New National JACL Officers Take Office

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Candidates for the six National Board Officers were elected last week at the 31st Biennial JACL Convention. All ran without opposition but a simple majority was needed.

The new JACL national officers, with the number of votes received, are:

President ——- Citizen Naka (Hawaii), 8,800; vice president for general operations ——- Priscilla Ouchiwa (Albany, Calif.); vice president for public affairs ——- Floyd Mori (Los Angeles); secretary-treasurer ——- Marc Honda (Alhambra) in absentia; national treasurer ——- Tom Nakoma (San Jose); national vice president for public affairs ——- Tatsuo Ouchida (Honolulu); national vice president for development ——- William Kaneko (Nagoya, Japan); national vice president for membership ——- Kiyoko Nakayama (San Francisco); national vice president for political action ——- Karen Serikouchi (Kamloops, B.C.); national vice president for international relations ——- T. Matsui.

The two board members representing youth, Kim Tachiki defeated Joe Takanaka for the post of youth representative, and Trisha Murakawa, running unopposed, was elected national youth council chair. Only the youth representatives cast ballots for these offices.

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**Budding Golf Champ Is A Role Model**

SANDY, UTAH — Eighth grader, Skyli Yamada, from Sandy, Utah, is making her mark in the world of golf and is old enough to think about a future title as a pro golfer. Skyli received her first set of golf clubs from her parents when she was three years old. That little set of plastic golf clubs launched Skyli on the road to a busy and fun life on the golf circuit. She has been in golfing competition for the past seven years.

Skyli is actually following in the footsteps of her older sister, Starla. Golf has become a way of life for the two girls and their parents, Eugene and Tat-sue Yamada.

Skyli has won numerous trophies and awards. During the past Christmas vacation in December of 1989, she won the Kids for Kids Junior Golf Classic in Palm Springs, California. The tournament was to raise money for children with cerebral palsy. Skyli has been chosen Player of the Year for Utah every year since she was nine years old.

This year, Skyli competed in the Optimist Junior World Cup in Utah. Skyli competed in the 15-17 year-old category. Skyli is now in her second year at the University of Oregon where she is tending college on a golf scholarship and regularly winning tournaments.

Don Johnson, pro at the Hidden Valley Country Club and coach, Joe Nicholls, has a lot of influence on Skyli. She likes what they teach about golf and she follows their teachings faithfully.

Even though she will still be in Utah High School next year as a twelfth grader, she will try out for Alta High School’s golf team. She is planning to golf in college and hopes for a pro career.

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**Telecommunications Executive James Yee Wins 1990 Tatsukawa Memorial Award**

LOS ANGELES — James Yee, executive director of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association, has been selected recipient of the 1990 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Award. For ten years Yee has headed the San Francisco-based, non-profit media organization which coordinates the distribution and broadcast of Asian Pacific films, video and radio programs through the Public Broadcasting Service.

Yee won the award at the 1990 formal dinner held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The $1,000 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Award was created in 1985 to recognize distinguished achievement in creative production and advocacy in the media arts on behalf of Asian American communities. Steve Tatsukawa was a nationally known media arts administrator, community activist and filmmaker who died in 1984 at the age of 45. Each year the Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Committee selects a recipient whose contributions are deemed exemplary by the Tatsukawa family.

**Movie to Air 45th Anniversary of U.S. Bombing**

NEW YORK — NBC will air a television movie, “Hiroshima: Out of the Ashes” on Monday, Aug. 6 — marking the 45th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. The telecast, depicts the lives of survivors of the U.S. atomic bombing. The movie stars Max von Sydow, Judd Nelson, Kim Patry, Murray Hamilton, Taraji Henson, and John Fujioka.

**Asian American Day at Candlestick Park Set**

SAN FRANCISCO — On Saturday, July 7, the National League Champion Giants will take the field with a special invitation to the Asian American community.

Sponsored by Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and Cavenor House, the First Annual Asian American Day with the Giants is being planned to benefit the two community service agencies.

Located in Chinatown, Donaldina Cavenor House is a shelter and foundation for women and children. The program serves its many programs and is associated with the Presbyterian Church USA. Nihonmachi Legal Outreach provides legal services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the San Francisco Bay Area. For tickets, call Nihonmachi Legal Outreach at (415) 567-6255.
Peruvian Nikkei in Little Tokyo Prayer for Fujimori's Success as El Presidente

By Takahiro Nakayama

LOS ANGELES — Peruvians of Japanese descent in California were happy that Alberto Fujimori was victorious in Peru’s presidential election, but at the same time they were apprehensive about the president-elect’s ability to change the situation in that troubled South American nation.

“The feelings I have right now are very complicated,” said Alejandro Nakada, president of the Tokyo-based Peruvian Association of Los Angeles. “I have mixed feelings. On one hand, I’m excited about the victory, proud that a Peruvian Nisei was elected president. But on the other hand, we (Peruvian Nisei in Los Angeles) are worried about his chances to succeed, whether he can pull Peru to hisils seemingly endemic with its economic crisis, terrorism and cocaine problems.

Before the election, many Japanese Peruvians, including Nakada, didn’t want Fujimori to win. The Peruvian situation was deteriorating, and in that atmosphere we thought he wouldn’t succeed. There were some racial incidents, but we don’t believe the results are Japanese.

Immigrating from Lima to the United States, Nakada, 27 years ago, he found a job in the textile industry. “The economic situation in Peru really darkened,” he said. “I came to America and found a job. Nakada, production manager at Ishi- kawa. “I thought of going back but I decided to stay in America.”

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Resolution 13

A major step was taken at last week's national JACL convention to heal a sore that has festered for nearly a half century in the Japanese American community. That step was adoption, unanimously by the National Executive Committee, of Resolution No. 13, a summary of which appeared in the June 22 edition of The Pacific Citizen.

In essence, both documents found that the evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans in the early days of World War II was a gross violation of their Constitutional rights. The Congressional Committee of Inquiry established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt reached the same conclusion, and that was the basis for an official apology by Congress and President Reagan, and the start of the Resolution 13 movement.

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A retired army intelligence officer who remained in Japan to engage in public relations work, he is ending some 30 years overseas to retire this summer and return to the states. The presentation of the pin was in the room by the paper menagerie of cranes, peacocks, horses, etc., scattered about) revealed his interest in the JACL.

He entered the military as a 2nd lieutenant, and was assigned to Okinawa, Japan, where he served as an intelligence officer. After the war, he remained in Japan to engage in public relations work.

"I was surprised at the award," he said. "I had been meeting with the JACL for some time, and was pleased to receive the award." He was presented with the award by the JACL national president.

OPENING NIGHT KEYNOTE—U.C. San Diego professor and author Peter Irons addresses Convention's Awards Banquet at Princess Resort.

SIGNING IN—San Diego JACLers work the convention registration line all week long from Sunday, June 17 through June 22. They are: Convention choir Robert To (stands at left), gentlemen at his left is unidentified, and registration volunteer Wendy Shiga-Wyndham (at right).

DRAFT RESISTERS

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I believe," Toyoda-Mukai said, "that substitute Resolution 13 reflects the major conclusion of the Presidential Select Committee."

She noted in a later interview that the resolution was intended to apply to all interns who resisted the draft on constitutional grounds, irrespective of their answers to Questions 27 and 28 of the WRA Application for Leave Clearance.

STEALING OF REPRISAL LEGISLATION

should serve as a reminder of the need to applaud the efforts of those who fought against the draft, and to encourage others to follow their example.

The JACL presentations certainly concluded with rendition of the JACL Hymn by Kiko Gut of Los Angeles at the meeting in San Francisco. Jonathan Crock, also of Los Angeles.

The octagonal ceramic plate was presented to the JACL by a group of Japanese-Americans who supported the resolution. The plate is a token of gratitude and appreciation to the JACL for its support of the resolution.

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PETER IRONS

San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Con- nor, FWDCJ governor J.D. Hel- lam, JACL National Director Bill Yoshino and National JACL President Donald Phot. by Karen Teng

ART OF WRITINGS—Friends of John Saito (above) present a Mont Blanc pen during Convention.
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The NEWSMAKERS

- Cheryl A. Toma was recently crowned Miss Hawaiian Heritage, winning the talent competition, playing a medley of Gershwin tunes on the piano. Toma, a flight attendant, plans to use herMiss title to raise money for the Navy. As Miss Hawaii, Toma will receive more than $50,000 in prizes and will represent the State in the Miss America Pageant.

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- Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has received an appointment to the California Council on Criminal Justice. Ito, a resident of Pasadena, has held his present position since last year. He was a Municipal Court judge from 1987 to 1989 and was a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney for 10 years prior to that. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and American Bar Association and has served on the Council on Criminal Justice since 1984.

- Joseph R. Yamashita, Jr., has been nomi­nated for a Presidential Award for Exceilence in Science and Mathematics Teaching by the PAEMST Selection Committee. Yamashita, a resident of Riverdale, New York, is a science and Computer teacher at the Manhattan Amsterdam School P.S. 91M. Yamashita is responsible for servicing the entire school population, grades K through 8, using Apple Ii computer work­ ing on a variety of supplemental science software programs, database on endangered species, etc., and also runs an after school science and computers club for children and adults.

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