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ACLU Brunch

The wholesale roundup, relocation and internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II will be the focus of the American Civil Liberties Union's MacNaughton Award Brunch here in Eugene November 20.

Minoru Yasui, who is currently challenging his wartime conviction for violation of the curfew imposed against Americans of Japanese descent, will receive the 1983 E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award in honor of his work over the past forty years on the internment issue. Featured speaker at the event will be Joan Z. Bernstein, a Washington, D.C., attorney who chaired the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which was established by Congress in 1980.

More than 100,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry were rounded up by the federal government in 1942 shortly after Pearl Harbor and were taken to concentration camps—euphemistically known as "relocation centers." Yasui, Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi challenged the curfew and relocation orders in federal court, but the U.S. Supreme Court upheld their convictions

in 1943, citing "military necessity at a time of immediate danger."

Early this year, all three men petitioned in federal court to have the convictions overturned on the basis of newly discovered evidence of flagrant government misconduct during the original trials. And just last month, the U.S. Justice Department filed a motion in support of reversing the earlier conviction.

Also due to be honored by the ACLU for their civil liberties efforts at the Eugene brunch will be: Ken Doctor for his support of civil liberties while editor and publisher of the *Willamette Valley Observer*; the League of Women Voters of Central Lane County for their juvenile court monitoring project and subsequent report which highlighted the need for numerous changes; and State Senator Cliff Trow (D-Corvallis) for his sponsorship and assistance in passing a bill to allow the expungement of arrest records.

The event is a benefit for the ACLU Foundation of Oregon, which funds the ACLU's legal and educational work. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 20, in the Eugene Hilton Conference Center. Call 345-6162 for reservations.

Civil Air Patrol Variety Show

On Dec. 13 the Mahlon Sweet Civil Air Patrol will sponsor a two-hour variety show featuring comedians, magicians, and ventriloquists. There will be two shows, at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and tickets are available by calling 747-3739. The two shows will occur at Springfield High School in the auditorium.

The Civil Air Patrol is a voluntary non-profit organization which participates in search and rescue missions for lost and injured children, hikers, skiers, and missing airplanes.

The proceeds from the variety show will be used to support Air Cadet activities and to purchase some badly needed emergency medical equipment.

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Children's Book Week

Halloween has passed and Thanksgiving is approaching—but are you aware of the nationwide celebration sandwiched between these holidays? **Children's Book Week** has been celebrated since 1919 by schools, libraries, bookstores, and even homes as a time to encourage our children to read books and to recognize the high quality of children's books that have been published. **Children's Book Week** is sponsored by the Children's Book Council, a non-profit association of children's book publishers.

Each year, the council chooses a slogan for Children's Book Week and commissions a famous children's book illustrator to create a poster interpreting that slogan. This year's theme is "Get Into Books," and the poster (displayed at the Eugene Public Library) was done by Tomie de Paola.

Past themes and poster illustrators include "Bookmagic" (Uri Shulevitz), "Hello Book" (Laurent de Brunhoff), and "Read-In" (Arnold Lobel).

The continuation of Children's Book Week will be celebrated at the Eugene Public Library. Check the **What's Happening** calendar for events.

Latin American To Speak

At 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 28, Isabel Letelier will introduce a special showing of the film *Missing* in the University of Oregon EMU Ballroom, with a discussion of *The Return to Chile: 10 Years After*. Mrs. Letelier is a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., and the widow of Orlando Letelier, former ambassador to the United States and foreign minister in the government of Salvador Allende. Letelier was assassinated in 1976 by agents of

the Chilean junta that overthrew the popularly elected Allende government in 1973.

The prize-winning film *Missing*, which stars Jack Lemmon and Sissy Spacek, recounts the kidnap, torture and execution of a young American by the military junta. Admission to the benefit event will be charged on a sliding scale—\$2.50 to \$5. Mrs. Letelier is planning to return to Chile in the near future to support the efforts of civilian groups there in restoring democracy.

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