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

New York
Seattle; Jim Tsujimura,
Waki, Houston.

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San Francisco.

Los Angeles.

Sacramento.

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New ‘Nisei Soldier’ Documentary in the Works

by J.K. Yamamoto

For the past two years, San Francisco-based filmmaker Lori 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 WWII.

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 news­cor­r­es­pondent 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 quietly,” Ding quoted him as saying.

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

Min Yasui Progress Report

The ailing Min Yasui is doing “much better,” according to Bob Salgakuchi 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/JACO chair, underwent cancer surgery in early Sep­tember and just recently began a series of treatments which is expected to continue for at least a year, said Salgakuchi.

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. 20 Minoru Yasui Community Awards banquet in Denver.

Salgakuchi also reported that, according to Yasui’s wife Tsubame, “Min is now going for short walks and enjoying the fall weather.”

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.

Supported 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 30 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 bi­lling side, 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.

“Ironic” Decision

She said it was “ironic” that the governor, who has opposed some key provisions in 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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Astronaut Is Remembered in Book, Essay

HONOLULU — The late Ellison Onizuka is being honored in his home state with a newly released biography and an essay contest. The biography, released Oct. 2 by the Onizuka Memorial Committee and United Airlines, is entitled "Ellison S. Onizuka: A Remembrance." Proceeds from the book will fund a $500,000 educational pavilion and museum to be constructed at Keahole Airport in Kona.

Family History

Written by Dennis Ogawa and Glen Grant, the book begins with the arrival of Onizuka's grandparents in Hawaii and ends with the astronaut's death in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28. The first copy of the book was presented to Konawaena Intermediate and High School, Onizuka's alma mater. Student body president Mamie Tawara accepted the book on behalf of the school.

Terusha Shimizu, left, president of Sumitomo Bank of California, presents a check for $2,000 to Bishop Seigem H. Yamada, president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies and head of Buddhist Churches of America. The money will be applied to a permanent fund, income from which will provide annual support for a professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. The presentation was made at Sumitomo's headquarters in San Francisco.

Lorna Onizuka, the astronaut's widow, said, "Ellison always felt an obligation to share his experiences with the children. He wanted to give something back to the community, no matter how busy he was."

Copies of the book may be ordered from Onizuka Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 1927, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745, for $16 each.

Contest for Students

The high school essay contest honoring Onizuka was announced Oct. 2 by Margaret Oda, deputy superintendent of education. The winner and her or his science teacher will win a trip to Houston, sponsored by United Airlines, and receive a tour of NASA facilities.

The contest is open to all public and private high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The essays should say in 250 words or less "What Hawaii's Youth Can Learn from Ellison Onizuka" and be sent to Onizuka Essay Committee, 737 Bishop St., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813. Entries must be postmarked no later than Nov. 12. Winners will be announced in December. Info: Fumiyoshi Migmoto, 27-1086.

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George W. Ushijima, 65, president of Grocers Producers of Oakland, Calif., and president of the Institute of Japanese American Citizen Community, died Aug 1 while jogging along Lake Merritt in Oakland. He was 90.

Hara owned Edwards Clothiers in Oakland for 36 years and was head accountant at Miura Jewelers at the time of his death.

For the past four years, he was organizer and head of the Annual Benefit Koinchi Golf Tournament, which has raised up to $8,000 for the senior service organization. He was also a member of the board of the Alameda County Japanese American Citizens League.

Surviving were his wife, Sae, sons David, Steven, Ken, and Paul and daughters Yoshiko and Yolanda. Her grandchildren are Chio Matsuo of Los Angeles and Setsu Watanabe and Yuki Higa, both of Chicago, and eight grandchildren.

Service Award

CHICAGO — Elaine C. Nometo, former director of nursing at the Cook County Department of Public Health, recently received the Superior Public Service Award during the Annual JACL Awards luncheon at the Palmer House.

Graceful, quiet and kind to everyone, in all situations, Nometo was a driving force in the life of the 1986 Pacific Citizen Friend of the Century Golf Tournament, which has raised $10,000 to build a golf course in Hong Kong for the children of fallen police officers in Hong Kong.

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 included is a list of 20 vernacular newspapers, 13 Japanese-American, two Japanese-Canadian, and five Asian American publications.

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The Japanese American Library has just released its annual publication, "Books in Print: Japanese Americans," containing 450 currently available books—390 on Japanese Americans, 70 on Asian Americans, and 51 on other ethnic groups with sections on Japanese Americans. Subjects covered range from literature, history, and promotion of Japanese American culture to cooking and organizational histories.

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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 when I have gained much-appreciated input and using it to define PC goals and objectives has been a time for implementing changes that will help us better fulfill your needs.

Specifically, we are striving to make the PC the news source for stories that directly affect Japanese American interests. This, of course, is particularly true for Asian Group, directly affects other Asians. An all-too-common problem in establishing the case of Vincent Chin, whose murder was the result of anti-Japanese American feelings of an intolerant Detroit auto worker. It must be made clear that we as Japanese Americans, by limiting our coverage to just Japanese Americans. Too often, what affects one minority group, particularly an Asian group, is a minority group, particularly an Asian group, an issue that we must take up another cause, if only to protect our own right to a culture other than White American.

Two of Our Scope

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Paul Ijapaki was asked to give his legal opinion based on his research of the Rules of Procedure.

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And, of course, there's a line note to confront the frau as soon as she gets back on where in the dickens she stashed away all my shoes.

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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 house-to-school for our daughter, who, in turn, left for a week-long vacation. It doesn't take me long to shop: a jar of half-sour pickles, bag of potato chips, some crackers, cheese spread and caval. I was surprised at the total when I went through the cashier register. Line that caviar wasn't stoverage; it was dyed whitefish sticks. Enough expensive, and since, the wife isn't in the habit of getting the food that was her main attraction.

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More Interracial Conflict Feared After Shooting

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 mouth or request a specific answer, 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.

ELECTION CONTROVERSY

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The communication link has completely failed, but it is difficult to determine what may transpire in the months ahead. Cooperation and teamwork will work if there is mutual respect and open mind to look at all aspects of an issue, but they will not work if there is mistrust and contempt.

Will we advance, stand still or move in reverse? Only time will tell.

For the Record

The Sept. 36 article on the Vincent Chin case failed to identify Elaine Proust as the president of Detroit JACL.

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

We have been told that there will 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.
Seniors in S.F. Can Receive Van Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimoichi, Inc. has received two new vans to assist the homebound elderly.

The vans were obtained through a government capital grant program administered by the state Dept. of Transportation. The Urban Mass Transit Act covered 80% of the cost of the van. Kimoichi raise the remaining 20%—$10,000. The vans will be used to transport homebound elders to the city of Kimoichi’s nutrition program in Japantown and to deliver over 50 lunches a day to homebound seniors.

Kimoichi is seeking donations from individuals and businesses to expand its transportation services. A donor of $8,000 can have the name of his business printed on a van.

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Chapter Helps Japan Festival in Missouri

ST. LOUIS — The local JACL chapter is being credited with the "rousing success" of the Missoula (Montana) Centennial 1899 Japanese Festival, which took place Aug. 23-Sept. 1 at the garden center.

Without the strong support of the Japanese American Citizens League, the festival would not have been possible, 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 raise a record $70,834 to help support this year's festival, as well as last year's total of $92,225. A one-day festival attendance record was set, with 13,000 people visiting the garden.

Credit Union Offers New Interest Rates

CHICAGO — New interest rates for new automobiles and passbook-secured loans were announced recently by the board of directors of the Japanese Credit Union.

The new interest rate for new cars with a manufacturer's warranty is 8 percent, the minimum term of the loan is four years, and a down payment of 20 percent of the sale price of the car is required.

New interest rate for passbook loan is 8 percent.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the credit union at 1203 S. Western Ave.

Reunions

SACRAMENTO — Over 400 past and present Japanese residents of Florin participated in a four-day reunion Aug. 9-12 at the Ori­ental Banquet Center, 2950 El Dorado Wash­ington Blvd., Penryn.

Activities included a mixer, barbecues, Sharks, sushi, chicken teriyaki, and udon are among the attrac­tions. Info: Wendy McColough, (805) 659-8053.

STOCKTON

A free bus trip to the Hyatt-Lake Tahoe in Incline Village Oct. 25 is sponsored by the chapter. Those traveling with the group will have the opportunity to order Sioux, Chinese, and Wendy Shingepan. Rises will depart from Stockton Buddhist Temple at 7:30 a.m. Reservations: Sam Ishihara, 475-6890; Kiko Iba, 453-7493.

VENTURA COUNTY

The chapter's singles group will hold a bowling night Oct. 18, 9 p.m., at Wagon Wheel Bowl, 201 Wagon Wheel Road, Oxnard. Info: Sue Aso, (805) 485-0790. Goy, (805) 865-7098.

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Halloween costume party will take place Oct. 31 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Adam's South Bay, 23100 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. Tickets are $7 in advance and $8 at the door. Info: (213) 329-9638; or Deena Hard, (213) 831-1490.
a whole day intensively going over catalogs that listed Japanese newspapers, read Ding's book; there is no way, without [knowing] Japanese, to understand the route they flew through those newsletters.

Her explanation for this kind of work was straightforward. "As Ding was doing 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.

Nobel in Japan
While in Japan, Ding met a number of Nisei who now make their home there. Harry Fujikawa, a Idaho-born Nisei, was drafted to the Pentagon, then to Hawaii, and received a great deal of help from his Japanese friends. He decided not to fight the war, giving up. "It's like lying down and die, give up." he said.

The good work that the Nisei did for the Allies was not forgotten. "Harry Furumoto told Ding, 'The good work that the Nisei did for the Allies is not forgotten. In this war, we will win.'" Ding collected another debt, he decided not to fight the war, giving up.

In contrast to the 442nd, foot soldiers of the MIS, whose men were shipped out of Hawaii shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, many MIS men, whose very conservative positions, particularly on civil rights, could prove to be a liability.

For more information on the film, contact Victor Proctor, 3855 Janin St., San Francisco, CA 94112.

BILINGUAL ED
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Opponents of Proposition 63, many of them Nisei, Asian and Hispanic community groups, charge that the measure is intended to protect the personal and proprietary interests of business and education and other government services that involve languages other than English.

"What the governor is telling us, we are going back to the days of 'sink or swim,'" said Los Angeles School Board member Larry Gonzalez. "They are out of touch with their community. There is a growing conservative wave. The governor and his aides have fallen in this trap."

Few of the school board members across the state to help override the veto. Anthony Camilleri, director of San Jose Unified School District's bilingual education program called the eto "a step back" and warned that "society will pay the price for it."

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