CHICAGO—The JACL Tribute to Shig Wakamatsu Committee is announcing, as of June 4, over 300 individuals have made contributions to honor Shig Wakamatsu at the JACL Convention in Gardenia, several chapters including Detroit, Dayton, French Camp, Pt. Lago, San Francisco, and Wilshire have also contributed to the fund.

Wakamatsu will be honored for his 35 continuous years of service to JACL, including his chairmanship of the JACL-Japanese American Research Project and for National Vice President, which will result in a massive compilation of Japanese American history. The tribute will be held in conjunction with the JACL Awards Luncheon on August 11.

Committee chair Jack Nakagawa stated that contributions will be used to secure an appropriate gift for Wakamatsu, "to demonstrate the appreciation of JACL for Shig's outstanding contributions to the Japanese American community."

Nakagawa also noted that contributions are still being accepted and encouraged. Checks should be made payable to a JACL Tribute to Shig Wakamatsu and sent to the JACL Midwest Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640.

OSW workshop/caucus set July 10

Los Angeles—Pacific Southwest District delegates will hold a pre-convention caucus on Saturday, July 10, at Little Tokyo Towers dining room, it was announced by Cary Nakahata, district governor. A chapter workshop sponsored by Immigration Emproers proceeds from a 9 a.m. until noon with free break provided until 12:30. It was added by West L.A. JACL's George Kanegas, if reservation is submitted by June 8.

The workshop will cover: (a) how to conduct a chapter meeting in a businesslike fashion, (b) membership recruitment and (c) immigration programs.

Pre-convention agenda includes issues, proxies, candidates and convention delegations.

Canadian anti-import TV ads ended

By PETER IMAMURA

Mrs. Hisako Miki (Miki) Hamano of Canada's National Defense Research and Reparations, met May 18 to discuss current strategies and future plans regarding the efforts to re-dress the wrongs done to Japanese Canadians during World War II. The study by the Commission on War-Time Repatriation of Internees and Civilians (CWRIC), was recently requested to present during the meeting.

The recognition of the importance of the redress campaign, Tatsushi and Nakano agreed that the issue affects all Japanese Americans. The support and cooperation of all sectors of the Japanese American community would be important to the success of efforts to obtain redress and reparations. They agreed that mutual dialogue and cooperation between the NCRR and the JACL National Committee for Redress would be important, especially at this time, since the CWRIC is completing their final report and recommendations to the United States Congress.

In the early days of World War II, the California Personnel Board distributed a "loyalty questionnaire" to the 314 Japanese Americans then employed by the state. Later the board simply dismissed all Nikkei state workers, without granting hearings or appeals. The same loyalty questionnaire was not administered to Italian and German American state employees, because the Attorney General had ruled that it would be in violation of their constitutional rights to have it answered.

Johnston's bill, researched by his Senate aide, would give the state the power to disqualify Japanese Americans from public service jobs during a vote of the Assembly. Ouchi ruled that it would be a violation of civil rights to answer it.

Several chapters including Dayton, Detroit, French Camp, Pt. Lago, San Francisco, and Wilshire also revived the effort to remove the film footage showing the imports being bought by the Defense Department—a post responsible "for monitoring matters and the development of policy", as delineated in the JACL by-laws.

Profile and Planners of Candidates for National JACL Offices

Incumbent Mitsuo Kawamoto of Omaha, Neb. and Mrs. Miyako (Miki) Hamano of East Los Angeles JACL have been nominated for re-election for Planning and Development—a post responsible "for the monitoring and coordination of all activities" (as delineated in the JACL by-laws).

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Aug. 10 Workshop

San Francisco

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EWP offers summer workshop in theater LOS ANGELES—East West Play­ers is offering a five-week work­shop this summer from July 27 to Aug. 31. The pilot program, designed for participants with varying degrees of theatrical experience, will provide intensive training in various aspects of theater: acting, voice production, dance/movement (creative dance, jazz, ballet, ethnic movement), directing, playwriting, total theater design, costume design and construction, lighting design, sound design, costume design). Professional instructors previously not affiliated with East West Players are scheduled to work with the company in this session which will culminate in a play production, a sound reading, and a voice recital.

Enrollment is open to anyone 16 years or older and the deadline for registration is July 10. For more information contact Dian Kobayashi, East West Players Interim Work­shop Program, (213) 680-3926.

Kawasamet sentenced in fraud case LOS ANGELES—Gene Kawasamet, former manager of a Wells Fargo bank in San Pedro in 1979, was sentenced Sept. 30 to five years in prison and $5,000 in fines. He was indicted by the county grand jury on the fraud count last July and faced sentence of up to five years in prison and $10,000 in fines.

Kawasamet's falsifying of documents and misapplication of funds were uncovered during an investigation of Wells Fargo by former banking pro­­moter Harold Rosswind and another Wells Fargo employee, L. Ben Lewis.

The Rafu Shimpo reported that following the sentencing, Kawasamet was not involved in the embezzlement engineered by Lewis, Smith and another former Wells Fargo employee, Samuel Marinish. Kawasamet's involvement, Allison said, involved the Japanese American's attempt to "cover-up" loans he had extended improperly to Smith in 1979.

When Kawasamet's activities were revealed during the course of the investigation of the Smith embezzlement, he was fired by Wells Fargo and went into seclusion.

Little Tokyo library branch proposed LOS ANGELES—The Friends of the Little Tokyo Public Library recently revealed plans to establish a branch of the Los Angeles Public Library in Little Tokyo. The proposed branch will be "endowed with all the resources of the city library system and the Metropolitan Opera Library System of Southern California," said a Friends spokesperson.

The proposed library branch will contain a full array of Japanese and English materials, from cultural, literary and scientific books to various periodicals and films. Persons interested in mem­bership in the Friends of the Little Tokyo Public Library should con­tact them c/o JACC, 344 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 411, Los Angeles, CA 90014 or call (213) 680-3926.

Political roster published by UCLA LOS ANGELES—The "National Asian American Roster: 1982" is now available from the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. It contains the names and addresses of Asian American elected officials, major political appointees, and judges at the federal, state, county, and city levels for over 20 states of the United States, plus Guam, American Samoa, and Canada.

The publication also features a list of more than eighty major Asian American political party clubs, public employee groups, bar associa­tions, and civic organizations. The roster is available for $10.00 from the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 5323 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024. California residents add 6% sales tax.

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search out endowments and grants, enabling members to enjoy greater access to national JACL committees and encouraging students to register and vote.

Mother of two children in their 20s, she is currently the coordinator of volunteers at Alhambra High School, a community college and a member of the grant applications for the State Dept. of Education, and trustee for the Monterey Peninsula Bruggemeyer Library (since 1981).

She is also a PWSDC JACL board member and past president.

The Miki Himeno Platform

The Vice President for Planning and Development shall be responsible for monitoring matters and committees relating to research, studies, grants, youth, scholarships, historical preservation, and formulation of long-range goals and policies.

The thrust of this vice presidency seems future-oriented. Research, studies, grants, scholarships, all point to the future of peace and dignity.

If elected, I shall seek with all diligence to fulfill these duties.

I would further propose that this vice presidency generate programs to further the activities of the LAJCS. These programs may promote more uniform community and youth education programs.

It is believed that this aggressive effort should establish JAYS societies on college campuses, who so desire, not merely for the sake of their own survival and integrity but to become a meaningful move in the direction of achieving social justice.

It is also proposed that since this officer has been assigned the task of fund-raising, that an aggressive committee be created as soon as possible, that the committee be empowered to act on behalf of JACL to search out grants and endowments.

The former paragraph follows a series of directives that suggests some possible assignments in this office. The following directives are recommended in order for JACL to continue its efforts to the fullest extent possible.

Mits Kawamoto Platform

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The candidate's Platform on JACL affairs is a statement of conviction that JACL must direct its national organization and agree that it shall continue its efforts to pursue the purposes of JACL as originally conceived by its founders with reasonable adaptations to the changes in time. The purpose shall be to promote peace, democracy, and social justice.

Furthermore, he believes that to recognize when a specific race or group is being victimized by an enemy state, they must be protected and that all enemies of the state must also be protected. He also believes that the government must take immediate action to prevent the recurrence of such acts.

Kawamoto feels that JACL's challenges in the coming decade will need to be focused on understanding our younger generations; establish public information programs on behalf of our Japanese Americans; represent and assist them to achieve their rightful place in the American mainstream.

Born in Fowler, Ca., a 442nd veteran who is a 1949 graduate in urban planning landscape architecture from Michigan State University, Kawamoto is currently chairman of the Nebraska Landscape Architectural Examining Board, consulting with several communities, and a past national president of the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards of the United States. He is a charter member of the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Assn., active with several national professional planning groups and American Society of Landscape Architects. He also served on the Bennington Planning Commission.

Kawamoto, in JACL since 1954, has been Omaha JACL president, Omaha district governor for six years (1970-80), one of the original sponsors, and has been involved in community service activities in the Japanese-American community for over twenty years.

He has over four children and lives in Elkhorn, where he is the elder of the Wa-terlo Presbyterian Church. He is also a life member, Disabled American Veterans.

Kawamoto platform follows:

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**Desert Exile**—A Moving Story Skillfully Told

Denver, Colo.

Yoshiko Uchida of Berkeley, Calif., is best known as the author of a number of charming little books for children that draw on her Nisei heritage. Her books titles like "Takao and Grandfather's Sword," "Rokuske and the Thousand Rice Bowls," "Sumi and the Goat and the Tokyo Express," "Samurai of Gold Hill," and "The Rooter Who Uprooted a Tree." Now she has come up with a book for grown-ups and near-grown-ups, and it is called "Desert Exile," and was published a few weeks ago by the University of Washington Press. It is the story of the writer's grandfather, Yoohiko Uchida.

Up to now, most books about the Japanese American experience have addressed the broad picture. "Desert Exile," somewhat reminiscent of Monica Sone's memoir, "A Sliver of Life," offers an intimate glimpse of one family, Yoshiko and her older sister Keiko, and their parents, Dwight Takashi Uchida and Iku Umegaki Uchida.

This was not a typical Japanese American family. The education of most Issei was limited, their opportunities to pursue higher education were few, and the best way to help their country was to move to America to work in the fields. Yoshiko Uchida has studied at Kansas State Teachers College (now Kansas State University), New York University, and the University of Washington. She received her Ph.D. in English from the University of California at Berkeley in 1946.

**AFSC Remembered**

Philadelphia

IT WAS A most heart-warming and nostalgic evening, one that we shall treasure. It was the occasion of the first financial recognition by the newly formed National Student Resettlement Commmorative Fund (NSRF) Fund, most fittingly awarded to the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and quite appropriately at the Friends House, the home base of the AFSC. The grant was made in accordance with the purpose clause of the by-laws of the NSRF Fund, namely "to aid and uplift poor and underprivileged Pacific Asian refugees."

There were a number of Nisei who were the beneficiaries during those dark days of the 40's, of the AFSC's active forthrightness in standing up for the values and beliefs that were instilled into us by our Issei parents. As a child in Berkeley, outside the Japanese community, I was lucky enough to have learned, for example, that there were many academicians and sensitive people who, during those terrible months of the early 40's, of the latter in a bilateral sense, which was important.

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San Gabriel scholars win awards

Honolulu JACLers decorated

HONOLULU—Mark Murakami, Honolulu JACL vice president for legislative affairs, was decorated Apr. 28 by the Japanese government for his contributions to the Japanese community in the areas of politics, diplomacy, economics and culture. He is to receive the Fifth Order of the Sacred Treasure.

One of 12 Americans to be recognized, he was nominated by Gov. George Ariyoshi, Kansas Islands of Central Pacific Bank.

San Gabriel school wins awards

WEST COVA—The San Gabriel Valley JACL, June 2 announced honors students who have

program. He believes that youth should be encouraged and supported in their efforts to be involved with JACL at the district and local levels as well as at the national level. He feels that the development of a national youth program will be a slow, but continuous success and will need a great deal of effort and support from everyone.

There’s a lot of support out there for youth programs. I have been heartened by the people I have talked to across the country and I sense a genuine concern and spirit for Japanese American youth,” Nakayama says. “Youth is our future and I’m very optimistic about your youth program.”

Chicago JASC to hold 35th awards night

Chicago—Community service awards will be presented to individuals and groups who helped the Japanese American Service Committee in its formative years at the 35th anniversary awards night June 26, 6-9 p.m. at The Terraces, 920 W. Lawrence. It was announced by Arthur Muramoto, JASC presiding officer.

Among those to be honored are Kohatsu Mayeda, co-founder of JASC; American Friends Service Committee; Chicago chapter and retired JASC executive director; and other JASC presidents and volunteers.

Deaths

Wallace Nobuko Ban, 60, died June 7 of heart failure at his Garden Grove home. Ban, a retired real estate businessman, was a member of Concerned American Service Committee Responsible Progress (CAREP), which has been supporting former Japanese American prisoners of war. Burial was at the National Cemetery, 7, Nagatsugi. Funeral services were held June 17 at Jaku memorial. Survivors include: a surviving wife; a sister; a brother; and a brother-in-law.

Tora Omori, 46, died May 21 at Hood River (Ore.) Hospital. A native of Seattle, he was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Dept., and a 40-year member of the American Legion. Surviving are a wife (Kageyama), d. Elaine K. Hiett, Hood River; 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

Hisashi Ohta, 81, a Los Angeles resident and native of Tokyo who was regarded as one of Japan’s living treasures as a Curtis artist died June 6. He taught sumi-e at UCLA Extension. Surviving are a wife, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.

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Inatome has masterminded the transformation of a "grimage" in those years, his pay has soared from $1,300 to $15,000. He said, "I don't make the point to deflect the sentiment from the war," he said.

The ethnic slur disappeared as he grew older. "You know, when you're a businessman, people don't walk up and make slanted eyes at you anymore," he said.

"Sometimes things that mold me as a child... trying to change a social situation or a competitive situation to my benefit, are still there," Inatome said.

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