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## JACL Board Names Chairs of Committees

SAN FRANCISCO — Committee chairs and presidential appointees were announced by National President Harry Kajihara and approved by the JACL National Board at its Oct. 10-12 meeting at the organization's headquarters.

The new chairs for the 1986-88 biennium, as well as the national officers they were appointed by and will answer to, are as follows:

### General Operations Yosh Nakashima, VP

Personnel: Yosh Nakashima, San Francisco.

Japanese American of the Biennium: Don Ito, Sonoma County.

Awards and Recognition: Lily Okura, Washington, D.C.

Resolutions: Lillian Kimura, New York.

Nominations: Teresa Maebori, Philadelphia.

Credentials: Ron Yoshino, Chicago.

National Convention: Ben Nakagawa and Tomio Moriguchi, Seattle.

### Public Affairs Cherry Kinoshita, VP

Redress (JACL): Cherry Kinoshita, Seattle.

Ethnic Concerns: Mako Nakagawa, Seattle.

—Anti-Asian Violence Subcommittee: Floyd Shimomura, Sacramento.

Atomic Bomb Survivors: Ken Nakano, Seattle; Jim Tsujimura, Portland.

Employment Practices: Betty Waki, Houston.

### Planning and Development Bill Marutani, VP

National Scholarship: Fae Minabe, New York.

Aging and Retirement: Patrick Okura, Washington, D.C.; Ford Kuramoto, Pan Asian.

Women's Concerns: Chizu Iiyama, Contra Costa; Alice Nakahata, Marin.

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Photo by Sachi Yamamoto

Representatives of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Asian Pacific American Coalition and East Wind magazine took part in a march and rally against apartheid on Oct. 11 in the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles. The event, which included speeches by Mayor Tom Bradley and Rev. Jesse Jackson, was sponsored by the Los Angeles Free South Africa Movement.

## S.F. Meeting

## LEC Weighs Prospects for Redress in '87

Although sanctions against South Africa and the impeachment hearing of imprisoned federal Judge Harry E. Claiborne were just two of the agenda items that prevented HR 442 from moving to mark-up by the House Judiciary Committee prior to the close of the 99th Congress, redress supporters must not lose heart.

That was the message delivered this past weekend to the LEC Board in San Francisco by the committee's Executive Director Grayce Uyehara and Pro-Tem Chair Grant Ujifusa.

Both LEC leaders were quick to point out the possible factors that may create a warmer reception for the redress bill when the 100th Congress convenes in January. But, citing the need for more grassroots support, Uyehara and Ujifusa also acknowledged the factors in Washington, D.C. that are working against redress.

The "good news" and "bad news," as Ujifusa described them, are listed below:

### The Good News

- Rep. Jim Wright (D-Texas), prime sponsor for HR 442 in the 99th Congress, is likely to succeed retiring Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (D-Mass.) as speaker of the house.

- HR 442 co-sponsor Rep. Thomas Foley (D-Wash.) is likely to be the next majority leader when Congress resumes. There is a good chance that he

will be asked to be the next prime sponsor for the bill.

- Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), chairman of the House judiciary subcommittee, reportedly has promised Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) that he will have the bill out of the full Judiciary Committee by the Easter break.

- There is a 50-50 chance that the U.S. Senate may be majority Democrat after the November election. If that happens, the chairmanship of the Governmental Affairs Committee will probably go to Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), who could be more supportive of the redress bill than former chairman Sen. William Roth (R-Del.). That would open the possibility of the bill getting through the Senate faster than through the House.

- Ed Rollins, campaign manager of the 1984 Reagan-Bush ticket, has met with Uyehara and Ujifusa, who reported Rollins as being "supportive and sympathetic." Rollins has agreed to work pro bono in support of redress, albeit limitedly, with the White House.

### The Bad News

- Redress supporters are looking at a possible loss of at least 12 co-sponsors when Congress reconvenes due to retirement, death and decisions by some representatives to run for other offices.

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## Veto of Calif. Bilingual Ed Bill Assailed

SACRAMENTO — Proponents of bilingual education condemned Gov. George Deukmejian's veto Oct. 1 of a bill extending the bilingual education law beyond its expiration date next June.

Sponsored by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco), the bill would have extended California's bilingual education law until 1992. The current law requires schools to devise a bilingual education program in classes with 10 or more students from any one language group who have limited English-speaking ability.

### Compromise Measure

Proponents of the bill said that the veto destroyed the fragile compromise between critics and supporters of bilingual education. The legislation would have given school districts more flexibility in determining the best way to teach non-English-speaking students.

"I was disappointed on the bilingual veto because we've been fighting for these reforms in the program for a long time," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig.

Shelley Spiegel-Coleman, president of the California Association for Bilingual Education, accused Deukmejian of bowing to the demands of conservative Republicans in the Legislature who want to eliminate the bilingual education requirement altogether.

### 'Irony' Decision

She said it was "ironic" that the governor, who has opposed Proposition 63, the initiative that would make English the state's official language, would turn around and veto the bilingual bill for "political reasons." Under the bilingual programs, "Students do learn English. That is the goal of the program," she said.

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## New 'Nisei Soldier' Documentary in the Works

by J.K. Yamamoto

For the past two years, San Francisco-based filmmaker Loni Ding has been obsessed with a monumental task: making a documentary that captures the varied and complex experiences of Nisei who served in the military during WW2.

Her previous film, "Nisei Soldier," dealt exclusively with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which distinguished itself in Europe. Ding hopes this time to give equal attention to the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Nisei who served as translators in the Pacific, those who chose not to serve because of the internment of their families, and those who were living in Japan and were drafted by the Japanese military.

While in Hawaii last November, Ding interviewed 442nd veteran Ernie Uno, whose family demonstrated the breadth of the Nisei wartime experience: two brothers served in MIS, and one was a Domei news correspondent with the Japanese army.

Uno recalled the bitter experience of returning to the U.S. and visiting his parents, who were interned in Crystal City, Texas. He was forced to see them in a visiting area rather than their quarters, the visit was limited to one hour, and an armed guard was present at all times. "I should have been angry, but darned loyal American that I was, I took that s---," Ding quoted him as saying.

A similar irony was noted by MIS veteran Kazuo Yamane, who



Loni Ding

was initially sent to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin with the 100th Battalion. Two of his friends in the battalion found that their fathers, who had been picked up and

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## Min Yasui Progress Report

The ailing Min Yasui is doing "much better," according to Bob Sakaguchi of Mile-Hi Chapter, who provided the JACL and Legislative Education Committee (LEC) national boards with an update on Yasui's progress at their Oct. 10-12 meeting in San Francisco.

Yasui, who for reasons of health resigned Aug. 30 from his position as JACL-LEC chair, underwent cancer surgery in early September and just recently began a series of chemotherapy treatments which is expected to continue for at least a year, said Sakaguchi.

Those treatments were at first withheld following surgery due to Yasui's weakened condition and loss of weight. Sakaguchi said, however, that Yasui is slowly regaining his strength and even attended the Sept. 29 Minoru Yasui Community Awards banquet in Denver.

Sakaguchi also reported that, according to Yasui's wife True, "Min is now going for short walks and enjoying the fall weather."





**450 Titles****Bibliography of Books on JAs Released**

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese American Library has just released its annual publication, *Books-in-Print: Japanese in the Americas, in English, 1986*.

The publication contains an annotated bibliography of 450 currently available books—349 on Japanese Americans, 70 on Asian Americans and 31 on other ethnic groups with sections on Japanese Americans. Subjects covered range from literature, biographies and social sciences to cooking and organizational histories.

For reference purposes, subject and geographical indexes and a listing of books for children are attached, as is a glossary of Japanese American terms frequently used in the books. Also listed are 20 vernacular newspapers—13 Japanese American, two Japanese Canadian, and five Asian American.

Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Japanese American heritage, the library has collected all published works pertaining to Japanese Americans.

*Books-in-Print* is available for \$6. To order, write to Japanese American Library, P.O. Box 50098, San Francisco, CA 94159, or call (415) 567-5006.



Photo by Lynn Sakamoto-Chung

Bob Sakaguchi, seated, president of Mile-Hi Chapter, and Paul Shinkawa, right, governor of Mountain Plains District, present a personal computer to JACL National Headquarters on behalf of MPD during the Oct. 10-12 board meeting in San Francisco. Accepting the computer are, from left, National Board officers Mary Nishimoto, vice president of membership; Harry Kajihara, president; and Alan Nishi, secretary-treasurer. The presentation was made, according to Sakaguchi, "to help the national organization get automated with respect to membership." JACL also received pledges from the seven other districts for the purchase of a printer and software.

**Jewish Community Group Urges Passage of Bills**

SAN FRANCISCO—The Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties has endorsed redress for Japanese Americans interned during WW2 and has informed Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) of its decision.

The council, which represents 50 Jewish organizations and synagogues, urged Rodino, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, to consider redress bill

H.R. 442 as soon as possible.

In a Sept. 15 letter to Rodino, JCRC chair Tanette Goldberg wrote, "We strongly support this legislation and hope for favorable action on it. As a community, we have known discrimination and injustice. We know too that injustice and discrimination

know no bounds and are not limited to any one minority group. Justice for one means justice for all."

The Jewish Community Relations Councils of Oakland, San Diego County, Seattle, Philadelphia, and southern New Jersey have also endorsed redress.

**Buenos Aires Site of Next PANA Event**

MEXICO CITY — "Integration and Projection" of Nikkei in the Americas was announced as the theme of the fourth Pan American Nikkei Assn. (PANA) convention, to be held in Buenos Aires July 23-27, 1987, with Centro Nikkei Argentino as hosts.

PANA executives met informally during the International Nikkei Sports Festival on Aug. 9 to hear Malio Sakata of Buenos Aires give a report on preparations.

The Hotel Sheraton is the convention site. The convention package for U.S. delegates offers four nights of lodging, meals and special events. Rates will be announced.

Papers on the theme or for workshops on nuclear medicine, Nikkei means of communication, Japanese culture in the Americas, socio-economic projects or Nikkei youth are being accepted until May 30 by Centro Nikkei Argentino, Avenida Corrientes 2330 Piso 11, Of. 1110, Buenos Aires, Argentina (phone: 48-6305).

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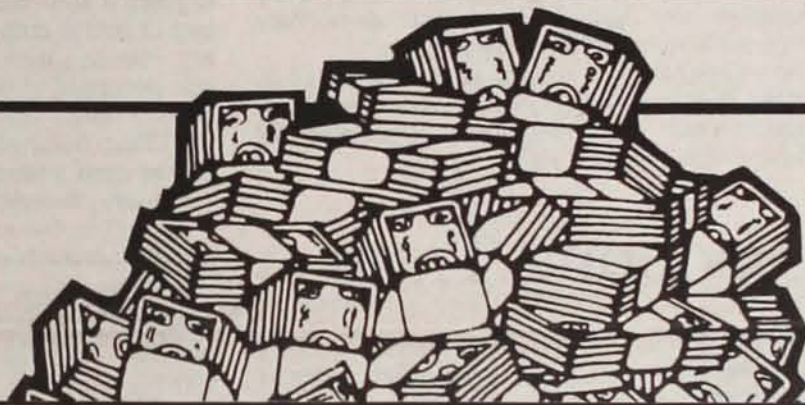
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## Broadening Our Scope

by Lynn  
Sakamoto-  
Chung



It's been eight weeks and eight issues since I joined the PC and, to date, it has been an intensive learning experience for me:

It has been a time for listening to what you, the readers, want. It has been a time for taking that much-appreciated input and using it to define PC goals and objectives. It has been a time for implementing changes that will help us to better fulfill your needs.

Specifically, we are striving to make the PC the news source for stories that directly affect Japanese Americans. At the same time, however, we cannot fulfill that responsibility by limiting our coverage to just Japanese Americans. Too often, what affects one minority group, particularly an Asian group, directly affects other Asians. An all-too-true example of this undistinguishing racism is the case of Vincent Chin, whose 1982 murder was the result of anti-Japanese feelings of an unemployed Detroit auto worker.

It must be made clear that we as Japanese Americans, by limiting our concerns to ourselves, are doing nothing to ensure our own civil rights. We must be willing to take up another's cause, if only to protect our own right to a culture other than White American.

It is for that reason that the PC has taken a firm stand in opposition to Proposition 63, the "English Only" initiative on the California ballot.

Arguments against the proposed legislation, which would make English the official language of California, have been repeated almost weekly in PC stories and columns: Proposition 63 could serve as a basis for eliminating government services to new immigrants; it contains no protection for bilingual services for education or public safety; it denies constitutional rights to non-English-speaking individuals. The bottom line is, Proposition 63 is racist in both content and intent. The bottom line is, Japanese Americans living in and out of California should be front-liners in the fight against such a blatant attack on the civil rights of ethnic America.

It has been just a little more than 40 years since language constraints were placed on Japanese Americans interned behind barbed-wire fences during WW2.

That action, taken by educated legislators, is really no different than that proposed today by advocates of Proposition 63. Both have their basis in fear and ignorance. Both are weapons of an elite-minded and racist movement that has no tolerance for the cornerstones of American democracy, as they were meant.

It is up to us to ensure that future generations can experience that democracy in practice, not just as a memory.

## A Looooong Time

ONE THING  
LEADS  
TO ANOTHER

Bob  
Shimabukuro



Just before I left Portland two years ago, I was over at Sho's Mobil Station, settling an account with the proprietor who had taken care of my vehicles, despite the fact that I had never paid my bills very regularly. He was very competent and he never bothered me about paying my bills. Who could complain about a situation like that?

I was closing out my shop, and had just sold my table saw so I felt obligated to settle my account with Sho. As I handed him the check, I told him that I was selling my tools, settling accounts and leaving town to work on the Pacific Citizen.

"Really?" he commented. "My sister works there."

"Well, what do you know," I replied matter of factly, having been jaded by so many coincidences and connections in my life already. "How long has she worked there?"

"I don't know," he said. "A long time."

Sho's daughter, a college student, joined us, answering more emphatically. "Aunt Jane? A loooooong time," she said. "As long as I can remember."

At which point, Sho piped in, "Even before you were born."

Now to someone as restless as myself, five years on the job anywhere is loooooong. So someone who had been at a job for her niece's lifetime seemed somewhat remarkable.

Remember: All articles and letters to the editor should be typed or computer printed, double-spaced.



## When the Okusan's Away

EAST  
WIND

Bill  
Marutani



THIS AFTERNOON I stopped by the supermarket to pick up a few items of nourishment. You see, it's been three days since the frau left to house-sit for our daughter who, in turn, left for a weeklong vacation. It doesn't take me long to shop: a jar of half-sour pickles, bag of potato chips, some crackers, cheese spread and caviar. I was surprised at the total when I went through the cash register line. That caviar wasn't sturgeon; it was dyed whitefish eggs. Still expensive, though, and since the wife isn't in the habit of getting the stuff, this was my chance.

THE COLD RICE that was left over and kept in the refrig, was just about out. That *chazuke-nori* concoction, which every respectable Nikkei home has, got a good workout from day one. Also, the lady of the house had thoughtfully left some *shiozuke-nappa* in a plastic lock-tite bag. When I got the *nappa* out, I wasn't sure whether I was supposed to rinse it out in clear water or just squeeze it a bit before slicing. Figuring that rins-

ing would only wash away all that flavor, I gave the bundle a little squeeze and sliced it up.

The next time, I'll rinse it. It was a bit *shio-karai*. Especially when slurped down with *chazuke-nori* rice.

I'LL SAY THIS: the kitchen sink is impeccably clean. No soiled dishes, silverware, or any such sloppiness. No ma'am. Whenever I use a spoon to stir a cup of coffee, why I simply rinse the spoon under the tap and put it back in the rack to dry. Saves a lot of time, washing and water. That one spoon is going to last me for the whole week, for once the frau gets back, it's back to the wasteful practice of putting perfectly clean spoons into the dishwasher.

(Don't laugh, lady. You should see what your spouse does when you're away.)

ONE OF THE biggest problems, as you men all know, is that when the wife is away, everything in the house is misplaced, hidden or removed. Can't find a thing, even though I know it's there—someplace. After looking for an item where it's supposed to be, or where I think it might be, or even where it shouldn't be, it ain't there. So I make a mental note to confront the frau as soon as she gets back on where in the dickens she stashes such-and-such.

My list is getting so long that

I've forgotten the items that top the list.

NOTES, EVERYWHERE notes. "Don't forget to drink up the orange juice" is one. Others explain how not to dump trash into the trash can to prevent dislodging the plastic liner; the day of the week on which the trash must be put out on the curb; how many cups of dog food each dog gets; and that the big dog gets two vitamin tablets to keep him healthy. (If that thing gets any healthier, I'll find out why and patent the secret.)

And, of course, there's a final note on the door which one cannot escape seeing as one leaves for the world outside. Unlike the other notes, this one is a question: "Is everything turned off?"

WHEN THE FOOD supply runs low at home, I suspect I'll be visiting one of those fast-food joints for a taco, fish sandwich or such. I'm not going to a restaurant to sit through a long program alone. Rather, I'll go to a drive-in and get it over quick. Anyway, junk food isn't all that bad. If I stayed home, that's what I'd feed myself anyway.

WELL, IN JUST a few more days we'll get back to good home cookin'. But after that, in about a week, she takes off again, this time for California to visit another daughter in El-Ay.

Oh, well.

## Where Did the Problem Lie?

by Yosh Nakashima

When my articles are printed in the PC as "By the Board" columns, there are some who assume that I am speaking for the National Board. I have never implied or stated that any of my comments come from the National Board. It would be foolish for me to do so. But when one holds an office with National JACL, the PC prints our articles under that title.

I have to comment on the article in the Oct. 3 PC entitled "My Side of the Story." The major problem with the election process in Chicago occurred within one district council. There may have been many in other districts who did not entirely understand the rules, or felt that they did not receive enough advice or direction, but only in one district did a concern arise within the delegation. There was no perceived abuse of the process within any other district, so was there a general lack of understanding? I don't have the answer to that question.

It has been stated that I had four proxies and exercised them in Chicago. That is incorrect. I had a temporary proxy for the Oakland Chapter, whose delegate was able to attend. In order to ensure compliance with the three-proxy limit, I had the necessary paperwork to transfer the Oakland proxy to an-

other district delegate if the Oakland delegate could not attend.

When the National Convention opened, no one had more than three proxies, according to the official records of the Credentials Committee. There was no need to make any statement, or to raise any concerns for those reasons, in that no one was in violation until July 24.

Proxy transfer rules were part of the Convention Rules of Procedure adopted by the National Council on July 22. Those rules were clear, but the convention

parliamentarian overruled those rules by his interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws, which took precedent. He was doing his duty and we abided by his ruling.

There was no deliberate rule changing or manipulation by me or anyone else as has been alleged. Our national staff did not take sides with candidates, but did endeavor to answer appropriate questions from delegates.

Paul Igasaki was requested to give his legal opinion based on his research of the Rules of Procedure

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# Letters to the Editor

## Central Cal Clarification

In reading over the Sept. 26 PC article "JACL Election Spawns Controversy," I feel the necessity to make my position clear with the hope that this misunderstanding among chapters, delegates, proxies, national officers and JACL members everywhere can be cleared up.

Of the chapters present at the CCDC meeting of July 9 (Selma, Reedley, Fresno, Sanger, Clovis, and Tulare County), all voted in favor of bloc voting and in favor of Harry Kajihara, except Maude Ishida of Tulare County, who abstained.

According to the CCDC minutes for that meeting, Parlier, Delano and Fowler were absent. (I was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting.) We understand that these three chapters subsequently agreed to support the CCDC action in regard to bloc voting and Kajihara's candidacy.

There is no constitutional problem with bloc voting. It has been practiced in past elections and will be practiced in future elections, to a greater or lesser degree, by all district councils or groups of chapters. Practical politics dictate this method of voting, especially for smaller district councils.

There has been and will continue to be horse-trading. There will always be conflicts between candidates for office, conservatives and liberals, realists and idealists, rural and urban interests, protectionists and free-traders—all striving to protect and enhance their respective positions. This is the reality of life, not only in JACL but in the greater world of society in general.

If a district council cannot enforce a bloc vote dictated by a majority decision of its member chapters, the chapters favoring a bloc vote can instruct their delegates or proxies to vote the chapters' wishes as expressed at a district meeting held subsequent to any chapter decision that may have been made to give delegates or proxies carte blanche to vote as their judgments dictate.

The two votes in question, those of Reedley and Selma, were transferred to Gov. Peggy Liggett with specific instructions to vote for Kajihara, as voted by these two chapters at the CCDC meeting.

Whoever the proxy was, he or she was bound to follow the wishes of the chapter granting the proxy, unless specifically told to use his or her judgment and discretion. No such discretion was granted by either the Selma or Reedley chapter. Both voted to uphold the CCDC decisions of July 9. There was never any question—or there should have been no question—that these two proxy votes would go to Kajihara.

Both the Clovis and Fresno chapters, through their official representatives at the CCDC meeting, voted to support the CCDC decisions. Any discretion

given to their delegates at a prior chapter meeting was superseded by the chapter decisions at the district meeting. It was the duty of the chapter representatives at the meeting to advise delegates to the National Convention of the district's decision. There may have been a regrettable lack of communication in these cases.

It is regrettable that self-appointed judges chose to criticize unfairly the actions of Central California delegates and proxies, and that these criticisms were made without an objective investigation and understanding of the background.

I have the greatest respect for the integrity of all CCDC delegates and proxies. Any misunderstandings were honest, and any actions pursued were the result of honest convictions. Each, according to his understanding and sincere conviction, believed that chapter decisions were being enforced.

FRED HIRASUNA  
Fresno

## In Search of Kawakita

About 23 years ago, I was a prisoner on Alcatraz. During my time there, I met a fellow named Tomoya Kawakita, who was serving time for the crime of treason.

He was a U.S. citizen who was in Japan at the time hostilities erupted. Apparently he was a guard in one of their prison camps. Years later, he was recognized while living in Los Angeles, was arrested and convicted. Eventually he wound up on Alcatraz. We became friends when he undertook to teach me Spanish.

Thirty years after my conviction, I have decided to write a book about my criminal career and the time on the Rock. I want to write about Tomoya, but I do not want to do this without his approval. I do not want to cause him any embarrassment or harm.

I would be grateful if someone who knows Tomoya might be able to tell me how I could write to him.

NATE WILLIAMS  
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Seattle, WA 98117

Kawakita, who was born in Calexico, Calif., was found guilty of brutality against U.S. servicemen, a charge he denied, by a federal court in 1948. He was originally sentenced to death, but President Eisenhower commuted the sentence to life imprisonment and President Kennedy allowed him to be freed and deported to Japan on the condition that he never return to the United States. He was living in Shizuoka City as of 1978.

—Ed.



Photo by Stone Ishimaru

Recipients of the Asian Business Association's ninth annual awards, co-sponsored by the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association, are, from left, Takashi "Tak" Shida, Asian American Architect of the Year; Frank H. Watase, co-chairman, Yum Yum Donuts Inc., Business Owner of the Year; and George Takei, actor, Lifetime Achievement Award. The awards were presented Oct. 3 during the joint ABA/AAAE "Spirit of Unity" banquet at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles.

## More Interracial Conflict Feared After Shooting

OAKLAND — An Oakland man was killed and his accomplice arrested after they allegedly tried to hold a Southeast Asian refugee family captive during a robbery attempt.

A member of Oakland's Violence Against Asians Task Force said he is concerned about increasing Asian-Black hostilities as a result of the death.

Michael Raymond Markham, 21, collapsed and died on a Foothill Boulevard sidewalk Oct. 1 after being shot in the chest. The father of the family fired the fatal shot moments after Markham and a 14-year-old boy, both of whom were Black, forced their way into the family's apartment, according to Sgt. Bob Conner of the Oakland Police Department's homicide division.

The police declined to identify the family except to say that they were Southeast Asians who do not speak much English.

Markham, armed with what turned out to be a starter's pistol, threatened to shoot the family unless they turned over their valuables, police said. As his family was being herded together by the intruders, the 52-year-old father ran into a bedroom and grabbed a pistol.

Markham was shot, but the accomplice fled and later showed up at police headquarters with his mother and surrendered. He was held in Juvenile Hall on charges of attempted robbery.

Grant Din, a member of Oakland's Violence Against Asians Task Force, told the San Francisco Chronicle that he is concerned

about increased violence between Asians and Blacks.

Many refugees, he said, "are from rural areas and are not used to locking up. Also, because they are new [arrivals], they are often the target because they don't speak the language."

Conner said the gun that killed Markham was legally registered to the father, who told police through an interpreter that he bought the weapon for protection. The sergeant said it was unlikely that charges would be lodged against the father.

## For the Record

The Sept. 26 article on the Vincent Chin case failed to identify Elaine Prout as the president of Detroit JACL.

## ELECTION CONTROVERSY

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and the current Constitution and Bylaws. We did not put words in his mouth or request a specific answer. We did state that he must give us an objective review and that we would accept and abide by his legal opinion, whatever it might be.

I cannot believe that someone of Paul Igasaki's stature and credibility would be party to an orchestrated response to any request, no matter who it might come from. I believe he is due an apology from those who imply that he would conspire to favor a candidate.

There is no doubt that we must correct some perceived shortcomings

of the information process to chapter leaders and delegates. But if our process was seriously flawed, why did the problem occur only within one district? If there was major misinformation or lack of information, why then did we not have wholesale "problems"? The information was sent out starting in February 1986 and repeated twice before the convention. The communication link has flaws, but it is difficult to determine where the weak link is. If anyone has an answer, please send it to the new Credentials Committee chairperson care of National JACL.

It is unfortunate that so much time and energy has been spent on this issue. I thought there were more important matters to discuss and deliberate than what is now history and not changeable.

We have been told that there must be a moving ahead with renewed energy, planning and cooperative effort. We are willing, if others are, but reserve final decision depending on what may transpire in the months ahead. Cooperation and teamwork can work if there is mutual respect and an open mind to look at all aspects of an issue, but they will not work if there is continued distrust.

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## Community Calendar

Oct. 18 - Nov. 1

## SEBASTOPOL

Oct. 25 7 p.m. Enmanji Jr. Young Buddhist Association will hold its first movie fundraiser at the Enmanji hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. South. "Kurashio No Uta," an action drama, and "Natsufuku no Eve," a romantic drama, will be presented. Refreshments will be available.

## LOS ANGELES

Oct. 25 8 p.m. Hirokazu Kosaka, performance artist and painter, in collaboration with choreographer Sylvia Morales and musical arranger Philip Boroff, performs "Prudence and Folly" and "Soleares" at the Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St. The performance pieces are part of a program of collaborative works, "Ancient Altars, New Forms."

Oct. 25 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The 15th annual Little Tokyo Community Health Fair will be held at Union Church, 401 E. 3rd St. Blood pressure, oral, vision and podiatry checks will be offered, along with flu vaccinations, EKG exams, and health counseling. Info: Little Tokyo Service Center, 680-3729.

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 8 p.m. Critically acclaimed Asian American jazz band Hiroshima will appear at the Japan America Theater. Tickets: \$16 and \$14. Info: (213) 680-3700.

Oct. 28 6 p.m., cocktails 7 p.m., panel Asian Business League presents a panel on "Opportunities in Real Estate Development" at the New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Reservations must be postmarked by Oct. 22. Info: Lydia Shen, (213) 227-1400.

Oct. 26 5-9 p.m. The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California will honor pioneer families of Los Angeles' Chinatown at a nine-course dinner at Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway. Proceeds will go to the Chinese American Museum. Cost: \$25. Reservations necessary. Info: Kipham Kan, (213) 839-9233; Suellen Kwok, (213) 828-6911; Ella Quan, (213) 291-5388.

## NEW YORK

Thru Oct. 26 Universal Jazz Coalition is hosting the annual Asian American Jazz & Cultural Festival, produced by Nobuko Cobi Narita, at the Jazz Center of New York, 380 Lafayette St., Third Floor. Asian American jazz musicians Jason Hwang, Kuni Mikami and Fred Houn, poet Kimiko Hahn and dancer Kao Temma are among the many members of the community coordinating this year's festival, which includes four "culture nights" featuring performance artists in dance, theater, poetry. Admission: "Culture nights," Mon.-Thur., \$5 per show; Jazz nights, Fri.-Sun., \$10 per show. Passes for "culture nights," \$21; jazz nights, \$21. Info: UJC, (212) 505-5660.

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Membership, Services, 1000 Club Mary Nishimoto, VP

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Committee on Development of Diversified Funding Base: Harry Kajihara, Ventura County.

## 'No on 63' Fund-raiser Planned

SAN DIEGO—A fund-raiser for Californians United Against Proposition 63 will be held Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Fat City Restaurant, 2137 Pacific Highway.

The "happy hour," hosted by Assemblyman Peter Chacon and County Supervisor Susan Golding, is being sponsored by numerous community groups, including San Diego JACL, ACLU, Chicano Federation, Filipino Lawyers Association and San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

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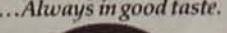
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"Without the strong support of the Japanese American Citizens League," said garden director Dr. Peter H. Raven, "our annual Japanese Festival, especially this year's festival, would not be nearly as successful as it was."

JACL helped the Missouri Botanical Garden draw a record 70,834 visitors to this year's festival, as compared to last year's total of 59,327 visitors. A one-day festival attendance record was set Aug. 31 when 13,058 people visited the garden.

# Credit Union Offers New Interest Rates

CHICAGO — New interest rates for new automobiles and passbook-secured loans were announced at the September board meeting of the JACL Federal Credit Union.

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# Reunions

SACRAMENTO — Over 400 past and present Japanese residents of Florin participated in a four-day reunion Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 at locations throughout the city.

Activities included a mixer, memorial service, picnic, golf tournament, trip to Reno and banquet.

Chairpersons for the reunion were Alfred Tsukamoto and George Furukawa.

SALINAS — More than 400 former internees of Poston II, Block 213, and local residents who were held in the Salinas Assembly Center took part in a reunion Aug. 30 at the Toro Regional Park.

Participants came from all over the United States and Japan.

# Joint Program

TACOMA, Wash.—The Olympia, Puyallup Valley, Lake Washington and White River JACL chapters will sponsor a Reno Night Oct. 18, noon to midnight, at Heritage Inn Motel, 680 S. Sprague (phone: 475-5900). The event is a fund raiser for the Pacific Northwest District Council.

# Chapter Pulse

## EAST LOS ANGELES

- Chapter will host a Sayonara party for Pacific Citizen receptionist Jane Ozawa Oct. 19, 4 p.m., at the Golden Shark Restaurant in Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo, in Los Angeles. Cost: \$15. Info: Mabel, (213) 263-8469; Michi, 256-8551.

## FLORIN

- Annual fall dance will take place Oct. 25 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Florin YBA Hall. Music will be provided by the Swingtones. Public is invited. Admission: \$7. Info: (616) 635-2815.

## MILE-HI

- A 100-photo exhibit of Japanese American history from the planned Smithsonian Institution U.S. Constitution Bicentennial exhibit in 1987 will be on display Nov. 1-23 on the second level of Sakura Square, 19th and Lawrence in downtown Denver. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; Noon-6 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

## PLACER COUNTY

- Tom Nakashima, afternoon radio announcer on K108-FM in Sacramento, will speak at the chapter's 46th annual Goodwill Dinner Oct. 25 at the Placer Buddhist Church, 3192 Boyington Road, Penryn. The three oldest Placer County Issei, Charles Choichi Nitta, 99, Schoichi Hada, 98, and Kaneichi Mihara, 96, will be honored. No-host social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets: \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door. Info: Roy Yoshida, (916) 652-6367.

## SAN DIEGO

- "Aging Issues in the San Diego Nikkei Community," the first in a series of forums concerning the Japanese American community, will be held Oct. 28, 6 p.m., at Kiku Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. The panel of Dr. Harry Hashimoto, Elsie Hashimoto, Dr. Mitsuo Tomita and Wendy Shigenaga will share information about caring for parents and grandparents with Sansei and Nisei. Cost: \$2. Info: Wendy Shigenaga, 295-7492; Carol Kawamoto, 287-7583.

## STOCKTON

- A free bus trip to the Hyatt/Lake Tahoe in Incline Village Oct. 25 is being sponsored by the chapter. Those traveling with the group will have the opportunities throughout the day for cash bonuses. Buses will depart from Stockton Buddhist Temple at 7:30 a.m. Reservations: Sam Ishihara, 478-6490; Kimi Okubo, 463-7945.

## VENTURA COUNTY

- The chapter's singles group will hold a bowling night Oct. 18, 9 p.m., at Wagon Wheel Bowl, 2801 Wagon Wheel Road, Oxnard. Info: Sue Ann, (805) 488-5479; Guy, (808) 985-7896.

## WASHINGTON D.C.

- "Aki No Ichi," the chapter's autumn festival, will be held Oct. 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Walt Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd., Bethesda, Md. Door prizes, crafts, Japanese Minyo Dancers, sushi, chicken teriyaki, and udon are among the attractions. A drawing for two \$500 cash prizes will be held at 2 p.m. Info: Wendy McColough, (202) 659-8053.

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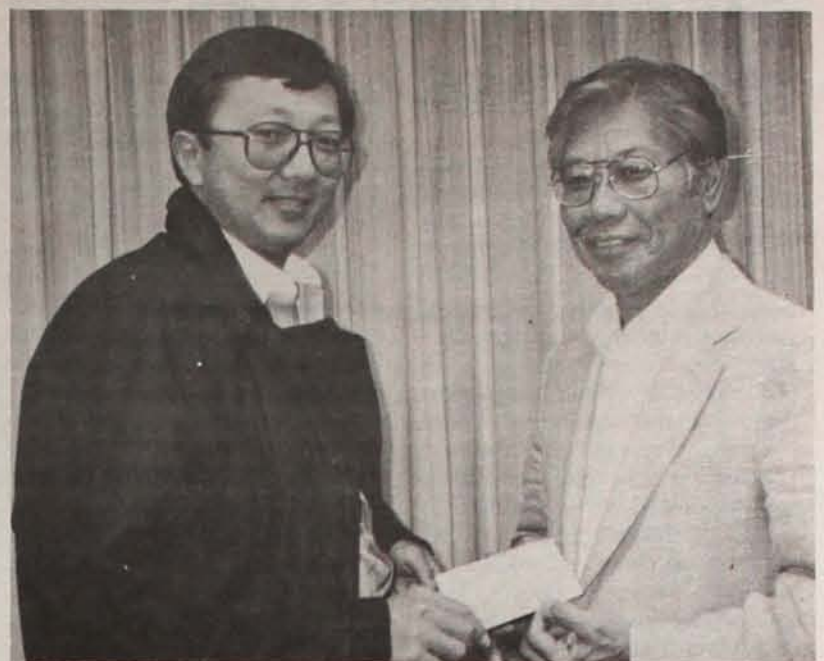


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Cressey Nakagawa, left, president of San Francisco JACL and chair of the June 13 Americans for Fairness/LEC fund-raising dinner, presents proceeds of the dinner to Harry Kajihara, acting LEC fund-raising chair. The fund-raiser was held at Empress of China Restaurant in San Francisco.

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## FOLLOW-UP TO 'NISEI SOLDIER'

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shipped out of Hawaii shortly after Pearl Harbor, were being held at that very camp.

Yamane was subsequently assigned to the Pentagon, then to Europe to read captured documents from Japanese embassies and consulates. He would have done the same after the fall of Berlin, said Ding, "but the Russians wouldn't permit it." Although his superiors planned to use him in the invasion of Japan, Yamane, having accumulated enough points—and wishing to see his sick father—declined.

Two of Ding's subjects served with the famed Merrill's Marauders and were among the first U.S. ground troops to fight on the Asian mainland. Herbert Miyasaki, who interrogated Japanese POWs, utilized his knowledge of Japanese culture to get information but made it a point never to get information by lying to a prisoner. If a POW accused him of being a traitor, he replied, "I am fighting for my country, the United States, as Japan is your country," said Ding.

## 'A Very Cruel Thing'

Interrogation "can sometimes be a very cruel thing when you're dealing with a dying prisoner," she noted. "The Nisei often had to question a man to death... and that is a very difficult thing to do."

Howard Furumoto told Ding of how men were "falling like flies" due to disease during the Marauders' campaign in the jungles and mountains of Burma. An interesting observation he made was that the men continued to press on even after mules and horses used to haul gear would "lie down and die, give up."

In contrast to the 442nd, footage of the MIS men, whose missions were often top secret, is hard to come by. Ding located a few fleeting shots of Furumoto in Burma and asked the cameraman, David Quaid of Massachusetts, for permission to use them. Quaid was at first hesitant, but after Ding sent him a copy of "Nisei Soldier," he told her, "How could I say no to these guys?"

"The good work that the Nisei have done," said Ding, "accumulates a kind of credit... In this project, because it's about them, I go around collecting debts... When people find out it's about them, they go all out."

Ding collected another debt when she visited Japan in January. Shin Matsuo, a senior producer at the NHK network, "spent

a whole day intensively going over catalogs that listed Japanese newsreels," recalled Ding. "There is no way, without [knowing] Japanese, I could've found my way through those newsreels."

Her explanation for this kindness was that Matsuo had done a documentary on the MIS Nisei and received a great deal of help from the veterans when he visited the United States.

In both Hawaii and Japan, she said, much equipment and crew time was donated to the project.

## Nisei in Japan

While in Japan, Ding met a number of Nisei who now make their home there. Harry Fukuhara, an MIS veteran who now serves as a civilian liaison between the U.S. and Japanese military, related to Ding an incident in which a U.S. serviceman pulled a gun on him. "The more I talked to him [in fluent English], the more confused he got," she quoted Fukuhara as saying.

Others had quite different experiences. Shigeo Yamada, an Idaho-born Nisei, was drafted into the Japanese navy and was on a cruiser that was sunk along with the battleship Yamato. Sen Nishiyama, who hails from Utah, worked for the Japanese government during the war, worked for the U.S. government after the war, and is today "one of the most sought-after interpreters in Japan," said Ding.

One of the more unusual stories was that of John Fujii, who was born in Japan but raised in America. While working for a Japanese newspaper in Singapore, he was arrested by the British and imprisoned in India. When asked to help the Allies with propaganda broadcasts, he decided not to after having endured months of confinement with his Japanese cellmates.

Another Tokyo interviewee, Hakubun Nozawa, represented yet another category. A number of Nisei who had been drafted before the war were stationed at Ft. McClellan in Alabama. Some, like Nozawa, refused to continue combat training until they were assured of the security of their family and friends who were in-



Helen Kawagoe, city clerk of Carson, Calif., is presented with a Los Angeles County plaque by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in recognition of her being installed as president of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

turned by the U.S. government.

For that protest, 21 Nisei were court-martialed and sent to Leavenworth. Only in 1982 did the surviving men see their dishonorable discharges overturned. The men were represented by Paul Minerich, the son-in-law of defendant Tim Nomiya.

Ding also hopes to include the story of the Nisei of the 1800th Army Engineer General Service Battalion, who were also dishonorably discharged after protesting the treatment they and their families were receiving.

In addition, Ding interviewed those who had the opportunity to serve but chose not to, among them Frank Emi, now a Los Angeles judo instructor, who was part of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee. The internee resisters refused to submit to the draft unless their constitutional rights were restored. They too served time in Leavenworth.

While many resisters are reluctant to discuss their experiences publicly, observed Ding, those she talked to "feel they have nothing to be ashamed of, and because they stood their ground and took the consequences, there is a quality of strength and confidence."

## REDRESS

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• There is a lack of sufficient grassroots support in letter writing, community organizing, fund raising, and educating of Japanese Americans, as well as non-Japanese Americans, about the internment experience.

• A chief concern, according to Ujifusa, is U.S. Assistant Attorney General Richard Willard of the Justice Department's civil division, whose very conservative positions, particularly on civil rights issues, could prove to be a liability.

## No Concessions Yet

In the meantime, Glen Roberts, an aide to Mineta, will meet with an aide of Glickman's to discuss technical and language changes to prepare the redress bill for introduction in the 100th Congress. Both Uyebara and Ujifusa stated that the changes would be minor and that no monetary concessions will be made at this time.

More grassroots support, added Uyebara, is vital to the success of the redress bills next year. "Constituents who have a congressman or senator who co-sponsored HR 442 or S 1053 this year should be sure to contact them to make sure they sign the new bills when they are introduced in January," she said.

HR 442 will continue in the new Congress with the same number, chosen in honor of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Efforts are under way to change the number of the Senate bill to S 100 in honor of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Even many Nisei vets who once despised the resisters as cowards now admit they have a better understanding of the stand the resisters took, she said.

The film is now "four to five months from finishing," said Ding, who is now editing and trying to find some "finishing money."

She feels that the different stories the film will tell represent "legitimate responses [to the circumstances]—all worthy of being told."

For more information on the film, contact Vox Productions, 2335 Jones St., San Francisco, CA 94133.

## BILINGUAL ED

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Opponents of Proposition 63, many of them representatives of Asian and Hispanic community groups, charge that the measure is intended to eliminate bilingual education and other government services that involve languages other than English.

"What the governor is telling us is, we are going back to the days of 'sink or swim,'" said Los Angeles School Board member Larry Gonzalez. "It's another attack on immigrants. There is a growing conservative wave. The

governor and his aides have fallen in this trap."

He called on school board members across the state to help override the veto.

Emerita Orta-Camilleri, director of San Jose Unified School District's bilingual education program, called the veto "a step back" and warned that "society will pay the price" for it.

San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Ramon Cortines said the governor's action was "a political decision and not an educational decision."

—from reports by Korea Times and San Francisco Chronicle

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