Dear Friends: Inside you will find a packet describing JACL supported activities. Our April Newsletter is joined by notices on redress for Japanese Americans, Coram Nobis legal case, as well as a membership application for JACL. We hope you'll find this information helpful and urge you to joint us supporting JACL's efforts on behalf of the Nikkei community.

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A LETTER TO SEATTLE AREA NIKKEI

The month of April has been designated as membership month by the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Today, our organization is as necessary as it was fifty years ago. Although Japanese Americans, as a group, have made tremendous gains educationally, economically and politically, we still have a long way to go until we can honestly say, "We are equal in this society."

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In this regard, our Chapter has expended considerable energy in the past three months in such relevant issues as seeking monetary redress for Japanese Americans who worked for the City of Seattle and were fired at the outbreak of World War II, the Coram Nobis Legal Project, meeting with the Mayor of Seattle to discuss affirmative action gains and learning about the State of Washington presidential caucus system from the Republican and Democratic parties.

During the next nine months, our emphasis will continue to be on human and civil rights, affirmative action gains and international issues. In addition, we plan to sponsor a Nikkei Awareness Workshop, a special preview of the play "Yellow Fever" at the Nippon Kan Theatre, a tennis fun night and a travel program to Japan.

To achieve our goals, we need your support! By becoming a Chapter member, you will receive a weekly subscription to the PACIFIC CITIZEN National JACL newspaper, our Chapter's monthly newsletter such as this one, and the chance to participate in our many activities.

Your tax deductible donation will help our Chapter, the Pacific Northwest District and the National JACL in our struggle to help create true equality in this great American society.

Sincerely, Jerry Shigaki, President Seattle Chapter JACL

REDRESS SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO WERE FORCED TO RESIGN

A resolution seeking redress payments of \$5,000 each for surviving Japanese American victims of World War II discrimination was presented to the Seattle School Board on April 11 by T.J. Vassar, School Board member.

The redress action, which will be voted on by the full Council at its regular meeting on April 25, follows similar action by the City of Seattle and State of Washington. Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and State Representative George Fleming have spoken in favor of the redress measure.

In all, 27 young Japanese American women were forced by the pressure of a West Seattle group to resign their positions as clerks in the school system after the outbreak of World War II.

Watch for news in this important step in the redress movement.

HIRABAYASHI HEARING DATE SET FOR MAY 4

On Friday, May 4, 1984 at 2:00 p.m., a hearing will be held at the Federal Courthouse (Fifth and Madison) before the Federal District Court Judge Donald Voorhees which may decide the fate of the coram nobis petition filed on behalf of Gordon Hirabayashi. Hirabayashi's coram nobis petition seeks to overturn his 1942 wartime convictions for violations of curfew and exclusion orders. The hearing will address a motion made by U.S. government attorneys to dismiss the petition and Hirabayashi's case.

Gordon Hirabayashi's case is the last of the three Japanese Ameri-

can cases to go to hearing. His petition was filed during the same period that coram nobis petitions were being filed on behalf of Fred Korematsu in San Francisco and Minoru Yasui in Portland.

The government's attorneys have taken the position in all three cases that the coram nobis petitions should be dismissed. In Korematsu's case, Federal District Court Judge Marilyn Patel denied the government's motion and granted the coram nobis petition. In Yasui's case, Federal District Court Judge Robert Belloni granted the government's motion and dismissed the coram nobis petition.

These coram nobis petitions were filed after Peter Irons, a writer researching government documents for a book on the Japanese American wartime cases (titled "Justice at War"), discovered evidence which convinced him that the government did not act in good faith in the prosecution and appeals of the Hirabayashi, Yasui and Korematsu cases. In the original cases which went before the United States Supreme Court, government attorneys argued that the convictions of the three Japanese Americans were justified because of the perceived threat of espionage and sabotage from the Japanese American population.

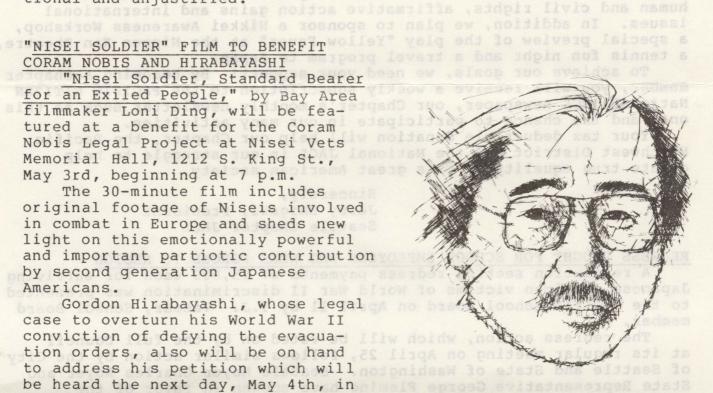
Hirabayashi is being represented by Kathryn Bannai, Camden M. Hall and Arthur Barnett. The hearing on May 4, 1984 will determine whether there are grounds to support the government's motion to dismiss the petition. The government is arguing that the petition should be dismissed because of the amount of time which has elapsed since the orignal cases were up before the Supreme Court. Hirabayashi's attorneys are opposing the motion to dismiss because it does not address the concern which led them to file the petition in the first place, that is, a finding that the actions taken against Gordon Hirabayashi by the United States government during World War II were unconstitutional and unjustified.

Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King St.,
May 3rd, beginning at 7 p.m.

The 30-minute film includes original footage of Niseis involved in combat in Europe and sheds new light on this emotionally powerful and important partiotic contribution by second generation Japanese Americans.

Gordon Hirabayashi, whose legal case to overturn his World War II conviction of defying the evacua-tion orders, also will be on hand to address his petition which will be heard the next day, May 4th, in Federal District Court.

JACL members are encouraged to reprinted from THE INTERNA-attend this special film viewing. TIONAL EXAMINER



Drawing by Michelle Kumata,

JACL MEMBERS INVITED TO SPECIAL PREMIER OF "YELLOW FEVER"

An Asian American detective spoof focused on a missing Nisei Week queen, written by Rick Shiomi and featuring an all-star Seattle cast, will open at the Nippon Kan Theatre on May 17. JACL members are invited to a special preview that night, beginning at 8 p.m. There will be a limited number of complimentary tickets available with no tickets sold at the door. Contact Ben Nakagawa to get in on this great deal! The play, presented by Northwest Asian American Theatre, will run through June 23rd.



PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED AT POTLUCK

At the Past President's Potluck, held March 31st at the JACL Office, standing in rear: Sam Shoji, Mrs. Shig Ozawa, Mrs. Yone Arai Bartholomew, George Fugami, John Matsumoto, Toru Sakahara and Chuck Kato. Seated: Shea Aoki, Cherry Kinoshita, Hana Masuda, Jim Matsuoka, Don Kazama and Howard Sakura. The display of photos of past presidents, cordinated by Shea and Jiro Aoki, was dedicated at the event. Thanks to all who contributed tasty dishes and efforts to make the event a success! And best wishes to Jiro Aoki who was not able to attend the event due to illness.

WORKSHOP ON NIKKEI AWARENESS WILL EXPLORE ASSIMILATION, CULTURAL PRIDE "Nikkei Awareness: The Unique Experience of Growing up as a Japanese American" is the title of a compelling workshop sponsored by Seattle Chapter JACL slated for Saturday, May 12.

The all-day event will feature a discussion of the Japanese American personality and its relationship to racism and culture. Dr. James Morishima, associate dean of graduate programs and research programs at the University of Washington College of Education, will be keynote speaker.

Through panel discussions and small group sessions, such topics as appreciation of Japanese qualities, acculturation, mutual support and personal empowerment will be explored.

The Workshop, which will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be held at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Avenue, South.

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JACL members will receive a 5% discount on purchases of paintings by "Otsuka" at the Nancy Teague Gallery, located at 1512-5th Ave. Otsuka uses kimono inks on silk to create paintings in a Japanese contemporary style. The artist will be present at the opening, 1 to 4 pm, May 19. Prices start at \$30 for works including posters, prints and paintings. Questions? Call the gallery at 447-9166. Be sure to identify yourself as a JACL member when making a purchase!

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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL HAS WEALTH OF CULTURE

The Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultur Festival will be held at Seattle Center from May 2 through 6, marking the 9th year of this community event. Wood art of Japan will be the theme of this year's festival and dozens of displays and demonstrations by masters from Japan will fill the Flag Pavilion. Also, the famous Kagami Brothers of Tokyo will bring their famous comic juggling magic act to Center House. Local dance, music, martial arts and Seattle Taiko will perform, too.



Buddhist sculpture by Yoko Cummings, to be on display.

COMMUNITY EVENTS -- TAKE NOTE

Seattle Nichiren Buddhist Church will hold a MiniBazaar on Sunday, April 29 from 11 am to 4:30 pm at the church, 1042 S. Weller St. Delicious Japanese and American foods will be sold.

St. Peter's Episcopal Parish will hold its annual Sukiyaki Dinner Saturday, May 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the church, 1610 S. King St. Decorations will highlight Japanese Children's Day. Tickets will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children. And don't forget the Keiro Rummage Sale, to be held Saturday, May 19 at Nisei Vets Hall. If you have items to donate, drop them off at the nursing home, 1700-24th Ave.S. or call 329-9575 for pickup.

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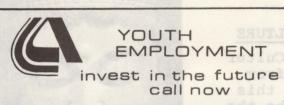
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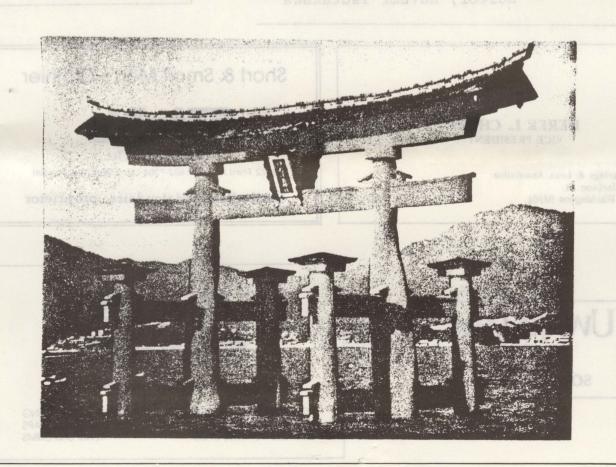
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ONE YEAR AGO WE HAD ONLY THE EXPECTATION THAT A REDRESS BILL MIGHT BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS. TODAY, NOT ONLY ARE THERE FOUR BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT THE INITIAL SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1, 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON, AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. SENATOR TED STEVENS (R-ALASKA) IS PRESSING FOR ACTION ON S. 2116, THE MATSUNAGA REDRESS BILL, WHICH PROVIDES FOR \$20,000 IN INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS TO EACH FORMER JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNEE, AND \$12,000 TO EACH ALEUT AFFECTED BY THE EXCLUSION. HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS UNDER CHAIRMAN SAM HALL (D-TEXAS) ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE. WCR AND SEATTLE JACL REDRESS HOPE TO SEND AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO EACH SUBCOMMITTEE AND FULL COMMITTEE HEARING TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST NIKKEI TO ASSURE THAT OUR AREA HAS INPUT TO THE SENATE, AS WELL AS HOUSE LEGISLATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL SCENE, WCR AND SEATTLE JACL REDRESS HAVE BEEN BUSY ON STATE, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVELS. THE PETITION OF GORDON HIRABAYASHI FOR A WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS IS COMING UP FOR A HEARING ON MAY 4. ALTHOUGH COUNTLESS HOURS ARE SPENT ON EFFORTS FOR REDRESS AND ON RELATED PROJECTS BY A SMALL CORE OF VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY, TO MEET THE UPCOMING EXPENSES WHICH CONTINUE TO ARISE, AGAIN, IT WILL TAKE CONTINUED COMMUNITY FUNDING

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NATIONAL LEGISLATION:

H.R. 3387 - Rep. Mike Lowry

S. 1520 - Sen. Alan Cranston

H.R. 4110 - Rep. Jim Wright

S. 2116 - Sen. Spark Matsunaga

(42 cosponsors, including Norman Mineta/Tom Foley; all of whom went onto the Wright bill)

(92 cosponsors, including Norman Mineta, Bob Matsui, Mike Lowry, Tom Foley)

(15 cosponsors, including Dan Inouye, Ted Stevens, Tom Foley)

Listed in the order of earliest introduction, the above four bills are currently under consideration in Congress. Since S. 2116 and H.R. 4110 most closely adhere to the CWRIC recommendations, these latter two bills are the most viable.

Senator Slade Gorton was convinced to sign on to the Matsunaga bill after WCR and JACL representatives met with him in December. True to his word, he signed on within a few days of his return to the capital for the new session. Other than Congressman Mike Lowry, who pioneered the redress legislation, only Congressman Tom Foley, Spokane, has endorsed both the Lowry and Wright bills.

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF OUR WASHINGTON DELEGATION? Redress representatives have met with Congressmen Joel Pritchard, Rod Chandler, Norm Dicks, and Al Swift; and with Senator Dan Evans' state director. They generally agree in principle, that there was an injustice, and favor an apology and pardons; but have problems with monetary compensation, particularly individual payments. We must convince them to support redress in its entire concept!

YOU CAN HELP! Each of the noncommitted congressmen must hear from YOU, each and every one Just a short note of support is fine -- no need for lengthy rhetoric. Just make clear you favor the bill, identify it by number, and state one or two reasons why. Lobbying is tedious and repetitive work -- success requires repeated efforts. Please write immediately, before May 30. Please send a copy of your letter and especially a copy of your response to: JACL, 316 Maynard So., Seattle, WA 98104, for national tabulation.

Sample addresses for Washington, D.C. offices:

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WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATION: State Senator George Fleming and the Washington Legisture set an important precedent in this state by their successful passage of legislation in May 1983 to provide \$5,000 compensation to approximately 40 former Japanese American state employees who were terminated, solely on the basis of their ancestry. At least 28 former employees have been paid their first-half \$2,500, beginning last September. Four were reported to be deceased, and the rest have incomplete claim applications or were ineligible. Two former U.W. employees are donating their entire \$10,000 to establish a scholarship in honor of Henry S. Tatsumi, professor emeritus. At least 5 Seattle recipients and 7 residing in other states have donated generously to WCR, Seattle redress and the coram nobis efforts. Many thanks!

CITY OF SEATTLE: Councilwoman Dolores Sibonga introduced an ordinance providing for \$5,000 redress compensation to former City employees who were dismissed from their jobs because of their Japanese ancestry. The ordinance was passed unanimously by the full City Council on March 5, 1984. Also passed was a resolution, introduced by Mayor Charles Royer, stating that the City of Seattle urges the Washington State congressional delegation to support federal legislation to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The resolution further urges the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities to adopt policy positions requesting Congress to act affirmatively on the CWRIC recommendations. Former city employees eligible for compensation are: Ruth Kazama, Sumi Kurihara Haji, and Tom Kobayashi.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT: T.J. Vassar, member of the Seattle School Board, introduced a resolution to the Board at its April 11 meeting, to compensate Japanese American school district employees who resigned under duress in February of 1942 because of community pressures and accusations of disloyalty by a group of West Seattle mothers. Over 30 letters and petitions from various educational, civil liberties, minority, parent teacher, and community organizations (e.g. ACLU, American Friends, Antidefamation League, Church Council; Black, Chinese, and Filipino Educators groups; school principals, etc.) were submitted in support of the resolution which provides for \$5,000 to each of the employees over a two year period. A vote on the issue by the School Board is expected to be taken at its April 25, 2:00 p.m. meeting. Supporters are strongly urged to attend to demonstrate community-wide support!

YOU CAN HELP! (1) Please attend the April 25, 2:00 p.m. meeting at the Admin. & Services Center, 815 4th North, Seattle 98109. (2) Please write Mrs. Ellen Roe, President of Seattle School Board, same address, expressing support, before Apr. 25.

CORAM NOBIS: Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, and Fred Korematsu have submitted petitions for a writ of error coram nobis, stating that the government suppressed, altered, and destroyed key evidence to affect the outcome of their cases. Korematsu and Yasui have been successful in persuading the courts to vacate their wartime convictions. Oral arguments concerning Hirabayashi's petition are scheduled to be heard in the court of Judge Donald S. Voorhees on May 4, at 2:00 p.m., at the U.S. Court House, 1010 5th Ave. (See separate insert for an "Evening with Gordon Hirabayashi" event on May 3, featuring a showing of "Nisei Soldier," a new documentary film produced by Loni Ding.)

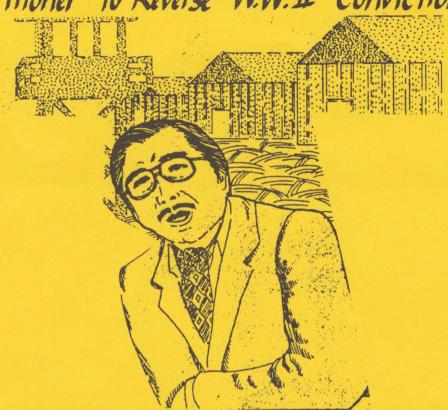
YOU CAN HELP! Please attend May 3, 7:00 p.m.; and May 4, 2:00 p.m. - to show support for the Gordon Hirabayashi case!

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