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Marathon winner Michiko "Miki" Gorman and Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro, Calif., site of upcoming 8K run.

Runner May Make Comeback at JAACL Event

by Robert Shimabukuro

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. — Two-time Boston and New York City Marathon winner Michiko "Miki" Gorman gave the Marina and Gardena JAACL chapters a boost Oct. 9 when she agreed to serve as honorary race marshal for the chapters' first annual Conquer the Bridge 8K Run Nov. 23.

And, barring any further complications to a strained knee, Gorman also plans to participate, and possibly make her first U.S. comeback attempt, in the race over the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro.

Gorman has been in training since April, following a four-year hiatus. Her first test will take place Oct. 18 when she returns to her hometown of Tateiwamura in Fukushima Prefecture for her first race since she quit to spend more time with her child.

Started in 1973

In 1973, at the Western Hemisphere Marathon in Culver City, Calif., Gorman, running in only her second marathon, set a world record of two hours, 46 minutes, 36 seconds (2:46:36) to establish herself as one of the world's premier long-distance runners.

Four months later, a pregnant Gorman captured the Boston Marathon in 2:47:11.

In an effort to improve her social life, Gorman started running in 1969, five years after she had moved to the United States.

"Things are so different here," she told a group of Marina chapter members. "When I first came here, it was such a cultural shock. In Japan, a wife just stays at home. Here, you have to go everywhere with your husband.

"But I was very timid and bored. I just wanted to stay at home. I

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Prop. 63 Hearings

Hayakawa Defends, Officials Attack Initiative



Photos by Sachii Yamamoto

From left: JAACL director Ron Wakabayashi; Attorney General John Van de Kamp; and former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa.

by J.K. Yamamoto and Carole Hayashino

Proponents and opponents of Proposition 63, the initiative that would make English the official language of California, clashed during legislative hearings held in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Appearing at both hearings, former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and California English chair Stanley Diamond defended the measure and testifiers from the Asian and Hispanic communities spoke out against it.

In Los Angeles on Oct. 1, Hayakawa denounced the widespread use of the term "English Only" to describe his campaign.

'Unofficial Contexts'

"It's a totally inaccurate description of our goals. It's English as the official language... Nothing in the proposed amendment prohibits the use of languages other than English in unofficial contexts—family communications, religious ceremonies, sports and entertainment, or private business."

The purpose of the initiative, he said, "is to prevent the naming of a second official language for California or any political subdivision thereof."

Hayakawa and Diamond emphatically denied charges that the real purpose of Proposition 63 is to eliminate government services that involve languages other than English. Hayakawa stated that he recognizes the necessity of court interpreters and foreign-language driving

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Boycott Started

Nakasone Still Under Fire; Backlash May Affect JAs

Despite a formal apology denying any racial discrimination on his part, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone continues to draw fire for his suggestion last month that Blacks and Hispanics bring down the intellectual level in the United States.

In Los Angeles on Oct. 3, the American G.I. Forum, a 165,000-member organization of Hispanic veterans, called for a nationwide boycott of Japanese products.

"There is no genuine apology on the part of the Japanese prime minister possible or acceptable to the Hispanic community of the United States," said Gabriel Flores, the G.I. Forum's chair of international affairs. "Hispanics are not fools. We will not spend our hard earned dollars to enrich a foreign society that considers us inferior."

Alan Clayton of California League of United Latin American Citizens and Gina Alonso of Mexican American Political Association of California pledged their

organizations' support for the boycott.

Ed Bernaldez of El Paso, national chair of the G.I. Forum, said that forum chapters are organizing boycotts in states with large Hispanic populations and that support would be sought from Black organizations as well.

'Economic Reciprocity'

A full-page advertisement in the Oct. 3 New York Times, signed by members of Concerned African American Business Leaders, said that Nakasone's remark "smacks of the worst kind of 'master racism.'" While raising the possibility of "more selective, discretionary buying by Black consumers," the statement also called for "new, economic reciprocity between the Black community and Japanese manufacturers."

"Japan and the Japanese people must reach out for greater understanding of Black people and institutions," the text continued, "...through cultural ex-

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September 23, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the Japanese American National Museum Honorary Fundraising Committee to encourage you to join me in serving on this noble Committee.

Last April, I had the opportunity to visit the Japanese American heritage photo exhibit in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo and found it both enchanting and informative. Presently, the Committee has obtained a permanent site with \$1.75 million committed in state and city funds, in addition to the unyielding support of hundreds of volunteers and community groups who have donated their time, efforts and money since the project's inception.

I believe that this worthwhile project promises to enrich the lives of all Americans while providing deserved recognition to our country's many dedicated and respected Japanese Americans. I have enclosed a copy of my letter accepting the honorary membership position along with the letter I received from Bruce F. Kaji, President of The Japanese American National Museum for your information and review.

Please accept this extended invitation and join me in serving on the Japanese American National Museum Honorary Fundraising Committee.

Most cordially,

George Deukmejian

Deukmejian Asks President to Support JA National Museum

LOS ANGELES — California Gov. George Deukmejian, newest member of the Japanese American National Museum's Honorary Fundraising Committee, is encouraging President Ronald Reagan to also lend his name in support of the museum.

Deukmejian was invited last month to serve on the honorary committee by JANM President Bruce Kaji. The governor accepted that invitation in a letter to Kaji dated Sept. 23.

That same day, Deukmejian, as requested by Kaji, sent a letter to Reagan, encouraging the President's similar support of the museum. Excerpts from that letter are as follows:

"I am writing on behalf of the Japanese American National Museum Honorary Fundraising Committee to encourage you to join me in serving on this noble committee..."

"I believe that this worthwhile

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PROPOSERS, OPPOSITORS DEBATE ENGLISH INITIATIVE

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tests and warning signs; and that bilingual ballots, which he opposes, are protected by federal law.

"Far from targeting Hispanics or Asians or anybody else for special mistreatment," said Hayakawa, "Proposition 63 reasserts a great American idea: to strengthen the ties that bind together all of us...through the magical bond of a common language."

He referred to opponents of the measure as "militant ethnic organizations" who "view any new idea with fear and suspicion."

'Sweeping Implications'

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi said that he saw no problem with simply stating that English is the state's official language, but that the rest of the proposed constitutional amendment has "broader and sweeping implications."

The measure directs the Legislature to "insure that the role of English...is preserved and enhanced" and to "make no law which diminishes or ignores the role of English"; it also enables any California resident to sue the state if he or she feels the law is not being enforced.

Although proponents claim they do not intend to eliminate bilingual services, Wakabayashi said, "There are no protections against public health and safety infringements, there's no protection for bilingual education. None of that is really addressed in the actual language of the legislation."

Attorney General John Van de Kamp predicted that the initia-

tive would "produce a nightmare of expensive litigation and needless resentment" if passed.

Although similar legislation aimed at Jewish, Italian and German immigrants was passed in the early 1900s, he noted, those groups have assimilated "with the passage of time and the enormous attraction of American culture and language," not because of language laws.

In the case of an "Official English" ordinance adopted by Dade County, Florida, in 1980, the results—such as failing to post warning signs in Spanish on a high-voltage subway rail—"could have been fatal," he said.

"If English were in such a perilous state as to need legal protection, this law would not save it," Van de Kamp concluded. "A language survives not because of frightened words on fragile paper; it survives as a living expression of a dynamic and thriving culture."

English 'Under Attack'

Assemblyman Frank Hill (R-52nd) took the opposite position, declaring that "the supremacy of the English language is under attack." Like Hayakawa, Hill said he wanted to avoid "the situation that has occurred in Canada, an English-speaking country with a French-speaking province."

Proposition 63 has overwhelming support even among Hispanics and Asians, Hill claimed, asserting that community organizations opposed to the measure do not represent the true will of the people.

Hill said he is not opposed to

bilingual education but repeatedly charged that it has failed to move children from their native language to English. A number of bilingual instructors, including Gay Wong of the California Association for Asian Pacific American Education, rebutted that claim.

Testimony From Both Sides

Other testifiers included proponents Frank Arcuri, who led an unsuccessful "Official English" campaign in Monterey Park, and Angie Papadakis of the State Board of Education; and opponents Antonia Hernandez of Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Irvin Lai of Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and Audrey Yamagata-Noji of the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

Other than Hill, legislators who served on the panel—among them Assembly members Teresa Hughes (D-47th), Charles Calderon (D-59th), and Elihu Harris (D-13th)—were openly opposed to Proposition 63.

At the close of the hearing, State Sen. Paul Carpenter (D-33rd), who had been undecided, said that he too would oppose the proposition. Proponents are "very sincere" but "completely oblivious to the racist nature of it," he commented.

'Unfounded Fears'

At the San Francisco hearing, held Sept. 29, Assemblyman Louis Papan (D-San Mateo) chided Hayakawa and Diamond for "giving birth to unfounded fears."

"Why put this kind of measure on the ballot?" Papan asked. "English is not being threatened and never will be...You are hurting California with this."

State Sen. Art Torres (D-Los Angeles), an outspoken critic of Proposition 63, asked, "What are you doing to support ESL [English as a second language] classes? What are you doing to help people to learn English? The truth of the matter is, you're not doing anything about it!"

Torres also commented that the English campaign parallels the Soviet Union's efforts in 1959 to make Russian the only official language.

JACL's Wakabayashi said the initiative "is neither realistic nor

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Planning the 90th anniversary celebration of Centenary United Methodist Church of Los Angeles are, from left, Takeshi Matsui, location committee and finance chair, Japanese Language Division; the Rev. Hidemi Ito, pastor, Japanese Language Division; the Rev. George Nishikawa, pastor, English Division; and George Yamaka, general chairperson and lay leader. Anniversary activities will include a worship service Oct. 19, noon to 1 p.m., at Maryknoll Japanese Mission School, 213 S. Garey St., followed by a luncheon banquet at 2 p.m. at the New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Info: Tosh Kamei, (213) 677-3491.

humane in the dynamic and democratic society in which we live."

San Francisco Bar Association president John Balbanian called Proposition 63 "the worst drafted law I have ever seen" and warned that "the language is so vague... it will certainly give rise to massive litigation."

"If the intent of the proposition is symbolic," he added, "it is the wrong symbol at the wrong time and wrong place."

Diamond said that opponents of the measure are only "leaders with titles of position" and that the California English campaign reflects the sentiments of the majority of the state's population.

Assemblyman Phil Isenberg (D-Sacramento) reminded Diamond that in 1942 public opinion favored the incarceration of Japanese Americans. "The argument of public opinion does not make a case... we are interested in the merits, not popularity, of the proposition."

Other public officials opposing the initiative included State Sen. Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne, and San Francisco Board of Education member Rosario Anaya. Although unable to attend, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and State Superintendent of Education Bill Honig issued written statements expressing their opposition.

East Coast Groups

Forum to Look at Violence Against Asians

NEW YORK—The rise in anti-Asian violence and sentiment in the U.S. and effective community response to that violence will be the focus of an afternoon forum sponsored by a coalition of Asian American organizations Oct. 18 at P.S. 41, 116 W. 11th St.

A 45-minute video, "The Long Road to Justice: The Case of Long Guang Huang," will be shown at 1:15 p.m., followed by presentations by Helen Zia, American Citizens for Justice; the Rev. Wesley Woo, Program Agency, Presbyterian Church (USA); Sook Nam Choo, Korean Americans for Social Concern; and Peter Kiang, Asian American Resource Workshop.

A discussion of the presentations will follow at 3 p.m.

A repeat showing of the video and a chance to talk with activists and representatives from the participating organizations will take place at 4 p.m.

The program will be moderated by Lillian Kimura, president of the New York JACL.

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RUNNER

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had trouble with the language, the different culture. And I was very unhealthy. My husband wished I was more active, more like his friends' wives. That got me mad. To learn and improve my social life, I enrolled at the Los Angeles Athletic Club."

She started in a body-building program, which required jogging as a warm-up exercise. But Gorman found running more interesting than the weights, so she concentrated on running. Four years later, Gorman set her world record.

Gorman credited Lu Dosti, an engineer who set the indoor 100 mile record, and Myron Shapiro, M.D., with much of her success. "There was no book on training," she said. "We were pioneers."

Until that time, "women were not expected to train as hard as men," she added. "People thought women should not and could not run so many miles. We would run 140 miles a week three to four weeks prior to a race, then taper down to about 100 miles a week two weeks before [the race]."

Of her first Boston Marathon victory, Gorman said, "I just knew. I was going to win. No one else was running as much as I was."

"As soon as I won, you could see that other women began to train the same way. There were many press conferences and people were asking about my training methods. Times [for women's marathon] started to drop rapidly after that."

In the 1976 New York City Marathon, at age 41, and just a year after the birth of her daughter, Gorman broke 2:40, winning the marathon in 2:39:11. She went on to win the 1977 Boston and New York City Marathons.

Gorman gave up competitive racing in 1982. "It's hard to train well when you have a baby and I didn't want to miss the wonderful experience of bringing up a daughter. There's a lot of traveling involved [in racing], a lot of time. And I was just tired."

Gorman said she tried to mount comebacks many times during the past few years. "I just couldn't get motivated again," she said. "Even the Olympic trials weren't enough motivation. I would start to run every month, but couldn't sustain it."

But after race organizers in her hometown asked her to appear in their race, she decided to "get serious."

"It's very difficult to try to get back in shape," she said. "It's not the first time I had to train after a layoff. It was very difficult after I gave birth to my daughter. I had gained 35 pounds. But it is much more difficult now. The body ages. You have to be more careful about doing stretches and warm-ups. Before, I just used to run. Now I have to warm up. I wasn't careful and I hurt my knee."

Nevertheless, Gorman seems confident that she will get back on track. "My daughter's 11 now. She wants me to run so she can

Nihonmachi

a story of San Francisco's Japantown
The people and scenes of old Nihonmachi which centered around South Park, Grant Avenue and the present location in the Western Addition were compiled to help the reader visualize how it was in the early days when the Issei-first generation of Japanese in America lived and worked in San Francisco.

The book continues to relate the experiences of the Nisei before, during and after the war. The strength of the Issei, the determination of the Nisei set the stage for the energy of the Sansei-third generation in America to forge ahead to compete in the larger society on a more equal basis. Former residents and those who remember Nihonmachi during the 50's will find photos of Kaga's, Evergreen and even team and scout pictures from those days interesting.

—Suzie Kobuchi Okazaki, Author
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Darrell Higuchi receives a scroll from Supervisor Michael Antonovich, right, in honor of his being named the first Asian battalion chief for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Also on hand to offer congratulations is County Fire Chief John Englund.

'Bridge Conquerers' Sought

by Robert Shimabukuro

MARINA DEL REY, Calif.—"We need runners." That's the word from organizers of the Conquer the Bridge 8K run being presented by the Marina and Gardena JACL chapters. Organizers are hoping that the Nov. 23 run over the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro will draw between 2,000 to 3,000 runners.

Conquer the Bridge chair Joyce Enomoto, who is spending "many, many hours" on this event, said that the idea of the run came out of a Marina chapter brainstorming session.

"We were trying to come up with a fund-raising event," she said. "Someone mentioned a long-distance run. We decided on a 10K race. I went to Chinatown Run Committee meetings, then hired a race consultant, Promotion Events. They gave us all the information and helped with getting permits and all the other stuff."

Program 'Paying for Itself'

"Our committee got going and got endorsements and advertising for our program. It turned out to be a way bigger event than we intended, but it's been a lot of fun."

"We're not sure how successful it's going to be this year, at least financially," said Enomoto. "But it's something that could turn out to be a good annual fund-raising event. Runners are interested in running the Vincent Thomas Bridge. We're getting good response."

Over \$13,000 has been donated in services and for ads in the 48-page program, she said. "So the program will pay for itself. We need 1,500 runners to register for us to break even, so the main problem is getting the word out."

Proceeds Go to Community Causes

Proceeds are targeted for numerous organizations, including San Pedro Library, Venice Community Health Fair, East West Players, Japanese American National Museum, Senior Citizens Home, college scholarships, and educational programs.

A tax deductible pre-registration donation of \$11 will cover the entry fee, a T-shirt, and official program/runner's calendar. After Nov. 14, a \$13 donation will be requested. Runners should check in between 6:30-7:45 a.m.

The race is sanctioned by The Athletic Congress (TAC).

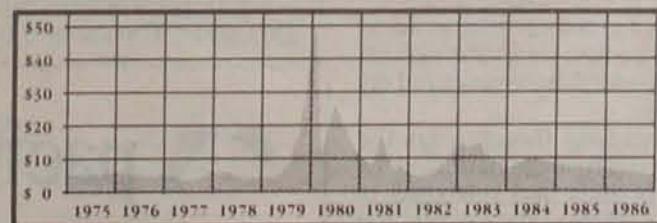
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brag about it in school. And now, I'm hungry again." And, as she told the gathering at the Burton Chase Park Center, "Running a marathon is much easier than giving birth."

Gorman's autobiography, *Hashire Miki*, was nominated for

the Oya Prize, Japan's equivalent of the Pulitzer. The book was later made into the movie "My Champion," starring Yoko Shimada and Christopher Meachem. Said Gorman, "The movie was a pretty fictionalized account. The true story is much better."

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DENVER

Oct. 13-20 An exhibit of 35 original prints by leading Japanese artists of the early to mid-19th century will be on display at the Emmanuel Gallery, 10th and Lawrence streets, on the University of Colorado Auraria campus in downtown Denver. Info: (303) 986-1910.

GARDENA

Oct. 15 Free flu shots will be provided to individuals over the age of 55, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St. Info: (213) 533-6553.

LOS ANGELES

Oct. 15 and 18 Visual Communications and the Chinatown Library will present two screenings of the Asian Pacific American films "To Be Me—Tony Quon," "E-Z Rock," "I Told You So," and "City, City" in the Community Room of the library, 536 W. College St. Screenings will start Oct. 15 at 4 p.m., and Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

Thru Nov. 16 Edward Sakamoto's "Chikamatsu's Forest" is being performed at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. with selected matinees at 2 p.m. Box office info: (213) 660-0366.

SACRAMENTO

Oct. 17 "Raise the Roof" happy hour benefit, sponsored by the Sacramento Nisei War Memorial Hall board, will take place at the Memorial Hall, 1515 Fourth St., from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used to re-roof the Nisei Memorial Community Center. Info: (916) 920-3347.

SAN FRANCISCO

Oct. 17 Nancy Araki, project coordinator for the Japanese American National Museum, will provide an update on the development of the museum during an 8 p.m. meeting at Pine United Methodist Church, 426 33rd Ave.

Oct. 18 "Sansei Live," a night of comedy and music, will take place at the Gift Center Pavilion. Co-hosts for the event are Wendy Tokuda, KPIX Channel 5 news anchor, and Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit the senior center. Info: (415) 922-9972.

Oct. 19 Nihonmachi Little Friends will sponsor a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2031 Bush St. Info: (415) 922-8888.

TORRANCE

Oct. 19 Panel discussion, "Nikkei in Politics," will take place at 2 p.m. at the Torrance Main Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Info: (213) 326-0608.

ALBANY, Calif.

Oct. 18 10th annual Asian American Art Exhibit and Auction, sponsored by Sakura Kai, at El Cerrito Senior Citizens Center, 6500 Stockton St. Info: (415) 387-9883.

FRESNO

Oct. 14 Public briefing on concerns of Asian/Pacific Islanders in California public schools will take place from 4-6 p.m. at the Ted C. Willis Community Center, 770 N. San Pablo Ave. Briefing is being sponsored by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig and the Advisory Council on Asian/Pacific Islander Affairs. Info: Debbie Ikeda, (209) 442-4600, ext. 8641.

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Caught in the Crossfire

The speech Prime Minister Nakasone made on Sept. 22 created a maelstrom of responses throughout this nation. He made a major blunder when he said that American achievement is held back because Blacks and Hispanics drag down the level of "intelligence."

The press particularly covered the issue here in Washington. Nakasone's remarks add fuel to the problem of the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance. Backers of protectionism will have a field day setting up restrictive quotas on Japanese imports whether it makes sense or not.

Americans of Japanese ancestry have been working hard to educate their fellow Americans that we were not responsible for Pearl Harbor or any other action taken by Japan. Yet the Friday after Nakasone's remark, our telephone answering machine registered the following message: "We do not think it's a good idea to call Blacks dumb, lazy and stupid. You can give the message to Nakasone. Sayonara."

The redress cause has been hurt to the extent that Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.) said on the floor of the House that "Nakasone has got to remember that the [Congressional] Black Caucus supported reparations for Japanese Americans in this country who were treated so badly during WW2."

It would be a great relief if our fellow Americans would begin to differentiate that we are not Japanese. It is not the Japanese government which is fighting to redress the wrongs we suffered through deprivation of our constitutional rights.

In times of stress, Japanese Americans are not to be held accountable, or to become spokespersons, for any action taken by the leadership of Japan. We are pleased the disgraceful statement has been retracted, but it is not for us to join Nakasone in his apology. We will certainly communicate our ongoing appreciation to the Congressional Black Caucus and Hispanic Caucus, who support Japanese Americans in their efforts to seek redress.

Japanese Americans should be particularly sensitive to the branding of a race or group on unfounded theories of race superiority or inferiority. We remember the racists of the United States during WW2 who said that Americans of Japanese descent were unassimilable.

It does not matter who makes assessments of the worth of human beings; such thoughts must be stamped out immediately, for we well know the danger which results. In this 20th century, ethnic arrogance has no place in developing workable human relationships.

Winding Up

Congress is inexorably moving to the shutdown of its 99th session so that attention can be given to a high priority of legislators—their political campaigns. The November election will decide whether the Senate remains under the control of the Republicans for the 100th Congress.

The redress program does not recess with the adjournment of Congress. All those who believe in redress and who responded by personally acting through letter writing and district visitations to their members of Congress cannot sit back and wait until January. During the next month we ask you to write again to thank those who supported the redress bills and to ask them to co-sponsor again when the new

LEC UPDATE

Grayce Ueyehara



bills are presented. The whole purpose of continuing the grassroots lobbying is based on the fact that every member of Congress must face his voters. That fact is on our side in keeping the redress issue warm and alive until victory is won.

Jewish War Vets

The Jewish War Veterans held their national convention in Honolulu in early September. The 552nd Field Artillery Battalion, part of the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was honored by the JWV because it was one of the first Allied units to arrive at Dachau to liberate the Jews confined to this death camp.

I met with two staff members of JWV this past week and heard some interesting stories. The curator of the JWV Museum here in Washington is working on adding to their exhibit and has given me some ideas for our program.

The JWV passed a resolution of continuing support for the redress legislation.

New Co-Sponsor

We received a call Sept. 29 from Marc Hershman of Congressman Bob Matsui's office telling us that through a contact made by George Wakiji of Washington, D.C. JACL last week with Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.), we gained our 142nd co-sponsor and third Republican co-sponsor from California.

Wakiji's personal involvement changed the congressman's views. Lewis had written in July to Nobuko Hayashi of Highland that he was hesitant about co-sponsoring H.R. 442 "before it has moved through the appropriate channels—bills are often significantly altered by amendments." I am sure Hayashi and others who have written to Lewis are elated with this good news.

"It ain't over 'til it's over."

Letters

We'll Miss You, Jane

We congratulate Jane Ozawa on the occasion of her retirement from the Pacific Citizen. Her faithful service of more than 25 years has been a true commitment to the purposes of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Jane has worked hard, and we, the National Headquarters staff, have long appreciated the job she has performed. Always cheerful, Jane Ozawa did it all. No matter what was needed or what we asked for, Jane knew what to do, would find out or would do something about it. We, as her colleagues, know that Jane is the best and we will miss her.

While words cannot fully express her dedication and contributions, we wish to applaud Jane for her commitment to the Pacific Citizen, to the JACL and to our Japanese American community.

It is with much admiration for Jane Ozawa that we send her every good wish for an enjoyable retirement.

NATIONAL JACL HEADQUARTERS STAFF
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EVER SINCE DAN RATHER CLOSED A NEWSCAST WITH A "COURAGE", I KEEP EXPECTING HER TO CLOSE THEIR NEWSCAST WITH A TIMELY "GAMBARE!"

That First Trip to Alaska

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa

My brother Rube and his wife went on a vacation cruise to Alaska last summer. That in itself is not noteworthy. Retired Nisei these days are touring, other than Japan, the far corners of the world—fishing in New Zealand, sailing into Norwegian fjords, visiting the Soviet Union, viewing the pyramids, making pilgrimages to the Holy Land and studying the glory that was Greece.

What makes Rube's trip worthy of comment is the contrast between it and his first visit to Alaska. That would be back in the mid-'30s. Like many Nisei high school boys in Seattle during that period, he signed up for a summer job as a laborer in a salmon cannery. That was part of the rite of growing up—leaving home and being exposed to the realities of working for a living. Some of the fellows saved their pay, such as it was, for college. Others contributed to the

support of the family; this, you must remember, was in the depths of the Great Depression.

Cannery workers were transported aboard coastal steamers, in steerage class quarters, from Seattle to their jobs. Steerage quarters were several levels below the main deck and the bunks were canvas slings stacked four or five high. There was, of course, nothing resembling privacy. Flat on your back, there wasn't much space between your face and the canvas of the bunk above. The air usually was so foul, and reeked so badly of unmentionable things, that the Nisei spent most of their time on deck to avoid seasickness.

It's odd how aromas stir up old memories. The other Sunday morning we went out to breakfast at a nice but unfamiliar restaurant. There was the smell of onions and boiled potatoes in the air, and immediately my mind went back to the meals provided—served would not be the proper word—steerage passengers on the Alaska boats.

The restaurant also served big, fat sausages, maybe three or four times the diameter of the more familiar pork breakfast sausages. They also reminded me of Alaska.

It's potatoes or cereal or some other kind of filler that makes the sausages so plump. These were fried, which made them tasty if bad in the cholesterol department. It was their size that resembled the steerage class sausages which were boiled to save cooking time. What I remember most vividly about those sausages was that they were brought to the table in galvanized iron buckets, the kind that farmers used to take slop to the hogs. The guy who brought the food from the kitchen would dump the sausages in some kind of metal bowl, and we would help ourselves. And we ate because we were hungry.

The restaurant smell of onions and boiled potatoes, and the sight of the fat sausages on the plate, brought the old days back in a rush. And I had to smile, remembering a paragraph in Rube's letter describing his second voyage, cabin class, to Alaska:

"The spectacular scenery was exceeded only by the spectacular menu. I walked the decks about two to three miles a day, which saved me from the fate of a fellow passenger who told me he gained 12 pounds. All in all, it was a far cry..."

How to Ruin a Relationship

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro

Frequently, I am asked about male/female relations. Most inquiries are of the advice-seeking variety.

At one point, I seriously thought about starting an advice column for Sansei males. After all, anyone who was dumb enough to ask me for advice deserved my response.

But various thoughts on the subject were overshadowed by JACL politics and relegated to the back burner for a while. But now that football season is upon us, it may be time to discuss a frequently occurring situation.

The situation: You want to watch your sixth football game of the weekend. She wants to talk about your deteriorating relationship.

The typical AJA response: Compromise. They do something neither wants to do—talk about in-laws, relatives, and family obligations instead. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. But both are probably pouting internally.

The B.S. response: Gamble.

Agree to talk about the relationship for the first three quarters. Any game worth watching is most exciting in the last quarter. Most of what is said by commentators is of little importance. Turn the sound off.

Upside: The talk goes well. Your team leads 31-0 by the fourth quarter. She decides to compete with the football game and tries to seduce you. Give in. It'll be more fun. Turn off the TV or just turn down the sound. Nothing is as much of a turn-off as a Brent Musburger talking about the turning point of a 31-0 game.

Downside: The game is out of

reach by the fourth quarter. Somewhere along the way, you know that she is responsible for the game being lousy. You don't know how or why she is but you're certain that if she had not insisted on talking about the relationship the game would have been 33-31 with two minutes to play.

To extricate yourself, you end the discussion with, "The reason our relationship is deteriorating is because you don't let me watch football games in peace." The relationship really deteriorates then!

Que sera, sera.

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Four Groups Give Update on Redress

by Jane Kaihatsu
SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of four major redress groups met with supporters in Japantown on a sunny Saturday afternoon to hear the latest update on each group's quest to correct the wrongs of the WW2 internment.

"Redress Forum," sponsored by JACL, was held on Sept. 20 at Christ United Church. Represented on the program were JACL-LEC, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, National Council for Japanese American Redress, and the legal team for the *coram nobis* cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui.

Rev. Lloyd Wake of Glide Memorial Church introduced Alameda Court Judge Ken Kawaichi, who moderated the program. One of the first to speak was State Sen. Milton Marks, who recently introduced Senate Joint Resolution 45, which urged Congress to support redress bill H.R. 442. The resolution was sent to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House and other members of Congress.

Resolution Presented

Stated Marks, "Not only must you ask for redress, but in all good conscience, we must apologize on behalf of the people of this great country... and set up a public education fund to prevent similar occurrences." Marks then presented a copy of the resolution to the "groups who have led this fight across the country." Moderator Kawaichi read a telegram from Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) stating that H.R. 442 now has 142 co-sponsors. Mineta urged everyone to renew their commitment to redress.

San Francisco community activist Mari Matsumoto reported on NCR's success in educating community people. NCR sponsored the first pilgrimages to the

Nikkei Newsmakers



Ray Urushima of Fresno has received the designation of Certified Financial Planner from the College of Financial Planning after having successfully completed a six-part study program and six comprehensive examinations.



Verna Abe, of Lafayette, Indiana, has been named one of four national winners of the D.H. Baldwin Fellowship. Abe, a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, teaches music theory at Butler University in Indianapolis and teaches adults in her own music studio.



Dr. Norihiko "Nori" Mihara, a physicist by academic training and a research engineer by profession, has been appointed vice president for minority affairs at the University of Washington. Mihara, a Seattle JACL member, was formerly assistant to the vice president for minority affairs.

Editor's Note: If you, or someone you know, deserve to be cited for a recent accomplishment or honor, please send a high quality black and white or color photo, along with a short summary of the accomplishment, to the PC, 941 E. Third St., Room 200, Los Angeles, Calif. 90013.

Tule Lake camp and sent delegates to Washington, D.C. for lobbying, she said. Their most recent efforts have included securing support for redress from other minority groups.

Sovereign Immunity

NCJAR spokesperson William Hohri of Chicago reported that the biggest obstacle for the class action suit filed by his group remains the sovereign immunity issue. He explained that the government must consent to be sued before it can be sued.

"What good are constitutional rights if the government can violate them and then hide behind sovereign immunity? We must repair the Constitution and explain this governmental misconduct," he declared.

The LEC update was given by LEC Board member and JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Gov. Mollie Fujioka, who stressed the importance of letters to congressmen from constituents. She urged the audience to write letters and to get friends to write letters on behalf of the redress bills.

Bob Rusky, an attorney on the team representing Korematsu, gave a brief background of the Supreme Court cases of the three Nisei who were convicted of violating curfew and/or evacuation orders during WW2.

Cases Still Alive

Though the cases, which were reopened in 1983, have not been in the headlines recently, they are by no means gone and buried, Rusky said. While Korematsu's case was decided in the plaintiff's favor in November 1983 by Judge Marilyn Patel in San Francisco, the Yasui and Hirabayashi cases remain on appeal.

Yasui received a vacation of his curfew conviction, but the allegations of governmental misconduct were dismissed by Judge Robert Belloni in Portland, said Rusky. Yasui's attorneys appealed this decision in January 1984, and since then have encountered "an extraordinary amount of procedural questions which are very frustrating," Rusky said.

But after a full "evidentiary trial" in the Hirabayashi case, explained Rusky, Judge Donald

Voorhees found extraordinary governmental misconduct and racism involved in the decision to evacuate Japanese Americans. However, Voorhees vacated only the evacuation evasion charges and not the curfew conviction; the attorneys have appealed this ruling.

Rusky noted that the government continues to defend the evacuation.

Thanks From Hirabayashi

Hirabayashi made a guest appearance, acknowledging the efforts of the legal teams in all three cases. Estimating that about \$1 million in legal time and effort had been spent, he expressed appreciation for the work of citizens' committees and volunteers who resounded with donations of money and time.

"Although it has my name on the case, it's not just my case," he emphasized. "All of you who helped, responded, makes this a people's case; and even though most Americans don't know about this, it's really an American case because we're promoting a step in the justice of American principles."

Seeking 7th Term

L.A. Demos to Honor Mineta

LOS ANGELES—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-San Jose) will be honored Oct. 23 at a community-wide reception sponsored by the Japanese American Democratic Club of Los Angeles.

The reception will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St.

Mineta, seeking his seventh term in Congress, was elected to the House in 1974, after serving two terms as mayor of San Jose. Currently, among his various committee assignments, Mineta serves as the chairman of the Aviation Committee.

Tickets are \$100 for those wishing to be listed as sponsors on the reception program, and \$10 for retired seniors and students. All others may contribute according to their ability to pay.

Those unable to attend, but wishing to contribute, are asked to send checks, payable to Mineta for Congress, to JADC, c/o Eileen Kurahashi, 808 N. Spring St., 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Thank You!

Looking for Women Leaders

by Sandi Kawasaki

"Where are the Asian American Women Leaders?" That's the title of the workshop being co-sponsored by the PSW Women's Concerns Committee and the San Fernando Valley JACL Chapter Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., at the San Fernando Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima.

I am really looking forward to this workshop, and the chance to learn from the panelists: Tritia Toyota, KCBS news anchor; Barbara Miyamoto, field deputy to L.A. Councilman Michael Woo; and Patricia Horikawa, Asian Pacific Women's Network, L.A. Chapter president.

The topic, suggested by Irene Hirano, sounded interesting and started me to wonder: Where are our women leaders? I have often heard that leaders are made, not born. If that is the case, then there should not be a void if we want to be leaders!

If I sound like I'm criticizing Asian American women for not taking leadership roles, I'm not. I know that to become a leader you must put in a lot of hard work and give your organization, or cause, high priority.

As I reflect back on my life, I see that my priorities have changed over the years. After col-

lege, my career was the most important thing in my life, but as time went on, interpersonal relationships became number one. And finally, community service filled my need. But each woman must decide what is important to her—a job, a husband, a family, or working toward better conditions for all women. Each choice requires some degree of leadership and is equally important.

As I stated before, there are a few prominent Asian American women leaders, but there are many dedicated women who work in our community. Maybe this is one of the reasons why we're not visible to the larger community. We work in Asian organizations on Asian issues.

I feel it's time for us to interact with other organizations on impacting the problems we are addressing in our Asian groups.

I know that leadership, even in our own community, is difficult. We may even find that our Asian ways don't work in non-Asian organizations. But just maybe, we'll find that we can all learn from each other using Asian and non-Asian leadership techniques to get the job done.

For more information on the workshop, contact Carol Saito at the JACL Regional Office, (213) 626-4471.

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NEW LEADERSHIP — South Bay JACL held a reception Sept. 28 in Torrance, Calif., for the two Pacific Southwest District candidates elected to the National JACL Board at the National Convention in Chicago: President Harry Kajihara (right) and VP/Membership Mary Nishimoto (second from left). With them are South Bay chapter president George Ogawa and chapter recording/corresponding secretary Midori Watanabe Kamei.

School Board

Furutani Gets S.F. Support

by Jane Kaihatsu
SAN FRANCISCO — More than 50 supporters greeted Los Angeles School Board candidate Warren Furutani Sept. 18 at his first Bay Area fund-raiser since he announced his candidacy.

The fund-raiser, held at Miko-shi's in Japantown, was sponsored by Friends of Warren Furutani in an attempt to broaden support for Furutani by connecting him with his Bay Area beginnings.

Furutani, 38, said that he "came of age at San Mateo College" when he first taught there in the late '60s. A longtime activist since the Asian Movement days of the Vietnam War era, he has consistently immersed himself in community projects and organizations.

Currently, he is coordinator of Student/Community Projects at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, but he also has been involved with groups ranging from JACL—as the national director of community involvement programs (1969-72)—to the Amerasia Bookstore and Manzanar Pilgrimage committees.

Furutani's involvements of the past, said supporter Kaz Maniwa, "make it a natural step for him to lead us to the '80s."

The 7th District of the Los Angeles School Board represents about 218,000 registered voters. Incumbent John Greenwood of San Pedro won the last election by carrying only 8 percent of the vote.

With this statistic in mind, Furutani is encouraged that he can conduct a successful campaign.

"For the fundamental right of our community access to quality education, we must challenge this [present board] and get our people on the board from the community," Furutani said. "This board represents the status quo. Twenty years ago, the status quo did not hold us back. The politics of today should not hold us back now!"



Photo by Jane Kaihatsu

NORTH/SOUTH 'SUMMIT' — Los Angeles School Board candidate Warren Furutani (left) confers with Kimochi, Inc. executive director Steve Nakajo during reception for Furutani in San Francisco's Japantown.

San Francisco Mayor, San Jose Council Oppose Proposition 63

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Diane Feinstein signed on Sept. 19 a resolution opposing Proposition 63, the so-called "English Only" initiative, declaring it to have "no redeeming value."

Passage of the measure, which is on the November ballot, could eliminate ballots in languages other than English. "This automatically means that tens of thousands—perhaps millions—of people will not be able to have a full understanding of what they're voting on," she said.

"Let's face it: ballot issues are extremely tough to understand even if you're a native English speaker. Multilingual ballots are essential to voter understanding and critical to a well-informed democracy."

The potential elimination of multilingual medical and emergency information "would be disastrous during a major earthquake," she added.

"Californians must not blind themselves to today's realities," said Feinstein. "We live in a multicultural and multilingual world, a world increasingly interdependent and one that requires more and better ways to understand one another. Prop 63 would deny those realities."

In a related development, the San Jose City Council on Sept. 16 voted 8-1, with two members absent, to oppose Proposition 63. The resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Blanca Alvarado and seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Hammer.

Congressman to Speak at USC Asian Pacific Awards Banquet

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) will be the keynote speaker at the second annual USC Asian Pacific American Support Group Awards Dinner Oct. 24 at the Hyatt Regency.

Matsui, 45, has represented the Third District of California, which includes the city of Sacramento and a large part of the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County, since his election in 1978.

His speech will be followed by the presentation of awards to this year's four honorees: Jack C. Lee, chairman of the board, First Public Savings Bank; Royal Morales,


co-founder and president of Search to Involve Filipino Americans; Mary Shon, adviser, Office of Bilingual ESL Instruction and Asian Languages Program, Los Angeles Unified School District; and Robert Takasugi, judge, U.S. District Court.

The support group also will announce the 12 scholarship winners for 1986 at the dinner.

Tickets to the dinner are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of 10. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Info: J.D. Hokoyama, director of APASS, (213) 743-4999.

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DEUKMEJIAN

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project promises to enrich the lives of all Americans while providing deserved recognition to our country's many dedicated and respected Japanese Americans...

Kaji, commenting on Deukmejian's support, told the PC, "We're very proud to have the governor of California supporting our forthcoming campaign."

"Our hope is that he will be able to successfully encourage other national figures, like President Reagan, to join our fund-raising committee."

"The support of these national figures certainly helps us. They add a certain amount of government approval to our efforts."

To date, the museum has received the commitment of \$1.75 million in state and city funds. And, in May of this year, the L.A. City Council passed a resolution to lease the old Nishi Hongwani Buddhist Temple, East First Street and Central Avenue, to the JANM for 50 years at a cost of \$1 per year.

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PUYALLUP VALLEY

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SAN FERNANDO

• On Oct. 18, the Chapter will host, along with PSWD Women's Concerns Committee, a 5:30 dinner workshop/meeting, "Where Are the Asian American Women Leaders?" at the San Fernando Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima.

SEATTLE

• Day at the Races fund-raiser will take place Oct. 25 at Longacres Race Track in Renton. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. and the first race is at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and include Clubhouse admission, reserved seating and a buffet luncheon. Info: Ken Katayama, (206) 324-3879.

• Chapter will co-sponsor a public forum Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Bush Asia Center, 409 S. Maynard St. Candidates running for seats in the U.S. Senate and House, as well as certain state legislative and judicial positions, will discuss issues of concern to Asian Americans. Info: Jan Kumasaka, (206) 625-4506 or (206) 722-5683.

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• The chapter holds a personal development workshop Nov. 9, 9 a.m., at Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. in Mar Vista. Topics include: assertiveness communication, time management, stress management, interpersonal relations, and discrimination against Asians at the corporate level. Pre-registration fee: \$7; after Oct. 24, \$16. Fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Info: Galen Murakawa, (213) 822-1144 or 822-7470 (evenings).



Donald Kazama

Rights Advocate

Seattle Leader Kazama Dies

SEATTLE — Donald Kazama, community activist and advocate, died of cancer Sept. 21.

Kazama left a legacy of community service contributions, as well as 24 years of service to JACL. He was active in education, desegregation and civil rights groups, including Coalition for Quality Integrated Education, Seattle Public Schools Bilingual Advisory Commission, Urban League and the Seattle Human Rights Commission. As Seattle JACL chapter president in 1970, he laid the foundation for the issue-oriented activities of the chapter.

In 1972, he served as Pacific Northwest District JACL vice governor. In that position, he was instrumental in obtaining federal civil service retirement credit for Japanese Americans interned during WW2, and was active in affirmative action training programs. His JACL awards include the national sapphire pin, silver pin and president's pin.

Kazama's concerns about the elderly population led to his active participation as a member of the National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee until his illness in early July.

He served as chair of the Nisei Aging Project Community Advisory and Resource Committee, and was involved in city, county, state and national boards dealing with the concerns of the aging. Last year, Kazama was honored as Senior Citizen of the Year by Senior Services of Washington, a coalition of senior-citizen groups.

Born in Donald, Wash., in 1913, Kazama graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma and received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Washington in 1936. During WW2, he served as a medic in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

He joined the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital after receiving his master's degree in social work, also from the University of Washington, in 1950. He was the assistant chief of the hospital's outpatient services when he retired in 1976.

Surviving are his wife Sally, daughters Nancy and Patrice, sons Larry and Alan, and sister Ruth, all of Seattle.

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Consul General Salutes Issei

CULVER CITY, Calif.—Japanese Consul General Taizo Watanabe, speaking at the Sept. 28 Sawtelle-Santa Monica luncheon reunion at the Pacifica Hotel, paid tribute to Issei pioneers for paving the way toward development and prosperity of the JA community,

despite the painful experiences of WW2.

Many in Japan, said Watanabe in his address to the crowd of about 300, can learn from the experiences and achievements of the Issei and Nisei. The people in Japan live in a homogenous society, he added, whereas the Issei and Nisei have learned to live within the diversity of the United States and are contributing their own Japanese cultural heritage.

Mary Lee Gray, senior deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Dean Dana, presented commendations to 30 pioneers over the age of 80. Katsuko Nakamura, who has resided in Sawtelle (now known as West L.A.) since 1927, responded for the honorees.

Approximately 200 slides prepared by Joe Nagano on the history of Sawtelle and Santa Monica were screened. Toy Kanegai and Bob Hayamizu co-chaired the reunion. George Kanegai and Sachii Nakata Ota shared emcee duties.

Attn: Chicagoans

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NAKASONE REMARK: PROTESTS FROM BLACKS, HISPANICS CONTINUE

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changes, educational programs, partnerships between Black institutions of higher education and Japanese universities."

Some members of the Asian American community in New York were equally critical of the prime minister.

"Whether intentional or not, Prime Minister Nakasone's remarks will objectively serve to drive a wedge between our communities and Black and Hispanic Americans," said 61st Assembly District State Democratic Committee member Margaret Chin on Sept. 26.

"At a time when racially motivated violence against Asian Americans has sharply increased in recent years, we need unifying efforts, not insensitive remarks... It will be Asian Americans in this country who will end up paying the price for any misunderstanding that results."

Harlem activist Yuri Kochiyama expressed shock at the "blatant racism" of Nakasone's remark and City College physics professor Michio Kaku called Nakasone "the Ronald Reagan of Asia."

'Racial Remarks'

At a Sept. 29 press conference in San Francisco, Yoichi Shimatsu of Japan Pacific Resource Network said, "Our organization has gotten reports from all over the Bay Area of increased racial remarks between ethnic groups and Japanese."

"As a Japanese American," he added, "based on our own past experiences, I would hate to see the situation degenerate into racial epithets, trade wars and hostilities. I think that's the danger in this situation."

Rev. Izuru Aratani of Pine United charged that Japanese companies doing business in this country compound anti-Japanese feelings by showing "reluctance to accept American unions or to assume any social responsibility, especially toward the disadvantaged of this society... Few if any Japanese firms have put into place affirmative action plans in hiring and promotion."

Aratani also said the Nakasone government has failed to address the problem of discrimination against Koreans and other minorities in Japan.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, the United Methodist Church's Commission on Religion and Race issued a statement on Sept. 29 con-

demning Nakasone's remarks and hoping that he "will develop... a sense of global community where many ethnic groups contribute to the total human society."

Rev. Donald Hayashi of San Francisco, a member of the commission, commented, "Running a statement through his press secretary is not enough. He must make a direct, personal apology."

Visible signs of animosity toward Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans resulting from the controversy include a letter in the Oct. 4 Los Angeles Times from Leticia Rocha Dolan of Anaheim, who wrote: "People like myself aren't going to be able to look at an Oriental in the eye anymore without feeling hatred toward them."

'Deport Them to Japan'

A letter received by Pacific Citizen on Oct. 6, apparently from a Latino subscriber, read: "Please cancel my subscription. Nakasone did it 35 years ago I was stationed in Japan. Then, you people were humble and nice. Now you are a bunch of arrogant monopolist... They should round up all Japanese, not American born and deport them back to Japan. I don't want to buy or patronize anything Japanese. Cultural or otherwise."

An act of vandalism committed Sept. 27 at Evergreen Cemetery in East Los Angeles, which contains a large number of Japa-

nese American graves, was at first linked to the Nakasone controversy by the ethnic press. Cemetery employee Grace Kimura emphatically denied any such connection, however.

'Random Basis'

The damaging of headstones was done on "a random basis," she told Pacific Citizen, noting that only half of the affected graves were those of Japanese Americans. Two other local cemeteries, one Catholic and the

other Jewish, have also been vandalized in recent weeks, she added.

The statement that touched off the furor was made Sept. 22 before members of Nakasone's Liberal Democratic Party in Shizuoka. The comment drew criticism from members of Congress, the U.S. media, and minority community leaders. Nakasone issued a formal apology, relayed by Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga, on Sept. 26.



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