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Celebrating the Life of Frank F. Chuman, Nisei Attorney

San Francisco, CA June 30, 2011 - The San Francisco Chapter of the JACL, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), and Asian American Curriculum Project (AACP) invites everyone to celebrate the life of renowned Japanese American attorney Frank Chuman and the release of his new memoir, *Manzanar and Beyond*.

The date and location for the event is July 24, 2011 2pm
JCCCNC
1840 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA

Frank Chuman's life and career has been quite diverse – taking him from head administrator of Manzanar's internment camp hospital to president of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), from legal counsel for the UCLA Alumni Association to legal advisor to the Consulate General of Japan, from Eagle Scout to bar admission to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Mr. Chuman was a key member of the legal team that helped to overturn the wrongful World War II Supreme Court conviction of Fred Korematsu – one of the key cases that was used to justify the shameful internment of thousands of Japanese Americans during the war.

Come witness history as the lead member of the Korematsu legal team, Dale Minami, is publicly reunited with Frank Chuman for the first time in many years.

Here is some of what historians and legal scholars are saying about *Manzanar and Beyond*.

Unlike so many memoirs now flooding the market, this is one that genuinely merited being written and published. Although modest about his many diverse accomplishments, Chuman has fashioned an autobiographical narrative that not only starkly illuminates the Nisei generation's steeply challenging life course, but also serves as a robust embodiment of the saying "You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough."
—Arthur A. Hansen
Prof. Emeritus of History & Asian American Studies, CA State University, Fullerton

Seminal! I really enjoyed reading this book, and recommend it highly! I have always admired Frank Chuman. I have his book *Bamboo People* on my shelf, and have turned to it many times before a lecture or while I'm writing. Now *Manzanar and Beyond* reveals Frank's hidden yet pivotal role in the 1980s Redress Movement.
—Lane Ryo Hirabayashi
The George & Sakaye Aratani Professor and Endowed Chair, UCLA

This memoir is an important and highly readable addition to Nisei narratives about their experiences in the United States before, during and after the World War II…It also is the story of those Americans who refused to be intimidated by anti-Japanese sentiment pervasive in some parts of this country and who treated Japanese Americans with respect and kindness.
—Taunya Lovell Banks
Jacob A. France Professor of Equality Jurisprudence
University of Maryland School of Law

Frank Chuman is not simply a writer of Japanese American History; he IS Japanese American history. As his upfront and readable memoir shows, for nearly a century he has been present as a witness and participant in the life of the Nisei. Whether it is growing up on the West Coast and experiencing the discrimination against young Americans of Asian ancestry, or being confined without trial in a camp by the US government during World War II, or working after the war as a constitutional lawyer and winning equal rights for minorities threatened with injustice, Frank Chuman has worked to make a difference for people. His story reminds us of the trials and the potentials involved in building a better America.
—Greg Robinson
Associate Professor of History at Université du Québec À Montréal and Author of *By Order of the President: FDR and the Internment of Japanese Americans* and *A Tragedy of Democracy: Japanese Confinement in North America*

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