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Mitsue Takahashi Taking Case to the Supreme Court

By Robert Tokunaga
Hokubei Mainichi

Fired Livingston school teacher Mitsue Takahashi has taken her discrimination case to the U.S. Supreme Court after the California Supreme Court denied her appeal in October.

Takahashi, 58, was fired from the Livingston Union School District in 1980 for incompetence because of her alleged inability to maintain control of her students.

The Stanford graduate had been a teacher in the district, located in the San Joaquin Valley on the banks of the Merced River between Merced and Modesto, since 1960.

The petition to the Supreme Court, filed Jan. 8, claims that the California Court of Appeal denied Takahashi her right to a "full and fair opportunity to litigate her claim that she had been subjected to employment discrimination."

The petition states that Takahashi has this right under the due process and equal protection provisions of the 14th Amendment.

According to Stanley Fleishman, Takahashi's attorney, the petition focuses on discrimination based on race, sex ancestry and age.

Takahashi's firing was validated in **Stockton Shooting**

Five Southeast Asian Children Buried

STOCKTON, Calif. — The city of Stockton paid its final respects earlier this week to five schoolchildren slain by a gunman armed with a semiautomatic rifle. The children were killed last week in the playground of Cleveland Elementary School by Patrick Edward Purdy. Twenty-nine other children and one teacher were wounded.

Buried Jan. 21 in a Roman Catholic ceremony was Thuy Tran, a six-year-

old Vietnamese girl. On Monday, Jan. 23, Buddhist and Christian memorial services were held at the Stockton Civic Auditorium for four Cambodian children—Ram Chun, 8; Oeun Lim, 8; Sokhim An, 6, all girls, and Rathnar Or, 9, a boy.

The Monday service was attended by about 2,800 people, including California Gov. George Deukmejian, Attorney General John K. Van de Kamp and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honing.

Although Stockton police have dismissed the suggestion, some believe that Purdy, who killed himself following the shooting, had a racial motivation for the attack.

The four Cambodian children, who were friends in life, were later buried side by side.

—From a report that appeared in the Los Angeles Times

The discrimination charges revolve around statements made by some

school and district personnel that "she was too quiet and not assertive enough," said Fleishman.

The state appeals court ruled in September 1988 that Takahashi should have brought up these charges at the commission hearing and the filing of the first suit. Because she did not, the court said, she has no legal recourse.

Takahashi said she did not bring up the discrimination charges at the time

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Redress Opponents Buy Advertisement in Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — An anti-redress advertisement ran on page 6, section I, of the *Los Angeles Times* Jan. 24.

The advertisement, apparently paid for by an Anaheim, Calif.-based organization called "Veteran's Services," called for Americans to cut it out and send it to their respective congressperson to show sentiments against funding for P.L. 100-383, which provides for monetary redress of \$20,000 to eligible Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII by the federal government.

The text of the advertisement read: "Veterans—Taxpayers—Seniors; Japanese Lie to Reagan and Congress! Americans cannot afford to give \$20,000 each to 60,000 Japanese Americans (including 18,000 who refused to take unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and renounce the Japanese Emperor after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor) and then sit out WWII. (Total \$1,200,000,000.00). 1 Billion—200 million.

"Members of Congress; Please, please do not insult the memories of deceased and living American Veterans and their families. Vote 'No' on any funding for P.L. 100-383; 'The Japanese Money Bill.'"

This anti-redress offensive by Veteran's Services is the latest tactic by redress opponents. As of Tuesday, the headquarters of the JACL (Japanese American Citizens League) had no comment on the advertisement.

LEC Strategist Expresses High Hopes for More Redress Funds

By Harry K. Honda

Appropriation Process

BUENA PARK, Calif.—The 150 JACLers who came to hear Grant Ujifusa, guest speaker at the Selanoco JACL installation dinner here last Saturday (Jan. 21), went home as optimistic as he was that there will be more than the \$20 million as budgeted for Japanese American redress.

Ujifusa, the JACL-Legislative Education Committee strategy chair, reviewed the campaign history of the redress bill, commended especially the chapter's role convincing conservative members of Congress to support the bill, and remembered many organizations and individuals who translated their time and money to victory.

"Without the veterans, there would have been no redress," Ujifusa reminded.

The next process for appropriating the funds, as authorized by the redress bill signed last year by President Reagan, was then explained. Hearings will be held in four committees: the House Budget and Appropriations, the Senate Budget and Appropriations, where the Bush administration can suggest its own amount and the source of the money, under the guidelines of Gramm-Rudman.

Ujifusa thought the \$20 million figure in the Reagan proposal (Jan. 6-13, P.C.) was merely an acknowledgment by some bureaucrat that some figure was required in the trillion dollar budget. Overlooking the politics, it was Ujifusa's hope that \$171 million (a figure eyed for the FY1991 budget)

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Orange County Judge Gardner Recognized for Redress Support

BUENA PARK, Calif.—In a triple-header recognition, retired Orange County superior court judge Robert Gardner of Corona del Mar was honored by the National JACL, Pacific Southwest District Council and Selanoco JACL at the chapter's installation dinner Jan. 21 for his open support of the redress program.

Gardner, a colleague of the late Stephen "Kap" Tamura who served on the superior and state appellate courts, had urged the congressmen based in Orange County (Reps. Dornan, Badham, Lungren and Packard) to vote for the redress bill in 1987.

In the letter, Gardner revealed that he had been an officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence, which was charged with the duty of investigating persons of Japanese ancestry and "I had helped write the ONI report that opposed the expulsion of those people (as did the FBI report)."

Feeling that a great injustice was done [by the Evacuation], Gardner's letter recalled his personal reasons for his appointment of Clarence Nishizu, a Selanoco JACL president (1975-76),

as foreman of the Orange County grand jury in 1966. "Belatedly, this [was] my way of making up for that injustice. Therefore, I appointed Mr. Nishizu as foreman where he served with distinction," the congressman were told.

Naval Intelligence Stance

Carey McWilliams, in his *Prejudice: Japanese Americans, Symbol of Racial Intolerance* (1944), attributes the anonymously authored article (Harper's, Oct. 1942) analyzing the so-called Japanese problem and its solution to Lt. Commander (later Admiral) Kenneth D. Ringle of the 11th Naval District.

Ringle had proposed that individual examinations of Japanese in America could well determine loyalty. He pointed out that to deny them individual hearings only proved that the Evacuation was being handled solely on a racial basis.

Ringle was strongly opposed to any general evacuation which would put loyal and disloyal Japanese Americans into the same camp.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Editorial Calls for More Redress Money

SEATTLE — An editorial in the Jan. 15 *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* titled "Where's the Money?" rapped the \$20 million figure offered by former President Reagan for Japanese American redress. The editorial said, in part, "Parsimony cannot justify the cruel effects of President Reagan's proposal to slash funding for reparations to Japanese Americans unjustly interned during World War II." The editorial also called upon Congress to "right an old wrong."

Neo-Nazis Hold Rally in Washington State

WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. — A Japanese American photographer had profanities and a racial epithets yelled at him Dec. 12 while covering a gathering of neo-Nazis and racist skinheads here. The rally honored Robert Mathews, who was killed in a shoot-out with the FBI four years ago. A White supremacist, Mathews was the leader of a neo-Nazi group called the White American Bastion. The 60 or 70 neo-Nazis were outnumbered by 250 counterdemonstrators.

'African American' Preferred Over 'Black'

CHICAGO — Saying the term would be a "psychological lift," prominent Black leaders said Dec. 20, 1989 that members of their race prefer to be called African-Americans, according to an Associated Press report. One of the Black leaders, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said, "To be called African-Americans has cultural integrity. It puts us in our proper historical context. Every ethnic group in this country has a reference to some land base, some historical cultural base. African-Americans have hit that level of cultural maturity."



MILE HI'S NEW CHAIRMAN—Dr. James Taguchi was installed as the 1989 chairman for the board of the Mile Hi Chapter JACL at the installation dinner held Jan. 14 at the Aviation Country Club. The dinner's guest speaker was Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC strategy chair. Bill Hosokawa installed the new officers. Pictured above, standing (l-r), are James Hada, singles; Misato Heard; Sumi Takeno, membership; Lisa Yamaguchi; Dave Yamaguchi, scholarship/recognition; Bryan Hayashi, young adults; Bob Sakaguchi, ex-officio; Tom Masamori, public relations/publicity; and Dale Arnold, 1992 convention planning. Seated (l-r), are Kiyoto Futa, civic/outreach; Emily Ito, 1st vice chairperson; Lorraine Hisamoto, corres. sec.; James Taguchi, chairman; Karen Toyota, rec. sec.; Bob Horiuchi, 1000 Club/redress; and Pat Hayashi, program/activities.



Photo By Alvina Lew

THIS CHECK'S FOR YOU—A check for \$15,000 was recently presented to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center on behalf of Peter Coors, president of the Adolph Coors Brewing Co. Pictured (l-r) are Howard Halm, APALC board member; Sandra L. Sakamoto, v.p., APALC; Peter Chan Liang, of Coors; and Stewart Kwoh, executive director of APALC. The award was the first major grant given by the Coors Board of Directors to an Asian American non-profit organization in S. California.

Portland Reunion in the Works for 1990

PORTLAND, Ore. — Plans are being made for a reunion for those who lived in the greater Portland area prior to the WWII West Coast evacuation of Japanese Americans. This includes those who lived in the vicinities of Vancouver, Wash., Hood River, Hillsboro, Salem and Gresham.

A definite date has not been set for this event, but it will tentatively take place in the summer of 1990. A weekend event with many socials and a banquet will be scheduled.

Those interested may contact the

Tazuma Scholarship Now Available

SEATTLE — The family of the late Bunshiro Tazuma and the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has announced a scholarship in his name for college-bound Nikkei high school students.

The Hiroshima-born Issei, who died last year at 104, lived in Seattle, returning there after his WWII stay at the Puyallup assembly center. Tazuma was awarded a medal, the 6th class order of the Rising Sun, from the Japanese government in 1973 for his dedication to community service.

To obtain more information about the scholarship, contact Elmer Tazuma, 2318 19th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144, or call (206) 325-6024.

Mineta Co-sponsors Filipino Veterans Fairness Act

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) reintroduced legislation Jan. 24 to remedy the unfair situation faced by Filipino nationals who are serving in the United States Navy. The bill, the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act, was introduced with 40 original cosponsors.

Under current law, Filipino servicemen are not allowed the same opportunity to apply for U.S. citizenship afforded other aliens serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Filipino Veterans Fairness Act would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain aliens serving at least four years in our Armed Forces.

Under U.S. law, all aliens must be admitted to this country for permanent residence before they may enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. But upon admission for permanent residence and completion of four years of honorable service, U.S. law allows these aliens to be naturalized.

Mineta introduced similar legislation in the 100th Congress, but is more enthusiastic about the future of this new bill.

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Mineta Appointed Deputy Whip Again

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) was appointed Jan. 20, as deputy majority whip in the 101st Congress. The appointment was made by the House Democratic Leadership and lasts through Dec. 31, 1990. Mineta has been a deputy whip since 1981.

"We're proud that Congressman Mineta will serve again as a key member of the whip organization," said Rep. Tony Coelho, House Democratic whip. "This appointment is symbolic of the respect in which Norm is held, and shows he understands the voting patterns of our colleagues and is going to play a role in shaping legislation and the policies put forward by House Democrats."

The House whip organization is designed to monitor the attendance of House Democrats, establish their positions on pending issues, and urge them to vote with the leadership on those issues for which a party position has been established. Key ideas for legislation often also come from House Whips.

"I am honored to again serve as a deputy whip," Mineta said. "The 101st

Congress faces important challenges. The chief challenge is to close the gaps in our triple deficits: our budget deficit, our trade deficit, and our social deficit. We have a rare opportunity to address campaign finance reform, child care and the Clean Air Act, among other vital measures. I look forward to working with the leadership of the Democratic party to meet the challenges of the months and years ahead."

The deputy whip slot is the highest position to which members of the whip organization can be appointed. Deputy whips are placed in charge of the "task forces" that work to pass legislation. They help write alternative amendments, inform the leadership of priorities held by Democratic members, and develop legislative ideas for key issues facing the nation.

During the historic 100th Congress, task forces helped pass plant closing, civil rights, arms control and other legislative initiatives that ultimately became law. Mineta was in charge of the successful Civil Rights Restoration Act and Clean Water Act veto overrides as deputy whip during the 100th Congress.

committee by writing: Greater Portland Reunion—1990, c/o Nikkei Jin Kai, 1550 S.E. Oak Grove Blvd., Portland, OR 97267.



A "HOLE-Y" PRIZE—The New Otani Hotel and Garden held its 9th annual gold/silver fan golf tournament Jan. 5 at the California Country Club. This year's tournament had over 100 golfers in attendance. The hole in one top prize was the 1989 Nissan Pulsar NX XE sports car, provided by Little Tokyo Leasing and Sales and Ventura Nissan. Pictured with the wheels are Kenny Hasegawa, v.p., Little Tokyo Leasing and Sales, and Toru Kurokawa, assistant v.p. for the New Otani Hotel.

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