442nd vet honored for role at Dachau

by Takeshi Nakayama
Rafu Shimpo

LOS ANGELES—Clarence Matsumura of San Gabriel was one of 11 men honored at the Simon舞馆 Hotel, who was a liberator of the Nazi death mura, who was a liberator of the Nazi death.

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ingrove. "I slept at Foun­

Ijichi and his sister, Amy, were born and raised at Fountaingrove Ranch, a rolling spread of Santa Rosa land that once covered 1,850 acres and boasted one of America's 10 best wineries.

Fountaingrove was the home of their childhood and would be the home today if not for the racist anti-alien land laws of the early 1900s.

Ijichi is the last remaining heir to the legacy of Kosuke Nagasa­wa, the Issei pioneer whose spirit and fortitude carried Fountaingrove through its first 70 years and the Great Depression, but whose contribution to the state and nation could not stem the flow of anti-Japanese sentiment.

Because Ijichi was still a teenage when Nagasawa died in 1934, he was prevented from inheriting Fountaingrove by a consor­

Funai grove, overlooking the famous polygon-shaped barn that today, refurbished, is dedicated in memory of Nagasawa.

The banquet was hosted by the Greenwich Development Corp, which recently purchased 100 acres of what was originally part of the site.

had to leave here," said Mayor Schuyler Jeffries as he pre­sented Kosuke and Amy with a key to the city. "And I suspect there's a small scar still there, but the people of Santa Rosa do love you. This is your city."
Toshiba accused of discrimination

by Naomi Hirahara
Rafu Shimpo

SANTA ANA, Calif.—A former employee of Toshiba America, Inc. in Tustin, Calif., alleges in a lawsuit filed on Nov. 8 in the Orange County Superior Court that the wholly owned subsidiary of the Japanese electronics multinationals discriminates against Americans in its employment practices.

James Alfred Ristow, who was released from Toshiba America on Aug. 9, 1984 after 14 years of employment, claims that the subsidiary favors employees of Japanese descent over Americans in employment retention, promotions, and benefits.

Ristow’s attorney, George S.L. Dunlop of Newport Beach, said in a telephone interview that Ristow, 44, expected to work at Toshiba in his whole working lifetime. In Japan, many large corporations offer shusshin (career-long employment) to their permanent employees.

Ristow (a great admirer of Japanese culture. He loved Toshiba; he was shocked to find that his loyalty was not reciprocated,” said Dunlop.

However, Michael Ryan, the attorney representing Toshiba America, said that Ristow was not fired or laid off from his middle-management position as vice-president of sales and assistant general manager of the calculator division.

“Ristow signed an employment agreement that Toshiba America will continue to employ him for a period not less than three years,” said Ryan, who has not yet seen the lawsuit. After three years, Ristow’s contract was merely not renewed, said Ryan.

Although Ryan did not reveal Toshiba’s reasons behind the decision not to renew employment, he said that one factor was the discontinuance of the calculator division.

Ristow alleged that Ristow was promised another position within the corporation and the written document signed by Ristow was just a memorandum outlining the incentive bonus plan and other details.

“Ristow dedicated his business career on the expectation that he would remain at Toshiba,” Dunlop said. During his employment at the Tustin facility, Ristow observed that Japanese nationals who worked at Toshiba America were never terminated but either continued or were reassigned to the parent company. Approximately 350 people work at Toshiba America.

Although Ristow signed the lawsuit, deals that Toshiba America favors employees of “Japanese nationality and descent,” Dunlop said that he did not mean Japanese Americans, but individuals born in Japan.

There is a question of citizenship—Americans on the whole are not accorded the same treatment in Japanese-owned companies,” said Dunlop.

“This lawsuit is not anti-Japanese,” added Dunlop. “Mr. Ristow believed that the Japanese system of [career-long employment] is good, but was outraged when he discovered that it did not apply to him.”

He also said that if there is a separate set of standards for Japanese and American employees, Toshiba should make that clear from “day one.”

A Toshiba America executive, who did not want to be identified, said that if Toshiba’s policy not to discriminate on the basis of citizenship, and that the suit was unfortunate because it may damage Toshiba’s image.

When asked whether special consideration is accorded to foreign subsidiaries in employment practices, Emmalinda Hwa, Fair Employment and Housing division’s administrator for the state, said that any company that comes to California must abide by the same state laws.

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Long Beach councilwoman feted

LONG BEACH, Calif.—City council­
woman Eunice Sato was honored for
her community activities in­
cluding service at a Nov.
council meeting. She was presented with a plaque
in recognition of her long service and dedication.

Eunice Sato and Deane Dana

LONG BEACH, Calif.—City coun­
cilwoman Eunice Sato was honored
for 25 years of city service at a Nov. 6 reception at the home of Robert and Audrey Landino.

Reception committee chair Dr. Merle Lehman recognized Sato’s “tireless work and many contributions to the community.” Sato was presented with a plaque by L.A. County supervisor Deane Dana and an album containing testimonials from Gov. George Deukmejian and other officials.

Formerly an educational mis­
sionary in Yokohama and a public school teacher in Michigan, Sato began her political career in 1975, when she was elected to represent Long Beach’s 7th dis­
trict on the city council. She served as mayor from 1980-82.

Her community activities in­
clude serving as director of vari­
ous charity boards, advisor for youth services and delinquency prevention programs, coordinator of multi-denominational reli­
gious councils, and representative of business and improvement ass­
ociations, and member of edu­
cational task forces and profes­
sional associations.

Community Affairs

BOSTON—“Silk Screen,” a program
showcasing films by and about Asian Americans, will be shown on WGBH TV (Ch. 2) Sundays at 6 p.m. and Mon­
days at 11 p.m., and on WGBX TV (Ch. 44) Fridays at 8:30 p.m., as well as on WGBH-FM (88.5). This week: “Freckled Rice” by Stephen Ning and “The Departure” by Emiko Omori, Dec. 15, 16, 20. “Jazz is My Native Language” by Renee Che, Dec. 22, 23, 27. “Turbokizu” by Kishitahikim, Dec. 29, 30, Jan. 3.

CARSON, Calif.—A demonstration of
tree and bush trimming in a Japanese garden will be given by the Bonsai Club of Gardens Valley Gardens
Assn. at CSUS Dominguez Hills, 1000 F. Victoria St., in the Japanese Garden designed by Haruo Yamashiro in 1978, Nov. 24, 8 a.m. Info: Ken Finley, (213) 436-4692.

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The 17th anni­
versary of Asian American Studies at CSULB Long Beach will be celebrated at the annual People’s Potluck Nov. 27, 6:30-11 p.m., at Long Beach Harbor Japanese Community Center, 1350 Santee Ave. (near Pacific Coast Hwy. & Santa Fe). Entertainment includes So­
regel Taiyo and Asian Pen­
amination; food for four people. Info: Asian American Studies, (213) 494-4612.

LOS ANGELES—An aeronautics class for beginners will be offered starting Nov. 30, 10:11 a.m., at Stoner Playgound, 335 Stoner Ave, with Ken Nakajima as instructor. Contact: Frank Igo, (213) 479-7200, or Toy Kanegai, (213) 980-5200.

NEW YORK—Pan Asian Repertory
Theatre presents “Ghoshahim Kotwal,” a play by Indian playwright Vijnesh Ten­
dukulam, directed by Tias Chang, at Playhouse 41, 423 W. 40th St., until Dec. 7. Tues.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. Spe­
cial Wed. matinees Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Tickets: $10, $15. Info: 1-800-900-7000.

The Asian American Children’s Film Series, presenting films by and about Asian Americans, in cooperation with N.Y. Public Library, ends with “Swimmy” and “Little Ching Fam­
ily” Nov. 27, at 4 p.m., at the Chatham Square Branch, 35 E. Broadway, 3rd Floor. Admission free; seating is limited. Group reserva­
tions and full information...
Chu victorious in school board race
by Brenda Paik Sunoo
LOS ANGELES—Dr. Judy Chu, a psychologist and educator, won the Garvey School Board election Nov. 5, becoming the first Asian American to serve on the board.

Chu, 32, captured 771 votes, topping Virginia Gutierrez and Raul Garcia (with 542 and 506 votes respectively), who won the other two open seats on the five-member board that serves Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel and South San Gabriel.

"I didn't know what to expect or how the community would react to an Asian candidate," said Chu. "But I was pleasantly surprised. People were open-minded even though they had some stereotypes. Ultimately, they looked at my qualifications and were pleased I got around to talk to them."

The main issues Chu emphasized during her campaign were quality education, child safety, fiscal responsibility, intercultural programs and communication with parents.

She also intends, however, to strengthen advocacy for residents in the district. "In Rosemead," she pointed out, "there are plans to build a high school that would eliminate 400 homes, displacing 1,000 people, many of whom are senior citizens who have lived in the district 30 to 40 years. I intend to get involved in that issue."

Chu's campaign set a goal of increasing voter turnout among Asian Americans but also attempted to appeal to Latino and white voters as well. "We signed up over 150 Asian voters, mostly Chinese American," she said.

Chu, who teaches at UCLA and at L.A. City College, is on the board of directors for United Way, San Gabriel Family Counseling Services, and East L.A. College President's Advisory Board.

She will serve on the Garvey School Board for four years.

White males dominate Hawaii media
by Robert Hollis
Honolulu Advertiser
HONOLULU — White males dominate Hawaii's print and broadcast newsrooms, but minority ethnic groups make up nearly 40% of the news staff, according to a new survey of 28 island news organizations.

The study shows that the media in Hawaii are 30 percentage points ahead of those in other states in providing opportunities for women and minorities," said John Luter, chair of the University of Hawaii Department of Journalism.

"However, the results also indicate that, even here, women and ethnic minorities are under-represented in the news media in relation to the makeup of the state's population," he said.

The study covered 10 newspapers, magazines and wire services as well as 26 radio and television stations. It was conducted by a task force from the UH Journalism Department and the UH student chapter of Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

In all, 34 news organizations were sent questionnaires in July. The ethnic breakdown of 201 print and broadcast newsroom personnel in the survey showed that 56% were white, 18% Japanese, 4% Chinese, 2% Filipino and 1% Hawaiian. Part-Hawaiians represented 5.6% and part-Asians made up 3%. Blacks and Puerto Ricans constituted less than 1% each. No Samoan journalists were employed in any of the newsrooms studied.

Women are under-represented in the newsrooms, accounting for 32% of all personnel. They account for 49% of the state's population.

Women were found to hold fewer jobs in print newsrooms than in broadcasting. Only 11.9% of print news executives are women while 27.3% of broadcast news executives are female, surveyors said.

There are no women print photographers and only one female television news photographer employed among the 26 organizations surveyed, the study reported.

Nationwide, minorities occupied 5.7% of all newsroom positions, according to a 1985 American Society of Newspaper Editors survey.

JA candidates win in 5 school districts
SJNA MATEO, Calif.—Ann Ito, a retired teacher, was the top vote-getter in the Nov. 5 election for San Mateo School District Board of Trustees.

Ito received 8,517 votes, followed by Jack Coyne (7,704) and Jim Roos (7,527), who took the other two board vacancies.

A resident of San Mateo since 1949, Ito has taught at San Mateo Child Care Center, Manager of San Mateo Child Study Center, Burlingame United Methodist Church Nursery School, and San Mateo Head Start Program.

She has served in such community groups as Bay Area United Private School City and County Human Resources Commissions, and San Mateo JACL.

Other Races
In Santa Clara County, four Niikei school board candidates, three of whom are Japanese American, won in their respective districts.

Newcomer Tonia Lui received 1,151 votes (18% of the total) in Berryessa School District.

Victor Nakamoto of Alum Rock School District received the most votes, 1,213 (21%) in Berryessa School District.

In Contra Costa County, David Takemoto was unsuccessful in the Mount Diablo School District race, receiving 6,392 votes, the third-place incumbent's 19,261.

In another local election, incumbent Tohio Sakai, director of the Walnut Grove Fire District in Sacramento County, defeated challenger William Sheldon.

Nominations sought for media awards
LOS ANGELES—Assn. for Asian Pacific American Artists has set a Dec. 20 submission deadline for its 1986 AAPAA Media Awards, which are to be presented to industry people who expand job opportunities for and contribute to the accurate portrayal of Asian Pacific Americans in the entertainment media.

Projects must be films or TV programs released on or before Nov. 30, 1985. Entries need not be exclusively devoted to Asian Pacific themes to qualify. Finalists will be chosen by a nine-member panel consisting of AAPAA board members and community leaders.

A full credit sheet and 1/4" VHS copy of each program must be sent to AAPAA, 1110 Hacienda Pl., #101, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Up to 10 awards will be presented at the second annual awards dinner March 17, 1986 at the Beverly Wilshire. Last year's recipients included the producers of "Karat Kid," "Quincy," "St. Elsewhere," "Killing Fields," "Chin II: Missing" and "Silk Screen."

Info: (213) 654-4250.
The America­nization of Bob

EAST WIND
Bill Marutani

AN EXCELLENT TOOL for learning kango­ho and kana is Japanese television, te­rei. Al­most as soon as I check into the room, and first thing upon arising in the morning, the te­rei in the room goes on. One of the more pro­fitable forms of learning are the television commercials because they tend to be yasashii, employ vernacular phrases and, as a bonus, are often quite imag­inative. It is not uncommon to see­ educational programs that are at the level of high school or better.

More than once I have thought how great it would be if we adopted some of these lesson present­ations. With English translation, of course.

THEY ALSO HAVE what is comparable to our “Sesame Street,” also excellent. On more than one occasion, I’ve watched their “Gomo Dohn” (“Sesame Street,” if you’ll excuse my tak­ing expansive liberties) to learn new words “new” for me—for example, I’ve never had occasion to use the word kura, for “hip­popotamus,” but now I know, “Gomo Dohn” is super­yasashii. Never be too proud where you pick up an arm­ful. If you’re at Guf­fey’s, not A Tale Of Two Cities. One rung at a time, as they say.

TELEVISION IN JAPAN, as in other nations, must be a great standard­izing, bonding medium. Regional idioms and dialects, I suspect, may often be adopted in other parts of the country. But even if not adopted, then un­derstood as to meaning. In years past, I’ve noted microwave relay posts, often at some high point in But then, there are a few

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On Becoming a Bridge

FROM THE FRYING PAN:
Bill Hosokawa

The concept of Japanese Americans serving as a trans-Pacific bridge of understanding was an odd notion when I first heard of the idea, and it continues to pop up regularly. It is an appealing idea—Japanese Americans, the products of two cultures, using their knowledge and their concerns to help two nations achieve a warmer relationship that, unfortunately, has not always been smooth.

My contention has been that while there is much to commend this role for Americans of Japanese descent, it's more idealistic than realistic. Why? Because only a very limited number of us have either the interest or the competence to take on such important roles at levels where we can be effective. And not many are doing much about improving that competence because we as a group are more interested in so many other things. Among Americans, the fact of Japanese ethnicity is no guarantee of compelling interest in things Japanese.

Recently I received a request for the privilege of appearing on a radio show to conduct a four-hour seminar on Japanese culture and for a group of American businesspeople about to head for Tokyo. The Americans, I was told, will have been thoroughly indoctrinated in Japanese business practices but no Japanese management techniques and all the rest from a variety of experts. What they wanted to know were the fine points about the differences between Japanese and Americans, to help them unmask subtle signals, to help them win points, to help them avoid making offensive mistakes. You can cover a lot of ground in a four-hour seminar, and indeed I thought I could think of very many individuals hereabout who would be able to take on such an assignment with both flair and substance. None of them, however, some have the knowledge, but would they want to stand before an audience for that length of time? Hardly.

A few days later I received a bundle of material from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, which helps administer the Fulbright Program. For the past several years I've been a member of a screening committee (unpaid) that evaluates applications from journalists seeking grants for study in Japan.

The rules say that the nature of the proposed research or papers is strictly confidential at this point, so I cannot be specific. But, as usual, I was highly pleased by the quality of the applicants, their professional achievements, the depth and breadth of their knowledge of Japan, and the sincerity of their desire to learn more about Japan, and the significance of the research they wish to pursue. Not one of the names, however, indicated Japanese ethnicity.

In addition to journalists, there must be scholars in various areas of study with equally intense interest in Japan who are applying for the Fulbright grants. Americans who will be the real trans-Pacific bridges of understanding, the people who will really create the understanding, not just talk about it, are the people, I believe, for Americans seeking to know Japan, but there are many other facts of greater importance.

Memories of Minidoka

by Tama Tokuda

When I heard there was a Seattle contingent attending the JACL convention in 1973 for the dedication of a plaque commemorating the Minidoka Relocation Camp as a historic landmark, I jumped at the opportunity to go.

I met my husband George in Minidoka, and I thought it a natural sequence of an emotional trail to seek out the site of the ceremony. Traveling to Idaho from Puyallup to the landmark site

We were immediately bonded together by the feeling of a pilgrimage. The three men took the responsibility of driving. Because I had been too excited to sleep soundly on the previous night, I dozed off. I woke up to a new panoramic landscape, all beautiful under the autumn sun.

Uncertain Fate

Our comfortable, carefree ride was a far cry from that initial trip on a train from Payson to Minidoka in 1942. We had no idea what was in store for us, although we had heard about the one-month stay in "Camp Harmony."

Among the many unusual experiences there, I recalled the hot weather spell when we lined ourselves on one side of the space between the barracks. Not a soul was on the opposite side. People simply sat, gazing at the vastness that stretched 4 hours in the afternoon, there was hardly a sound in camp. In telling contrast to the seeming calmness of adjustment, I remember the father's hair turned gray in the first three weeks of confinement. Of my mother, I remember how bizarre it was that the day before our departure from Payallup, she was scrubbing the board floors, trying to keep them spotless.

Hurried Departure

When we left, our bags were thrown onto trucks and our family stood ready with our hands lugging them, with our bedding, blankets, another the typewriter, and somewhere in a shopping bag were tucked rooted sweet potatoes wrapped in a wet newspaper. Such were the vagaries that thicketed in and out of my mind, interspersed with my present absorption in the shifting scenery from Washington to Oregon to Idaho to Utah to Idaho to Jackpot, Nevada, across the border from Idaho.

Not until about 30 of us boarded a chartered bus to the site of the ceremony. Traveling on the monotonous desert roads, the bus driver kept us entertained by talking about the spirits of the internees. He said he had spent time at the Minidoka and had to be guided by one of the Idaho JACLers to the remote spot where once 20,000 of us were huddled together.

At the site, we joined a motley group of people, mostly JACLers from Idaho and Utah, state officials, politicians and media people. The local JACLers had prepared a stage outfitted with a podium, loudspeaker system, American flag, and arranged folding chairs in front.

The wind, with a chill factor of 22 degrees, set the emotional tone. The onlookers, a sea of remaining mummies, stood or sat, about 100 of us Japanese/Americans, listening to the speakers, starting with Mary Tsukamoto of Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL. "I welcome you to the most desolate space in the state of Idaho." After the dedication by Idaho Governor John V. Evans, senators and representatives followed with greetings.

When Min Yasui took the stand, the mood of the program picked up. Like a sorcerer, he extended his right hand and said, "Look at the landscape and we could picture the ghosts of yesterday descending from the clouds into the middle of the desert. In the distance were the hills like dark prehistoric animals, lying down stretched one after another, bowing down before the winds. As we climbed down from the mountains, clutching our only worldly possessions, we were greeted by friends who had preceded us, their white raggy handkerchiefs waving in the wind. We reached the white ragas and handkerchiefs to ward off the fine dust that swirled around us. We were led to an unfinished tar-papered barracks, where we hunkered down, blankets between the families that were brought to share the first night together.

Dust and Wind

During the first few days, the dust and wind were our constant companions. We could barely see each other, to the meet the warning—not a whistle, not a howl, mere distant music. We could see it approach, kicking up the dust into filmy twirls, skirting along like some crazy lady.

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Trial on a Trek

by J.K. Yamamoto

Despite the mammoth nature of the proposed "U.S. on Trial" miniseries, which is still at the writing stage, guests on a radio show talk about what they want to accomplish for Fulbrights. These are the roles played by Gov. Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Bill McCuen and were guests on a radio talk show.

They were also able to intercept the local JACLers by Brown, whose father was camp fire chief at Jerome. Nakagawa thinks in his recollections will help others with a "child's perspective" of camp life.

Visiting the Little Rock train station where we had boarded the train among them members of Naka­
gawa's family—debarred 43 years earlier, he was "still feeling the spirits of the internment."

The feeling remained as the small entourage, which included Nakagawa, Barbara, his wife Yada and a reporter from the local CBS affiliate, went to the Rohwer cemetery. Nakagawa brought 26 graves in particular—10 indicating that there were Issei with no family that died in camp, and there were also three infants with no names.

Arkansas is not the only state being considered for location shooting. Inner Circle has received invitations from Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas as well.

"Every state that has a camp now has heard of the project, so they want us to see what they have to contribute."

Even Italy is being considered

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Kerry Nakagawa with son Kaie.

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But the vision of the camp I had come to see was, after all, in the recesses of my own mind. There was nothing in the bleak scenery already reclaimed by the desert to show what had once taken on such a strange life. That was all stored inside those of us with our gray heads and shining eyes, huddled together against the harsh winds, closing in on us with indeed a vanishing breed.

That night, away from the noisy casino and hotel, closer to the dark hills, I faced the desert sky. The immense sky, filled with its myriad stars down to the rim of the camp, showed me once again that the beautiful nights still remain, underneath which George and I held hands and walked some 40 years ago.

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Chapter Pulse

Chicago
ROSEMONT, Ill.—The 41st annual Chicago chapter inaugural dinner will be held at the Westin O'Hare Hotel, 6100 North River Road, Nov. 30, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Featured speaker will be Al Raby, director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. Music will be provided by Frank Kay. Donation: $80. Tickets: 728-7170.

New England
BOSTON—"Beacon Hill Boys," a film about four Sansei boys growing up in Seattle in 1973, will highlight the annual JACL Fall Potluck on Sunday, Nov. 24, 4-7 p.m., at Friends Meeting at Cambridge, 5 Longfellow Park. To RSVP call Margie Yamamoto at 685-4000, x2200 (day) or 293-0444 (evenings, weekends).

Reno
RENO—Due to an error in scheduling, the Ramada Inn, the Dec. 8 Installation Dinner has been changed to Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. Cost: $10. Info: Henry Hattori, 336-2006.

Vernon Ichisaka, 1910-1985
BRIDGETON, N.J. — Longtime community leader Vernon Ichisaka died Oct. 9 following a three-week stay at Bridgeton Hospital.

For over 40 years, Ichisaka was actively involved in Bridgeton and Seabrook community affairs as a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church and Seabrook JACL. He was a member of the International Student Service Committee of the Rotary Club and held advisory positions with the board of American Red Cross, Bridgeton YMCA and National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He also established Troop 47 of the Seabrook Boy Scouts and served as its scoutmaster for over 25 years, and at the time of his death was an executive board member of the BSA Southern New Jersey Council.

Born in Santa Clara County, Calif., Ichisaka was active in Eden Township JACL and was an officer of the Seabrook Soil Lab from 1971 until his death. In 1970, Ichisaka received the John A. Crow Award for humanitarian service. His JACL awards include the National JACL Saphire Pin, Silver Pin, and President's Award. He was also a member of the Thomas T. Haya­shi Law Scholarship Committee and served as JACL Eastern District vice-governor.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Zaima; son Michael of Nevada; and Kay, all of California; and brother Roy of Nevada.

Kondo roasted, Honda toasted
BERKELEY, Calif.—Close to 250 JACLers from No. Calif.-W. Nev. District chapters attended a dinner honoring two long-time JACL professionals: George Kondo, NCWNP regional director since 1973, and Harry Honda, now in his 33rd year with Pacific Citizen.

Dinner chair Chuck Kubokawa invited a dozen friends to "roast" Kondo. National JACL v.p. Yosh Nakashima presented a replica of an Oscar "for George's performance on our behalf!" Former national president James Murakami noted Kondo was not only an alumnus of UC Berkeley (1954) but was also briefly at Shinya Camp, a prewar labor camp in Sonoma County, and gave him an appropriately wrapped certificate.

Another former president, Floyd Shimomura, presented a gift from Sacramento JACL marking that the dinner was to have been a surprise for Kondo as the people were supposedly coming to hear Honda speak. "But the rust didn't work... besides, Kubokawa can't keep a secret."

One-liners prevailed during the roast, the best being saved for the finale, when former Na­tional JACL v.p. Steve Nakashima described Kondo's career as "nutty and jerky" and proceeded to give him a bag of beef jerky and a huge jar of pistachios.

Others roasting Kondo were Noby Nakamura, Ellen Kubo, Harry Hatasaka, Ben Taleshi, Beatrice Kono, and Honda.

JACL youth director Dave Nakayama delivered a congratulatory tribute from Rep. Robert Matsui, who praised Kondo and Honda for their "unselfish devotion and great distinction" in serving the JA community.

Also sending congratulations via letter was JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, who was attending the Central Calif. District JACL convention in Fresno, and State Sen. Milton Marks of San Francisco.

In his speech, Kondo promised to keep going for another 12 years.

Former national president Jerry Enomoto presented a gift to Honda on behalf of Sacramento JACL.

Honda, commenting on the future of Pacific Citizen, warned that subscription rates would continue to rise from the current $10/year for JACL members because postage rates had risen 40%. In an effort to increase advertising and keep membership up, he said Rick Momii had been added to the PC staff as advertising manager.

District Beat
NCWNP
STOCKTON, Calif.—The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council held its quarterly meeting Nov. 3 at the Best Western Stockton Inn. The new board members were elected: Tad Hirota, Berkeley; Ernest Ikuma, Fremont; John Yamada, Eden Township; Alan Nishi, French Camp; and Tomio Nakajima.

The new board members, along with officers Gov. Mollie Fujikawa, Vice-gov. Sam Okimoto, Secretary Alan Nishi, and Treasurer Judy Nishizawa were installed by regional director George Kondo.

The district also decided to participate in the JACL speech and forensics contests for students 16-18 years old. District and National grants will be paid for finalists to compete at the National Convention in 1986.

In other business, it was proposed that the amendment that the district experience grant to help chapters which because of geographical distances cannot actively participate in district activities be passed. The amendment proposes that the National establish a category of Independence Chapters for such cases. At present, chapters missing 3 consecutive district meetings are considered in violation of their charter. Both the Tokyo chapter and the Honolulu chapter are technically in violation.

The "Chapter of the Year" and "Student Chapter of the Year" awards will be discontinued for at least 3 years and will be reviewed again in 1989. Lack of interest and money were cited as reasons for this decision.

Sparksman of Tolan Committee dies
HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Former U.S. Rep. John Sparkman, who was a member of the Tolan Committee during WW2, died Nov. 16 at the age of 85.

The Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration, chaired by Rep. John Tolan (D-Calif.), held West Coast hearings on the evacuation of Japanese Americans in February 1942, immediately after President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 was signed. Returning to Washington, committee members did not challenge the basic facts of the evacuation.

In 1948, Sparkman opposed the renomination of President Truman, calling his advocacy of laws against lynching, poll taxes and employment discrimination "a colossal blunder." Sparkman was a Democrat, presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson's running mate in 1952. In 1970, joining to Republicans Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. He served in Congress for 42 years.

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of Fountaingrove. The company plans to build a mix of condominiums and townhouses on the acreage.

Bruce Eriksen, in brief remarks to the crowd, welcomed everyone to Fountaingrove yesterday or today: "Today the bountiful vines of Fountaingrove are gone, but we are planting a dream for the future, respecting the noble heritage of the land." During the evening, speeches were given and toasts were exchanged between the people of Santa Rosa and their visitors from Kagoshima, praising Nagasawa and the friendship between the U.S. and Japan which he symbolizes.

While the story of Fountaingrove is a cause for celebration of the Issei pioneer spirit that was Nagasawa's, it also serves as a lesson or, perhaps, warning to those who are aware of the story's tragic ending.

Fittingly, it was Kosuke who brought the message home. He told the celebrants of the anti-Asian climate of the time and the anti-Japanese land law that stripped Nagasawa's descendants of their inheritance.

"If we fail," he said, "most people don't realize it, but there are laws that are directed at certain groups of people. From 1892 to there were a number of laws passed aimed at Asian aliens. I caution you be careful of any laws passed that could be repressive to any group of people."

He closed his remarks by saying that he was "truly grateful" for the honor bestowed upon his grandfather. "I am especially grateful for the noble spirit of my grandfather, Masumoto, who was truly grateful for the chance to build his home in America, but who also knew that he was part of something greater."
Matsui: Asians increasingly affluent

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — Asian Americans face new and unique challenges as they prepare to enter the 21st century, according to Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), who spoke before over 200 students and faculty members at Carleton College during the annual Asia Week activities last month.

"We are at a crossroads," he stated. "There is unavoidable evidence of an increase in instances of racism and violence against Asian Americans. At the same time, Asian Americans are increasing their prominence and influence. We can be found in every field of endeavor. We are leading great symphony orchestras and we are being elected to high office." Matsui said that Asian Americans "must acknowledge and appreciate our uniqueness. While only 17% of white Americans over age 25 are college graduates, more than 30% of Asian and Pacific Islanders have a college degree. We are family-oriented and community-oriented, but that can change with increasing influence and assimilation."

Rehabilitation service joins LTSC

LOS ANGELES—Asian-Rehabilitation Services (ARS) and four new directors have joined Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC). ARS, which has provided vocational rehabilitation to physically and mentally disabled adults since 1932, offers skills preparation, vocational counseling, work experience, English training, personal development and job placement services with a special sensitivity to cultural and language needs of Asian Pacific and Spanish-speaking people.

The four directors include Ron Ito and Russell Kawahara, representing Japanese American Bar Association, and at-large members Tim Tanaka, Jr. and Dave Koda. The four new board members represent a range of experience and information that we are confident, will greatly contribute to our Board of Directors," stated Bill Watanabe, LTSC executive director. "Also, we have worked closely with ARS for some time and are very glad they are now a member organization."

Kinnara to perform in quake benefit

LOS ANGELES—Kinnara Taiko, a Sacred drum group, will be planning a group performing in the International Folk Dance Festival, a benefit for victims of the recent Mexican earthquake. Nov. 34, 6 p.m., in the Ingalis Auditorium at East LA City College. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Info: 748-1951, x663.

Woodstock reunion slated for 1986

STOCKTON, Calif. — A Stockton area reunion will be held Aug. 29-31, 1986, for prewar and postwar residents of Stockton, French Camp, Linden, Tracy and the Delta and as family and friends. Coordinating groups, listed with their representatives, are: Stockton JACL, Frank Kitagawa and Teddy Saiki; French Camp JACL, Kate Komure and Hideo Morinaka; Stockton Calvary Presbyterian Church, Ed Yoshikawa and Bill Nakashima; Stockton Calvary UMC, Ruby Doi, Mas Ishihara, Edwin Endow and Dick Fuji; general co-chairman.
Remembrances

A few hours later, the five-year-old son of another brother stood staring at the uniformed body on the grass. Then he broke out with a broad smile, saying, "I know you—you must be Captain Marvel 30." Seventy years earlier, in May 1945, the boy was a Japanese-American soldier in uniform. The uniform had been issued after the war, and it included a pair of socks and a pair of shoes. The boy was happy to have the shoes and socks.

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Tadao Furue of the U.S. Army Support Command in Hawaii was presented with the congressional Excellence Award by Rep. Michael Barnes (D-Md.) on Oct. 1. Furue, a physical anthropologist with the Army since 1981, is a forensic scientist who has directed the identification of skeletal remains of servicemen recovered from W.W.2, Korea and Vietnam battle sites. The award recognizes outstanding contributions by federal employees. Furue was one of three chosen from among 50 nominees.
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as a shooting site for the seg-
ments dealing with the 442nd
Regimental Combat Team.
Nakagawa has also traveled to
San Francisco to meet with
JACL, national director Ron Wa-
kabayashi, Chet Tanaka of Go
For Broke, Inc., and Eric Saul,
Presidio curator, each of whom
has helped provide background
information.
Most recently, Nakagawa, Cel-
lino, executive producer John
Carran, and other Inner Circle
staff members met with JACLers
at the Central California District
conference in Fresno on Nov. 16.
In addition to his historical re-
search, Nakagawa is seeking "human
interest" stories from those who experienced
them first-hand. He has received a
number of suggestions, including
some from veterans who feel that
the show should cover the Nisei
of the Military Intelligence Ser-
vice who fought in the Pacific as
well as the 442nd's exploits in
Europe.
Although the plot structure
has not been finalized, Nakagawa
says some characters will be
modeled after people like Gor-
don Hirabayashi and Daniel Ino-
uye, "figures that are pillars in the
community," while others will be
farmers, fishermen… individ-
uals that aren't in the public
limelight.
He is "not in the least" con-
cerned about getting funding for
the project, which may require
up to $30 million, but declines to
identify corporations with which
negotiations are being held. Al-
though some foreign entities are
also interested in providing
backing, Nakagawa said he prefers
to give U.S. companies first priority
because "this is an American issue.
Nakagawa himself was born
after the war, but his own family
history reflects the variety of
stories he is seeking—from the
tragedy of his grandmother's death in
Arkansas to an upholding
camp visit from Babe Ruth, who
had played baseball with
Nakagawa's uncle in Japan.
As an actor, Nakagawa sees
"U.S. on Trial" as an opportunity
for fellow Nisei actors to play
substantial roles rather than the
usual stereotypes. Having played
"Vietnamese guards, Chinese
thugs, Japanese soldiers," he is
aware of the limited oppor-
tunities for Asian Americans in
TV and film.
"Not wanting to pass up the op-
portunity, he adds, "I definitely
want to be part of this project as
an actor also."
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