by Kathryn Garvey

DAVIS, Calif. — A little-known injustice against Americans of Japanese ancestry began surfacing several decades before the WW2 internment and threatened their very survival, a Sacramento-based physician says.

Denied "sympathetic medical care" from mainstream hospitals, Japanese Americans in the 1918 flu pandemic and several decades before the 72-year era of Japanese ethnic hospitals "would hold lessons for cross-cultural medicine researchers that could be gained nowhere else," Kaji, a first-year medical student at UC Davis Medical Center, said. "It was the last known functioning Japanese American hospital in the United States," Kaji noted.

"It is still a need for similar hospitals in cities with large ethnic concentrations, said Kaji, the recipient of a SmithKline Beecham Medical Perspectives Fellowship, financed through the National Fund for Medical Education.

Unique Opportunities

"It's funny to think of unique and excellent training areas for ethnically oriented hospital care, premedical community health awareness, and ethnically oriented programs," Kaji said. "They would hold lessons for cross-cultural medicine researchers that could be gained nowhere else.

Kaji focused his six-month fellowship research on City View, but also touched on hospitals in Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton and San Jose.

He said the Japanese Americans began forming their own hospitals in California as early as 1913. Factors contributing to the rise of ethnic hospitals included.

by Robert Shimabukuro

In last week's PC, Part 1 of this article related the events which led to the controversy about bloc voting and proxy limits at the JACL National Convention in Chicago on July 26-30.

It all began when, by majority vote at a July 7 CDDC meeting, the council decided to vote as a bloc for presidential candidate Harry Nakasone. But at the convention, delegates Kaito Sasaki (Fresno), Dale Ikeda (Chico: Reedley proxy), Debbie Ikeda (Fresno, Selma proxy), and Maude Ishida (Tulare County) voted to remain independent, opposed. Ochi. CDDC Gen. Peggy Liggert, seeking to uphold CDDC's vote, had Selma and Reedley proxies transferred to herself; since a two-vote switch could have produced a change in results in two of the national offices, the controversy took on added significance.

This week, the PC takes a look at some of the issues raised by the controversy.

Congressmen, Community Leaders Protest Minorities React Angrily to Nakasone's Remark on Race

Nakasone's apology allows us to put it aside and begin to build strong bridges of understanding between our two nations.

—Rep. Robert Matsui

I'm glad he apologized, but I think the damage has been done.

—Ron Wakabayashi

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Change in JACL Election Laws Urged

Bloc Voting, Proxies at Issue

After Charges of 'Coercion'

Clifford Uyeda

Takumoto thought the same way. "I don't think the district should have to be re-run. It was my decision. I can't really fault that our delegate did — I did at the same district meetings. You have to make some unilateral decisions."

But at the same time he added, "Although he [Ikeda] was instructed to vote his conscience, when the convention president voted [at the July 9 CDDC meeting] and locked up the vote, it, in essence, locked up his vote, but Dale didn't see it that way.

Wayne Nishio, Fresno chapter president, had a slightly different perspective. "I was personally against bloc voting. But my chapter was for it, so I had to vote for it at the meeting.

Ikeda, in his report to Takumoto, made the following recommendations: The practice of use of coercion or undue influence on a national delegate for the purpose of altering his or her vote..."
SAN FRANCISCO — In a major reorganizational move, the National Japanese American Historical Society on Sept. 18 announced the resignation of its interim Executive Committee to serve as the administrative and operational decision-making body of the organization.

That decision was made following the Sept. 8 resignation of NJAHS executive director Tom Kawaguchi, founder of Go For Broke Inc., the former name of the NJAHS.

Kawaguchi, a business consultant, has headed the organization on a volunteer basis for the past six years. Because the demands of the job have been growing, he has found it increasingly difficult to devote the necessary time to NJAHS.

"After devoting six years of my life to seeing this organization established and operating," said Kawaguchi, "I'm more than ready to devote the necessary time to the NJAHS executive director role, which actually began two years ago.

The newly created Executive Committee will meet regularly and will assume operational responsibility for the organization until NJAHS finances allow for the hiring of a full-time paid director.

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Nakasone's racial remarks criticized

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Nakasone's remarks were criticized by many lawmakers.

Nakasone's remarks on Asian Americans were widely condemned.

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Academic Attainment

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani

SOME OF YOU may have seen the public television presentation recently given to the public school in the United States—the Boston Latin School in Massachusetts—which was established as a private school by the Puritans in 1635. That's more than 350 years ago. Our high schools today, which are attended by one out of every five students in Asia. Traditionally, admission to the school is based on the same, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

ONE MIGHT THINK that such a standard—academic attainment—would be unchangeable to charges of discrimination. No so. The Boston Latin School is being challenged as "elitist" and racially exclusive. In all honesty, I don't quite comprehend the basis for such contentions, but I am certainly willing to listen and to modify my views, if not made into a convert.

In a manner of speaking, I can come to a bit of both sides of the proposition.

I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT about why some of the best minds were channeled into the professions, particularly at a time when those professions did not appear open to us. Why were we not steered into the mental sector of the market? Why we directed us into academic endeavors and pushed us—and I do mean pushed—to achieve when the prospects looked so bleak. Prospects looked downright dismal, one might say. In the atmosphere of those times, we then a parent of a child at one at a time we would have the optimism and courage to give impetus and make the sacrifices required.

And yet, in the pages of the Boston Latin School, I'm not at all sure if I was not made into a convert. This, I recall vividly because of a book. Where I really did not belong but to which I had been assigned because I had done reasonably well in my high school English class in an elite high school. I was allowed to attend this school. What I had never heard and spoke on subjects were completely foreign to me, it was quite a traumatic few semesters. It took me a long while to get up to speed. I never really did catch up.

WHEN I ENROLLED for law school, yet in a bigger city (Chicago), I was surrounded by students from throughout the country and they freely used jargon and spoke in terms which I only partially comprehended. My fevers never spoke of "defendants" or "prosecution" on their term paper or the effect of interest rates on inflation, and so on. The most I observed was the sheer volume of produce, whether peaches being brought in or one for less per pound, and I was told to eat the last crate because rice was not to waste.

I suspect there are a lot of you there who know just what I mean.

I MUST SAY, when I read of today's young Japanese Americans graduating from high school with a 4.0 perfect score, as I read recently in the pages of this publication, I became admiring.

Indeed.

The JACL membership count in last year's PC er- ronously reported membership as of Aug. 31, 1990 as 16,300, or 40.6 percent of last year's total. The correct figure is 20,942 or 78 percent of last year's total.

Tearing Ourselves Apart

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimakuro

The "fiasco," as I would term the great election controversy, is symptomatic of the problems facing JACL today.

It should be noted that all parties in a manner which they perceived to be in the interests of JACL, CDC, Gov. Pugio Legutti was trying to pro- tect what she saw to be her district's interests. VP of operations Yosh Nakasima, to pro- tect what he saw to be National JACL's interests. Problems occurred because the various individuals involved refused to consult with their "ad- versaries." To compound mat- ters, the individuals consulted for opinions and advice were perceived to be in opposing factions and camps, and, as a result, none were considered impartial.

Any observer of National JACL politics over the past biennium could conclude that the JACL, at present, is a split organization.

While the immediate controversy has its roots in conventions long past the memory of newer JACL members, I talked to mention the 1984 election of Frank Sato as a source of irritation. It has continued to foster and create distrust.

Although all officers publicly deny its existence, the split is real. During the past biennium, national board meetings have been filled with bickering, power plays, finger-pointing, and behind-the-scenes maneuvering. This split has, at times, been regarded as "U.S.Japan vs. Redress," "LE vs. JACL," "Volun- teers vs. Staff," or "City Slicker vs. Inaka Boy.

Sometimes these characterizations have been treated humor- ously, but too often it has taken on the character of a vendetta. Such a futile exercise only damages the ef- fectiveness of the organization and hampers staff initiative.

While the PC shares some of the blame for not reporting the ongoing controversy to the membership at large, it has been ham- pered by the fact that a lot of these disputes are discussed in

The Insular Japanese

Bill Hookawa

The September issue of Atlantic Monthly carries a provocative essay on Japan by James Fallows, its Washington editor spending the next two years in Asia under a Ja- panese society fellowship. Fallows has discovered much to like and ad­ miration about Japan but he finds two aspects unbelievable.

The first is casual pornography, although it is hard to imagine any­ thing more offensive than what can be viewed in the U.S. The sec­ ond is something equally, if not more, deeply ingrained in the Ja­ panese culture, an attitude based on the concept of any purity which was made strikingly perti­ nent by Prime Minister Nakas­ omo's insensitive remarks recently about American minorities. The flag that followed was well de­ served and indicated the prime minister and those around him have much to learn about the country that is their best cus-

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is closed.

prowad to its creation of a distinctive culture and the isolation of a "pure" racial group, which tempt­ ed people to think race and cul­ ture were the same.

"The significant point," he writes, "is that as far as the Japa­ nese are concerned, they are in­ creasingly different from other people, and are all bound together by birth and blood. . . . The Japanese sense of separateness is a less real race because the Japanese system is closed. The United States is built on the principle of voluntary associ­ ation, in theory anyone can be­ come an American. The Japan­ ese society is open only to those who are born Japanese." Later in his essay Fallows writes:

"I have always thought that, sim­ ply in practical terms, the United States had a big edge because it tried so hard, and sticking to­gether and with limited success, to digest people from different backgrounds and parts of the world. Didn't the resulting cultural collisions give us a few creative genius results? Didn't the ethnic mixture help at least slightly in our dealings with other countries? The Japanese, in contrast, have suffered grievously from their lack of any built-in un­ derstanding of foreign cultures. Sitt­ ing off on their own, it is easy for them to view the rest of the world as merely a market. . . .

The United States, like the rest of Western society, has increasing­ ly in the 20th Century considered it morally right to raise above differences of race, inconvenient and un­ comfortable as that may sometim­ es be. Few Western societies, and few people, may succeed in so rising—but they feel guilty when they fail. The Japanese do not. . . .

These words deserve study and thought. Fallows' theory may at this point be shallow and in need of further examination, but I have a feeling they may hold keys to un­ derstanding some critical problems. Later in his essay, Fallows is quoted as saying something of an enigma to the Western world, a precious technolog­ ical and management wizard that in many respects is appealing­ ly insensitive to the rest of the world.
August 29, 1989 issue of the Pacific Citizen, a newspaper. The text is a continuation of the previous page. Here is the extracted text:

SHIMABUKURO

1. District Endorsements Prior to Elections

Coercion and Undue Influence

According to Cochran's Law, "coercion" is "compelmentary or, to put it in the his­

PC should become the voice of the American Japanese, and that means diversity. The voice of the people represents the voice of the of­

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Member of the House of Representatives, the American administrative law will be better informed and better equipped to contend with public.

The non-profit public benefit corporation, JACL meetings are open meetings. Open govern­

Clifford Ueda

One of the major endeavors of the Pacific Citizen board over the past two years has been to keep the PC editorially independ­

Bickering is the result of the fact that the press must be kept from the direct control of

While I am not convinced that the press must be kept from the direct control of

As for the press' role in the political process, it is not just a question of keeping the press

The public's right to know as a fundamental human right is protected by the First Amend­

ELECTION CONTROVERSY

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But that depends on how strongly the minority of the person being threatened

Furukawa said that so much depends on a person's mental and physical state, age, maturity, and stature in the community that each situation would have to be considered individually.

Iwama suggested that in spite of the difficulties, a guideline was needed for the next time, for on-line case hard is to be considered.

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Joys of Toro to be Celebrated in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Village Plaza, Second Street and Central Avenue, will present its first Toro Festival on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to commemorate its 20th anniversary celebration.

Festival highlights will include a performance by the Fuji Ta, an Asian American comedy group. This group of actors and actresses will entertain plaza visitors with, among other things, a tofu-eating contest, compliments of Hikaru Togawa.

Also, actor Sab Shimono, star of the movie and upcoming TV series "Gung Ho," will give cooking demonstrations focusing on the versatility and taste of tofu.

Festival participants will also include artists from L.A. Art Core who will create tofu sculptures.

Alan Furutani and Visions of America will provide the West Coast Asian American jazz sounds for the afternoon of fun.

For further information, contact the Japanese Plaza Office at (213) 620-3981.

Chapter Pulse

ARIZONA

• General membership/election meeting will take place Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m., at the JACI, Hall, 3144 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale. New board members will be elected.

• The next dinner and available at 94 each and may be ordered by sending check to Harry Hirohata, 3122 W. Belmont Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021, by Oct. 12.

SAN JOSE

• Carson Chapter, along with downtown L.A. Gardens, Marina, Pan Asian, South Bay and Torrance chapters, will sponsor a picnic Oct. 5, beginning at 10 a.m., at Columbia Regional Park, Prairie Avenue and 190th Street. Activities include basketball, softball and volleyball.

• Eileen Jaffe, Torrance, is working on a special issue of the newsletter to mark the 25th anniversary of the organization.

STOCKTON

• Chapter's Legislative Education Committee will sponsor an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Fed Oct. 12, 5-8 p.m., at St. John's Buddhist Temple, 2020 Shinni Dr. Tickets are $5 per person, and children under five years of age are free. Info: Carrie Dobana, (209) 877-1601.

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SUPREME SACRIFICE — The story of the Nisei soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, shown here mourning fallen comrades in Italy in 1945, is told in Katriel Schory's documentary SUPREME SACRIFICE - The story of the Nisei soldiers of the 100th "Yankee Samurai," which will be aired on KQED-TV (Channel 9) in San Francisco on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 11:30 p.m.

NCJAR
Redress Suit Update Slated

CHICAGO — Attorneys for the National Council for Japanese American Redress will provide an update on the organization's recent efforts Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., at Heewa Terrace, 950 W. Lawrence Ave. In Chicago. Among the topics to be discussed will be the effort to obtain recognition for the "Yankee Samurai," which will be aired on KGED-TV (Channel 9) in San Francisco on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 11:30 p.m.

Included in the discussion by Zelkovich and Cannon will be an update on the government's response to the petition and subsequent courses of action by both parties.
The chairman of General Motors, who runs a company that carried the title of "The World's Most Profitable Corporation," had been quoted as saying, "We are a business focused on shareholder value." He continued, "Our goal is to maximize profits for our shareholders." The statement was made in an influential business magazine, and it quickly became a topic of discussion among financial analysts and business leaders.

The quote sparked a debate about the role of corporate leadership in corporate strategy. Some argued that focusing solely on shareholder value was shortsighted and could lead to long-term damage for companies. Others defended the position, saying it was necessary for the survival of the company in a competitive market.

The quote also raised questions about the ethics of corporate decision-making. Some ethicists argued that companies should consider the broader social and environmental impacts of their decisions, while others believed that this was the responsibility of governments and not corporations.

The quote had a significant impact on the stock market, with GM's stock price rising sharply in response to the positive feedback.

In summary, the quote by the GM chairman was a classic example of the complex relationship between corporate strategy, financial performance, and ethical considerations. It highlighted the ongoing debate about the role of corporate leadership in shaping the future of business.