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## Conference Report Circulating for Sign-off

WASHINGTON — Soon after the Congress returns from its recess on July 25 after the Democratic National Convention, the much-awaited climax to the Japanese American redress bill can be expected, according to the Washington Office of JACL-Legislative Education Committee.

JACL-LEC's expectations were announced this past week after the completed version of the conference report to the redress bill, H.R. 442, was distributed to the ten conference committee members on July 14.

The JACL-LEC Office quickly added that the contents of the conference bill will be available after the report is filed.

It has already been reported in the McClatchy (Bee) newspapers that vesting of the \$20,000 payment to eligible individuals who die after the bill is enacted would be limited to spouse, children and parents—in that order. The payments would also be stretched out to ten years with a cap of up to \$500 million per year, according to the Bee.

### Four House Members Sign

Four of the House conferees signed onto the bill on July 14. They include: Reps. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), chair, Judiciary Committee; Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chair, Administrative Law and Governmental Relations subcommittee; Howard L. Berman (D-Calif.) and Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.), also of the same subcommittee. The fifth House member, E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-Fla.), did not sign. He had moved from his position as the ranking member of the Administrative Law and

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## 86 AA Attend Democratic Nat'l Convention

ATLANTA — The 1988 Democratic National Convention opened Sunday, July 17, with 86 Asian American delegates and alternates (2 percent of the 4,162 total) from California, Hawaii, Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, South Dakota, Utah and Washington.

At the Asian caucus meeting Monday, Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson campaigners addressed over 100 people, including the foreign media from Japan, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia.

### In Denver

## Japanese Ambassador Attending Asian American Foundation Festival

DENVER — The Sixth Annual Festival of Asian Arts and Culture is the largest, most ambitious festival the Asian American Foundation of Colorado has ever produced. Highlighting the festival's theme, "Japan Through Time," is a gala dinner on Aug. 5 in honor of the Japanese ambassador to the United States, Nobuo Matsunaga.

U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), Gov. Roy Romer and Denver Mayor Federico Peña will also be attending the black-tie affair, which is \$50 per plate at the Marriott-Downtown at 7 p.m.

The festival itself runs from Aug. 5-7 and begins with a conference of the National Conference of Asian Pacific Women entitled "Empowerment for Change—Power, How to Get It, Use It, and Keep It." The conference will be at the



Photo by Paul Kagawa

'AMERICAN PROMISE' — Kathryn and Fred Korematsu (pictured from left) participate in the candlelight closing ceremony of the "American Promise" dinner, held June 30 at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco. The event honored the legal teams of the *coram nobis* cases and raised approximately \$20,000 for National JACL. (Story on page 2.)

## Civil Rights Commission Study Finds Economic Status of AA 'Quite Strong'

By Rita Takahashi

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — The overall economic status of Asian Americans is "quite strong" but the Vietnamese and foreign-born Asian Americans "fall below their non-Hispanic white counterparts," according to a U.S. Commission on Civil Rights preliminary summary introduced July 15.

The study was based on 1960-1980 census data comparing income levels, family, schooling, English-speaking ability and occupations, according to James Cunningham, acting assistant staff director for the Commission office of program, policy and research, who presented the report. It is still under review.

Six Asian American categories included in the study were the ethnic Japanese, Chinese, Korean, East Indian, Filipino and Vietnamese with distinctions and comparisons drawn between native and foreign-born.

### Focus on Earnings

In Cunningham's words, "We know there is discrimination against Asian Americans — that is a given." Beyond this, he said that the study was directed at the effects of discrimination on earnings. The study found:

- ✓ Foreign-born Asian American men earn less than their non-Hispanic white counterparts. However, after 11 years in the United States, they begin to earn more than their non-Hispanic white counterpart.
- ✓ Foreign-born Asian American women do as well economically as non-Hispanic white females. However,

it was not the case in 1960, when all Asian Americans as a group were worse off than the non-Hispanic white counterparts.

✓ U.S.-born male income averages for 1980: non-Hispanic white \$20,445; Korean \$23,137; Japanese \$21,059; Chinese \$21,301; Filipino \$16,805; East Indian \$16,341. (New York Times)

✓ Average family income for 1980: non-Hispanic white \$26,535; Japanese \$35,207; Korean, \$25,234; Vietnamese \$15,859. (Washington Post)

### Revised Report Due

The study, *The Economic Status of Americans of Asian Descent*, was put on hold for endorsement at the next Commission meeting in October as the study was not "peer reviewed" by multiple disciplines.

Commissioner Mary Frances Berry, who moved "to hold," expressed concern that advisers for the study were not knowledgeable about Asian American culture, values and history after being informed who they were.

She vehemently articulated her position that she was unwilling to put out a report which talks about the Asian American success story while, at the same time, "masks discrimination." Japanese Americans were analyzed in terms of their income while scrutiny of their continued discriminatory treatment was not addressed.

After considerable debate, the vote to hold was 5-1-1. The Commission research staff must now seek input and opinions from individuals knowledgeable about and sensitive to the Asian American community.

## Wakabayashi Intends to Leave JACL Nat'l Headquarters Post

SAN FRANCISCO — Ron Wakabayashi has announced his intent to leave the post of JACL National Director.

Wakabayashi, 43, has headed the National Headquarters of the civil rights organization for seven years. He announced his plans to resign from the position in a July 12 letter sent to National President Harry Kajihara. The letter reads in part:

"The reporting out of the redress bill from the conference committee brings us very close to a culmination of our ten year campaign. For the past seven of these years, I have had the extraordinary opportunity to serve this organization as national director.

"Although it is a trying and difficult position at times, I treasure the experiences that it has provided me. I am most grateful to the organization and its members for the support and friendship that has been shared during these years."

The National Convention with its tradition of selecting new JACL officers gives him a "convenient opportunity" to announce his resignation, Wakabayashi wrote. The letter notes that following the convention, which will be held at the University of Washington campus in August, the organization will be able to "define a

selection process" for a new National director.

Wakabayashi also states in his letter that he is looking forward to continuing his involvement with JACL in a "volunteer capacity."

### Kajihara's Memo

Plans to replace Wakabayashi before the convention are already in the works. In a memo sent out to National Board members and staff, a shocked Kajihara offered the suggestion of appointing an acting director as soon as possible. Kajihara's reasons for the action are "to minimize the possible uncertainty and confusion by staff and JACLers" during the convention, while affording the next administration enough time to select a new director.

Board members have not responded as of press time.

The Reno-born Wakabayashi has had a long association with JACL. Past experience with the organization includes his service as the National youth director from 1969 to 1972.

Prior to his selection as National director, Wakabayashi was the executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program in Los Angeles.

## Masaoka Warns Resolution Endangers Redress Program

WASHINGTON — Warning of the possible danger to the redress program, Mike Masaoka this week asked JACL's Golden Gate Chapter to withdraw a resolution it submitted for consideration by the National Council at the upcoming national convention in Seattle.

The resolution urges JACL to acknowledge "error" for having urged Japanese Americans to demonstrate "willing cooperation" with the federal government in the 1942 evacuation under authority of Executive Order 9066, signed by President Roosevelt. The resolution contends JACL's position should have been "compliance under protest."

Under the resolution, JACL also would acknowledge error for characterizing those opposed to its position as "disloyal" and "un-American." (See P.C., July 8.)

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, a former JACL National president, is author of the resolution. It was presented by the Golden Gate Chapter June 26 at the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council

meeting as an effort to "promote community unity and healing."

Because it was introduced after the June 6 deadline, the resolution must be endorsed by five different chapters from five different districts before it can be considered by the National Council.

Masaoka, former executive secretary and Washington representative of JACL, was the organization's only paid employee in 1942. In a letter to Uyeda, Masaoka warned that adoption of the resolution could disillusion Congressional supporters of the redress bill and jeopardize appropriations for the \$20,000 payments to surviving evacuees.

Separate versions of the redress bill, passed by the House and Senate, are now before a joint conference committee.

"If the redress bill is signed into law by the president," Masaoka wrote, "the Congress and the president may decide that they acted improperly in enacting it on the basis of the facts and arguments JACL, Go for Broke Nisei Veterans Association, and others have submitted to them over the years, and not on the grounds which your resolution alleges as errors in judgement and sensitivity."

Masaoka said he fears Congress might reconsider the redress legislation, refuse to authorize appropriations, or enact new legislation "repudiating its vote of this session on redress."

Masaoka also said he is prepared to refute sentiments expressed in the resolution at the National Council meeting unless it is withdrawn.

### Uyeda's Response

In a telephone conversation with Pacific Citizen, Uyeda said he "could not believe that [JACL's admission of its] error of judgement during WW2 in any way jeopardizes the redress program, and not

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Marutani Nominated by EDC for Another Run

The nomination of William Marutani for a second term as JACL National vice president of planning and development has been unanimously endorsed by the Eastern District Council. A former judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, Marutani will be officially nominated at the Seattle Convention in August. The Philadelphia resident, who writes the "East Wind" column of Pacific Citizen, is currently running unopposed for his position.

### L.A. Board of Education Supports Redress

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles City Board of Education voted unanimous approval on June 27 for a resolution introduced by board member Warren Furutani urging President Reagan to sign into law "expeditiously" the Japanese American redress legislation.

The resolution stated, in part, that the wartime internment order was a mistake and that passage of S. 1009 and H.R. 442 would act "as a permanent record that will serve as a constant reminder to those in power, as well as all Americans, in the hope that this will never happen again to anyone, regardless of race, color or creed."

The resolution also mentions that the board has a history of support "for and from" the Japanese American community in L.A. and that the board in office at the time of the evacuation issued leaves of absences to those Japanese American employees affected by E.O. 9066.

### Other Highlights

A special concert by jazz artist Toshiko Akiyoshi, featuring Lew Tabackin, is scheduled for Aug. 6 at Boettcher Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15, \$18 and \$20 and a special post-concert party/concert is \$40.

Japanese martial arts will be demonstrated to the public on Aug. 6 and 7 on the grounds of the Galleria, 14th and Curtis in downtown. Other festival activities are exhibits by contemporary and ancient painters and sculptors, as well as a "folk art" village. This is free to the public.

### Business Seminars

A seminar entitled "Symposium on

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**CTA HONOREES** — During a recent convention at the Los Angeles Sheraton La Reina Hotel, the California Teachers Association (CTA) honored Lorna Mae Nagata of Monterey Park, the first Asian American to be chosen California Teacher of the Year. For media excellence, CTA also presented the John Swett Award to 22 print and broadcast journalists. From left are Serena Chen, reporter for *East West*, Nagata, and Betty Tonaki, education reporter for KBAK-TV in Bakersfield.

## Senate Hearing

### 'Hate Crime' Data Collection Debated

By Rita Takahashi

WASHINGTON — Hearings on three Senate hate crimes statistics bills were chaired by Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), the chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. The hearing, held here June 21, opened with Sen. Simon's statement that America has a long distance to go in terms of tolerance for diversity in this country. He said that if there is "sickness and poison, let's find out about it and deal with it."

Two of the bills, S. 702 (sponsored by Simon) and S. 797, sponsored by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), require that the Department of Justice collect data on crimes committed on the basis of ethnicity, racial heritage and religion. S. 2000, sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), also includes crimes based on sex orientation.

#### Opposition

Although most persons presenting testimonies were in favor of the bills, the U.S. Justice Department's director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, registered opposition. Director Steven R. Schlesinger said that "... these bills set out a task which professional statisticians familiar with the criminal justice system believe would be extremely difficult and expensive to perform. In short, the bills direct this department to produce data on crimes based upon the motivation of the perpetrator, a factor that is generally legally irrelevant for purposes of establishing guilt."

Adding to his concern, Schlesinger said that other problems involve "measurement of intent" (which, he says, would cause problems of leading questions) and "overbreadth" (producing data on nine categories of offenses is unrealistic, he says). In addition, he said there is a problem with "vagueness" in characteristics which comprise "manifest prejudice." Overall, the bill would require too much "subjective evaluation" of criminal motivation, he claimed.

James G. Abourezk (national chairman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee), disputed Schlesinger's argument, saying, "I hope the committee does not accept the argument by the Justice Department that the costs of keeping such logs are too great. When Jews find their synagogue painted with swastikas, or

when Arabs find their mosque defaced with anti-Arab slogans, even the attorney general would be able to determine the motive."

#### JACL Response

On behalf of the JACL, Bill Yoshino Midwest District regional director said that the legislation has "... profound effect on communities beyond that of other crimes. Bias crimes have the potential for causing psychic damage to entire communities by making them feel vulnerable, fearful, unprotected, and suspicious of other groups."

Yoshino further added, "Bias crimes have the potential for creating community divisiveness, thus tearing at the very fabric of society." In his testimony, Yoshino gave examples of hate crimes which have adversely affected Asian American individuals and communities.

Alan Schwartz, director of the Research and Evaluation Department of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, testified that ADL has been keeping hate crimes data for years. He indicated that in their audits, they found that of those arrested for bias crimes, "more than 80 percent" were teenagers acting on their own. Instead of law enforcement agencies treating these crimes as "juvenile mischief, or as pranks," he said "These acts must be clearly and firmly rejected as unacceptable by all levels of the community."

According to Pat Clark, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch Project, a hate crimes statistics act is necessary to bring more consistent law enforcement attention to the problem of hate crimes; to facilitate information-sharing among law enforcement agencies about the nature of hate crimes; to sensitize them to the needs of victims; to provide the tools for tracking victimization rates; and, to allow improvement in public education on the problem of bigoted violence.

H.R. 3193, a bill similar to those introduced to the Senate, was passed in the House May 18 by a vote of 383 to 29.

## Coram Nobis Teams Honored at JACL Fund-raiser

By J.K. Yamamoto  
Hokubei Mainichi

SAN FRANCISCO — About 430 people attended a fund-raising dinner held June 30 by the National JACL to honor the attorneys who represented Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui in their *coram nobis* case.

The audience at the Hotel Nikko was briefly addressed by Reps. Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer (both D-Calif.), who discussed the redress legislation which is currently in a House-Senate conference committee.

"We don't know exactly what's going on behind closed doors," said Pelosi. "They've told us, though, that we will be happy with the results ... the money (for individual payments to former internees) remains in the bill."

She added that there were indications that if an eligible individual dies before receiving the payment, it will go to that person's survivors.

Boxer recalled that when Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), during debate on the redress bill last year, spoke about being interned as a child, it was "one of my most moving moments on the House floor."

In addition to compensating the internees, the redress bill is a statement that "never again will we allow man's inhumanity to man to triumph," Boxer said.

The guests of honor were members of the three legal teams that had the wartime Supreme Court cases of Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui reopened on the basis of newly discovered archival evidence.

The attorneys charged that the government, in defending its curfew and exclusion laws directed at Japanese Americans, concealed and falsified evidence showing that there was no basis for claims of "military necessity."

The judges in the Korematsu and Hirabayashi *coram nobis* cases found that the government was guilty of misconduct. Because of Yasui's death in 1986, his case was declared moot.

Peggy Nagae Lum of Seattle, lead counsel for the Yasui legal team, said that Yasui "is somewhere smiling down on us, saying as he always did, 'Give 'em hell.' He was a man of greatness and courage and the leadership to step out and say, 'This is wrong.'"

San Francisco attorney Dale Minami, lead counsel of the Korematsu legal team, commented, "How different it is today than it was six years ago when we started the cases. Six years ago, we had very little resources, we had very few attorneys working on this case."

"We had a public atmosphere that was not sympathetic to Asian Americans and Japanese Americans. We had an ex-justice of the United States Supreme Court (Arthur Goldberg) tell us publicly that if you brought these *coram nobis* cases, you were destined to lose. Needless to say, we felt a little heat."

"But all along ... we felt that flow of history was with us, that we were destined to win these cases because we simply had to ... We found a Japanese American and Asian Pacific American community that was strongly behind us. We found a

larger American community as well who supported us all the way ...

"Now that we are somewhat free from the past because of these (*coram nobis*) decisions and the redress bill, now is the time to look forward to the future."

Representing the Hirabayashi legal team were lead counsels Rod Kawakami and Michael Leong of Seattle. "With the excitement of redress in the air, this is a very special night for everyone, and we feel very proud to be a part of it," said Kawakami.

Other honorees in attendance were: Jack and Aiko Herzig of Fall Church, Va., who did most of the archival research that provided the basis for the cases;

Camden Hall of Seattle, a member of the Hirabayashi legal team;

Fred Korematsu and legal team members Lorraine Bannai, Marjie Barrows, Edward Chen, Karen Kai, Leigh Ann Miyasato, Robert Rusky and Donald Tamaki, all of San Francisco; Dennis Hayashi of Oakland, Peter Irons of San Diego; and Eric Yamamoto of Honolulu.

## DENVER FESTIVAL

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"Japan" features a keynote address by Shunji Yanai, San Francisco's consul general of Japan. It will be held Aug. 5 at the St. Francis Center, Auraria Campus, Denver. A special afternoon panel, "Colorado Perspectives on Japan," will provide viewpoints on the growing involvement of the Colorado community with Japan.

"The Japan Business Seminar," scheduled for Aug. 5 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Downtown, from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., is designed to assist Colorado businesspeople who wish to better understand business relations with Japan. Nobuo Matsunaga, Japanese ambassador to the United States, will present the keynote address entitled "A Perspective for the Current U.S./Japan Relationship." In addition, Denver Mayor Federico Peña will speak on "Denver's Commitment to International Business." Serving as master of ceremonies will be Pacific Citizen columnist Bill Hosokawa. Admission for the seminar is \$35. For information, call Jay Slovick at JETRO, (303) 629-0404.

The Asian American Foundation of Colorado is a nonprofit educational and cultural organization dedicated to the aid and support of Colorado's Asian Americans.

For more information about the festival, contact Martha Lee at (303) 355-0703.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

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Governmental subcommittee to the Ways and Means Committee.

The report went to the Senate that same evening. Some senators have signed on, but the count was not known late Friday, when JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara made the inquiry. With the recess and no action taken for special filing, it is anticipated that the report will be filed soon after July 25, said Uyehara.

The Senate conference committee members are: Sens. John Glenn (D-Ohio), chair, Governmental Affairs Committee; David Pryor (D-Ark.), Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii); Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Warren Rudman (R-N.H.).

#### Expected Course Upon Filing

As a privileged motion, H.R. 442 may be scheduled for a floor vote in the House and Senate during the same week the conference report is filed and its contents are publicized. After the conference bill is passed, it will then be ready for President Reagan's signature.

"Conferencing the redress bill is another lesson that nothing is for sure in politics and the lobbying work continues unceasingly," Uyehara said. "On Thursday afternoon, calls were received for quick lobbying action as the conference report seemed to be in trouble."

"The conference report has taken three months since H.R. 442 passed in the Se-

nate on April 20. Since that time, documents went back and forth to iron out agreements on several differences in the two bills and to add the vesting language," she said.

Responding to inquiries made by hundreds of individuals who have been contacting JACL offices and the Pacific Citizen about "how and when the payments would be made," Uyehara said that the procedure will be publicized, but it will be another year or two before payments can be expected.

The bill for payments will be a part of an appropriation bill, which will have to go through the budget and appropriation process. With the 100th Congress scheduled to adjourn on Oct. 8, in anticipation of the presidential election, Uyehara said there was very little possibility for any further action on the redress bill this year.

### JACL-LEC Mailgram Hotline to the White House Urges President Reagan to Sign Redress Bill

Call Western Union toll-free (800) 257-4900, ask for Operator 9395 and select either Message "1" or "2." (There have been complaints that this Operator is not there. The P.C. has found this Operator is there.)

After the number of mailgrams exceeds the \$20,000 account, there will be a \$3.50 charge per message, charged to your phone bill. The JACL-LEC acknowledges a \$10,000 contribution from the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund toward the \$20,000 mailgram account.

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## National Convention Tips

SEATTLE — The Seattle chapter has prepared a slew of tips to ensure a comfortable visit for JACL National Convention participants headed for the University of Washington (UW) campus in August.

Of major concern for travelers is Seattle's unpredictable weather conditions. Although previous summer temperatures have soared as high as the mid-80s in August, the Seattle chapter reports that this summer has been unusually overcast and cool. Travelers should pack clothing in preparation for warm, cool or even rainy weather conditions.

### Tips on Transportation

Upon arrival from the airport, travelers can get to the UW by calling the Shuttle Express at 286-4800 (or 1-800-942-0711). The shuttle, which can be found outside the baggage claim area, is \$13 one way and offers discounts if there are others on board who are headed for the same destination. Reservations for return to the airport must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Those arriving at the convention by car on I-5 should take Exit 169, the 45th Street Exit. To reach the UW campus, drivers should go east on 45th Street for approximately 1.5 miles. After passing 15th Avenue, they must take the next right onto the UW campus, where they will stop at the parking gate to show a parking pass, bought in advance, or to buy a daily pass. There, directions will be given to Haggett Hall, which is the site for convention registration and checking into the dorms.

To get to Nendel's University Plaza, drivers on I-5 should go west on 45th Street and look for a pink building on the west side of the freeway. The address for Nendel's is 400 N.E. 45th Street.

### Convention Dress Code

Convention participants are advised to wear casual or even sporty clothing, including jeans, shorts and comfortable shoes, for JACL business sessions. Because the facilities at UW are not air-conditioned, wearing cottons and other cool attire is advised. A sweater or jacket should be brought in preparation for cool evenings.

For the two banquets, attendants should dress informally. Sport coats and, preferably, a tie for men are acceptable. Women who are planning to stay in the dorms are advised to think twice about wearing high-heeled shoes, since there is a five-minute walk from the dorms to the third floor HUB Ballroom.

Because a cluster of rooms will be sharing shower and restroom facilities, those who are dorming should also remember to pack a shower cap, rubber zoris and a light robe. A schedule sheet has been suggested for shower times so that delegates to the National Council sessions can plan ahead.

### Other Conditions to Expect

JACLers staying on campus can also expect to be served a cafeteria-style breakfast in the campus' Haggett Hall and to make telephone calls at a message center, which will be located at a central point. Although National Council sessions will be held in McMahon Hall, caucuses may hold meetings in the dorm's lounge areas.

## Candlelit Lantern Floats, Buddhist-Christian Services to Remember Hibakusha of Hiroshima-Nagasaki

SEATTLE — As one of two memorial services commemorating the 44th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a floating peace lantern memorial service will be held at the University of Washington Frosh Pond, announced Ken Nakano, co-chair of the National JACL Atomic Bomb Survivors Committee. The event, which will be held in conjunction with the JACL National Convention, is slated for 8:30 p.m. on the evening of Aug. 6.

Convention-goers can contrast the ending of the merry-making of the opening reception hearing world renowned peace activist Dr. Judith Lipton, founder and first president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, address the issue of the human inner mind and peace. Dick Moody, former editor of the *Spokane Review* and currently Peace Education staff member of the Spokane School District, will share the keynote address. Lloyd Hara, Seattle City Treasurer and former Seattle JACL president will be master of ceremonies.

During Buddhist chanting by the Rev. Don Castro and the Rev. Toshikazu Nakagaki of the Seattle Buddhist Church, over 200 floating lanterns (*tōrō nagashi*) will be launched on the Frosh Pond, in an impressive symbolic ceremony.

"The Hiroshima Peace Song" will be sung by the Seattle Rainbow chorus, a bilingual Nikkei women's group. The unique ceremony will be concluded by a tranquil shakuhachi (Japanese flute) rendition.

Lifelong pacifist, honorary Hiroshima citizen and longtime Nikkei supporter Floyd Schmoie will also be cited for his dedicated commitment and services in assisting young Nikkei university students to continue their education at midwestern and eastern colleges during WW II. Also U.S. Rep. Mike Lowry will be recognized for introducing the first redress legislation in 1979.

### Kawabe Memorial House Service

The other memorial service on Saturday morning will take place at Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th South, at 8 a.m. The first joint Nikkei religious memorial service for victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombing will be conducted through the team efforts of the Seattle JACL, Seattle Buddhist Church Rinban S. Ouchi, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church Rev. Jun Ehara, Seattle Nikkei churches and the Hibakusha group.

The ecumenical one hour service will

be conducted in both Japanese and English. At 8:15 a.m. sharp, the nearby Seattle Buddhist Church bell will be sounded, followed by a moment of silence solemnizing the moment of the bombing.

Following the morning memorial service, any persons who wish to visit the new 150-bed Keiro Nursing Home will be escorted on a one-hour tour by Massie Tomita, Seattle JACL Board member and Seattle Nikkei Concerns treasurer. Completed in 1987, the Keiro Nursing Home

is ranked as the most modern and best equipped Nikkei nursing home in the nation and is a source of pride as a highly successful joint project of volunteer and community efforts.

Endorsed by the National JACL, these events are cosponsored by the Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Educators for Social Responsibility, Nuclear Freeze and Seattle JACL. Not only convention goers are urged to attend, but the public is invited to these special events.

## Nine Enter Nat'l JACL Speechfest

SEATTLE — Nine finalists representing five JACL districts will be competing in the National JACL Speech and Forensic Competition at the upcoming National Convention, which will be held at the University of Washington campus in August. The competition will be held Aug. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., following the opening session of the National Council.

Doug Sugimoto (NWCN-P), Brian Hayashi (MP) and Eric Naritomo (PSW) will be competing in the Impromptu division. Liana Kishi (NCWN-PO), Susan Shimazu (PSW), Lisa Yamaguchi (MP), Brian Hayashi (MP), Mary Ishii (MDC),

Vivian Umino (PNW) and Anne Uemura (PNW) will participate in the Prepared/Informative category.

The National Speech Competition was revitalized in 1986 with major support from Chevron, USA. Chevron, USA has continued to share JACL's interest in leadership development through sponsorship of the 1988 Competition and through support of the JACL leadership seminar, Advancement '88.

The speech competition was developed by the National Leadership Task to promote communication skills. Winners will be announced at the opening banquet.

## Nat'l Council Business Sessions:

### 19½-Hour Schedule Drafted

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#### SUNDAY, AUG. 7 — 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

8:00-9:30 a.m. — Opening remarks / Delegates orientation / Credentialing. Welcome Remarks by Convention co-chair, host district governor, host chapter president; Moment of Silence. Credential Committee / Rules of Procedure. Nominations Committee. Roll Call. Adoption of rules of procedure, Order of business - President.

9:30 — [Acceptance of] the 1986 Minutes.

9:45 - 10:45 — Presentation of National and PC Budgets.

10:45 - Noon — Nominations and seconding speeches.

Noon - 1:00 p.m. — LUNCH.

1:00 - 2:30 — Reports: The President's / National Committees; Vice President / General Operations. (End of First Session)

#### MONDAY, AUG. 8 — 9:00 to Noon:

9:00-11:00 a.m. — JACL-LEC Redress Report.

11:00 - Noon — Reports: Vice President / Public Affairs; Secretary-Treasurer; Pacific Citizen Report. (End of Second Session)

#### MONDAY, AUG. 8 — 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

2:30-5:00 p.m. — Reports (cont'd): Vice President / Planning and Development; Vice President / Membership Services; Governor's Caucus Chair; Staff Reports.

3:30 - 5:00 — Resolutions Committee / Amendments and Resolutions. (End of Third Session)

#### TUESDAY, AUG. 9 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

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11:00 - Noon — Program for Action - Vice President / Planning and Development.

Noon - 1:00 p.m. — LUNCH.

1:00 - 3:00 — Election of Officers. (There should be slack time here to finish other business.)

3:00 - 4:00 — Budget. (End of Fourth Session)

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9:00 - 11:30 a.m. — Budget (cont'd).

11:30 - Noon — Closing / 1990 and 1992 Conventions / Acknowledgements. (End of Fifth Session. Adjournment)

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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### Ron Wakabayashi Served Us Well

THE national directorship of JACL, the nation's largest Japanese American civic organization, is an influential and prestigious position. It requires many talents — leadership, vision, administrative skills, the diplomacy to bring diverse views and factions together. Yet the reality is that the job is not so important or demanding or satisfying that would remain the ultimate goal of an able and ambitious incumbent.

Thus it was inevitable that after seven years as national director, Ronald K. Wakabayashi should announce that he felt it was time to go on to other challenges. In these times there are many of them. The only surprise is the timing of his intent to resign, just weeks before what is likely to be the most momentous national convention since the immediate postwar years. Finding a worthy successor will not be easy.

Wakabayashi served the Citizens League through a difficult period. He took over the reins at a time when the thrust and focus of JACL were in ferment. The organization had come through a turbulent period. Its grass roots leadership was changing as Nisei made way, sometimes reluctantly, for Sansei who had a new style, new ideas and new tactics for implementing them. Wakabayashi, himself a Sansei, took on the complex and trying task of bridging the gap between the two generations, and somehow he managed not to alienate either of them.

Outside the ethnic community Wakabayashi was committed to working with other Asian American groups in the common struggle for opportunity and justice. He helped JACL to raise its sights above its own parochial concerns.

No director of an organization like JACL can satisfy every one of its 27,000 members. But they can agree that Ron Wakabayashi served them notably well, and join in wishing him success in whatever new challenge he chooses.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HARRY KAJIHARA

### How the Two Years Have Passed Along

How quickly the two years fly. This will be my last "President's Corner" article. I truly enjoyed serving in this honorable office. But I am also looking forward to spending more time with my wife Itsuko, my daughters Claudia, Alicia and Julia and Julia's husband Alan Miyamoto and two dogs Whitney and Mindy. I will also be able to catch up on movies, and just relaxing, all of which had to be placed on "hold" these last two years. Just before entering this new phase, however, I would like to put into print some thoughts on the 1986-88 biennium.

#### Redress

Based on recent press releases and information from Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC legislative strategist, the possibility of redress becoming a reality looks very promising. Grant met with President Reagan's now Chief of Staff Ken Duberstein on redress matters back in October 1987.

I believe the stature of JACL will rise tenfold for their work on redress. What was JACL's role? First, the U.S. government chose JACL as the *spokes-organization* for redress. In turn, JACL committed staff and funding, over \$1.2 million, to labor continuously in the "trenches" for more than eight years.

But quickly, I want to add that JACL is mindful that redress was brought to a successful fruition by the deeds and work of many organizations and many people: The blood spilled on the battlefields by 442nd

soldiers, the Japanese American members of Congress risking their political careers by championing redress early-on, the early work of the Seattle Coalition for Redress, the efforts of the *coram nobis* legal teams and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparation. All of these deeds, spreading the redress gospel, captured the attention of non-Asian organizations, congresspeople, and the media and brought redress to an impending, resoundingly successful conclusion.

But just two years ago, a major concern of the National Council at Chicago was "where is the hard money that JACL-LEC can count on to pursue the redress lobbying work?" Resolution #17, introduced by the Seattle Chapter, was adopted, which extended line of credit up to \$200,000 from the JACL Endowment Fund to be tapped on an as-needed-basis. How shall we pay back the loan? Institute a five- or six-year chapter pledge program? Run a dual tax-deductible and non-tax-deductible fund drive concurrently? Confusion already prevailed on the four-year pledge program with many chapters not participating. I had complete faith in donors not letting JACL-LEC down in the funding, even though it was not tax deductible.

The board opted for ending the chapter pledge program with the four-year program and having JACL-LEC continue its fund-raising program. I am happy to report that: (1) no money had to be borrowed from the Endowment Fund; (2) the En-



### A Time to Heal the Nisei Psyche

#### FROM HAPPY VALLEY

SACHI SEKO

Is it not time—past time—to heal the Nisei psyche, torn asunder by another war? We have lived to see the United States Congress recommend an apology and remedy for wrongs suffered by Americans of Japanese ancestry due to the wartime internment. Yet, it troubles me that 46 years later our Japanese American community remains divided by the experience. Often, heroes and villains emerge in the narratives, sometimes exchanging roles, creating a drama of a select circle of players. Among them are JACLers, army volunteers, draft resisters and renunciants.

Sometimes, we seem to forget this was a tragedy involving approximately 120,000 persons. To ignore the numbers and to center our attention on a select few is to diminish the value and uniqueness of each individual. Every man, woman and child of this American tragedy is an equal witness to constitutional travesty. There is no accurate measure for pain or sorrow. Or for devotion to God and country. Patriotism, particularly, appears in different forms. There is no distinction in its sincerity.

I do not think there is one survivor who has the arrogance to pass judgment on another's performance. For all that can be said with certainty is that all of us were victims. Let it never be forgotten, whatever

role we assumed, each of us thought he or she was doing his or her very best during those long, forsaken years. The very best. Who can ask for more?

It is time, I think, we moved beyond condemnations and commendations, accusations and apologies. In this special season, the brief interval between autumn and winter, let us have a time of grace, a time of healing. Let the bonds of pain and sorrow that bind us until death, and even, after, be sealed in a spirit of true reconciliation. As much as we may wish, history cannot be changed or rewritten, the tragedy cannot be undone. Perhaps, and this is our fervent hope, it need never be repeated.

The final few pages of our Nisei story remain to be written. We are a fast vanishing generation, our names each day added to the obituaries. For all our flaws, and there are many, we have our virtues, among them pride. We are not the kind to leave unfinished business to our heirs. Nor would we choose to leave an imperfect legacy of a splintered psyche. We and they deserve better.

I appeal to the basic decency and nobility of spirit residing in each of us. The time for reconciliation is now. It cannot be deferred. Winter is the whisper in the wind. The approaching National JACL Convention in Seattle provides the right time and place. "Coming home in '88" is its rallying call. Better still is "Welcome home." ■



and responsibilities detailed in the manual. This administration is setting a precedent which I hope will be followed by succeeding administrations. A copy of the Personnel Manual will be provided to each new board member at the joint incoming/outgoing National Board meeting held at biennial conventions. Not only will the manual occupy a prominent place in the handouts, but it will draw appropriate attention.

#### Misunderstanding

Associated with the manual update process, consequent misunderstanding, disseminated misinformation and premature conclusions have characterized this administration as being insensitive to staff. This is simply false. All administrations are concerned over the welfare of JACL employees. When this administration is long gone, I believe it will surface that we were most concerned over staff. By deeds, not platitudes and rhetoric, this administration took action in the interest of staff.

#### Diversified Fund Development

At the very first National Board meeting, this administration learned of a possible \$100,000 cash flow shortage in 1986. To insure that staff salaries and all other bills due were paid, the board authorized borrowing, which was capped at \$125,000.

The previous administration had advanced \$50,000 from the JACL treasury with the expectation of receiving the fourth-year chapter pledge in a timely manner. This did not happen. Should the board pull back the \$50,000 from JACL-LEC, possibly causing JACL-LEC disruptions in operations due to insufficient funds? Renewed appeal to the chapters initiated receipt of fourth-year pledge money.

In the end, the borrowing from a lending institution was limited to \$25,000 and we were able to honor the money committed

to JACL-LEC. In 1987, we closed the calendar year without borrowing. From the revenues and cash flow position, we are approximately \$40,000 ahead compared to last year, so the new administration will probably not have to face the money crunch at their first board meeting.

This vividly shows the need for getting JACL into a more comfortable fiscal condition. The realization of the need for development of a diversified funding reservoir was spelled out in the Long Range Planning Committee Report, which was adopted by the National Council in 1982.

During this biennium, over \$300,000 was raised for the JACL-LEC redress pursuit, \$40,000 for the fourth-year pledge, and \$72,000 for the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund. It is also understood that over \$60,000 was received from corporate organizations for the upcoming Seattle Convention. Difficult as it may be to raise money through donations, money for a specific purpose is more readily raised than money for covering JACL operations.

I was not successful in my search for a Ways and Means chair. A survey conducted among board members and staff yielded numerous suggestions on fund-raising. One suggestion was to hire a full-time director of development who would concentrate on fund-raising. Other non-profit organizations have such a position.

In the meantime, this board gave authorization for staff involvement in fund-raising. The National director, assisted by staff, planned and held a fund-raising dinner on June 30. This event raised substantial money for JACL operations and fulfilled #31, which was adopted at the Chicago Convention. This resolution was concerned with recognizing the *coram nobis* legal teams.

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## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

## The Changing Face of Li'l Tokyo

Across from the New Otani hotel in Los Angeles' Li'l Tokyo section, on the other side of the short, dead-end street named in honor of Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, is a small asphalt-topped parking lot. If you wish to leave your car there out in the hot California sun, it will cost you \$1.25 for 15 minutes. This is correct. A buck and a quarter for 15 minutes.

That tells you something about the state of affairs in Li'l Tokyo where the smell of money is pervasive. You don't have to ask the bankers. You walk around, and look around, and you know there's money being spent, money being put to work, money making more money.

Of course not everyone has money. In fact, it's obvious that more people don't have a lot of it. But some people have plenty, and it shows. New buildings are going up. The face of Li'l Tokyo, which was changed drastically in recent years when urban renewal's wrecking ball demolished some landmarks, will present a substantially different look in six months or so when some imposing structures under construction are completed.

The new Centenary Methodist Church, proclaiming it has come back to Li'l Tokyo, is taking shape on some prime real estate. The nearby Japanese Village Plaza is jumping; among other things it boasts no less than 15 restaurants, seven of which serve sushi. One features noodles and yogurt which is an interesting combination.

The Yaohan supermarket has to be seen to be believed. It provides a great mix of

American and Japanese foods, from watermelon to wasabi, ravioli to ramen, and great stacks of that superb Japanese bread. It even has a section that offers a couple of dozen varieties of pungent Japanese pickles, just like in the old country. On Saturdays Yaohan is as crowded as the sub-surface food sections of Tokyo department stores. I saw housewives peeling off hundred dollar bills at the electronic cash registers.

Obviously money from Japan is fueling the local economy. Out on South Los Angeles street there's a prosperous Japanese language weekly tabloid, the U.S. Japan Business News, that covers the rapid-fire developments in trade, investment, mergers, joint ventures, opportunities. It has no problem finding enough news to fill its columns.

The Japanese are only part of the Asian market. A Sansei named Mitchell Matsumura has teamed up with a young Japanese, Terry Terasaki, to form TMG, an advertising agency specializing in helping corporate America reach Asian consumers. Their art director is Dana Yamagata who left the East, where he was doing very well as a graphics consultant, to return to Los Angeles because the grass looked greener.

One needs to be in town only a few hours to hear stories of multi-million-dollar business deals being developed by Nisei and Sansei entrepreneurs behind closed doors. "Can't say too much yet," we're told, "but it's getting close."

Angelenos were assured in a Town Hall

lecture not long ago that L.A. probably is the world's largest manufacturing center, gaining on New York as the largest financial center, and passing New York two years ago as the busiest port. It's apparent to a visitor that a lot of that activity is rubbing off on Li'l Tokyo.

## THE BEAT

JIMMY TOKESHI

## Palaver at an Empty Bar

A Nisei man in his late sixties sits along an empty bar. The ridges on his temples and the crows feet around his eyes wear well on him. His distinguishing look commands a respect that is given by most without reservation.

"Bar keep, another scotch and water, please."

The woman bartender looks up from the sink where she is rinsing glasses from the hours before. She is young, in her late-twenties, with blond hair tied back in a pony tail.

She removes the rubber gloves and reaches in the well for a generic bottle of scotch. Her free hand takes a highball off the shelf and fills it with ice. She pours the scotch, and water from the dispenser until the glass is a quarter inch from the brim. She stops, then splashes scotch once again into the glass for good measure. She likes the old man.

"How are you Mr. Sasaki? Haven't seen much of you lately."

"Everything is fine. Thank you. Looks like a slow night for you."

"Yea, well, your here so it's not so bad."

His smile breaks way to his thoughts of the past.

"Sandy, would you mind if I asked you a question?"

"Wow, we're talkative today, huh. Sure, what's on your mind?"

"Do you wonder about where you're going? I mean, do you see yourself forty years down the road?"

"No, not really. I'm one of those people who take it one day at a time. I don't know what I want yet. Why do you ask?" She returns to the sink and puts the rubber gloves on again. She listens as she washes.

"When I was about your age, and I'm guessing you're twenty-one, there really weren't too many choices one could make. There was a war on, so I joined the service during WW II."

"Really?"

"Yea. It was a pretty scary time. Lots of uncertainty. Outside of just making it home."

"It must have been a scary time for everyone."

"Yea. It was. But we set out to win the war and we did it. Not all of us got though there, but we did it."

"I bet you were proud of yourself."

"Anyone who made it through boot camp should have been proud."

She laughs as she finishes wiping the last glass.

"You know Sandy, what bothers me is the thought that no one will remember the sacrifices made during my time, forty years from now."

"What do you mean? I think people will remember."

"Things are so different now. Young people like yourself have more time to live and enjoy life. You have more freedom than we did."

"I see what you're saying, but it isn't as easy as that. I mean, yea, things are different now, but I remember the Viet Nam War. That war divided the nation. It hurt a lot of us. I guess when you hear about World War II, there's an air of romanticism about it. The whole nation came together and made one big effort about it. Today, we're lucky to see eye to eye on anything. It's not that easy today, but I guess it sure beats what you must have been through. The world at war must have been something else."

An uncomfortable pause causes him to

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Clearing the Air

On a point of personal privilege, I consider a statement attributed to Bill Hosokawa, which appeared in the Pacific Citizen of May 27 ("Recovery of JA History . . ." by Frank Abe of Seattle), reprehensible. In denying authorship of the anti-Fair Play Committee editorials appearing in the *Heart Mountain Sentinel* in the spring of 1944 after his move to the *Des Moines Register* of Iowa, he is quoted with the following: "That's the sort of thing I object to from Omura and his ilk. They falsify my position to substantiate their own."

I challenge Mr. Hosokawa to produce any evidence wherein I have made the accusation referred to and failing that it would seem a retraction should be properly in order. I speak only for myself as the asserted "ilk" is too indefinite to pin down.

Right at this moment, a proposal is on the table for a Hosokawa-Omura panel confrontation which I have readily accepted and Mr. Hosokawa has rejected. I urge Mr. Hosokawa to accept in order to clear the literary air and we can thus examine the issues and the documentations I will be prepared to offer.

JAMES M. OMURA  
Denver, Colo.

## Nakagawa Info Misleading

As a trustee and secretary of the JACL-Blue Shield of California Group Health Trust, I would like to set the record straight regarding Mr. Cressey Nakagawa's involvement in the actions we took to change the JACL-California Blue Shield Plan into a trust.

Under the advice from a variety of sources, including our CPA firm, we decided approximately two years ago to hire professional outside legal counsel that specializes in trust work to survey our situation and make recommendations. At no time did we seek or receive any input from Mr. Nakagawa during the preliminary work. In fact, when we met last June with representation from National JACL and NCWNP, he was not present. That meeting served to inform National and the district as to the details of the formation of the trust.

Mr. Nakagawa's first and only contact with the trustees came sometime later. He attended one of our regular meetings in San Francisco and mentioned getting one of the trustees onto his Health Insurance Committee, but we never received any follow up on that proposal. Since then, we have a regular observer from the NCWNP District, but it is not Mr. Nakagawa.

What is especially disturbing is the comment that "Because of his work on the JACL Blue Shield insurance problem, he was appointed chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Insurance." This insinuates that the Blue Shield Program has been a problem. On the contrary; we are the only health plan in the JACL that has been continually managed since inception by a group of JACL members. We pay for a formal outside audit each year, and make full financial disclosure. When the competing health plan for the Central California district ran into trouble, we had the Blue Shield analysts evaluate their claims experience and were able to assume coverage for all of those people, giving them a viable alternative to completely losing health insurance coverage.

We fully support the JACL in many ways (i.e., by attending fundraisers such as the one on June 30th in San Francisco and buying ads in the National Convention booklet) by signing up new members gained from advertising in a variety of the vernacular newspapers, and keeping the chapters informed with each quarterly insurance premium as to who must be paying for their membership.

If this program is a problem, the JACL should have more of them.

DOUGLAS URATA  
Long Beach, CA

take the last sip of scotch.

"Hey, Mr. Sasaki? How about one on me."

"You don't have to do that."

"Please. It's just one to let you know that not everyone is going to forget. Okay?"

"Okay."

## JACL's Duty

Public Law 405, signed into law by FDR on July 1, 1944 was framed to procure renunciations solely from Japanese Americans. Patently racist, this denationalization statute was, from its inception, intended to entrap (for easy postwar disposal) dissidents stigmatized as disloyals, especially those concentrated in Tule Lake. After the war's end, Public Law 405, which was earlier denounced by Senator Eberharter as being unconstitutional, was voided by a Joint Resolution of Congress on July 25, 1947.

Acknowledging the wrongs P.L. 405 had inflicted on confused, traumatized men, women, children caged in concentration camps, Attorney General William P. Rogers made public the restoration of "precious rights of citizenship" to 4,978 Nisei on May 20, 1959, declaring "Our country did make a mistake. We have publicly recognized it and as a free nation publicly make restoration." His assistant George C. Doub further expressed the hope that the Nisei would "have the charity to forgive this Government." (Chapter 13, *Years of Infamy*).

Tacko Okamura's letter (6/24-7/1/88) poignantly reminds us how a hideous wrong can again be compounded. The redress bills which passed both houses of Congress should end up as one which makes amends to all survivors. The wartime "divide and conquer" governmental tactic of stereotyping one group as being more disloyal than others should end, and it is JACL's duty to see to it. Discrimination must end. Only then can the healing process really begin.

MICHI NISHIURA WEGLYN  
New York, N.Y.

## Togasaki Fund Growing

Bill Hosokawa's "Helping Those Who Helped So Much" (P.C., May 27, 1988) so aptly conveyed our message about the Togasaki family.

Thanks to those responding to Bill's column and to direct mailings, The Togasaki Family Fund continues to grow. The community has been responding to an appeal for 'on-gaeshi', repayment of a moral obligation.

The many touching messages that accompanied the generous checks tell the story of how the Togasaki family has touched many many lives.

As individuals who formed The Togasaki Family Fund, it has been a labor of love and of deep friendship for us. Our thoughts of the Togasaki sisters are filled with tenderness and with memories of their unstinting services to our community.

Our thanks to P.C. readers who responded to Bill's column.

MOLLIE FUJIOKA, YO HIRONAKA  
YORI WADA, YUKIO WADA

## Unknown Comrade

An event occurred on April 7 or 8, 1945, on the western slope of Mt. Folgorita (Assano, Italy) when, as members of a combat patrol dispatched to assess the battle posture of 3rd Battalion, 442 CT, we became involved in aiding one of the rifle companies (I, K, or L) secure a ridge. Completed, some of us retraced the route along the steep defile to avoid exposure on the ridge still under fire.

Along the way, several German soldiers emerged unexpectedly from a bunker we had bypassed earlier and it is still difficult to recall who were more surprised and frightened. They were fortunate and were safely led away, but another soldier and I found a seriously wounded young German. Although under sporadic fire, we stopped to help when my companion was shot through the neck compelling us to abandon the German soldier. My companion climbed up the hill because he had to. I never saw him again. Later I learned that he had rejoined the unit although with residual mild left brachial plexus palsy.

It would give me great pleasure to know the name of the unknown comrade of that brief encounter.

ELI SUYAMA  
Ellsworth, Maine

## EAST WIND

WILLIAM MARUTANI

## When You Are Passing Through Narita



SHE APPEARED to me to be a *gaku-sei* (student) from Japan who was part of a group travelling from Philadelphia to San Francisco. Periodically during the flight, one of her more lively companions would pause where we were seated, make a few comments and animatedly wave. Japanese or not, five hours of flight is a long time so I broke the ice, although I can't recall just what the opening gambit was. But once the proverbial ice was broken, our discussion (conducted primarily in English, for reasons I'll shortly explain) was varying and perhaps revealing.

SHE EXPLAINED she was from Tokyo attending a summer course at an eastern university along with some 40 of her country-people. She had attended Meiji University in Japan and was interested in some phase of the legal profession, probably in the civil division of the Japanese court system. The group, chaperoned by one of the instructors from the eastern university, was on a tour which was to include the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles ("Oh, yes, including Disneyland", followed by a somewhat embarrassed smile), New Orleans, Atlanta and so on.

Before I deplaned, I chatted with the chaperone and recommended that she take the entourage to the Japan Center for sushi, noodles, magazines at Kinokuniya. I stated that this would be one of the biggest favors she could do for her charges. (Later, when I was in the Japan Center following my own advice, I wondered if I might bump into the group; however, I did not see them.)

WE CONVERSED in English as part of the *renshu* (practice or exercise) in her language development. She carried a little *Sanseido jiten* (dictionary) both English-Japanese and vice-versa. Whenever she groped for a word, out would come the dictionary and the flipping of pages. Or if she used a term which she believed was incorrect, up would go her hand, palm open with fingers together, and in typical Japanese custom, quickly wave like a fan-meaning "strike that."

Only if she got into a real log-jam did I intercede with *nihongo*. (You see, I carried my own *jiten*.)

SINCE I WAS exchanging information with a well-educated Japanese, I decided to conduct a one-person poll, to speak. I inquired about her views, and generally the views of young people in Japan, about the fingerprint laws of Japan. The response I received was that in her estimation, well over half of the young people would approve of the law. Well, however, was the law unfair from the point of view of those to whom it applied? And I cited some examples (actual cases) involving Koreans who were born, raised and educated in Japan but had not taken out Japanese citizenship. And so the discussion went. Pondering some difficult cases, she paused before answering. Then she pointed out that the fingerprint laws were undergoing amendments.

From that, I concluded in my own mind what her position was. So I moved on to another subject.

WHEN HAD SHE first learned about what happened to Japanese Americans and their parents following the outbreak of WWI? Had she learned of it in one of her academic courses in Japan, or a magazine perhaps? Her answer "threw" me for a moment; perhaps it was the verbal communication problem. She answered that she had read about "Anne Frank." After clearing up an obvious misunderstanding, she said she learned about it from Japanese television, that she was aware that America had its own concentration camps.

IT MAY BE that the AJA's have a major need to develop a program whereby "our story", not simply the uprooting and the incarceration of 1942, is told to the Japanese. That would certainly go a long way toward some understanding.

My passenger companion graciously extended an invitation to visit her home in Tokyo where her father is a professor. The next time Vicki and I are in Japan, we may do just that. I'd like to determine whether the fingerprint law has been amended.



**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER** — Dr. Frank Y. Nishio of Fresno, Calif., recently received the title of Honorary Life Member by the Fresno Chapter at a CCDC district meeting on June 25. The retired optometrist, who is planning to move to Hawaii, received a plaque from the chapter and Cross pen and pencil set from CCDC. Nishio is pictured here with wife Karen.

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# National JACL Constitution / Bylaws

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## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

We, Members of the Japanese American Citizens League, in order to foster American Democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure Justice and Equal Opportunities for Americans of Japanese Ancestry, as well as for all Americans regardless of Race, Creed, Color, National Origin or Sex, do establish this Constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America.

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND OFFICES

**Section 1. Name:** The name of this organization shall be the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America. The official abbreviation shall be JACL.

**Section 2. Offices:** The National Headquarters and offices of this organization shall be located at such places as designated by the National Council.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

**Section 1. General Purpose:** The purposes of this organization shall be to:

(a) Protect the rights of Japanese Americans as its primary and continuing concern. It shall also strive to secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people.

(b) Preserve the culture and values of Japanese Americans in a multi-cultural society.

(c) Participate in the development of understanding between all social and ethnic groups.

(d) Promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects, and activities designed to further and to encourage members to perform faithfully their duties and obligations to the United States of America. The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the several states.

**Section 2. Non-Partisan Organization:** This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE III.

#### INCORPORATION AND SEAL

**Section 1. Incorporation in California:** The incorporation of this organization shall be under the nonprofit organization laws of the State of California.

**Section 2. Official Seal:** The official seal of this organization shall bear the words: "Japanese American Citizens League, Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of California, June 21, 1937."

### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Qualifications:** The membership of this organization shall be comprised of American Citizens who agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization.

**Section 2. Chapters:** The individual members shall be organized into chapters of 25 or more members each.

### ARTICLE V. CHAPTERS

**Section 1. Organization Is Comprised of Chapters:** The National organization shall be comprised of regularly chartered Chapters, Chapters in process, District Councils, and Members.

**Section 2. Chapter Activities:** The Chapters of this organization are encouraged to sponsor and to promote programs of their own which are calculated to serve their local communities in the spirit prescribed in the Preamble, and to participate in the various projects recommended by the National organization.

**Section 3. Relationship to National Program:** The Chapters shall be as autonomous as is consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and with the policies and programs of the National organization.

### ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT COUNCILS

**Section 1. Establishment of District Councils:** The regularly chartered chapters shall be grouped together for administrative and program purposes into District Councils.

**Section 2. Functions and Powers of District Councils:** The District Councils shall (a) have jurisdiction over their member Chapters; (b) participate in and direct the National Program within their respective Districts as well as sponsor such activities of their own which shall serve the best interests of their District; (c) act upon all business matters referred to them by the National Board, National Council, and their authorized officers; and (d) coordinate the activities of the Chapters within the District with the National organization.

**Section 3. District Constitution and Bylaws:** Each District Council shall be governed by its own Constitution and Bylaws and have such autonomy as is consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and the policies and programs of the National organization. The presiding officer of each District Council shall be the Governor.

**Section 4. District Governors' Caucus:** The District Governors' Caucus shall be comprised of the governors of the District Councils. The District Governors' Caucus shall elect a chairperson at its first annual National Board Meeting to serve

for a term of one year and in accordance with rules it shall adopt. The chairperson shall serve as a voting member of the National Executive Committee. Resignation of the Governors' Caucus Chairperson shall be accepted by the National Board or the National President acting on behalf of the National Board.

### ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL COUNCIL

**Section 1. Composition:** The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in a National Council which shall be comprised of two official delegates from each of the chartered Chapter and the District Youth Representative from each District.

**Section 2. Adoption of Program for Action:** The National Council shall consider and adopt a Program for Action for the ensuing years designed to maintain and vitalize the National organization and to achieve its aim and purposes. Such actions shall be construed as establishing the policies of the National organization, and the National Board will be guided by such policies.

### ARTICLE VIII. NATIONAL BOARD

**Section 1. Composition of the Board:** The National Board shall be comprised of the elected National Officers, the District Governors elected by their Districts, the National Youth Council Chairperson, the National Youth Representative selected by the National Youth Council, the National Legal Counsel, and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. All Board Members shall have one vote with the exception of the National Legal Counsel and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board, both of whom shall have no vote.

#### Section 2. Powers:

(a) General Corporate Powers. Subject to the provisions of the California Non-profit Corporation Law and any limitations in the articles of incorporation and these Constitution and Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be approved by the National Council, the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed; and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the National Board.

(b) Implementation. The National Board shall implement the resolutions and decisions of the National Council.

### ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL OFFICERS

#### Section 1. Elected Positions:

(a) The elective National Officers shall be the President, four Vice Presidents, and the Secretary/Treasurer.

(b) The four Vice Presidents shall be respectively designated as the: (i) "Vice President for General Operations"; (ii) "Vice President for Public Affairs"; (iii) "Vice President for Planning and Development"; and (iv) "Vice President for 1000 Club, Membership and Services".

(c) The elective officers shall be Active Members of the organization and shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, except

that the President shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.

**Section 2. Appointed Positions:** The appointive officers shall be the National Legal Counsel, and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. These shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board and shall have no vote. All appointive officers shall serve only at the pleasure and sole discretion of the National President.

### Section 3.

#### The National Youth Positions:

(a) The National Youth Council shall elect a Chairperson from within the National Youth Council at each Biennial Convention who shall serve for the following biennium and in accordance with the rules adopted by the National Youth Council.

(b) The National Youth Representative shall be elected by the National Youth Council and shall serve for the following biennium.

### ARTICLE X. NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

There shall be a National Nominating Committee for National Officers as set forth in the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. National Council Vote Necessary:** The Constitution and Bylaws of this organization may be amended by the National Council upon the motion of a District Council or the National Board.

**Section 2. Notice:** Notification of proposed Amendments must be filed with the National Director at least six (6) weeks before the National Council Meetings, and the National Director shall send a copy of the proposed Amendment to every Chapter at least thirty (30) days preceding the National Council Meeting at which a decision is requested.

**Section 3. Constitution Amendment:** A three-fourths majority of the Chapters present at the National Council meeting shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.

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**Section 5. Amendment Proposals Without Notice:** An Amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the National Council Meeting without prior notice, notwithstanding Section 2 above, upon endorsement by at least five (5) Chapters shall be considered by the National Council in the same manner as any proposed Amendment. Any such Amendment approved by the National Council, under the provisions of this Section 5, shall be referred to all Chapters for final approval and ratification by the majorities specified in Sections 3 and 4 of this ARTICLE XI. Such referral shall be made by mail within sixty (60) days after approval by the National Council, and shall be ratified by the time period specified by the National Council at the time such Amendment is approved but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

### ARTICLE XII.

#### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

#### Section 1. Definitions:

(a) An Initiative is a process whereby the individual members may propose and enact Resolutions and other policies pertaining to the organization.

(b) A Referendum is a process whereby the individual members may vote to approve or disapprove Resolutions and Policies adopted by the National Board or other authorized decision-making bodies within the organization.

**Section 2. Requirements for Initiative:** An Initiative shall be instituted when recommended by three (3) District Councils and supported by signatures of at least five (5) percent of the membership of said District Councils as reported and recorded in the JACL membership list of the last preceding year.

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## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIPS

#### Section 1. Active Members:

(a) Active Members shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in good standing or a Chapter recognized by the National Council.

(b) Active Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices unless otherwise provided.

(c) Active Members shall pay dues as follows: (i) National dues set by the National Council, to be remitted by the Chapter to National Headquarters; and (ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter, to be retained by the Chapter. Membership dates shall be established by the National Board. Membership dues shall include an Active Membership card, a subscription to the Pacific Citizen on the basis of one subscription to each household, and privileges of other special organizational services.

(d) Active Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of any fees upon written request to the National Director by the Member or Chapter involved.

(e) Reduced rates for additional members of the same family residing at the same address may be established by the National Council. Such additional members shall not receive the Pacific Citizen.

#### Section 2. National Associate Members:

(a) National Associate Members shall be persons eligible for membership in this organization residing in areas where there are no Chapters and are not members of any Chapter.

(b) National Associate Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization except the right to vote and hold local office.

(c) National Associate Members shall pay annual membership dues to National Headquarters as set by the National Board. Membership dues shall include, a National Associate Membership card, one year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen, and privileges of other special organizational services. Additional members of the same household, residing at the same address, shall pay annual dues consisting of one half the National dues but such additional members shall not receive the Pacific Citizen.

(d) Membership dates for National Associate Members shall be set by the National Board.

(e) National Associate Members who reside in or move to an area where a regular Chapter is in existence may have their membership transferred thereto as an Active Member without the further payment of dues upon written request to the National Director by either the Associate Member or the Chapter involved.

#### Section 3. Special Members:

(a) Special Members shall be non-citizens who subscribe to the purposes of this organization.

(b) Special Members shall pay dues as follows: (i) National dues set by the National Council; and (ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter. Membership dates for Special Members shall be set by the National Board.

(c) Special Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization

## Eight Amendments Proposed:

# Chicago JACL Wants to Drop Citizenship Requirement for All JACL Membership

SAN FRANCISCO—Four JACL chapters and Midwest District Council have submitted amendments to the National JACL Constitution and Bylaws; it was announced by National JACL Headquarters this past week.

A rare occurrence in JACL constitutional history is the proposal from the Nikkei Leadership Assn. JACL, based in West Los Angeles, to insert three more words into the JACL Preamble.

The young adult/Sansei chapter has proposed to add "or sexual orientation," meaning that JACL promotes justice and equal opportunities for all peoples regardless of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex or sexual orientation.

#### Earlier Preambles

The current statement was the result of a minor expansion made in 1968 of another long-standing premise for the organization adopted at the 1948 Convention. Apparently, the preamble receives attention every two decades.

At the first postwar National Convention in Denver in 1946, the Convention made many changes structurally to the organization but left untouched the wordy preamble of prewar vintage, to wit:

PREAMBLE (c. 1934)  
WE, AMERICAN CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY, in order to uphold and defend the Con-

stitution of the United States of America and the principles for which it stands against all enemies, foreign and domestic; to foster and spread the true spirit of Americanism; to build the character of our people, morally, spiritually and socially on American ideals and traditions; to speed the ultimate and complete assimilation of the Japanese American into the American cultural pattern; and to promote the welfare and aid in the development of all Americans of Japanese extraction as an integral and inseparable part of the national life; ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The JACL constitution in force at the 1930 Convention at Seattle had no preamble, was brief in style and scope with 13 articles and no bylaws.

#### Other Proposals

Chicago JACL has submitted two: (1) Remove the U.S. citizenship requirement for membership in the constitution and, if passed, the by-laws dealing with Special Members or those who are not citizens but agree to abide by the JACL constitution and bylaws; (2) revising the age limit for JACL youth membership from 18 or the equivalent of a high school senior up to age 22.

Special members at the present time have all the rights and privileges except for holding office or voting in the organization.

Downtown L.A. JACL has proposed that: (1) the secretary-treasurer "have a working knowledge of accounting including analysis of financial statement" be stipulated in the Constitution rather than as requirement within the proper bylaws; (2) that appointments of national committee chairpersons "be the responsibility of the vice president in charge of those committees, subject to the approval of the National President and the National Board" rather than as present solely by the National President; and (3) the Pacific Citizen Board constitutionally meet "every quarter" instead of "at least once every two years."

Both South Bay JACL and the Midwest District Council addressed the number of proxy votes with the same number: "limited to three per chapter" or "no active member hold(ing) more than 3 proxies."

The proxy limitation had been in practice for many years but it was overlooked by the 1980 Constitutional Convention where the entire document was studied, revised and adopted. The fact that there was no proxy limitation allowed some delegates at subsequent national council sessions to exercise more than 3 proxies, despite the challenges based upon tradition.

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except that of voting or holding office.

(d) Special Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of any fees upon written request to the National Director by the Special Member or Chapter involved.

(e) Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices unless otherwise provided.

## Section 4. Student Memberships:

(a) Student Members shall be persons who are eligible for membership in this organization and are currently enrolled in a Trade School, Business College, College, University or other institution of higher learning at either the Undergraduate or Graduate level.

(b) Student Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

(c) Student Members shall pay membership dues to be fixed by the National Board, of which a percentage shall be retained by the local Chapter. Payment of this amount shall entitle the Student Member to a JACL Student Membership card, one year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen if no other member of the household receives a copy, and special organizational services.

(d) Student membership dates shall be fixed by the National Board.

(e) Student Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of fees upon written request to the National Director by the Student Member or the Chapter involved.

## Section 5. Youth Membership (JAY)

(a) Youth Members shall be persons eligible for membership in this organization who are below the age of eighteen (18) or the equivalent of a high school senior.

(b) Youth Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

(c) Youth Members shall pay annual dues to be fixed by the National Board, of which a percentage shall be retained by the local Chapter. Payment of this amount shall entitle the Youth Member to a Youth Membership card, and special organizational services.

(d) Youth Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of fees upon written request to the National Director by the Youth Member or the Chapter involved.

## Section 6. National Supporting Members

(a) Membership Categories:

(i) Individuals who contribute in excess of the regular membership dues shall be known as National JACL Supporting Members according to categories defined by the National Council.

(ii) Such categories shall include:

1) JACL One Thousand Club, which consists of two classes:

- a) JACL Fifty Club, and
- b) JACL Century Club;

2) JACL Corporate Club, which consists of three classes:

- a) Silver,
- b) Gold, and
- c) Diamond.

(b) Apportionment of Dues: Apportionment of dues between National and Chapters shall be determined by the National Council.

(c) Membership Dates: Membership dates of National Supporting Members shall be set by the National Board.

(d) Life Membership: The National Board shall adopt consistent policies and rules governing the granting and recognition of Life Membership.

## ARTICLE II. CHAPTERS

### Section 1. Chapter Requirements:

The official Chapter charter of the organization shall be granted by the National Board when any group of individuals has satisfied the following requirements:

(a) Have twenty-five (25) or more American Citizens who shall have signed a petition for a charter subscribing to the purposes of the organization. The National Board may grant Chapter charters with less than the foregoing number if it deems the circumstances merit special consideration.

(b) Have a currently elected set of officers including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) Have a Constitution and Bylaws which are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National organization and which are acceptable to the National Board.

(d) Have an application for membership in the organization accompanied by payment of a Chapter initiation fee, annual Chapter dues, and the National Membership fees for their members as set by the National Council.

(e) Have been recommended by the District Council in whose geographic area such proposed Chapter is situated.

### Section 2. Chapters in Good Standing:

The chartered Chapters to be in good standing shall have:

(a) A minimum of twenty-five (25) members unless the Chapter is operating under

a special charter grant from the National Board;

(b) All National and District dues, fees, and assessments paid by the thirtieth (30th) day of June in a non-Convention year, or sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention;

(c) Currently elected set of officers, including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(d) Cooperated in projects, programs, and services promulgated by the National organization.

**Section 3. Representation at National Council Meetings:** Two official delegates and alternate delegates may be designated by the chartered Chapters to represent them at the National Council meeting of this organization.

**Section 4. Probation:** A Chapter which has been inactive for two (2) years; i.e., elected no officers, or had no members, carried on no activities, paid no National dues, or had failed to respond to correspondence from its District Council and National Headquarters, upon being notified of such delinquency, shall thereupon be placed on a six (6) month probationary period. Such notification shall be published.

### Section 5. Suspension or Revocation of Chapter Charter:

(a) The National Board may suspend or revoke the charter of any Chapter which is determined to have committed any of the following infractions:

(i) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of this organization;

(ii) Refusal to a serious degree to cooperate in the National program; or

(iii) Failure to pay dues as set by the National Council.

(b) Prior to revocation or suspension of a Chapter's charter, the following procedure shall be followed:

(i) A notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the most recent address of the Chapter as shown on the organization's records. Such notice shall set forth the reasons for the proposed suspension or revocation. Such notice shall be sent at least thirty (30) days before the proposed effective date of the revocation or suspension.

(ii) The Chapter being so notified shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not fewer than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed action. The hearing will be held by a special committee comprised of not fewer than three (3) Past National Officers appointed by the President. The notice to the Chapter of the proposed action shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing.

(iii) Following the hearing, the special committee shall make recommendations in writing to the National Board. The recommendation of the special committee shall be approved by a three-fourths majority of the National Board.

## ARTICLE III. DISTRICT COUNCILS

### Section 1. Geographic Distributions

The National organization shall be divided into the following Districts with the following jurisdictions:

(a) Pacific Northwest District Council—Washington, Northern and Southwest Oregon, Idaho Panhandle, and Alaska.

(b) Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council—Merced County, Monterey County, and all other counties in California north of the aforementioned counties, Hawaii, Japan, and northwestern sections of Nevada.

(c) Central California District Council—Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Madera Counties.

(d) Pacific Southwest District Council—All counties in California south of Kern and Monterey Counties, the State of Arizona, and southwestern sections of Nevada.

(e) Intermountain District Council—Utah, Idaho proper, Southeast Oregon, adjoining eastern sections of Nevada, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

(f) Mountain Plains District Council—Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

(g) Midwest District Council—Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.

(h) Eastern District Council—Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

### Section 2. Establishment of a New District Council:

A new district council may be established upon petition by three (3) or more chartered Chapters and upon approval of the National Council.

## ARTICLE IV. NATIONAL COUNCIL POWERS AND MEETINGS

### Section 1. Exercise of Powers:

The National Council shall have such powers as designated in the Constitution and Bylaws including the power to: (a) elect National Officers; (b) set the National dues rate with the exception of special dues rate

which shall be set by the National Board; (c) amend the Constitution and Bylaws; (d) designate the location of the National Headquarters and Offices; (e) establish policy reaffirming the purpose of the organization; (f) consider and decide upon any other issues properly introduced before the Council; and (g) any other powers granted under the Constitution or this Bylaws.

**Section 2. Biennial Session:** The National Council shall meet in general session biennially during the National Convention.

### Section 3. Quorum:

(a) The quorum necessary to conduct business shall be the majority of the chartered Chapters in good standing.

(b) The members present at a duly called or duly held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to conduct business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by at least a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

### Section 4. Notice:

(a) Notice of National Council meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall specify the place, date, and hour of the meeting; and (i) in the case of a special meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business may in that case be transacted; or (ii) in the case of the biennial meeting, those matters which the National Board, at the time of giving the notice, intends to present for action by the National Council.

(b) The National Director shall mail Chapter Presidents copies of the proposed agenda for the National Council meeting at least thirty (30) days preceding such meeting.

(c) Manner of Giving Notice: Notice of any meeting of the National Council shall be given personally or by first-class mail, telegraphic, or other written communication, charges prepaid, addressed to each Chapter at the address of that Chapter then currently appearing on the books of the organization or the address given by the Chapter to the organization for the purpose of notice. If no address appears on the organization's records and no other has been given, notice shall be deemed to have been given if either:

(i) Notice is sent to that Chapter by first-class mail or telegraphic or other written communication to the Chapter's principal office; or

(ii) Notice is published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the membership of this organization. Notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when delivered personally or deposited in the mail or sent by telegram or other means of written communications.

(d) An affidavit of the mailing or other means of giving any notice of any National Council meeting may be executed by the Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, or any other party of the organization giving the notice and if so executed, shall be filed and maintained in the minutes book of the organization.

### Section 5. Adjourned Meeting:

National Council meetings, biennial or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the Chapters represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy. But in the absence of a quorum, no other business may be transacted at such meetings, except as provided in this Article V [below].

### Section 6. Special Meetings

(a) Special Session: The National Council shall meet in special session upon the call of the President or the National Board.

(b) Special Meetings for Removal of nationally-elected Board Members: Special meetings of the National Council for the purpose of removal of National Board Members and election of their replacements may be called by five (5) percent or more of the Chapters. If a special meeting is called by Chapters, the request for the meeting shall be submitted by such Chapters in writing, specifying the general nature of the business proposed to be transacted, and shall be delivered personally or sent by registered mail or by telegraphic or other facsimile transmission to the President, any Vice President, or the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. The Officer receiving the request shall give notice of the Chapters entitled to vote, that a meeting will be held and the date for such meeting, which date shall not be less than thirty-five (35) nor more than ninety (90) days following the receipt of the request. If the notice is not given within twenty (20) days after receipt of the request, the Chapters requesting the meeting may give the notice. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as limiting, fixing, or affecting the time when a meeting of the National Council may be held when the meeting is called by the National Board.

## ARTICLE V. VOTING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

### Section 1. Eligibility to Vote:

Only Chapters in good standing may vote in National Council sessions, with each Chapter entitled to one vote. The District Youth Representative of each District shall be entitled to one vote.

### Section 2. Majority Vote Required:

The majority vote of Chapters present and constituting a quorum at the National Council shall determine business before the National Council.

### Section 3. Action by Written Consent Without a Meeting:

The results of telegraphic, telephonic, or mail voting shall be binding on all Chapters in emergencies when the National Director shall have conducted a special poll at the direction of the President who shall announce the results of such special polls. The President shall refer an official request from a District Council to the National Director for a special poll within thirty (30) days after date of mailing for the return ballot. A majority of the votes returned shall decide the outcome of the proposed issues, provided a majority of the Chapters of the organization reply. All such written ballots shall be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization and maintained in the organization's records. In mail voting, the National Director shall mail either a self-addressed envelope or postcard to each Chapter by certified mail and set a deadline of thirty (30) days after date of mailing for the return of the ballots. All such solicitations shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements and with respect to ballots other than for election of Officers, shall state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted. The solicitations shall also provide spaces for approval, disapproval, and abstention.

## The Proxy Vote Bylaw to be Amended

### Section 4. Proxies

(a) Voting by proxy shall be permitted.

(b) Such proxies may designate any Active Member, excluding members of the National professional staff, provided that such delegation of powers shall be in writing signed by the Chapter President or delegate and dated and may provide whatever restrictions and/or instructions the Chapter deems necessary. Chapters represented by proxy shall have paid the minimum National Convention proxy fees.

(c) The maximum number of proxies which can be held by a delegate shall be limited to three (3).

(d) All proxies are revocable.

(e) Any proxy covering matters requiring a vote of the members regarding sale of assets, mergers, removal of National Board Members, filling vacancies on the Board, amendment of Articles, and such other matters indicated by law must set forth the general nature of the matter to be voted on; or in event of a vote of election of Officers, the proxy must list those nominated at the time the notice of the vote is given to members.

## ARTICLE VI. NATIONAL BOARD.

### Section 1. Number of Board Members:

The authorized number of Board Members shall be not more than eighteen (18).

### Section 2. Election and Term of Office of Board Members:

The National Officers shall be elected pursuant to Article VIII of these Bylaws and shall hold office until the next biennial National Convention as set forth in Article VIII of these Bylaws or until the election of a successor. However, if any National Convention is not held or Officers are not elected, Officers may be elected at any special National Council meeting held for that purpose. Each Board Member, including those elected to fill a vacancy or elected at a special National Council meeting, shall hold office until expiration of the term for which elected and qualified. District Governors shall be elected by Chapters in their respective District.

### Section 3. Vacancies

(a) Events Causing Vacancy: A vacancy in the National Board shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the following:

(i) The death, resignation, removal or impeachment of any Board Member;

(ii) The declaration by resolution of the National Board of vacancy in the office of a Board Member who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or convicted of a felony or has been found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under the California Nonprofit Corporation Law;

(iii) The vote of the Chapters to remove a Board Member;

(iv) The increase of the authorized number of Board Members; or

(v) The failure of the members to elect the authorized number of Board Members.

(b) Resignations: Except as provided in this subsection, any Board Member may resign, which resignation shall be effective on giving written notice to the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, or the National Board, unless the notice specifies a later effective date. If the resignation of a Board Member is effective at a future time, the Board may elect a successor to take office as of such later time. A Board Member may not resign if the organization would then be left without an elected Board Member in charge of its affairs.

### (c) Vacancy Appointments:

(i) The President shall appoint Active Members of the organization to all vacancies among the elective officers of the Board, such appointment to be approved by the National Board. Ap-

pointees shall serve until the next election.

(ii) The order of succession to a vacancy in the Office of the President shall be as follows: Vice President for General Operations, Vice President for Public Affairs, Vice President for Planning and Development, Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services, and Secretary/Treasurer. The successor President shall appoint an active member to fill the vacancy resulting from the successions, subject to (c) (i) of this ARTICLE VI. In the case of temporary absences, that Officer assuming the Presidential Office does not leave a vacant seat but assumes two Offices until the return of the President.

(d) Vacancies Filled by Vote of Chapters: Chapters may elect Board Members at any time to fill any vacancy or vacancies not filled by the Board, but any such election by written consent shall require the consent of a majority of the Chapters.

(e) No Vacancy on Reduction of Number of Officers: No reduction of the authorized number of Board Members shall have the effect of removing any Board Member before that Board Member's term of office expires.

(f) Vacancy by Removal or Impeachment: The elective Officers of this organization shall be subject to removal or impeachment for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in Office, provided that the National Board, after investigation, presents the case in question to the National Council. A three-fourths majority vote of the Chapters in good standing shall be required to adjudge the Officer charged.

### Section 4. Place of Meetings; Meetings by Telephone

The National Board shall meet at least twice annually at times and places designated by the President and upon the call of the President when requested to do so in writing by three or more elected Members of the National Board. Any meeting, regular or special, may be conducted by conference telephone or similar communication equipment so long as all Board Members participating in the meeting can hear one another; and all such Board Members shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

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**Section 5. Open Meetings:** All meetings of the National Board and Executive Committee shall be open to the membership except that the meeting may be closed for matters relating to personnel or litigation. The presiding Officer may exercise prerogative as to the extent of participation by nonboard members.

### Section 6. Special Meetings

(a) Authority to Call: Special meetings of the National Board for any purpose may be called at any time by the President or when requested in writing by three or more Members of the National Board.

(b) Notice:

(i) Manner of Giving.

Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Board Member by one of the following methods: (1) by personal delivery of written notice or direct oral communications; (2) by first-class mail, postage paid; (3) by telephone communications, either directly to the Board Member or to a person at the Board Member's residence who may reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Board Member; or (4) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Board Member's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the organization.

(ii) Time Requirements.

Notices sent by first-class mail shall be deposited into a United States mail box at least ten (10) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least 48 hours before the time set for the meeting.

(iii) Notice Contents.

The notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

**Section 7. Quorum:** A presence of a majority of the authorized number of Board Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 10 of this Article VI. Acts or decisions by a majority of the Board Members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Board Members, if such action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

### Section 8. Alternates for District Governors, National Youth Council Chairperson, and National Youth Representative:

If a District Governor, National Youth Council Chairperson, or the National Youth Representative is unable to attend a meeting of the National Board, an alternate may be selected by the Officers of such District Council or National Youth Council; and such alternate shall be allowed to vote on all matters.

**Section 9. Waiver of Notice:** The transactions of any meeting of the National Board, however called and noticed

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or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if: (a) a quorum is present; and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the Board Members not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the organization's records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall be deemed to have been given to any Board Member who attends the meeting without protest before or at its commencement of a lack of proper notice.

**Section 10. Adjournment:** A majority of the Board Members present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

**Section 11. Notice of Adjournment:** Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting to the Board Members who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

**Section 12. Action Without Meeting:** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all Board Members consent in writing to such action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the National Board at a duly convened meeting. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL OFFICERS

### Section 1. Duties of National Elected Officers

(a) The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, National Board, and the National Council;
- Supervise the affairs of this organization in conformance with the policies and programs of the National Board and the National Council;
- Represent the organization where necessary or appoint a person to do so;
- Make appointments with the approval of the National Board; and
- Perform all other duties and responsibilities indicated in these Constitution and Bylaws.

(b) Other nationally elected or appointed Officers shall perform such tasks as designated by the National Constitution and these Bylaws as well as those that may be assigned to them by the National Board, the National Council, or the President.

(c) Vice President for General Operations: The Vice President for General Operations shall be responsible for monitoring the internal affairs of the National organization, including matters and committees relating to personnel, structural organization, the management and operation of National and District Offices, and the National Convention.

(d) Vice President for Public Affairs: The Vice President for Public Affairs shall be responsible for monitoring the external affairs of the National organization, including matters and committees relating to legislation, civil rights, public issues, media, and public relations.

(e) Vice President for Planning and Development: The Vice President for Planning and Development shall be responsible for monitoring matters and committees relating to research, studies, grants, youth, scholarships, historical preservation, and formulation of long-range goals and policies.

(f) Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services: The Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services shall be responsible for monitoring matters and committees relating to membership development and membership services. Such Vice President shall promote the enrollment of One Thousand Club Members as well as all other categories of memberships.

(g) The Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall account for and oversee the monies and other assets received or disbursed by the organization and make payments with the approval of the National Board or the National Council. The books shall be reviewed annually by an independent accountant, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall make biennial reports to the membership.

**Section 2. Duties of Appointive Officers**

(a) National Legal Counsel:

- The National Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board.
- The National Legal Counsel shall pass upon, review, suggest, and consider all legal matters pertaining to this organization or opinions on law or legislation.
- The National Legal Counsel may designate one or more Deputy National Legal Counsels who, under the direct supervision of the National Legal Counsel, shall carry out assignments and duties.

(b) Chairperson of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board:

(i) The Chairperson of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board and is a nonvoting member of the National Board.

(ii) The Chairperson of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board shall call meetings of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board, preside at such meetings, and be responsible for carrying out all duties of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board as enumerated in these Bylaws.

**Section 3. Term of Office:** National Officers shall serve for two (2) years or until the election of their successors. No National Officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms in the same office.

### Section 4. Duties of National Youth Officers:

(a) The National Youth Council Chairperson shall call meetings of the National Youth Council, preside at such meetings, and be responsible for carrying out all duties of the National Youth Council as enumerated in these bylaws.

(b) The National Youth Representative shall perform duties prescribed by the National Council, National Board, and the National Youth Council. The National Youth Representative shall represent the views, interests, and needs of youth of all ages.

## ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

### Section 1. Nomination Committee Functions:

The nominations for National Officers shall be conducted in the following manner:

(a) A Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the National President one year prior to the convening of the next National Convention. The Nominations Committee shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the National President, one member of the National Youth Council, and one representative from each of the District Councils to be appointed by the National President upon recommendations of the respective District Councils. Each such representative shall be one who intends to be present at the National Convention and who will not be a candidate for a National Office. If the representative is unable to be present at the meeting of the Nominations Committee, the Governor of the particular District Council or the National Youth Council Chairperson may recommend a substitute to be appointed by the President. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer of the Committee with no voting power except in case of a tie.

(b) Not later than ninety (90) days before the next National Council meeting each District Council, through its representative, shall submit to the National Nominations Committee the names of qualified candidates for National Offices. The National Nominations Committee shall publish the names of all such candidates and furnish to each District Council and to each Chapter the list of all candidates, including their names, addresses, and offices for which they are candidates.

(c) After expiration of the above ninety (90)-day period, additional nominees may not be considered by the National Nominations Committee until such time the National Council is duly convened when additional nominations may be taken from the floor. Such nominations from the floor shall include the background information on the nominees as required on the official nomination form and shall be subject to the requirements of endorsement of the majority of the Chapters of the candidates' District Council. The National Council may vote to close nominations after time for such additional nominations has been provided.

(d) The names of all candidates must be submitted on official nomination forms provided by the National Nominations Committee, setting forth pertinent background information, together with the candidate's signature of willingness to serve if elected.

(e) The Nominations Committee shall meet prior to the first business session of the National Council and prepare the slate of candidates for National Offices for presentation to the National Council. In making up this slate for presentation, the Nominations Committee may name a candidate for an office other than that for which submitted, provided consent for such change is obtained.

**Section 2. Elected at National Convention:** The National Officers shall be elected by ballot at the final business session of the National Convention.

## ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL DIRECTOR

**Section 1. Appointed by National Board:** The National Director shall be appointed or terminated by the National Board. The staff members shall be appointed or terminated by the National Director and in the case of a Regional Director, with the advice and counsel of the District Council or District Councils involved.

**Section 2. Location of Office:** The Office of the National Director shall be in the city designated by the National Council as the National Headquarters.

### Section 3. Duties:

(a) The National Director shall adminis-

ter the affairs of the organization and shall implement the policies of the National Council as directed by the National Board and shall be directly accountable to the National Board through the President. The National Board is responsible to the National Council for the performance of the National Director.

(b) The National Director shall supervise the National Headquarters and all staff members and regional area offices within the National budget and under the supervision of the National Secretary/Treasurer, shall disburse funds for all organization activities in accordance with the mandates of the National Council, except as hereinafter provided in paragraph (c).

(c) The Pacific Citizen and its staff shall be responsible to the National President, National Board and National Council through the Pacific Citizen Board. Pacific Citizen funds shall be clearly identified in the overall National Budget and all subscription income shall be disbursed to the Pacific Citizen.

## ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Section 1. Biennial Convention:** The National Convention of this organization shall be convened every two (2) years on the "even numbered" years at a place designated by a majority vote of the National Council.

**Section 2. National Convention Committee:** The program guidelines of the Convention shall be established by the National Board in consultation with the Chapter awarded the Convention.

**Section 3. Chapter Awarded the National Convention:** The Chapter awarded the National Convention shall be responsible for all necessary physical arrangements for the Convention with consultation and cooperation from the National Board and the District Council to which it belongs.

## ARTICLE XI. NATIONAL COMMITTEES

### Section 1. National Board Subcommittees:

(a) The National Board may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board Members, designate one or more committees, each consisting of two or more Board Members, to serve at the pleasure of the National Board. Such committee, to the extent authorized by the resolution of the National Board, shall have the authority of the National Board. All actions of such committees shall be ratified or rejected by the National Board.

(b) Meetings and Action of Subcommittees of National Board:

Meetings and action of subcommittees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions concerning meetings of the National Board, with such changes in the context of those Bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board and its Members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be determined either by resolution of the Board or by resolution of the committee. Special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the Board. Notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any and all alternate Members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Board may adopt rules for the government of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

(c) There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Board comprised of the President, the four Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairperson of the District Governors' Caucus, the National Youth Council Chairperson, and the National Legal Counsel. The National Legal Counsel shall have no vote. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for and conduct functions of the National Board to the extent expressly designated and authorized by the National Board. The actions of the Executive Committee shall be ratified or rejected by the National Board at their next meeting.

### Section 2. National Advisory Committees:

(a) National Standing Committees shall be organized by the National Council to perform a continuing function and remain in existence until terminated by National Council action. The specific duties of these committees shall be prescribed by the President and National Director with the approval of the National Board and appointments of the chairpersons of these committees shall be made by the President, subject to approval of the National Board.

(b) Convention Committees for various phases of the National program of the organization shall be convened for the National Convention at the request of the President with approval by the National Board.

(c) Special Committees (Select or Ad Hoc) are committees appointed as the need arises to carry out a specified task at the completion of which they shall automatically cease to exist. Such committees function between National Conventions on the various phases of a National program.

(i) Special Committees may be created by the National Council, National Board, or the President with the approval of the National Board. The chair persons of Special Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the National Board.

(ii) The National Vice Presidents may be assigned by the President to supervise the works of the Special Committees whose specific duties and scope of activities shall be prescribed by the assigned Vice President and the National Director with the approval of the National Board. Committee chairpersons shall be responsible to the assigned Vice President and National Director.

(d) The Committees described in this Section 2 are advisory in nature.

**Section 3. Ex-Officio Members:** The President and the National Legal Counsel shall be ex-officio members of all committees, boards, or commissions which the National organization may establish. They shall not have the right to vote except as otherwise provided.

## ARTICLE XII. THE 'PACIFIC CITIZEN'

**Section 1. Official Publication:** The official publication of this organization shall be called 'Pacific Citizen' and shall be conducted as an educational and public relations project.

### Section 2. Board of Directors:

(a) The 'Pacific Citizen' Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of this publication.

(b) The 'Pacific Citizen' Board shall be comprised of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board Chairperson and a representative from each District.

(c) The National President shall appoint the 'Pacific Citizen' Board Chairperson with the approval of the National Board each biennium to become effective no later than December 31st of the Convention year.

(d) The 'Pacific Citizen' Board Members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms by the National President upon recommendation from the District Governors. Each Board member may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The appointments shall be subject to approval by the National Board.

(e) Appointments of Board members shall be staggered as follows:

(i) Representatives from EDC, MDC, and CCDC shall initially serve one-year terms;

(ii) Representatives from PSWDC and NCWNPDC shall initially serve two (2)-year terms; and

(iii) Representatives from PNWDC, IDC, and MPDC shall initially serve three (3)-year terms.

Thereafter, each appointee shall be appointed to three (3)-year terms.

**Section 3. Meetings:** The 'Pacific Citizen' Board shall meet at least once every two years and upon the call of the Chairperson of the 'Pacific Citizen' Board when requested in writing by two or more members of the Board.

## ARTICLE XIII. ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Section 1. Board of Directors:** The projects of this organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors appointed by the National Board with the approval of the National Council except as otherwise provided and for a period designated by the National Board.

**Section 2. Powers of Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall select its own officers, make rules and regulations, make recommendations on financing specific projects, and employ qualified individuals to further the projects undertaken. All such actions of the Board of Directors are subject to approval of the National Board.

**Section 3. Reporting to National Board:** The Board of Directors shall submit progress reports and account to the National Board for approval at least once annually and at all other times when called upon to do so.

**Section 4. Role of National President:** The President shall have the power to cast a vote to break deadlocks on issues in meetings of the Board of Directors, if not an official member of the Board in question. If a member, the President may cast an extra vote.

## ARTICLE XIV. BUDGET AND FINANCE

### Section 1. Current Operations:

(a) The National Secretary/Treasurer together with the President and National Director shall prepare and present to the National Council for approval a budget which shall contain all items of general or special expense for the period in question.

(i) Said budget shall be presented to all District Councils and Chapters not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date it is to be voted upon by the National Council.

(ii) An appropriation of \$5,000 or more not so submitted shall require the approval of three-fourths of the Chapters voting at the National Council session.

(b) The National Board with the approval of three-fourths of the Chapters shall have the power to levy and to apportion special assessments in a just and equitable manner to further the work of this organization.

(c) Members of the National Board, or an appointed representative thereof, and the National Director and members of the staff shall be entitled to reasonable traveling and other necessary expenses while attending to the officially sanctioned business of this organization.

(d) Funds derived from membership and annual dues, National Convention registrations, and other current activities of this organization shall be deposited with the

current fund.

(e) With the approval of the National Board, the Secretary/Treasurer may adjust allocations of specific items in the budget if such adjustments are deemed necessary.

### Section 2. National JACL Reserve Fund:

(a) A National JACL reserve fund shall be established to be used for special contingencies.

(b) Surplus monies, or portions thereof, in the JACL national treasury at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be placed in the reserve fund.

(c) The reserve fund shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and the National Director.

(d) Withdrawals from this reserve fund shall be made only upon the unanimous approval of the Members of the Board of Directors of the fund, and an accounting of all monies deposited therein or withdrawals therefrom shall be included in the annual financial report of the National JACL.

## ARTICLE XV.

### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

**Section 1. Description:** The National Endowment Fund shall be created, and the income therefrom shall be used for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, projects and programs of this organization. Such income shall be administered by the National Board with the approval of the National Council.

**Section 2. Designation of Funds:** Funds received from the Endowment Fund pledges, donations, and gifts, shall be deposited with the Endowment Fund account. The National President, the National Secretary/Treasurer, the National Legal Counsel, the National Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson, and the National Director shall be empowered to represent the National organization with any financial institution with which Endowment Fund monies are placed or are to be placed.

**Section 3. Restrictions on Principal:** The principal of the Endowment Fund or any portion thereof shall be prudently invested, but may not be utilized except upon an emergency determined by the written approval of three-fourths of the chartered Chapters.

**Section 4. Endowment Fund Committee:** There shall be an Endowment Fund Committee composed of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be permanent members and three (3) shall be elected by the National Board and serve six (6)-year term. To initiate this Committee, of the three (3) elected members, one (1) shall be elected for the full six (6)-year term, one (1) for a four (4)-year term, and one (1) for two (2)-years. Thereafter, one (1) member shall be elected each biennium for a six (6)-year term.

**Section 5. Purpose of Committee:** The purpose of this Committee shall be: (a) to supervise and administer the "Endowment Fund" program with the approval of the National Board; (b) to advise and make recommendations to the National Board and the National Council; and (c) to advise the National Board and the National Council of any emergency which the Committee deems requires consideration by the Chapters to utilize any portion or all of the principal of the "Endowment Fund".

**Section 6. Liaison Role** The National Board may authorize members of the "Endowment Fund" Committee to serve as liaison with any financial institution where "Endowment Fund" monies are placed.

## ARTICLE XVI. PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

The Past National Presidents of this organization, except those specifically named to the National Board, shall be considered honorary members of the National Board. They shall be kept currently informed of the activities of the organization and shall receive all regular informational material sent to National Board Members including the "Pacific Citizen".

## ARTICLE XVII. RULES OF ORDER

The parliamentary authority which shall govern in all cases not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws shall be the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Revised".

## ARTICLE XVIII. LIMITATIONS

### Section 1. Non-Liability for Chapter Actions:

The National organization shall not be responsible for the commitments or obligations of local Chapters or District Councils or their officers, agents, employees, or representatives unless the National Director has expressly assumed such responsibilities, in advance, in writing.

### Section 2. National Council Action:

The actions of the National Council, shall be binding and effective thereafter as the policy of the National organization.

**Section 3. Advertisements:** The National organization shall not advertise or purchase complimentary space in any magazine, booklet, souvenir program, or other publication or mass media for any purpose whatsoever, except upon approval of the National Board.

**Section 4. Contributions:** The National organization shall not contribute to any organization, group, or individuals for membership dues or projects, except upon the approval of the National Board.

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## ARTICLE XIX:

## JACL YOUTH PROGRAM

## Section 1. Purpose and Policy:

(a) The JACL Youth Program shall encompass all JACL youth-related activities and programs.

(b) The purpose of the JACL Youth Program shall be to develop initiative and leadership, to increase understanding and appreciation of Japanese American culture, to serve youth and community, to promote the ideals of social justice, patriotism, goodwill, and to promote high standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and human relations.

(c) The JACL Youth Program shall be established to promote the JACL in accordance with JACL National Constitution and Bylaws.

## Section 2. Chapter Youth Programming:

(a) The responsibility for establishing and promoting Youth Programs at the Chapter level is that of the JACL Chapters with the assistance from the local Districts and National Youth Council, the National Youth Representative, the National Board and the National Staff.

(b) Chapter Youth Programs shall be as autonomous as the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws permits.

(c) Chapter Youth Programs as a part of the local Chapter shall be accountable to the Chapter Board and shall abide by the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

(d) The Chapter is encouraged to elect a Chapter Youth Chairperson who shall be a voting member of the Chapter Board.

## Section 3. District Youth Programming:

(a) The responsibility for establishing and promoting Youth Programs on the District level is that of the District with assistance from the local Chapters, the National Youth Council, the National Youth Representative, the National Board and National Staff.

(b) District Youth Programs shall be as autonomous as the District Constitution and Bylaws permits.

(c) District Youth Programs, as a part of the District, shall be accountable to the District Board and shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws.

(d) The District is encouraged to elect a District Youth Representative who shall be a voting member of the District Board.

**Section 4. National Youth Council:** The National Youth Council shall consist of District Youth Representatives from each District and shall be chaired by the National Youth Council Chairperson. The National Youth Council shall perform prescribed duties in accordance with the rules it shall adopt.

## ADDENDUM

**Section 1. Creed:** "The Japanese American Creed" by Mike M. Masaoka, as read in the United States Senate Chamber by Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah and printed in the Congressional Record, May 9, 1941, shall be the official Creed of this organization.

## The Mike M. Masaoka Fellows Fund

Membership in the Masaoka Fellows is achieved by individual or corporate contributions to the Mike M. Masaoka Fund, a perpetual fund from which proceeds would annually support the general operations of the JACL, to which Mike has devoted over 40 years. Contributions to the fund, c/o JACL HQ, are graded as follows: Fellow—\$1,000-\$2,500; Emeritus—\$2,500 minimum; Sustaining—\$200 for 5 yrs; Amicus—Less than \$1,000.

## THE 1988 REPORT

Total This Report #23: \$14,650.00  
\$1,500—Yoshiye Togasaki; \$1,000—Togo W. Tanaka, Dr. George Miyake, Mary Nitta, Kenneth H. Sato, Jack K. Sugihara, Charles Tatsuda, Yozo Sakai, M/M George Azumano, Noboru/Pat M. Honda, Chiyu Yamanaka, Lily T. Abiko/In memory of Yasuo T. Abiko;

\$200—Tatsuo Koga, Tom/Michi Imai, H. James Kinoshita, Tosh Ando, Frank Tanaka/Tanaka Travel Service; \$100—Elva U. Yoshihara, Kenjo/Toshi Ito-ku, Tom T. Ito, C. Ken Miura MD, Chieko Sakai, M/M Jerry Y. Irei, Miwako Yamamoto, Bruce T. Kaji, Hide Oshima, Paul/Atsuko Kusuda; \$50—Dr/M Tak Inouye; \$25—Ruby Mio, Masao Nishimi, Tak W. Tsukuda; \$15—May Tanimura; \$10—Michi H. Sakai.

## Fund Summary: Apr. 22, 1988

Emeritus (1) ..... \$ 2,500  
Fellows (22) ..... 22,500  
Sustaining Members:  
1st Year (20) ..... 4,500  
2nd Year (13) ..... 2,600  
3rd Year (11) ..... 2,200  
4th Year (7) ..... 1,800  
5th Year (5) ..... 1,200  
Amicus (24) ..... 2,470  
Contribution (6) ..... 975  
Fund Total ..... \$40,500

## THE 1988 REPORT

Total This Report #24: \$ 7,385.00  
\$1,500—Yaye T. Breitenbach; \$1,000—Joe & Sumi Akiyama, Charley Hayashida, Mutsuya Matsumoto; \$500—Dr. James Taguchi, Yuriko Yamashita, \$200—M/M George Koike, Dave M. Tatsuno, Frank & Joanne Iritani, Frank H. Nakano, Fred & Chisato Takagi; \$100—Jun Miyoshi, Howard S. Sakura, Shiro Takeshita, Victor S. Izui, Takashi & Mae Morita, Kazuo Utsunomiya, Henry H. Nishizu; \$35—Thomas T. Kanno; \$25—Karl Nakamura, Frank Yoshimura, William H. Enomoto, Robert Sakai, Cosma K. Sakamoto, Mack M. Yamaguchi.

## Fund Summary: May 10, 1988

Contributions (25) ..... 7,385.00  
1988 Fund Total ..... \$22,560  
Grand Fund Total ..... \$47,885

## THE 1988 REPORT

Special This Report #24a: \$ 6,000.00  
\$2,500—Yuki Inagaki, George T. Aratani; \$1,000—Masuji Fujii.

## Fund Summary: May 31, 1988

Contributions (3) ..... 6,000.00  
1988 Fund Total ..... \$28,560  
Grand Fund Total ..... \$53,885

## JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantage of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices; but I shall do it in the American way: above board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship on the basis of action and achievement and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places, to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

**Section 2. Slogan:** The slogans of this organization shall be "Security Through Unity" and "For Better Americans in a Greater America", as proposed by Sumio Miyamoto and Mike M. Masaoka, respectively.

**Section 3. "JACL Hymn":** The "JACL Hymn" with words by Marion Tajiri and music by Marcel J. Tyrell, has been officially adopted by the National Council.

## JACL HYMN

There was a dream  
my father dreamed for me  
a land in which all men are free  
Then the desert camp  
with watch-towers high  
Where life stood still,  
mid sand and brooding sky  
Out of the war  
in which my brothers died  
Their muted voices with mine cried  
This is our dream that all men shall be free  
This is our creed we'll live in loyalty  
God help us rid the land of bigotry  
That we may walk in peace and dignity.

## KAJIHARA

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I believe JACL is recognized nationally. Using the JACL name, I believe the staff can help the "volunteers" in fund-raising endeavors. This was aptly demonstrated by National Director Ron Wakabayashi and PNW Regional Director Tim Otani. It is understood that CCDC Regional Director Sachi Kuwamoto similarly obtains grants for the Nikkei Service Center.

## Automated Membership Renewal

I believe JACL needs to incorporate an automated membership renewal system. I am very appreciative of Mile High Chapter President Bob Sakaguchi's work on this project during this administration. This system will free the National staff persons and chapter membership chairs from this drudgery so the latter can devote their time to recruiting members.

Current plans call for a pilot program within the Mountain Plains District to iron out the "bugs." The program is targeted for completion in early 1989. Bob will be presenting this program, its progress, and future plans at the Seattle Convention. I request that presidents and delegates attend Bob's presentation so they can promote this automated membership system to local chapters.

## 1000 Club Life Members

Under this administration, persistent work by Chair Mas Hironaka has resulted in the formulation and approval of the 1000 Club Life Membership Trust Committee, charter appointment of committee members, and a high visibility membership recruitment program in progress. The life membership funds have been identified, isolated, and invested. The study of all life membership records, and formulation of a rebating formula for early-on members took extensive work and research time.

Now the catch-up rebating process to cover past years has begun. Approximately \$250,000 is in the 1000 Club Life Membership Trust. Eighty percent of the earnings are made available for JACL operating funds. The committee target is



## BY THE BOARD

ALAN NISHI

## 1989-90 Budget a Challenging Task

With the National Convention just around the corner, increased attention will be focused on the 1989-90 biennial budget, which will be presented to the National Council in Seattle. I have found the formulation of the biennial budget to be the most difficult and challenging task thus far of my term as National treasurer.

The budgeting process began last fall with the development of draft budgets. An analysis of these drafts revealed a few major concerns. First, if JACL is to continue normal operations plus allow for a full-time Washington, D.C. representative and increased P.C. expenses, a significant membership dues increase would be required to meet JACL's budgetary needs. Second, a significant dues increase would have an adverse impact on membership, which is critical in maintaining financial stability. Third, if alternative funding sources are not identified, membership dues increases would continue into future bienniums.

With these concerns in mind, I requested further input from the membership regarding the budgeting process through the district governors at the February National Board meeting. It was decided by the governors that each of them hold detailed budget discussions with their respective districts for input back to the board. I then prepared a draft budget with a detailed budget narrative explaining most of the budget components for each of the governors to utilize at their respective district council meetings.

After attending the NCWNP and PSW district council meetings and receiving input from the district governors, I drafted a budget prior to the May National Board

meeting. My final draft budget as presented to the National Board included:

—an increase in membership dues of \$1 in both individual and family memberships for the biennium. The dollar to be used to fund increases in P.C. costs.

—an increase of \$5 and \$10, respectively, to 1,000 Club and Century Club membership dues.

—a commitment by National JACL to increase corporate memberships by 100 percent in 1989 and by an additional 66 percent in 1990.

—a commitment by National JACL to raise a minimum of \$30,000 annually to help fund JACL programs and operations.

—addition of a full-time Washington, D.C. representative as mandated by the National Council at the 1986 National Convention.

My intent in this proposal was to minimize a general membership dues increase to \$1 for P.C. support with increased National JACL operating expenses being covered by outside funding sources (i.e. fund-raising & corporate memberships).

The National Board approved my budget proposal with an additional \$1 increase in general membership dues for national support. This created a contingency fund in the budget to cover possible personnel salary adjustment recommendations and for possible revenue shortfalls.

With emphasis being placed on outside fund-raising sources during the next biennium, National JACL has already taken steps in this direction. A National JACL fund-raising dinner, "The American Promise," took place in San Francisco on June 30 to honor the Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi legal teams and is projected to raise \$30,000 for JACL support.

Also, at the last National Board meeting, the National Board approved a VISA affinity credit card program which would be offered to the membership. This program, if successful, would generate additional outside funding during the coming biennium. I see these efforts to generate outside funding as a step in the right direction to reduce National JACL's dependence upon membership dues increases each biennium.

I would also like to emphasize that the budget we approve at the National Convention is not necessarily "set in stone," as was the case during the 1987-88 biennium. With JACL in a deficit cash position at the start of 1987, significant budget revisions (reductions) were initiated on both the 1987 and 1988 budgets to correct the deficit experienced at the beginning of the biennium.

It is my hope that the membership takes

the opportunity to review the 1989-90 budget proposal, which was sent to all chapters and published in detail in the June 10 issue of the P.C. It is by getting the membership involved in the budgeting process that we will have a better informed membership and simplify the adoption of the next biennial budget at the National Convention, as well as make my job as National treasurer a little easier.

## MASAOKA

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only jeopardizes redress but is against it. "Absolutely no way is this meant to be interpreted as such," he said.

Masaoka's letter, he stated, does not address the issue of JACL's treatment of wartime dissidents. Nor, he added, does it acknowledge the division JACL created within the Japanese American community when it characterized those opposed to its counsel as "disloyal."

"Many went through the entire internment experience, but they were, and still are, angry at JACL," said Uyeda. "And JACL tries to disregard that by saying it was the patriotic thing to do." In its quest to exhibit patriotism during WW2, he continued, JACL caused many Japanese Americans to feel that it "was not looking after the interests of the community."

Uyeda said that he intends to submit a statement to Pacific Citizen in response to Masaoka's letter.

## Stand Formalized in 1942

JACL's stand on evacuation was formalized in March, 1942, at an emergency meeting of the National Council in San Francisco after the Army's evacuation decision had been reached. Earlier, testifying before the Tolan Committee of Congress, Masaoka had declared:

"With any policy of evacuation definitely arising from reasons of military necessity and national safety, we are in complete agreement. As American citizens, we cannot and should not take any other stand. But, also, as American citizens believing in the integrity of our citizenship, we feel that any evacuation enforced on grounds violating that integrity should be opposed."

"If, in the judgement of military and federal authorities, evacuation of Japanese residents from the West Coast is a primary step toward assuring the safety of this nation, we will have no hesitation in complying with the necessities implicit in that judgement."

"But if, on the other hand, such evacuation is primarily a measure whose surface urgency cloaks the desires of political or other pressure groups who want us to leave merely from motives of self-interest, we feel that we have every right to protest and to demand equitable judgement on our merits as American citizens."

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The Drive continues, but we are nearing the finale. Thank You!



## BY THE BOARD

DENNY YASUHARA

## About Time for a Mme. President in National JACL

Perhaps no single group of JACLers have demonstrated greater loyalty and commitment to JACL and its members than the Nisei women of our organization. No other group has paid its "dues" for so long with as little recognition and credit as they have.

Few activities at the chapter, district or national level would get done or get "off the ground" without their support. Letter writing, telephoning, organizing, fund-raising—you name it, they've done it all, and, yes, even in leadership. One needs only to examine the history of one's own chapter to recognize what little would have been accomplished without the Nisei woman.

Yet, for all their competence, loyalty and commitment, few have experienced the opportunity of providing leadership at the chapter, district and national levels. Even in the Pacific Northwest District, as progressive as we think we are, few, if any, have served as governor. The Seattle Chapter, as civil rights-oriented as it is, had its first bonafide Nisei woman as its president barely 10 years ago.

Although there have been exceptions, the results are much the same elsewhere. While we have had Nisei women as National vice presidents and some as district governors, none have served as National president. One beings to wonder why? Certainly, some of the problems have been the biases of our membership, particularly Nisei and Sansei men. This is believed to have played a significant role in the overwhelming loss of an exceptionally competent and capable Nisei woman several years ago.

## A 'No-Win' Situation

Nevertheless, part of the answer may lie with the Nisei women themselves.

One cannot go through a lifetime of subservience to men and not be inhibited and reluctant to participate in the forefront of the male-dominated public and political arena. Even worse, such psychological "subjugation," if it can be called that, deeply affects the women's attitudes toward themselves, as well as toward other women.

In some instances, the very victims of that atmosphere have little or no sympathy for other women affected by those same circumstances. Thus, such women find themselves making the same kind of judgements as their Nisei and Sansei male counterparts—that somehow, Nisei women lack "vision," strength, and leadership qualities, or that they are "too aggressive" or "too weak" to handle men or the job. This is truly a "no-win" situation for the Nisei woman.

Today, like-minded people are also saying, "Now is the time for the Sansei." When is it ever going to be the "time" for the Nisei women, who for 50 years have had to suppress their leadership desires to accommodate the Nisei man, society and now the Sansei? Do their decades of commitment, loyalty, and competence mean nothing to this organization and its membership?

## Giving Women a Chance

I do not suggest that we vote for and elect a person because she is a woman. I do suggest that, given the exceptional credentials of both who are now running, they be given the chance to show JACL what many of us already know—that they will be outstanding National presidents.

I mean in no way to denigrate the male candidate, but he has time to serve in the future. For the Nisei women, it is the twilight of their public and JACL careers. This organization, more than any other, needs to recognize that fact.

Both women have spent nearly 20 years of activity in JACL, one nearly 30. Their commitment involves a wide range of

long-term activities in JACL, not only at the chapter level, but as governors and officers at the district level and participation at the National level for more than four years.

They have paid their dues at all levels in JACL and have amply demonstrated their long-term commitment to our membership and their ability to lead.

There is probably no other position in JACL, except for the National presidency, that is more demanding upon a person's leadership capabilities and energy than doing a good job as district governor. I know, for I am a governor and recognize what it requires. Both women have done that.

Their long years of public service clearly demonstrate that they can handle themselves in a "man's world." No one who has been an executive director of YWCA or YMCA for any length of time and also a volunteer on these boards is naive or ignorant of what it takes to get things done in the public domain and for a nonprofit organization. Such experience on both sides of the fence is invaluable experience that few of us have. Furthermore, how many Nisei and Sansei men have been presidents of international organizations?

## 'Remarkable' Women

They are both remarkable women, ahead of their times, exceptional individuals in their own right, and we need to recognize that without being caught up in our own biases.

Few men have brought these credentials and this kind of JACL commitment to the National presidency. Few have exhibited the "vision," strength and leadership as National president that is now being demanded of them. We cannot and must not, in our own internal organizational politics, have one set of standards for one group and a different set for another. For that is the antithesis of what any civil rights group ought to stand for, particularly our own. However, rightly or wrongly, JACL cannot long continue to have the image that it is inimical to women and retain its credibility as a civil rights organization.

Finally, some may argue that this article is politically-motivated; others may question its integrity. Be that as it may, the bottom line is whether the substance of what's being said is true. And I think that it is.

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Active (previous total) ..... 1159  
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## May 31 - June 3, 1988 (33)

Berkeley: 8-Sam Yamauchi, Life-George Yasukochi.  
Chicago: 1-Henry Sakai\*.  
Diablo Valley: 23-Ben Fukutome.  
Downtown Los Angeles: 7-Timothy Takata.  
East Los Angeles: 24-Tad Fujioka.  
Eden Township: 35-Tetsuma Sakai.  
Florin: 8-Alfred Tsukamoto, 8-Mary Tsukamoto.  
French Camp: 25-John Fujiki.  
Fresno: 26-Frank Nishio, 1-Nancy Paulding.  
Gardena Valley: 8-Kazumi Watanabe.  
Mile Hi: 2-Koji Kanai.  
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Orange County: 28-Mas Uyesugi.  
Sacramento: 8-Takeo Imura, 29-Masao Maeda, 35-William Matsumoto, 11-Car negie Ouye\*.  
St. Louis: 24-William Eto.  
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## LIFE

George Yasukochi (Ber).

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## Summary (Since Nov 30, 1987)

Active (previous total) ..... 1192  
Total this report: #24 ..... 61  
Current total ..... 1253

## June 6 - 10, 1988 (61)

Berkeley: 15-Nobukazu Iwasaki, 30-Jean Nakazono.  
Carson: 1-Barbara Takumi.  
Chicago: 8-Tadayoshi Ishizuka.  
Cleveland: 2-Star King.  
Contra Costa: 23-Emiko Hitomi.  
Dayton: 11-Lea Nakauchi, 32-Mark Nakauchi, Life-Harue Shellito, Life-Robert Shellito.  
Detroit: 2-Hideo Watanabe\*.  
Diablo Valley: 13-Elsie Baukol.  
Downtown Los Angeles: 38-Tats Kishida, 4-Marilynn Nakata.  
East Los Angeles: 7-Mas Nagami, 2-Kazuo Oishi.  
French Camp: 23-Yoshio Itaya.  
Fresno: 17-Richard Asami, 11-Tetsuo Shigyo, 4-Mary Urushima.  
Gardena Valley: 1-Winifred Uyesato.  
Gilroy: 8-Mamoru Nakao.  
Hollywood: 31-Paul Kawakami.  
Houston: 1-Saburo Nozaki.  
Japan: Life-Joan Aoki.  
Mile Hi: 30-Samuel Kumagai\*.  
New York: 15-Chiyoko Itanaga, 17-Frank Okazaki, 31-Tatsuji Shiotani.  
Olympia: 5-Edward Mayeda.  
Orange County: 36-Henry Kanegae, 34-Leo Nakayama.  
Philadelphia: 35-Susumi Endo.  
Sacramento: Life-David Noguchi, Hideko Seto\*.  
Salinas Valley: 1-Mae Sakasagawa.  
Salt Lake City: 8-Donald Fujino.  
San Diego: Life-Carol Kawamoto.  
San Francisco: 16-Noboru Hideshima\*, 35-David Hironaka, 34-William Hoshiyama, 30-Donald Negi, 5-Robert Sakai.  
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Sequoia: 38-William Enomoto, 14-Peter Ida.  
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Washington D.C.: 8-Yoichiro Ito.  
West Los Angeles: 14-Jun Miyoshi.  
West Valley: 8-David Nakamura.  
National Associate: 16-Shingo Kajinami.

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Harue Shellito (Day), Robert G Shellito (Day), Joan Aoki (Ty), David Noguchi (Sac), Carol Kawamoto (SD).

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2-Hideo Watanabe (Det), 8-Samuel Kumagai (MHi), 4-Hideo N Seto (Sac), 8-Noboru Hideshima (SF), 8-Col Spady A Koyama (Spo), 10-Yoichi John Asari (VnC).

## For the Record

The editor's note included in the article entitled "Resolution Admitting JACL 'WW2 Errors' Presented to NCWNP" (July 8-15, 1988 P.C.) was meant to clarify the tense of the quote, but may have created confusion.

Furthermore, the quote should have read, "Be it further resolved that as the federal government has acknowledged its past error in judgment, the JACL acknowledges that it erred in its counsel to the Japanese American community in the early days of the war and in its reaction toward Japanese American wartime dissidents." Pacific Citizen regrets any misunderstanding that may have resulted.

Also, Clifford Uyeda has informed the Pacific Citizen that he has received a more accurate interpretation of the rules regarding late and "emergency" resolutions. Despite the Golden Gate Chapter's submission of the resolution after the June 6 deadline, all it requires is a reason why it was late. Endorsement from five delegates from five different chapters in five districts is necessary, according to Uyeda, only if the resolution is submitted after Aug. 7. This is under the category of an emergency resolution.

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# Text of First 14 Resolutions for Convention Delegates Printed

SAN FRANCISCO—Resolutions to be considered at the 1988 National JACL Council session at the U.W. campus Aug. 6-10 require a majority vote from the chapters for it to be policy in the coming biennium.

Fourteen were presubmitted by June 6 to JACL National Headquarters, as stipulated in the by-laws. Subsequent resolutions would require co-sponsorship or endorsement from five other chapters in good standing.

Of interest to the Pacific Citizen was one (No. 4 from Seattle JACL) requesting a "volunteer" Japan correspondent be designated, hopefully from the active Japan JACL chapter. It may be possible that its excellent newsletter can fill the bill, according to Harry Honda, P.C. general manager.

Text of the resolutions follow:

## #1 Limiting JACL Scope in U.S.-Japan Affairs

(From) Midwest District Council:

WHEREAS, JACL's primary mission is to serve as a human and civil rights organization to advocate and protect the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and secure and uphold these rights for all people; and,

WHEREAS, JACL recognizes and is responsive to the increase in anti-Asian violence in America; and,

WHEREAS, factors related to international trade, its effect on the domestic economy, and the manner in which this is perceived by the American public directly impacts on violence toward Asians in America; and,

WHEREAS, the range of issues, problems and activities within the broad context of direct U.S./Japan relations is beyond the purpose and scope of JACL; and,

WHEREAS, JACL's interest in preserving and promoting the appreciation of the Japanese culture heritage is based on the personal and chapter needs of its membership;

RESOLVED that the JACL shall consider direct involvement in U.S./Japan relations strictly and only within the explicit context of an organization whose mission is to advocate and protect the human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and of all people.—John E. Hayashi, MDC Governor.

## #2 Hibakusha in USA

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) endorsed the concept of a United States Hibakusha Medical Aid Bill at the Sacramento Convention in 1976, the Salt Lake City Convention in 1978, the Millbrae Convention in 1980 and the Gardena Convention in 1982; and

WHEREAS, there are currently estimated to be 1,000 hibakusha living in the United States, some 600 of whom have already been identified; and

WHEREAS, a Japanese Medical team has been conducting biennial visits since 1977 to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and Honolulu to interview and examine these U.S. hibakusha under the joint sponsorship of the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association, the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, the City of Hiroshima and Hiroshima Prefecture; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Medical Team examined 11 Canadian hibakusha for the first time during their 1983 visit; and

WHEREAS, these medical team visits provide substantial media coverage and subsequent public education on the issue;

RESOLVED that the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League re-dedicate itself to the diligent pursuit of obtaining proper and adequate medical assistance for the hibakusha living in the United States.—Introduced by Portland JACL 7/11/84; adopted 8/17/84.

## #3 Institute of Peace

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, there are military academies for the Army, Navy, Air Force and similar training facilities for the Marines, the Merchant Marines, the Coast Guard and the armed service reserves; all established essentially for the purpose of furthering the development of armed determinations; and

WHEREAS, although the U.S. Institute of Peace was established in June of 1984 after nearly 22 years of almost single handed effort by Senator Spark Matsunaga, who first introduced legislation for such an academy in 1963, it still lacks the widespread public and political attention and concern it deserves; and

WHEREAS, there is a definite and necessary social concern and need for a more viable and dynamic promotion of peace and its implementation—moreso now, and always.

RESOLVED that we, the JACL, will actively support the furtherance of the U.S. Institute of Peace and the promotion of world peace.

Adopted by the Contra Costa JACL at its Board meeting of 1/3/86; and NCWNP District, 2/2/86.

## #4 PC Reporter in Japan

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, U.S. and Japan relations is vital to the United States and the JACL

WHEREAS, many Japanese Americans are working and studying in Japan and news related to them is vital to JACL,

WHEREAS, JACL has an active chapter in Tokyo, Japan,

WHEREAS, JACL should encourage those Japanese Americans to inform the JACL members of their activities in Japan,

RESOLVED that the JACL appoint a volunteer news correspondent for the Pacific Citizen in Tokyo for the purpose of being the correspondent submitting at least four articles during the year for publication in the Pacific Citizen.

## #5 Education Committee

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, civil rights progress in our nation is dependent on the education of its youth, as well as on the social action of our general population,

WHEREAS, public education which began with the redress campaign must continue to reach the "grass roots" population of our nation,

WHEREAS, redress was indeed an American promise and an American issue with serious implications on the impact of the "inalienable rights" guarantee by our national constitution,

WHEREAS, there continues to exist institutional and cultural racism in our nation with alarming indications of a growth in the far right white supremacy type organization and the very serious escalation in the rate of anti-Asian violence,

WHEREAS, multicultural education in general and cooperative pluralism in specific have been strongly supported by the national JACL Board,

RESOLVED that the 1988 delegate convention establish a standing Education Committee independent of the Ethnic Concerns committee to promote the goals and ideals of the JACL national organization.

## #6 Restoring a Fulltime Washington JACL Rep.

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, National JACL has since the early '70s continuously maintained a Washington, D.C. office with a full-time representative to carry on its goals and purposes as set forth in its Constitution and Bylaws, and

WHEREAS, if JACL is to be effective in "protecting the rights of Japanese Americans and secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people," and

WHEREAS, there is a practical need to have a JACL representative based in the nation's capital to network with other major civil rights organizations who have offices in Washington, D.C., and to have visibility and to be on the scene where the major legislative activities of the nation are accomplished, and

WHEREAS, for JACL to be an effective and aware organization, to rank comparably among other nation-wide civil rights organizations, it is imperative that our Washington, D.C. office be maintained as a permanent full-time staffed office,

RESOLVED that beginning with the January 1989 fiscal year the Washington, D.C. representative position be filled on a permanent, full-time basis, in accordance with the appropriate personnel procedures, and that the budget for 1989 include the appropriate funds to staff a permanent Washington, D.C. JACL office.

## #7 Time to Heal the Hurt of JACL Acts in WW2

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the US of A this year has made a significant and symbolic gesture serving to begin the healing process of deeply felt injuries caused by the gross injustice perpetrated against Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942 with the mass incarceration of those people in detention camps by the passing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987,

WHEREAS, in the Civil Liberties Act the President and Congress recognizes and apologizes for the injury, injustice and pain endured by over 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry,

WHEREAS, in the time of uncertainty, stress and social upheaval, a handful of persons had thrust upon them overwhelming responsibilities, without benefit of reflective time, proper delegation of authority nor institutional support,

WHEREAS, a number of Japanese Americans were not only victims of the racist events of 1942 but further were the victims of their own fellow oppressed internees within the confines of particular detention/concentration camps;

WHEREAS, in times of duress not all persons act with noble and honorable instincts, though everyone in the concentration camps were all victims,

WHEREAS, JACL recognizes that pain

and resentment remains in the hearts of a number of our fellow citizens of Japanese ancestry and with the bitterness still unresolved—reference is to the "No-No-Boys",

RESOLVED that the JACL publicly thank those individuals who made unpopular decisions based on their personal philosophies,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the JACL recognize that a number of our community citizens were injured by persons acting individually and in the name of the JACL and that the JACL apologizes for their injuries, pain and injustice borne by them.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the JACL will do everything in its power to go forth to heal these wounds and to reach out to all of our community to encourage all to endeavor for the benefit of each of us.

## #8 A Standing U.S.-Japan Educational Committee

Seattle JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the National Council, since 1982, has supported a U.S.-Japan program;

WHEREAS, relations between the U.S. and Japan directly affect the civil rights and welfare of Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans, JACL must become more knowledgeable and aware about that relationship;

RESOLVED that a standing committee called the U.S.-Japan Educational Committee be established. The committee is empowered to recommend educational programs and activities to the National Board. The committee is not empowered to take positions on or get involved with political, military, or economic issues. The committee members, excluding the chairperson, shall be appointed by the governors with approval of their respective district councils. The National President, National Director, and the National Legal Counsel are to be ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee. All appointments to the committee are subject to the approval of the National Board. Further, there shall be no conflict of interest, relative to direct or indirect personal financial gain as a result of or as a byproduct of their participation on the committee. Finally, there must be at least 5 districts participating in the program to operate as a national committee.

## #9 Reaffirming the Equal Rights Amendment

Marin County JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League is a civil rights organization dedicated to the establishment of equal rights for all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, after 200 years, women still do not have full equality under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, all women in the United States live under a condition where our most basic rights and liberties can be torn from us at the political whims of the Congress, the courts or an unfriendly White House, and

WHEREAS, it is a national tragedy that the feminization of poverty continues to grow at an alarming rate, and full-time working women still earn only sixty-five (.65c) for every dollar earned by a man; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution would finally guarantee women full legal equality under the basic law of our land;

RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League reaffirm its support for the Equal Rights Amendment and will help to work for its passage.

## #10 Beauty Contests

Sonoma County JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the JACL is a civil rights educational organization, committed to promoting the principles of fairness, equality and dignity of all human beings, and

WHEREAS, beauty contests discriminate against women who are not biologically endowed with attributes defined as "beauty," and

WHEREAS, these contests rank women on the basis of standards derived from an Anglo-European image of desirability, thereby implicitly diminishing qualities derived from Asian heritages, and

WHEREAS, the beauty contests in which JACL chapters have participated in the past, impose ancestral purity tests on candidates, a practice inconsistent with principles articulated in the Constitution of the JACL;

RESOLVED that the National Council of JACL find the practice of sponsoring beauty contestants contrary to the purposes and goals of JACL, and strongly urge all chapters to refrain from sponsoring candidates for beauty contests.

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## #11 For Affordable

### Childcare Services

Marin County JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is an educational human and civil rights organization concerned with the welfare of all-Americans, and, in particular, the American family; and

WHEREAS, there is now a serious lack of safe and affordable childcare in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of families with children under 14 years of age have working parents; and

WHEREAS, children are America's investment for the future;

RESOLVED that the JACL endorses and supports the passage of the Act for Better Childcare Services (S. 1885, HR 3660) which will enhance the quality, safety, and supply of childcare for all families.

## #15 Monthly Nat'l JACL

### Executive Meetings

South Bay JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, the National Board meets once every quarter,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the National Board meets currently once a quarter just prior to the meeting of the National Board, and

WHEREAS, timely actions are required in behalf of the JACL especially in responses to alleged violations of civil rights,

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the National Board be required to meet at least once monthly between meetings of the National Board.

## #16 Civil Rights

### Committee

South Bay JACL Chapter:

WHEREAS, no designation of responsibilities for handling matters relating to violations of Civil Rights can be readily found,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a designated committee which can study issues which might lead to violations of Civil Rights, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a committee which can recommend actions in response to violations of Civil Rights,

RESOLVED that the National Board create or authorize a Civil Rights Committee.

## #17 Civil & Human Rights in Japan

Nikkei Leadership Association:

WHEREAS, the nation of Japan has emerged as one of the leading international economic powers;

WHEREAS, the nation of Japan and her economic success has promoted to the international arena the economic, political and social policies practiced by the Japanese government;

WHEREAS, the nation of Japan has become an international model of prosperity for other nations to emulate;

WHEREAS, the nation of Japan must be held morally responsible for her economic, political and social leadership because of

her influence and power in the international arena;

WHEREAS, the nation of Japan has no history of allowing immigrants to embrace the Japanese culture without relinquishing their own cultural identity;

WHEREAS, logistics and design are put to the service of control over the immigrant population limiting their freedom and equality;

WHEREAS, immigrant peoples in Japan can only be granted Japanese citizenship by relinquishing all evidence of their ancestral ethnic identity;

WHEREAS, immigrant people in Japan are openly discriminated against in the school systems and when seeking employment for preserving their ethnic identity;

WHEREAS, immigrant people in Japan do not have equal access to public housing, loans and social security;

WHEREAS, the Japanese Constitution guarantees the fundamental human rights of the people, alien or citizen, and forbids discrimination in political, economic or social relations because of race;

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Japanese Diet ratified the International Covenant on Human Rights which ensures that all individuals in the nation be treated without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) register its support for the abolition of the Japanese government policy of forced assimilation and control;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League urge the Japanese government to address and resolve this issue of civil and human rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League promote the efforts against the Alien Registration Law by the Korean Delegation and Ronald Susumu Fujiyoshi, a Japanese American lay missionary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League urge the Japanese government to recognize that cultural and racial homogeneity promotes discrimination and prejudice against non-Japanese;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League urge the Japanese government to allow naturalized citizens of Japan to maintain their own distinct traditions and ethnic identities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Japanese American Citizens League urge the Japanese government to recognize the children born in the nation of Japan from alien parents, as Japanese citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be publicized to the Japanese American communities across the United States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the Minister of Justice, Government of Japan; the Ambassador of Japan to the United States; and the Consul General of Japan in cities across the United States.

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## Contra Costa JACL

## Program Confronts Problem of Asian American Media Stereotypes

By Mark Jue

EL CERRITO, Calif.—An exploration of the problem of mass media portrayals of Asian Americans was confronted June 25 during a program sponsored by the Contra Costa JACL 1000 Club. The program consisted of a screening of a documentary about the stereotyping of Asian women, which was followed by a lively panel discussion featuring people familiar with the problem of portrayals of Asian Americans and Asians in the media.

The documentary was Deborah Gee's highly acclaimed *Slaying the Dragon*, recently shown on local public television and at the Asian American Film Festival. Panelists included actor/playwright Hiroshi Kashiwagi, filmmaker Steven Okazaki, actress Sharon Omi and Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) National Executive Director Diane Wong.

## 'Demeaning' Roles

During the panel discussion, Kashiwagi spoke of the dilemma Asian American actors face in taking demeaning roles to pay the bills.

"In one role I played a Chinese butler. The only reason I took it was because, according to the script, the character was not really a butler, but an undercover cop and the director was willing to work on improving it. We cut out words like 'Chinaman,'" Kashiwagi recalled.

"I assumed my costume would be a regular western suit, but it was a regular coolie-type costume. I wore it once in rehearsal and refused to wear it after that," he said firmly. "The character's name was 'Ching.' The rest of the cast called me 'Ching,' instead of Hiroshi. After awhile I couldn't take it anymore and left."

The filmmaker's viewpoint was offered by Okazaki, who spoke of his early involvement in films. His first project was a film on the ethnic variety of children. "The film turned out well," he said. "We took it to the schools and the Asian kids felt it was special because they could see children on the screen that they could relate to."

The filmmaker recalled working on his Academy Award-nominated film *Unfinished Business*. At the same time "Sixty Minutes" was doing a segment on Fred Korematsu. "It was a real struggle, because people felt that they were more important. 'Sixty Minutes' had easy access to everything," Okazaki noted. "As a pro-

ducer, I feel a responsibility to deal with my community. If we don't do these films—who's going to?" he asked.

## New Stereotypes &amp; Old Problems

"One of the new stereotypes is of a professional Asian anchorwoman who plays an obedient role to a White male newscaster," said Wong, who also represents Asian Women United, the organization which helped to produce Gee's *Slaying the Dragon*. "One of the questions we had about the documentary was who were we aiming it at. We wanted to tell not just the people who knew the story, but a lot of people who didn't."

The panel stated that opportunities were worse for Asian men than for Asian women. "There are no Asian male anchors anywhere in the U.S.—including Hawaii," Wong noted.

"With Asian male actors they won't send them out on certain auditions," Omi added. "Look, at my husband [Ken Narasaki]. They tell him, 'No way! You're not kissing a White girl!' It's a different stigma, than having a White man kissing an Asian woman."

## Need for Community Support

Asked how the community could support artists and media people better, Okazaki replied, "We need to see more support in the earlier stages of our projects. We've gotten a wonderful response once they've been done, but most of our funding and support has come from White liberal organizations."

The filmmaker also said he was shocked to see how much more supportive the Nisei have been than the Sansei. "At some of our showings in places like Sacramento and Gardena, the Nisei outnumbered the Sansei ten to one." When asked why he thought this was so, Okazaki told Pacific Citizen: "A lot of Sansei are embarrassed about their culture. Their response is more cynical. The Nisei response is much more supportive."

Asked if more support for projects could come from Asian countries, Okazaki replied, "In Japan they want to be as American as possible. Anything Asian American would remind them of being Asian."

In conclusion, Wong said, "Look at a film like *Rambo*. Those images sell. If we present real images and characters, they don't think they'll sell. We need to show that we do exist and can have an impact."

## Former Renunciant Charges WW2 Scientist with Defamation

By Frank Abe

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SALINAS, Calif. — Violet Kazue de Cristoforo felt betrayed when she opened two old books on the Tule Lake Segregation Center and found that an anthropologist in whom she'd confided 44 years ago had falsely branded her a traitor and a troublemaker.

"She double-crossed us to further her career and sell books," says the 71-year-old Nisei, whose own inquiry has led her to believe she was blacklisted and torn from her children after the fieldworker informed on her to the FBI. "It's beyond comprehension. It's unforgivable, since I know I'm not the only victim."

## Crossing Ethical Boundaries

Known formerly as Kazue Matsuda of Fresno, Calif., de Cristoforo details her charges in a 66-page affidavit titled, "A Victim of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement Study (JERS)." The paper has been praised by scholars, and the Association for Asian American Studies is planning for its formal publication.

In her paper, de Cristoforo accuses fieldworker Rosalie Hankey Wax of crossing the ethical boundaries of the controversial JERS study conducted by the University of California. She says Wax gained the trust of internees like herself through offers of academic confidentiality, and then passed on details of individual attitudes and loyalties to the camp administration and to the FBI.

Professor Peter Suzuki of the University of Nebraska, who has studied the role of social scientists inside the camps, says Wax took sides in the crisis over the government's badly-worded loyalty oath, fingering Kinzo Ernest Wakayama to the FBI after she had become disillusioned with the so-called "pro-Japan" faction at Tule that he led. Suzuki concludes the entire JERS study was "a failure."

Wax documented her experience in 1971 in a book called *Doing Fieldwork*, and contributed to the 1946 JERS publication called *The Spoilage*. Research notecards at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley identify de Cristoforo as the woman given the pseudonym "Hanako Tsuchikawa" in *The Spoilage*. "Hanako" is Japanese for "flower girl," and in *Doing Fieldwork* de Cristoforo's identity is hidden by another flower, "Hyacinth."

In both books de Cristoforo says her acts as a 27-year-old in camp were twisted to fit Wax's peculiar idea that the segregation crisis was a morality play on the order of *Chushingura*, the tale of the 47 loyal ronin. Wax at first believed that those who resisted the loyalty oath were her heroes, but she later cast them as her villains. Wakayama, for example, is assigned the villain's name of "Kira."

## Madame 'Chiang Kai-shek'

Wax characterizes de Cristoforo as "Madame Chiang Kai-shek" and "a pressure group leader" who "assumed a position of leadership in the underground



Pacific Citizen Photo by Frank Abe

**RENUNCIANT** — Violet de Cristoforo presents her paper to the Association for Asian American studies in Pullman, Wash., on March 25.

movement" and became "the instigator of most of the troubles that later developed." De Cristoforo says she was only trying to get her brother, Tokio Yamane, released from the infamous Tule Lake stockade, where he'd been beaten and confined for ten months to keep him from identifying WRA guards who had been selling food stolen from the mess halls.

"I was too busy trying to resolve my personal and family problems to have the time or interest in camp politics," says de Cristoforo. "I was not a resegregationist leader. How could I be in that male-dominated society of Tule Lake?"

De Cristoforo says the real damage to her came after she had renounced her U.S. citizenship at the insistence of her then-husband so she could join him and his parents in their return to Japan. Her husband abandoned her and remarried, and after struggling through hardship in the postwar devastation, de Cristoforo says she made the "heart-breaking decision" to send her children back to America.

## 'My Mother Is Dead'

Only when she tried to accompany them did she learn she'd been placed on a government blacklist—presumably based on a dossier full of innuendoes Wax had assembled on her in camp.

De Cristoforo was barred from returning to the U.S. for nearly ten years. Sitting in the kitchen of her Salinas home, she

fight back tears as she says her children still don't understand why they were sent back alone, without friends and with nowhere to go.

"They shifted and naturally they said, 'Gee, Mama was horrible to abandon us.' They came to that conclusion. My last letter from my son was: 'Mama they're going to send me to juvie hall. Unless you come and get me, I'm going from one place to the other.' Because he couldn't speak English, no one would hire him. Nobody would want him as a houseboy."

When she tried to reunite her family, de Cristoforo says her daughter slammed a door in her face. She says her son now tells people, "My mother is dead." Though de Cristoforo declines to identify them, she recounts with pride how her son was lauded by President Nixon as an outstanding coach for the U.S. Olympic team.

De Cristoforo says Wax owes her a public apology for the "disintegration of three generations of my family."

Suzuki contends social scientists inside the camps floated rumors to test the reactions of internees, using the camps as laboratories and the internees as guinea pigs. He says some spied and informed on the internees to make it easier for the government to manipulate them.

"Rosalie Hankey Wax was the main researcher at Tule Lake and she was kicked out in 1945 because she was an FBI informer," Suzuki says. As for *The Spoilage*, "it's a highly emotional and very inaccurate study, and some of it is just fiction."

## Charges Are Vicious

Wax has denied writing or editing any part of *The Spoilage*. Contacted at her home in St. Louis, Missouri, Wax tells the P.C., "I don't give a damn anymore." Now 76 and retired, she says de Cristoforo's charges are vicious. "I can understand how angry she feels because of what the Japanese went through, but I think this attack on my work is not in good taste and often very incorrect." She would not elaborate.

De Cristoforo, however, is convinced there are others like her who were unwittingly "caught in the same web of human tragedy."

"Some have died tragically very young in Japan," she said. "It couldn't have been just de Cristoforo alone. I'm appealing, please, won't you come up and say something? We should leave it as a record of the tragedy that was brought upon us as a result of an unethical researcher."

Frank Abe is a reporter for KIRO Newsradio 71 in Seattle.

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## Health Fair Welcomes Help from Volunteers

LOS ANGELES — The Little Tokyo Community Health Fair Committee has begun its planning for the October Health Fair.

According to Judy Matsuno, "The Health Fair provides a wide variety of screening services such as dental, vision, hearing, podiatry, blood pressure, EKG, and also provides free flu shots for those who want them. It takes a lot of planning and also some fundraising. Anyone who would like to help us put on the Health Fair is welcome to join our planning committee."

Last year, there were approximately 300 persons who received services, and nearly 100 volunteers on hand to assist them. This health fair provides a specialized service in that all of the screening services are bilingual through the use of volunteers who provide interpretation.

Planning meetings take place at the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) in the Japanese American Cultural Community Center. If you would like to be on the planning committee or would like further information, please call Bill Watanabe at the LTSC at (213) 680-3729 during weekdays.

## Minidoka H.S. Reunion Still Taking Registrations

SEATTLE — There is still time to register for the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt High School Reunion. Reservations can be made up to the last week of July. A dinner-dance will be held on July 29 and an "indoor picnic" will be held on July 30. All classmates, alumni and friends are invited.

For more information, contact Frank Muramatsu at 20005 3rd Ave. SW, Seattle, WA; or (206) 878-4513.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present—July 24—East West Players presents *An Afternoon at Willie's Bar*, 8 pm Fri. and Sat., Sun. 2 pm. Special matinee performances July 16 and 23, 2 pm. Tickets: \$10, matinees, \$8. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present—July 31—"AJA-3" exhibit, George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Community and Cultural Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Works exhibited by painters Mitsuko Namiko, Nancy Uyemura, Katsu Yokoyama and John Yoyogi Fortes; and photographer Koji Takei. Noon-5 pm, Tues.-Fri., 11 am-4 pm, weekends. Closed Mon. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Present—Aug. 7—"Fire and Ice," a showcase exhibition of contemporary American art, including works of Judy Hiramoto, Downey Museum of Art, 10419 Rives Ave., Downey. Info: 213 861-0419.

■ Present—Sept. 18—"Containing Beauty: Japanese Bamboo Flower Baskets," UCLA Museum of Cultural History, museum gallery, rm. 2, noon-5 pm. Free. Parking is \$3. Info: 213 825-4361.

■ July 22—"Declarations of Independents," 11 pm-12 midnight, KCET-TV Channel 28, Personal filmmaking by independent producers, features a segment entitled "Hiroshima/Nagasaki."

■ July 23—A book party for NCJAR leader William Minoru Hohri, author of *Repairing America*, 2-5 pm, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Sylvia, 213 621-1749.

■ July 23—Crystal Palace Enterprises presents "40s to the 80s," a benefit dance featuring music of five decades, for the National Council for Japanese American Redress, Los Angeles Airport Hilton Plaza ballroom, 5711 W. Century Blvd., just east of LAX. Admission: \$15. Tickets: Send a check payable to "NCJAR" to Crystal Palace Billiards, 4335 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood, CA 90304. William Hohri will be on hand to promote his new book *Repairing America*. Info: Marlene, 213 628-2725.

■ July 27—The Asian Pacific Needs Assessment for the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Community, sponsored by United Way, Inc., Asian Pacific Research & Development Council and Southern California Gas Company, 4-6 pm, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 224 S. San Pedro St. RSVP by July 22. Info: 213 736-1300.

■ July 29—The Korean American Coalition's 5th Anniversary Fundraiser celebrat-

ing the Seoul Olympics, California Room, Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figueroa St. Info: 213 380-6175.

■ July 29—Japanese American Republican's annual fund raising dinner, Michael's Restaurant, 6309 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce. Speaker: Former Assembly Minority Leader and current California Republican Party Chairman Bob Naylor. Entertainment and door prizes. Cocktails: 7 pm. Dinner: 8 pm. Tickets: \$40 each. Info: George Takeyasu, 805 488-6026 or Eunice Sato, 213 427-6247.

■ July 30—Reunion of prewar Bangle, Keystone and Banning High School students, Hacienda Hotel, 525 Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo. Registration: 4 pm. Dinner: 6 pm. \$25/person. Info: Midori Shibuya, 16930 Ainsworth St., Gardena, CA 90247; Nick Katsuki, 16008-C Manhattan Pl., Gardena, CA 90247; or Mits Sakaniwa, 1322 N. Miller Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063.

■ Aug. 6—"Positive Aging," a conference on Nisei aging, 8:15 am-3 pm, Mission Valley Free Methodist Church, 1201 S. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel. \$10 donation, includes bento if received before 7/27; \$10 at the door, lunch not guaranteed. Send checks to Mas Sugano, Mission Valley Free Methodist Church, 1201 S. San Gabriel, San Gabriel, CA 91776. Info: 213 285-6788.

■ Aug. 6—"Living Hawaiian Treasures," a concert of authentic Hawaiian music and dance, featuring the Kahauanu Lake Trio, 12-2 pm, Redondo Union High School Auditorium, on the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Diamond in Redondo Beach. Tickets: \$15 pre-sale, \$17.50 at the door. Info: Ramona Joy Doody, 213 838-9478.

■ Aug. 6-14—The 17th annual kamon (family crest) exhibit, 10 am-5 pm, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, rm. 401, 244 S. San Pedro St.

■ Aug. 6-14—The 48th Annual Nisei Week Festival, Little Tokyo. Info: 213 687-7193.

■ Aug. 28—One-day Japanese kite making class, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Instructor: Kim Svenson. Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Class size is limited; for reservations: 213 744-3534.

### PBS-TV

■ July 27—"Topaz," a one-hour KUED-TV documentary airs over PBS, 10 pm, EST. Program examines group of more than 8,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry interned in Utah during WW2. Check local listings for exact airtime.

### SAN JOSE

■ Aug. 13—The 11th Annual Daruma Folk Festival benefit for senior citizens, featuring folk drummers, food, folk singers and dancers, fresh produce, artists, etc. Saratoga Lanes Parking Lot, Saratoga Ave. & Graves near Prospect Rd., San Jose.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ Aug. 21—Asian American Social Club Picnic, Cowell Park, 11 am-5 pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Info: Amy Sasaki, 415 661-9774 or Alice Tanji, 415 798-6594.

■ Sept. 4—The 3rd annual NJAHS *undokai* picnic, 11 am-4 pm, Mt. Eden Nursery. Tickets: \$20. Mailorder them at NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St., Rm. #161, San Francisco, CA 94103; or call 415 431-5007.

■ Sept. 16-18—All Topaz Reunion. For further details, contact Fumi Hayashi, 1629 Jaynes St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

■ Sept. 17—Kimochi Bowl-A-Thon, a benefit for Kimochi Senior Center, 12-6 pm, second floor, Japantown Bowl. A special drawing for prizes will be held, as well as awards for person with the most sponsors and the highest score. Entry forms: Kimochi office, 1840 Sutter St. #208 or call 415 931-2294.

### SEATTLE

■ Present—July 29—Paintings optical artworks, abstractions and ceramics by U. of W. teachers and graduates including Patti Warashina, Safeco Plaza, N.E. St. & Brooklyn Ave. N.E. Info: 206 545-6100.

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■ July 29—Victory party to celebrate the favorable judgments in Gordon Hirabayashi's court cases, Campion Tower, Seattle University, 5:30-8:30 pm. Special guests, 1940s music, hors d'oeuvres, no host bar and "Pride and the Shame" exhibit to be included. Wear '40s clothing. Suggested donation: Seniors/students, \$5; adults, \$10; couples, \$15. Info: Diane Narasaki, 206 441-5716.

■ July 29 & 30—The Minidoka Relocation Camp Hunt High School classes of '43 and '44 reunion. Info: Frank Muramatsu, 20005

3rd Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98166 or 206 878-4513.

■ Aug. 2 & 3—Fuyo Kai Pre-War U. of W. Women Students Reunion prior to the JACL National Convention. Registration: \$10. Banquet: \$20. Accommodations available. The Aug. 2 banquet will be at 7 pm at the banquet room of the Faculty Center. Info: Kiyo Sakahara, Fuyo Kai Reunion Committee, 150 N.E. 95th St., Unit 17, Seattle, WA 98115, or call 206 526-5009.

■ Aug. 4 & 5—"Advancement '88: Leadership Strategies for Today," University of Washington, sponsored by the JACL and local and national corporations. This conference will "unlock the secrets of 'Corporate America' and is especially designed for Asian American professionals." Registration fees: \$250/corporate, \$175/individual. Accommodations available. Info: JACL PNW District Office, 671 S. Jackson, Suite 206, Seattle, WA 98104, or call Tim Otani, 206 623-5088.

■ Aug. 5 & 7—Green Lake Community reunion. Aug. 5 Dinner Banquet/Dance: Bush Gardens Restaurant; 6:30-7:30 pm, registration & social hour. 7:30, deluxe dinner. Aug. 7 Picnic: 11 am-4 pm. Info: Roland Kumasaka, 6344 57th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118, or call 206 722-2644.

■ Aug. 6—Book-signing by William Hohri of NCJAR and author of *Repairing America*, University Bookstore, 4326 University Way NE, 1 pm; and at the Elliot Bay Bookstore, 1st S. and S. Main, 4 pm. Richard Drinnon, author of *Keeper of the Concentration Camps* will also be present. Info: Chizu Omori, 206 283-0765.

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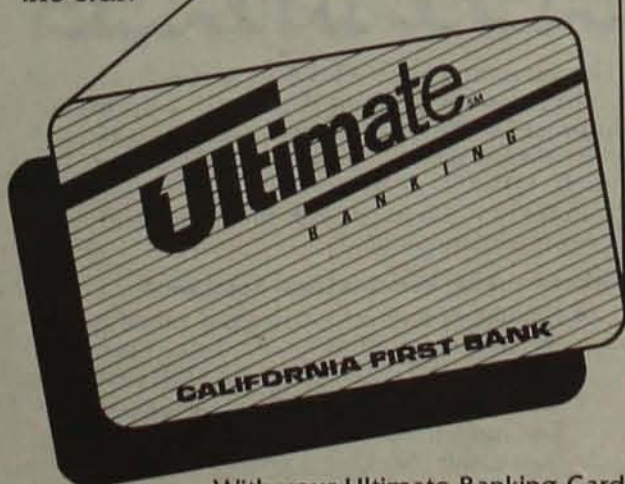
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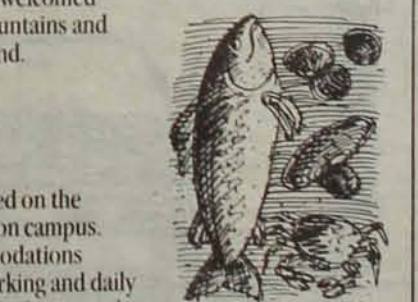
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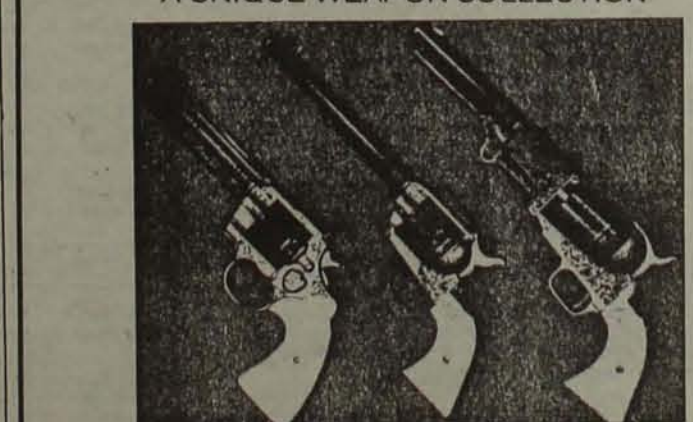
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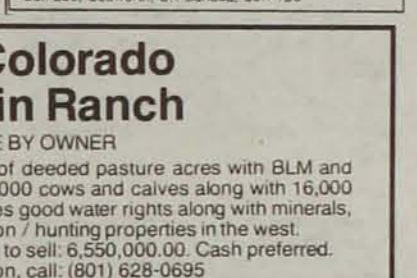
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## Hilo AJAs: New JACL Chapter Opens in Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii—The home of the newest JACL chapter is here in the 50th state. The University of Hawaii at Hilo Chapter was chartered May 29-30 at the JACL National Board meeting in San Francisco and according to NCWNP District Council Regional Director George Kondo, it has about 36 members. Plans for the formation of the chapter began in July of 1987. "We're very happy about the formation of

this latest JACL chapter," said Kondo, who added, "We're hoping that eventually another chapter in Hawaii can be established so that they can form their own district council."

The chapter president is Wayne Miyamoto, an associate professor of art at the university. A statement released by the chapter stated, "The contributions of Japanese Americans to the University of

Hawaii at Hilo have been substantial. The University of Hawaii at Hilo is unique in this country in terms of the number of Japanese Americans who have and are contributing to its growth and development.

The aim of an AJA chapter on the campus is to sustain our active contributions for the improvement and development of the university from our cultural basis as American citizens of Japanese ancestry—a very significant characteristic."

### Chapter Goals

In stating its goals, the chapter will strive to:

- Work together for the continued improvement, growth and development of the University of Hawaii at Hilo and utilize the sense of community they share as Japanese Americans for that purpose. "The values we share from our cultural basis cannot be emphasized enough."
- Work towards an understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture from their perspective as Japanese Americans and "maintain our identity and our cultural heritage as Japanese Americans."
- Fight discrimination at all levels in the most positive manner, leading in this area by establishing a positive example and denying those characteristics of discrimination which they oppose. They would also like to "work towards better understanding of the many diverse cultures that comprise our university, our state, and our nation."
- Protect the rights and interests of all minority groups.
- Achieve recognition for the contributions of Japanese Americans at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, working also, for the recognition of every person's contributions and achievements within our university.

For further information on joining the University of Hawaii at Hilo Chapter, contact Wayne Miyamoto at (808) 961-9307.

## JACL PULSE

### EAST L.A.

• 17th Annual Benefit Steak Bake, July 24, 11 am-2 pm, Barnes Park, 400 McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Proceeds to benefit Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the chapter's scholarship fund. Info: Sid, 213 261-9202; or Mable, 213 263-8469.

### IDAHO FALLS

• Idaho Falls JACL two-day reunion, July 30 & 31, 1988. Open to persons residing or who resided in the vicinity of Idaho Falls, regardless of the length of residency and includes persons who relocated to the area during the evacuation period. Info: Todd Ogawa, 1526 Westland Ave., Idaho Falls, ID, 83402; Sud Morishita, 1131 Bannock, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; or Martha Sakaguchi, 1059 Redwood, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

### MILWAUKEE

• JACL Picnic, Aug. 14, Brown Deer Park #3, 11 am-5 pm, main meal at 12:30 pm. Please bring salad, dessert, rice and utensils; the chapter is providing chicken teriyaki, hot dogs, corn on the cob, drinks, etc. Door prizes and raffle participation available. To call in your reservation before Aug. 4 and for further info: Barb Suyama, (414) 251-2279 or Helen Jonokuchi, (414) 672-5544.

### SCAN/NLA

• "Our Star is Born," the Nisei Week

Fashion Show, Aug. 7, Century Plaza Hotel, 11 am. Tickets: \$40. Info: Kim, 213 822-5780 or Phyllis, 213 822-1144.

### SEATTLE

• Nikkei Educational Conference, a two-day conference held in conjunction with the JACL National Convention, Aug. 6 & 7, the University of Washington. Hosted by state the superintendent of Public Instruction and UW, the conference will formulate guidelines for the future of American education from a Nikkei perspective. Participants: Sociologist Harry Kitano, & L.A. School Board of Education member Warren Furutani. Fee: \$40/JACLers; \$55/non-members. Info: Mako Nakagawa, program director, superintendent of public instruction, Office of Basic Education, Old Capitol Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

### SELANOCO

• Annual Summer Bar-B-Que and Raffle, July 23, Wildwood Mobile Country Club, 901 S. 6th Ave., Hacienda Hts. Prizes: A 46" color TV; a microwave oven or \$250; 5—\$50; 5 pairs 1989 Installation tickets. Dinner: 5 pm. Drawing: 8 pm. Info and raffle tickets: Frank Kawase, 714 529-7634.

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