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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1988



Dear Mr. Ewald:

On behalf of Howard Baker, Chief of Staff to the President, thank you for your correspondence of May 9 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Range
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Pillai:

I appreciate your sharing with me the views of the Asian and Pacific Civil Rights Alliance concerning the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The President agrees with you that the treatment accorded to Americans of Japanese descent during that period of our history was unwarranted. However, the United States has already acknowledges the unjustified personal hardships caused by the internment program. In enacting the American-Japanese Evacuation Claims Act in 1948, Congress established a comprehensive program of restitution for injuries brought upon persons of Japanese ancestry who were interned.

It is now time to move on. One generation of Japanese Americans has already been hurt by government policy, let us not make a similar mistake for the next generation.

Again, thank you for writing as you did.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Rudy Beserra
White House

Dear Rudy,

Just a brief addendum to my note of yesterday on redress. The Lungren vote really forces the White House to veto redress legislation. If the demagoguery of redress proponents is not challenged, it will mean their ascendancy to official spokesmen, as Jesse Jackson is for blacks. And these extremists are every bit as bad as Jackson. Caving in to them now will mean certain Republican losses in the long run. You cannot allow the militant pro-redress people to ride high on this one.

Good luck in your efforts. Let me know if I can be of help.

Sincerely,



Ken Masugi

PACIFIC CITIZEN



Pacific Citizen Photo By George Johnston.

HIND EVERY GOOD WOMAN...—Masayo Duus signed copies of her latest book, *Unlikely Liberators* in Los Angeles on Dec. 22, 1987 while her husband and the book's translator, Peter Duus, looked over her shoulder.

Unlikely Journalist Writes Book About Unlikely Liberators

George Johnston

It's not everyday one runs into a woman who is interested and knowledgeable about Japanese Americans; Masayo Umezawa Duus is such a person.

The Stanford resident, originally from Hokkaido, Japan, was in Los Angeles Dec. 22 signing copies of her latest book, *Unlikely Liberators* to help raise funds for the Japanese American National Museum. Duus, who may be best known to Americans as the author of *Tokyo Rose: Orphan of the Pacific*. Duus is better known in Japan as a journalist for the *Asahi Shunju*, a Japanese monthly magazine. *Unlikely Liberators* is about the men of the 100th/442nd Central Postal Directory and the 442nd Central Postal Directory, among other units, liberated the French towns of Bruyeres and Biffontaine, and rescued the "Lost Battalion" amid heavy casualties.

The book began as a series of articles in the *Bungei Shunju* in 1982. After the series won the Annual Readers' Prize for that year, Duus wrote and expanded the articles into a book, released in 1983 as *Unlikely Liberators: The English language version, translated by her husband Dr. Peter Duus of Stanford University, was released in 1987.*

Perceptions of the Nikkei

Japanese Americans have generally had a public perception problem for years; although improvements have been made, many other Americans know little about their history and equate Japanese Americans with Japanese nationals. Ironically, a similar situation exists with the Japanese view Japanese Americans. Japanese seem amazed to discover people who often share the same ethnicity, names, and physical features may not speak *Nihongo* and know the history of Japan. Duus is one of the few Japanese who has studied the Japanese American. As

a result, she probably knows more about the U.S. Nikkei than many Nikkei.

Understanding Japanese Americans

Duus' interest in the affairs of Japanese Americans stems from her belief that she can learn about the U.S./Japanese relationship by studying Japanese Americans. "Whatever happens," she said, "is focused in Japanese American history, directly or indirectly, particularly in wartime. Through the wartime experience, Japanese Americans became a symbol and a victim of the war. It was very dramatic, and underneath it was the Japanese/U.S. relationship."

"Fundamentally, Japanese don't understand or want to understand America. So, telling the story through 'their own blood' is easier to understand for the Japanese," said Duus. "I have, sort of, two countries. I'm a Japanese citizen, but my family is American. So, in order to learn what America is, I am learning through Japanese American history."

American Educational Influence

As a gradeschooler, Duus' education was heavily influenced by the post-war U.S. occupation of Japan. "I didn't learn any Japanese propaganda, superiority of our country or ourselves... everything was from the American occupation government," Duus said. "What I learned in school," she added, "for instance, was that everybody is equal, nobody is above anybody else... men and women are equal." Eventually, the Japanese regained control of their educational system, but Duus still believed what she was taught as a child. "I wanted to come to this country to see how democracy works."

It was a shock for Duus, who came to the U.S. for the first time in the early '60s, to come face to face with the realities that overshadowed

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Lungren Nomination Opposed

By Laurie Mochidome

SACRAMENTO—The Nov. 25, 1987, nomination of Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Long Beach) by Gov. George Deukmejian to fill the position of state treasurer has, as expected, received outrage from many organizations and individuals in the Asian American community.

Lungren, 41, is best remembered by many Asian Americans for his introduction of an amendment seeking to destroy the individual payments provided by the legislation which would redress surviving internees of the U.S. camps during WW2. Although the amendment was defeated by a vote of 237 to 162 during the Sept. 17 House vote on the bill, the memory of his opposition lingers. If confirmed, Lungren would step into the vacancy created by the Aug. 4 death of Jesse Unruh, into what has been cited as a possible stepping stone to the office of governor.

"It's outrageous," said Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director. Speaking of the "broadly defined office of state treasurer," he added, "there are two levels of concern from my point of view."

"Lungren represents someone that slapped the community in the face and we shouldn't remain silent about it. From a narrower perspective, he recognized a great wrong took place but he's someone who isn't going to remedy it."

"As treasurer," Wakabayashi continued, "he doesn't look at what he should be seeing. He wants to pay bills we can afford, rather than the ones he should be paying... it's a question of responsibility, rather than being a gatekeeper."

Also referring to Lungren's conservative voting stance on civil rights issues, Bert Nakano, spokesperson for the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, in a written statement, compared the State Senate confirmation process still to be undergone by the congressman by the State Senate to the situation of Judge Robert Bork. The U.S. Senate had rejected confirmation of President Reagan's nominee to the Supreme Court because of his "ultra conservative" views.

"We believe that as Californians become aware of his views, the majority will reject him, just as they rejected Bork," said Nakano.

In opposition to the congressman's confirmation, some Asian American groups have formed a coalition called Californians for Responsible Government.

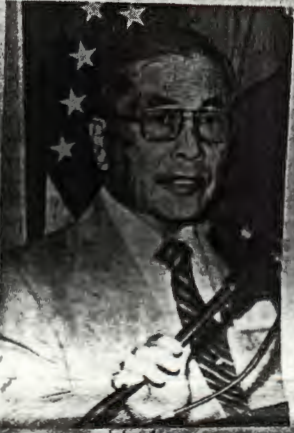
Nikkei organizations in the coalition include the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, National Democratic Council of Asian and Pacific Americans, the Asian Pacific Bar Association of California, the Japanese American Democrat Club of Los Angeles, the Asian Pacific Women's Movement, and the JACL Florin and Sacramento chapters.

No confirmation hearings have yet been scheduled.

Famed Nisei Judge Dies

BURBANK, Calif. — John Fujio Aiso, a retired judge and the WW2 academic director at Military Intelligence Service Language School, died Dec. 29, 1987 at St. Joseph Medical Center as a result of head injuries sustained in an attempted robbery Dec. 13.

Private family services were scheduled, Kubota Nikkei Mortuary announced.



John Aiso

The attack occurred at a gas station on Hollywood Blvd. while the 78-year-old Aiso pumped gas into

his car. The attacker, described by police as a black man, aged 30 to 35, grabbed for Aiso's wallet. As Aiso turned, the assailant pushed him; Aiso fell, striking his head against the asphalt. The attacker ran from the scene empty-handed. Police have no suspects.

Man of Achievement

Aiso, born in Burbank, Calif., on Dec. 14, 1909, led a life of triumph over obstacles. He was in the process of preparing his memoirs after reading over incidents of his career which were published in the *Rafu Shimpo* Japanese section.

As a ninth grader, he was elected president of Le Conte Junior High School in Hollywood; it was a short-lived victory, as some parents objected, which caused dissolution of the student body government for that year.

To participate in the high school ROTC, he had to take his case to the Los Angeles Board of Education because of an instructor who refused Aiso because of his ancestry. He gained national prominence as a senior at Hollywood High School. In 1925, winning his school's oratorical contest on the U.S. Constitution, he had an opportunity to participate in the Washington, D.C. finals of the contest, sponsored by the Los

Yasui Coram Nobis: Case Closed

By Homer Yasui

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Supreme Court denied Minoru's Yasui's petition for a rehearing for a writ of certiorari on Nov. 30, 1987. The writ is a form of legal appeal, whereby the petitioner requests a higher court to call for the records of his/her case from a lower court for review. As a result of the Supreme Court's action, Yasui's long quest has quietly ended.

Background

On February 1, 1983, Yasui petitioned for a writ of error coram nobis to the U.S. Ninth District Court, seeking to vacate his 1942 conviction for refusing to obey a military curfew order directed against all persons of Japanese ancestry then living in military zones 1 and 2 of the Western Defense Command; and to find that the U.S. government did in fact, alter, suppress or conceal material evidence in order to secure his original conviction.

In January 1984, Robert C. Belloni, presiding judge of the U.S. Ninth District Court in Portland, Ore., vacated Yasui's conviction without opposition from the U.S. government, but refused to consider allegations of governmental misconduct during a U.S. Supreme Court trial in 1943. This decision was then appealed to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court, since Yasui believed that he deserved an evidentiary hearing, on the grounds of discovery of new evidence which would have exonerated him had the U.S. Supreme Court been aware of all the pertinent facts at the time when his orig-

inal conviction was sustained by that court.

Yasui's Death

Upon Yasui's death on Nov. 12, 1986, the U.S. government moved to dismiss this case on the grounds that the petitioner was dead, rendering the case moot. This reasoning was accepted by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court, and the case was dismissed. However, Yasui's legal team then petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. This was denied on Oct. 5, 1987. A petition for a rehearing of the original writ of certiorari, on the basis of more newly discovered and relevant evidence, was submitted to the U.S. Supreme



Minoru Yasui

Court by Yasui's attorney, Peggy Nagae Lum, on Oct. 30, 1987. This was denied on Nov. 30, 1987. All remedial appeals have been exhausted. It appears that the case of Minoru Yasui vs. the United States is finally closed.

March 3

Rudy,

I'm sorry this is all I could come up with. Note that this list does not specify anything about the current redress bill. It only notes organizations which have "called on Congress to take action," whatever that means. Many of the organizations in the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights support redress.

Some of the Asian-American organizations I can think of include: Chinese for Affirmative Action, something called Organization of Chinese Americans, Japanese American Citizens League, and several other organizations, whose membership overlaps with all these others. I don't have my files on these here at the office. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Ken Masugi

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Quiet Minority Shifts Tactics In California

Appointee Battle Reflects Asian-Americans' Power

By Jay Mathews
Washington Post Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO—When California Gov. George Deukmejian (R) named Rep. Daniel E. Lungren (R-Calif.) last fall to fill the vacant state treasurer's post, few people here had heard of Donald Tamaki, Henry Der, John Ota or Hoyt Zia, and fewer predicted that Lungren would have confirmation problems.

Yet Lungren, a conservative from Long Beach, is in a pitched battle for the job, almost solely because of the efforts of Tamaki, Der, Ota, Zia and dozens of other Asian-American political activists.

In the last few months, they have revolutionized the political image of what once was California's quietest minority.

The sudden emergence of Asian-American influence in the Lungren controversy is the most obvious of several signs of growing political clout for a minority with only 7 percent of the state's population but disproportionate numbers of its college students, scientists, engineers and successful business men and women.

Tamaki, a San Francisco attorney, acknowledged that, in November, Lungren's prospective ascension to the job left vacant by the death of Jesse Unruh "was basically seen as a slam dunk."

Last week, however, Lungren lost a key state Senate committee vote, and he is thought to have no more than a 50-50 chance today of winning the required majority votes in each house of the state legislature.

Wealthy Asian Americans, distressed by Lungren's outspoken opposition to reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II, have lobbied against his confirmation, a rare move for persons who usually ask little more than a favorable attitude toward business among politicians they generously support with contributions.

The activists have flooded other civil rights and interest groups with detailed accounts of Lungren's voting record on defense, the environment and women's issues, giving the opposition a base much wider than the reparations issue.

"In the future, I don't think politicians are going to take the Asian-American community as lightly as Lungren did," said Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), who violated an unwritten rule of congressional collegiality in publicly opposing a fellow member of the California delegation.

Lungren, interviewed Tuesday after a 10-to-9 Assembly committee vote in his favor,



REP. ROBERT T. MATSUI ... during emotional hearing on reparations



REP. DANIEL E. LUNGREN ... fights for confirmation as state treasurer

said the rising influence of Asian Americans is clear "to anyone who knows anything about California politics." Despite critics of his opposition to reparations, he said he has many strong supporters in the Asian-American community, particularly among Indo-Chinese immigrants in his district.

Deukmejian's press secretary, Kevin Brett, noted that Lungren served two years on a congressional commission studying the reparations issue and has supported a public apology and a \$50 million educational program to heal relocation wounds. Brett said Deukmejian feels that objections to Lungren come mostly from highly partisan Democrats and that his support elsewhere in the Asian-American community is strong.

The state legislature has no members of Asian ancestry, and only two ethnic Asians from California, Matsui and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D), serve in Congress.

Asian-American candidates in both parties have launched early campaigns to win congressional primaries. Former Monterey Park mayor Lily Lee Chen is challenging Rep. Matthew G. Martinez (D), and real estate developer Sang R. Korman is challenging Rep. Elton Gallegly (R).

Chen, born in China, and Korman, born in Korea, speak accented English, a sign of the growing involvement of immigrants at a time when people from Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China are pouring into the state. Unlike most other immigrant groups in the nation's history, many Asians arrive with college degrees and financial resources that quickly make them professional and business leaders.

Contributions from the Asian community have been important in the election victories of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. To ensure that complaints receive quick attention, he employs one liaison official for each of the major Asian communities—Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Japanese.

Fred MacFarlane, Bradley's press secretary, said the mayor's Asian-American constituents are distinguished by "their willingness to make a lot of sacrifices and put forth a lot of effort to ensure their financial security and educate their children."

Maeley Tom, who with Georgette Imura handles Asian-American affairs for state Senate President David Roberti, recently listed several developments highlighting this new political clout:

- Three Democratic presidential hopefuls attended a meeting of Asian and Pacific American Democrats, and two promised appointments of Asian Americans.
- Asian political groups began to collect pledges and commitments for unity on supporting one presidential candidate.
- The first Asian American was appointed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The activists' ranks are diverse. Tamaki is former executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, Der is executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action. Ota represents the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and Zia is president of the Asian Pacific Bar Association.

A sign of their potential, many of the activists have said, is the problems they have caused for Lungren.

Tamaki said the effort began with about two dozen persons in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento who had watched with mounting anger as Lungren attacked the reparations bill. Lungren said having Japanese Americans put a monetary value on their wartime sufferings was demeaning. "It is a regrettable commentary on society when everything has to be translated into the coin of the realm," he said.

The Supreme Court decision legalizing the relocations led a generation of Asian Americans to conclude that "to get along and survive, you keep your mouth shut and don't make waves," Tamaki said.

Born after the war, Tamaki said he saw this attitude in his family and blames it for the slow development of political activism in the Asian-American community.

According to William Wong, assistant managing editor of The Tribune in Oakland, no matter how the Lungren vote turns out, "it will be difficult for the California political community to ignore the potential and the skills of Asian-American political activists."

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Congress of the United States
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Dear Colleague,

Soon the House will consider H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987. During World War II, the federal government, without due process, incarcerated 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. For no reason other than their ancestry and heritage, loyal Americans were made to suffer, losing property, finances, and, tragically, their freedom. By order of the government of the United States of America, the Constitution and its protections were denied to 120,000 Americans. No greater wrong can be committed by this nation than to suspend the Constitution, even momentarily. And, now, only the nation as a whole can adequately redress past wrongs.

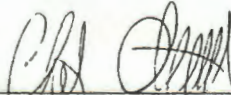
Listed below are a few of the many organizations, churches and legislative bodies which have recognized the injustice of the evacuation and internment of the Americans of Japanese ancestry and have called on Congress to take action.

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Lutheran Church in America
American Baptist Churches
Episcopal Church
United Presbyterian Church
La Raza
City Council, New York City
City Council, Chicago
City Council, Portland
National Education Assoc.
American Bar Assoc.

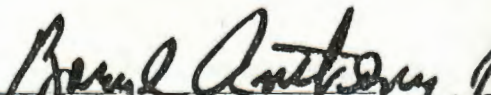
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American Civil Liberties
Foundation
Wisconsin State Legislature
Oregon State Legislature
California State Legislature
Minnesota State Legislature
International Longshoremen
& Warehousemen's Union

Many organizations and elected officials preceded the United States Congress in formally offering an apology to Americans of Japanese ancestry for all that has been endured. Now, it is up to the Congress to speak for the entire nation by approving H.R. 442, including an apology as well as reparations for those who were interned.

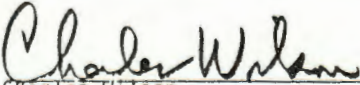
Like so many national organizations and elective bodies, we urge your support for this legislation.




Chester G. Atkins



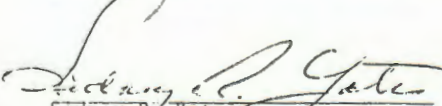
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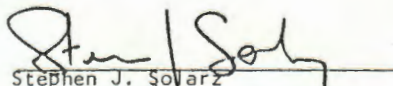
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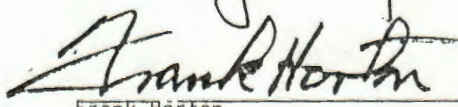
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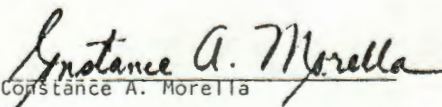
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Frank Horton



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Constance A. Morella

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Benjamin L. Cardin
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'Cautious Optimism' on Passage of Redress Bill Seen This Year

By Grace Uyehara *Pacific Citizen* 1/29/88
 WASHINGTON — During the months of December and January, JACL-LEC lobbying work has continued in Washington. Grant Ujifusa, legislative strategy chair, reports that after a series of meetings at the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Justice and the White House, considerable progress is being made to win the support of the president for redress legislation. Ujifusa said, "Although I cannot get into detail, I am more than cautiously optimistic about a favorable outcome with the one remaining vote we need in the White House."

Overriding a Veto
 In the event redress legislation is not signed into law by the president, a careful review of the votes in both houses will be done by the JACL-LEC staff. With the strong support of the House leadership, Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas), Majority Leader Tom Foley (D-Wash.), Majority Whip Tony Coelho (D-Calif.) and Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who steered H.R. 442 through the House, Congress may be able to override the veto.

Letter's Position Under Review
 Ujifusa went on to say that the form letter that was sent from the White House in response to letters to the president states the administration's opposition to the bill. The response should not, in any way, be taken at face value.

He added, "The contents of that letter do not represent the final position of the administration and was already old news last spring when the responses were being sent from the Department of Justice. The position in the response letter is under review and being reconsidered."

"Moreover," Ujifusa said, "many important conservatives in the administration, some may think as automatically against redress, are, in fact, supporting us within the White House. So, to the extent that the issue remains defined as non-partisan, to that extent redress is advanced. We should, without finding the letters as partisan of the left or right, continue to write to the White House and redouble our efforts."

"The issue comes down to one vote and we feel that we just may have that vote," added Ujifusa. Grace Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive director, added, "Since politics is the art of the possible, we should not begin to feel that the issue has been settled completely in our favor."
 "This caveat is necessary as other events may take over. Redress supporters who feel the White House response letter is a setback need to hear that at this time, the important work goes on, one-to-one and face-to-face."

Meetings Scheduled
 Now that Congress is back to start the second session of the 100th Congress, Uyehara is scheduling meetings with the Nikkei members of Congress to share information from the recent lobbying efforts in Washington and to review strategy. Consultation at this time is important in identifying any problem areas ahead of time.

Uyehara, in her contact this week with Sen. Spark Matsunaga's (D-Hawaii) office, asked about the present status of S. 1009 and received the following statement from the senator:
 "The long awaited Senate consid-

eration of S. 1009 appears to be approaching at last. However, it is still important for supporters of S. 1009 throughout the country to continue contacting their senators and their friends in the administration to urge them to support the bill."

Early Vote on S. 1009 Urged
 Uyehara has been asked by the Aleut and Pribiloff Island Corporations and their attorney in Washington to meet with them this week to discuss the redress legislation. Six members of both corporations are in town to meet with Sens. Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski (both R-Alaska). They also want to meet with Sen. Matsunaga to urge him to get S. 1009 to a vote as soon as possible.

Writing to the President
 John Kirkland, attorney for the Alaskans, stated that he thinks the redress bill should be completed early in this session since other major issues such as the INF treaty, contra aid and the Kennedy appointment to the Supreme Court, along with the budget process and the presidential and general elections may delay its progress.

Since there is a good possibility S. 1009 will be voted by the Senate during the first week of February, it is recommended by the JACL-LEC that all the chapters and redress supporters start the letter writing campaign to the president as soon as S. 1009 passes. It is not expected for the conference committee to spend too much time working out the differences on the related bills.



Citizen Photo By Harry Honda
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 make its findings available "not
 later than December 31 of the first
 year beginning after the year in
 which a census is taken."

Matsui said his legislation has already gained bipartisan support and that he expects wide co-sponsorship of the bill. He said hearings on the 1990 Census questionnaire will be held in April by the Census and Population Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally (D-Calif.).

Original co-sponsors of the bill include U.S. Reps. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Mike Lowry (D-Wash.), Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Chip Pashayan (R-Calif.), Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), and Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii).

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LEC Board: Redress 'Looks Good'

By George Johnston

SAN FRANCISCO — Good weather and good news greeted members of the JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC) Board of Directors. The fair weather experienced at the Feb. 12 meeting—sunny, no clouds and unseasonably warm temperatures—could be a cautious harbinger for the future success of redress legislation. "You have to be very careful when you make statements like this," said LEC Legislative Strategy Chair Grant Ujifusa, "but I think it looks pretty good."

"The Senate looks very good," Ujifusa continued. "I think the administration is going to be okay. We're probably inside the 20 yard line if you want to think about it in football terms ... but life is uncertain and we could fumble or be intercepted at any point. But, we're getting there."

Redress Foes

One of the potential causes of a "fumble" or "interception" could come from redress opponents (see related article by JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto on page 5). According to JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Ueyehara, there is an or-

ganized anti-redress media campaign intent on discrediting Japanese American redress efforts.

The campaign, which Ueyehara called "distortions," includes mail-outs sent to U.S. senators and representatives and is apparently encouraged on whenever there is mass media attention on redress progress.

Meanwhile, in a letter distributed to the 100 members of the Senate, JACL-LEC members Ueyehara, Enomoto and Ujifusa reemphasized the importance of the redress legislation. A letter on behalf of Nisei veterans signed by Mike Masaoka has been mailed out, as have letters in favor of redress from civil rights and religious coalitions.

Republican Nikkei Vital

According to Ujifusa, the most important people for redress in the Nikkei community are "Republican and conservative Nikkei" since they are able to counteract the perception that the redress movement is controlled the "radical Asian left." Republican Nikkei should, according to Ujifusa, "Work through personal contacts and the state party structure to make their feelings

known."

In addition to noting the importance of Republican Nikkei, discussion also touched upon the upcoming JACL National Convention in Seattle and the possibility of a recognition of principle movers of redress legislation or a separate event in Washington, D.C., both dependent upon the successful passage of redress. The objective of such an event would be to recognize not only the persons in Congress who helped in redress, but the "behind the scenes" people as well.

Motions

Cherry Kinoshita, who was recommended by the JACL National Board, was unanimously approved as a JACL-LEC Board member following a motion by Mollie Fujioka, which was seconded by Mae Takahashi. Jim Tsujimura moved that JACL-LEC officers be retained; it was seconded by Peggy Ligggett and approved unanimously. Mae Takahashi was reappointed as JACL-LEC fundraising chair following a motion by Gene Takamine, seconded by Jerry Enomoto. Mae Takahashi moved that a committee con-

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Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston

ALL SMILES—JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Ueyehara and JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto enjoy a moment of levity during the

Budget Tons

JACL PULSE

ARIZONA

• Las Vegas Night, 6 pm, March 5, Bud Brown's Barn, 909 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix. Tickets: \$25/single, \$45/couple; includes steak dinner. Contact Board members for tickets. Co-sponsored by the Chinese American Citizen Alliance.

DIABLO VALLEY

• Tahoe Snow Ski Trip, March 4 & 5. Chaired by Mary Ann Utsumi and Tom Shimizu. Instructions for non-skiers. Info: 415 938-5867 or 415 935-6753.

SAN MATEO

• 1988 Scholarship Program—the chapter will award freshman scholarships to deserving students from the local area, with top applications to be forwarded to National JACL HQ. Applications: Local San Mateo

County high schools and community colleges as well as from the JACL Community Center, 415 South Claremont in San Mateo. Deadline: April 1. Info: 415 343-2793.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation Dinner, 6 pm, Feb. 20, the Lobster Trap Restaurant, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Channel Islands Harbor. Guest Speaker: Bill Watababe, director of the Little Tokyo Service Center. Cost: \$16. Info: Gladys Kohatsu, 805 488-3986 or Gene Matsuyasu, 805 983-8035.

Items publicizing JACL events should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and mailed at least THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE to the P.C. office. Please include contact phone numbers, addresses, etc.

JA of the Biennium Nominations Open

By Don Ito

SAN FRANCISCO — As we enter 1988, we are reminded that the National Convention is fast approaching. At the Convention, JACL will honor Americans of Japanese ancestry who have received regional, national or international recognition for outstanding achievement in different fields of endeavor and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

For the biennium, at least one and up to three individuals will receive a gold medallion and personalized scroll citation at the Convention's Sayonara Banquet on Aug. 9. Travel expenses to Seattle and hotel accommodations for one night will be provided for each recipient by the

years of the biennium or lifetime contributions.

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. Candidates from at least one, but no more than three of the following fields will be selected.

- 1) **Arts/Literature/Communications** (artists, writers, photographers, architects, musicians, performers, designers, etc.)
- 2) **Business/Industry/Technology** (corporate executives, bankers, import/exporters, inventors, entrepreneurs, engineers, developers, astronauts, agriculturalists, etc.)
- 3) **Education/Humanities** (educators, humanists, community activists, clergy, etc.)
- 4) **Medicine/Science** (scientists, physicians, researchers, nurses, optometrists, etc.)
- 5) **Politics/Public Affairs/Law** (elected officials, government administrators, attorneys, diplomats, judges, etc.)
- 6) **Sports/All Other Fields** (Olympians, champion athletes, etc. and unique professions)

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Thousand Club Report

Summary (Since Nov 30, 1987)

Active (previous total)15
Total this report: * 265
Current total80

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Boise Valley: 27-George Koyama.
Chicago: 24-Hiroshi Miyake, 36-Arthur Morimitsu, 20-Sumi Raffan, 32-Kay Sunahara, 19-Ben Yamaguchi.
Cincinnati: 22-Ben Yamaguchi*.
Cleveland: 30-Robert Fujita, 25-Toaru Ishiyama.
Contra Costa: 25-Ted Tanaka, 14-James Tanizawa.
Diablo Valley: 12-Paul Hayashi, 13-Midori Wedemeyer.
Downtown Los Angeles: 25-Hanako Nitake, 36-Shigeji Takeda.
Eden Township: 31-Tom Kitayama.
Fremont: 16-Sally Inouye, 18-Ted Inouye.
Fresno: 4-Katherine Sasaki.
Gardena Valley: 17-Morio Fukuto.
Hollywood: 17-Hideo Kondo.
Livingston Merced: 32-Lester Yoshida.
Marina: Life-Neal Natsumeda.
Mile Hi: 3-Harold Riebesell, 8-Terry Sato.
Milwaukee: 17-Spark Hashimoto, 17-Thomas Samter.
Monterey Peninsula: 19-Rinzi Manaka, 10-Jack Russell*, 22-George Uyeda.

New England: 5-Margie Yamamoto.
New Mexico: Life-Ruth Hashimoto.
Oakland: 19-Jean Rowe, 12-Kuni Yoshioka*.
Orange County: 21-Samuel Maehara, 33-Tadashi Ochiai.
Pacifica-Long Beach: 23-Tsunechiyo Makino.
Philadelphia: 24-Roy Kita, Life-Noboru Kobayashi.
Portland: 34-Toshiaki Kuge, 33-Robert Sunamoto.
Puyallup Valley: 28-Ted Masumoto.
Sacramento: 30-Ralph Nishimi, 18-Scott Yamamoto.
St. Louis: Life-Yuki Rikimaru, 25-Joseph Tanaka*.
San Gabriel Valley: 22-Abe Oyamada.
San Fernando Valley: 33-Isamu Ueyehara.
San Francisco: 15-Kikkoman Intl Inc**, 26-Sam Sato, 1-Curtis Suzuki.
San Jose: 19-Roy Shimizu.
Stockton: 19-Frank Kitagawa, Life-Roy Nakashima.
Tulare County: Life Ben Hayakawa.
Twin Cities: 32-George Rokutani.
Venice Culver: I-Nick Nakano.
Washington D.C.: 10-Kenneth Yamamoto.
West Los Angeles: 7-Grace Fujimoto, 7-Jack Fujimoto, 21-Mas Miyakoda, 20-Joseph Seto*.
West Valley: 8-David Muraoka, 4-Mary Yanagita.
White River Valley: 14-Margaret Okitsu.
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vidual JACL members with appropriate documentation. Forms will be available from chapter presidents.

Nominations should be accompanied by a statement, not more than one typed page, from the nominator stating: (1) qualifications of nominee not contained in application form; and (2) particular reference as to how the nominator feels the individual has fulfilled the award criteria. The number of supporting letters should not exceed five. The nominee *must* be consulted before the nomination is submitted to avoid any withdrawals during the selection process.

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sisting of Grayce Ueyehara, Cherry Kinoshita, Grant Ujifusa (chair), Peggy Liggett and Gene Takamine be formed to investigate persons to honor who were instrumental in redress legislation, with a timetable at the discretion of the chair. It was seconded by Liggett and passed unanimously.

Other matters discussed were future fundraising for JACL-LEC, the continued contact between JACL-LEC and the Aleut and Pribiloff Island groups, the status quo of redress history and Japanese Canadian redress progress. Those present at the meeting were Grayce Ueyehara, Grant Ujifusa, Mollie Fujioka, Mae Takahashi, Peggy Liggett, Gary Glenn, Cressey Nakagawa, Jim Tsujimura, Harry Kajihara, Hank Tanaka, Gene Takamine, Arthur Morimitsu, Denny Yasuhara, Jerry Enomoto and Shig Wakamatsu.

For The Record

The left/right designations in the photo caption entitled "Changing of the Guard," on page 2 of the Feb. 12, 1988 P.C. are reversed. Sam Fujikawa was on the left and George Higa was on the right.

1988 TANAKA TOURS

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IMPERIAL CHINA (Beijing/Xian/Guilin/Shanghai, etc) MAY 13th
KAGAWA CENTENNIAL JAPAN MAY 13th
EUROPE VISTA (5 countries) MAY 28th
CANADIAN ROCKIES-VICTORIA (8 days) JUN 13th
ALASKA PRINCESS CRUISE/LAND TOUR AUG 10th
NEW ORLEANS/ACADIAN COUNTRY SEP 10th
EAST COAST & FOLIAGE (10 days) OCT 3rd
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (Ext-HongKong) OCT 10th
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Quiet Minority Shifts Tactics In California

Appointee Battle Reflects Asian Americans' Power

By Jay Mathews
Washington Post Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO—When California Gov. George Deukmejian (R) named Rep. Daniel E. Lungren (R-Calif.) last fall to fill the vacant state treasurer's post, few people here had heard of Donald Tamaki, Henry Der, John Ota or Hoyt Zia, and fewer predicted that Lungren would have confirmation problems.

Yet Lungren, a conservative from Long Beach, is in a pitched battle for the job, almost solely because of the efforts of Tamaki, Der, Ota, Zia and dozens of other Asian-American political activists.

In the last few months, they have revolutionized the political image of what once was California's quietest minority.

The sudden emergence of Asian-American influence in the Lungren controversy is the most obvious of several signs of growing political clout for a minority with only 7 percent of the state's population but disproportionate numbers of its college students, scientists, engineers and successful business men and women.

Tamaki, a San Francisco attorney, acknowledged that, in November, Lungren's prospective ascension to the job left vacant by the death of Jesse Unruh "was basically seen as a slam dunk."

Last week, however, Lungren lost a key state Senate committee vote, and he is thought to have no more than a 50-50 chance today of winning the required majority votes in each house of the state legislature.

Wealthy Asian Americans, distressed by Lungren's outspoken opposition to reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II, have lobbied against his confirmation, a rare move for persons who usually ask little more than a favorable attitude toward business among politicians they generously support with contributions.

The activists have flooded other civil rights and interest groups with detailed accounts of Lungren's voting record on defense, the environment and women's issues, giving the opposition a base much wider than the reparations issue.

"In the future, I don't think politicians are going to take the Asian-American community as lightly as Lungren did," said Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), who violated an unwritten rule of congressional collegiality in publicly opposing a fellow member of the California delegation.

Lungren, interviewed Tuesday after a 10-to-9 Assembly committee vote in his favor,



REP. ROBERT T. MATSUI

... during emotional hearing on reparations

said the rising influence of Asian Americans is clear "to anyone who knows anything about California politics." Despite critics of his opposition to reparations, he said he has many strong supporters in the Asian-American community, particularly among Indochinese immigrants in his district.

Deukmejian's press secretary, Kevin Brett, noted that Lungren served two years on a congressional commission studying the reparations issue and has supported a public apology and a \$50 million educational program to heal relocation wounds. Brett said Deukmejian feels that objections to Lungren come mostly from highly partisan Democrats and that his support elsewhere in the Asian-American community is strong.

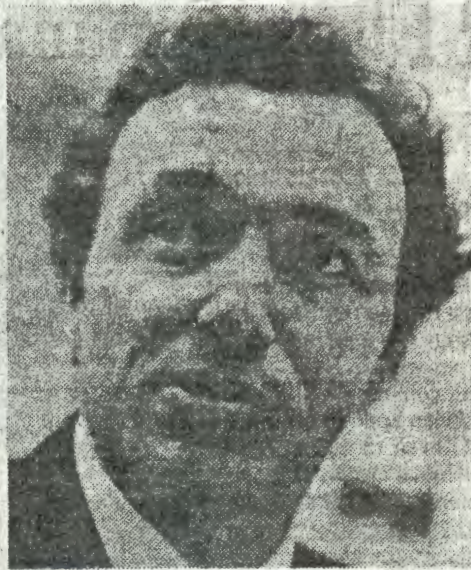
The state legislature has no members of Asian ancestry, and only two ethnic Asians from California, Matsui and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D), serve in Congress.

Asian-American candidates in both parties have launched early campaigns to win congressional primaries. Former Monterey Park mayor Lily Lee Chen is challenging Rep. Matthew G. Martinez (D), and real estate developer Sang R. Korman is challenging Rep. Elton Gallegly (R).

Chen, born in China, and Korman, born in Korea, speak accented English, a sign of the growing involvement of immigrants at a time when people from Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China are pouring into the state. Unlike most other immigrant groups in the nation's history, many Asians arrive with college degrees and financial resources that quickly make them professional and business leaders.

Contributions from the Asian community have been important in the election victories of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. To ensure that complaints receive quick attention, he employs one liaison official for each of the major Asian communities—Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Japanese.

Fred MacFarlane, Bradley's press secretary, said the mayor's Asian-American constituents are distinguished by "their willingness to make a lot of sacrifices and put forth a lot of effort to ensure their financial security and educate their children."



REP. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

... fights for confirmation as state treasurer

Maeley Tom, who with Georgette Imura handles Asian-American affairs for state Senate President David Roberti, recently listed several developments highlighting this new political clout:

- Three Democratic presidential hopefuls attended a meeting of Asian and Pacific American Democrats, and two promised appointments of Asian Americans.

- Asian political groups began to collect pledges and commitments for unity on supporting one presidential candidate.

- The first Asian American was appointed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The activists' ranks are diverse. Tamaki is former executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, Der is executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, Ota represents the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and Zia is president of the Asian Pacific Bar Association.

A sign of their potential, many of the activists have said, is the problems they have caused for Lungren.

Tamaki said the effort began with about two dozen persons in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento who had watched with mounting anger as Lungren attacked the reparations bill. Lungren said having Japanese Americans put a monetary value on their wartime sufferings was demeaning. "It is a regrettable commentary on society when everything has to be translated into the coin of the realm," he said.

The Supreme Court decision legalizing the relocations led a generation of Asian Americans to conclude that "to get along and survive, you keep your mouth shut and don't make waves," Tamaki said.

Born after the war, Tamaki said he saw this attitude in his family and blames it for the slow development of political activism in the Asian-American community.

According to William Wong, assistant managing editor of The Tribune in Oakland, no matter how the Lungren vote turns out, "it will be difficult for the California political community to ignore the potential and the skills of Asian-American political activists."

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