Partial Summary Draft of National Board Resolutions


In the section of the board motions, more will appear in the next issue of P.C.

Resolutions from the Chair

Approval of Minutes

(Hold/Block) To accept the minutes of the Sept 25-26, 1989 National Board Meeting with the following changes:

1. Change the minutes to incorporate the statement that the 1992 Biennial Budget was released on Dec. 14.

2. Change the minutes to incorporate the statement that the nominations Committee recommended changes to the bylaws for the 1990 National JACL election.

3. Change the minutes to incorporate the statement that the National Board adopted the nominations Committee's recommended Carriage Page guidelines for the 1990 JACL national election.

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The minutes of the Board meeting will be published in P.C. in the next issue.

David M. Harmeling, President

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Honor Br. Pratt, Br. Pratt Kindergarten, Trustee, San Francisco for his years of service as Treasurer of the JACL.

(The text of the resolution will be published in P.C. in the next issue.)

Resolutions Under the V.P., General Operations

Convocation/Sanняя Banquet

(Hold/Block) The National Board adopt a portion of the JACL Sanняя Banquet for a profit, with an operations proposal prepared by the L & D and the authorized (3) general operations to coordinate for the 1990 JACL convention.

(Hold/Block) To approve the attachment of the National Board to the 1990 JACL Biennial Convention Center Service Union.

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Resolutions Under the Personnel Committee

Update of Job Descriptions. Change from the level and legal counsel (ex-officio) United Nations of the JACL Personnel Committee to the JACL National Committee.

Rep. Conyers Introduces Bill for African-American Reparations

WASHINGTON — A bill to create a commission to study reparations proposals for African Americans was introduced by Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (Mich.) on Jan. 5. The bill, which is aimed at creating a voice among JACLers who have long watched the legislative scene.

“Somebody has to be a voice for the voiceless. I think that’s what we’re aiming for.”

Lucy and Smith, the founders of the organization, said they were seeking land as well.

“There is a national coalition of African-Americans for Reparations which has been exchanging information and formulating strategies for pushing the issue. It will meet in convention next summer in Long Beach. I have written to Congressman Conyers, a committee chair, says while some think the bill is far-fetched, “reparations is not a pipe dream.”

In addition to the bill, which was introduced Nov. 20 and is pending in the House, an organization has been established in the United States.

There may be problems with the historic documents, but proof of guardian ship is needed.

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A miniature Japanese garden with refreshingly symmetrical lines graces the entrance way, a circular driveway to the courtyard entrance. Loewlth, president of the Medical Center Community Hospital, Monterey, chairman of the Monterey County Education Association, unveiled the marker while Janet Uehara provided background music. Sakasegawa made remarks in appreciation of the occasion. The Issei were Bushi, wade through a dazzling array of wildlife, an extraordinary prowess of well-heeled Japanese from Japan and the ever-increasing flock of Japanese tourists. Shin-Issei Flower Growers

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Incidentally, one of the prime movers of the garden project at the county level is former San Benito County Supervisor, a transplanted Shin-Issei flower grower from Fukushima. In essence, the Pioneer Issei were the ones who planted the gardens and the Nisei have grown the plants into this beautiful flower industry.

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KINENHI JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN—Day of Remembrance was observed in February of the Salinas Fairground-California Rodeo Grounds, which was a memorial work as the site of the 1942 Salinas Assembly (Temporary Detention Camp) that was home to 6,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

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Okinawans in Hawaii in Year-long Event for 90th Anniversary

HONOLULU—Twenty-six people dressed in Okinawan costume remained on Jan. 7 at Aloha Tower Pier 11 for the first arrival of Okinawans in the islands in 1900, kicking off a year-long celebration of thanks.

Yokohama Miyahira, vice president of the United Okinawan Association and festi­val chair, said the group wanted to recog­nize and show the Okinawans from 1900 to view how the Okinawan community were able to integrate during the 90 years.

The event has been designated as a thank-you event, be added, explaining the festival theme. "Oka Yama Dave" is saying: I am when I am now because of you." "

From the first 26 Okinawans aboard the Case Corporation in 1900, when they arrived on Jan. 8, to the estimated 25,000 men and women emigrating in the early 1920s, the Okinawans make up about 20% of Hawaii's Niihau community.

The year-long event will culminate with a 90th anniversary anniversary Dec. 25 at the new Okinawan Center in Waipahu on Kanaihakuwaya St. The center is being dedicated June 16-17. An international Uchinauki Festival Aug. 23-25 of Okinawans from around the world will be highlighted by a parade Sept. 1 at Kakaako Ave. and festival at Kapolei Park.

Handbook Offers Tips to Writers Covering Asians

SAN DIEGO—Ununiformed over the so-called economic war and tensions in wake of the pro-enthusiasm of the Japa­nese makers of microchips is articulated in a handbook issued last year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Asian American Journalists Association and the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (see June 22, 1989 P.C.).

Thus, addressing the complexities of life in the 1990s, San Diego Union col­umnist William Stothers has in his Dec. 4 piece said, "The media need to find more appropriate language...and how to avoid the war (about Japan)."

Stothers, weekly columnist and the Union's on-camera, was noting the use of combative language in the media, which understandably makes Asian Americans uneasy in the climate of World War II.

Union reporter Craig Rose, reporting on trade friction, also commented that trade friction nearly always generates broader tensions. "That's true regardless of the nationality of the parties. Add in the issue racial tensions and things can get hot even faster. So the sooner the better to report on trade tensions between Japan and the U.S. is playing with fire. I tried to keep that in mind in my writing."
EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

"Sushi and Sourdough" Worth the Wait

The University of Washington Press recently published a book titled Sushi and Sourdough. It was written by Tooru J. Kanazawa and is described as a novel.

The description might be stretching the definition of novel a bit. Part of it is fascinating fact-based fiction about life in the Alaska gold rush. Much of it is Kanazawa’s sensitive personal account of the life of his father, who was an Alaskan immigrant. But the book is much more. It is a monument to one man’s perseverance and could stand as inspiration for those who want to write.

Tooru Kanazawa is now 83 years old. His book was 10 years in the writing. Although he had been thinking of writing it for most of his adult life, composing chapters in his mind as he worked to support himself and his family, he didn’t begin to put the words on paper until he was 73. He submitted the manuscript to three national publishers and was turned down by each, scarred by encouragement from the University of Washington Press editors.

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San Francisco Bay Area

Among these efforts are proposals that would change the focus on family immigration laws that would sharply reduce Asian immigration. Other proposals would provide for a point system that would give additional edge to those that already speak the English language. These changes reflect that their national equalities, is to increase European immigration. In addition, the Asian Americans are not the only ones affected. "The 90s have been an upsurge in the growth of the Pacific States, JACL is fighting for the relatively fair law that exists now. If these immigration proposals are adopted, the forefathers would have been very disappointed if Asian people spoke English when they first came to America?

JACL is supporting legislation that would protect and build upon what we have achieved through our advocacy over the years of a fairer immigration policy. H.R. 672, sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), expands family immigration provisions and also has a provision for those without relatives here, but without the prejudicial English language preference.

While Japanese immigration has slowed, we cannot ignore the need for fair immigration laws. The jealousies of our forbears and our parents' experiences compel us to speak out. For our part, JACL should continue to work for the elimination of race and Washington representative, deal with the passage of the 965 immigration reforms.

JACL's legitimate concerns in this legislation are that the more human and liberal code reform. This is a long-remained principle that American law is consistent with our ideals and purposes.

San Francisco, 5, The Lo Mar Restaurant, P.O. Box 1404, Guest speaker: Nicola McCutcheon, H.C. 933, 562-8266. (415) 843-2831.

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