. Pots of white and gold marigold lined the edge of the stage and artistic panels, palm fronds and bodhi tree branches the *hanamichi* and side entrances.

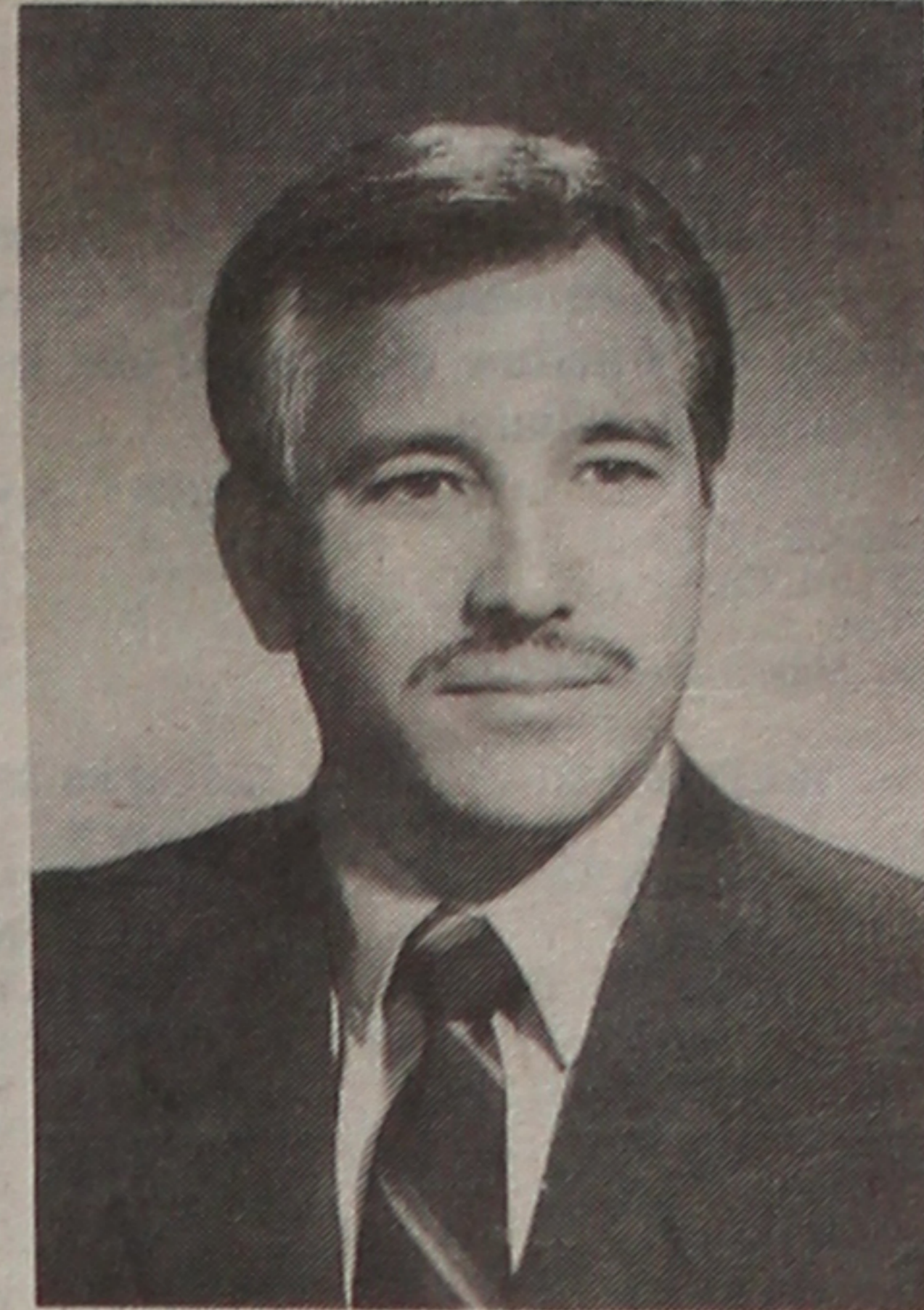
'Nostra Aetate' Alive

The brief inter-religious encounter underscored the second Vatican Council's declaration, "Nostra Aetate," in which the Roman Catholic Church is called to "a whole new attitude of respect for the other great religions of the world."

The Pope's thoughtful mien which at times gave an understandable impression of fatigue, given his breakneck schedule, emphasized his declared posture of listening to a variety of opinions on his trip to the United States rather than promulgating his outlook. The

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Himel Receives Service Award



Yoshinori Toso Himel

the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento, which nominated Himel for the award.

"Toso Himel is an outstanding lawyer and an outstanding Asian American," said Namba. "His dedication to serving the community is well-known. He amply deserves the award, and we of the Asian Bar Association were very happy to see him receive it."

The award is based on Himel's work in three programs where he contributed legal and management work and his expertise as a computer user and computer advocate. The programs are an Asian Legal Services Outreach Program, which serves low-income Asian Americans, the Legal Center for the Elderly and Disabled and the Voluntary Legal Services Program.

Himel, currently a member of the Sacramento JACL, served as the JACL representative and co-chair, Greater Sacramento Community Coalition for Media Change, 1973-74; JACL National Employment Discrimination Committee, chair, 1978-80 and the Washington D.C. JACL chapter board, 1979.

A 1975 graduate of the UC-Davis School of Law, Himel is presently with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento.

Development Director

OAKLAND — Deann Borshay has been named development director of the Asian Foundation for Community Development, 310 Eighth St., No. 305B. Borshay, former development associate for the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, received her bachelor's degree in rhetoric from UC Berkeley.

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