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National 1000 Club Goals Set, Dr. Sakamoto Confirmed as Chair

By Tom Arima

SAN FRANCISCO — The National 1000 Club is a support group of the National JACL. Its basic purposes are to promote the intent and aspirations of the JACL and to foster its financial health and well-being. It strives to become ever more beneficial to the JACL.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, newly confirmed National 1000 Club Chair, stated he would like to double the 1000 Club membership. He stressed the formation of 1000 Club groups in each chapter in pursuit of this goal. As catalyst for their formation, he suggested utilizing current, common interest in investment, bridge, golf and tennis, adding that retirees should not be overlooked since they represent a vast, heretofore untapped, reservoir of experience, expertise and, perhaps, time.

He also stated that he would like to see active 1000 Club Chairs named in each chapter and district. He and his National 1000 Club Committee could give them suggested direction and support based on the activities of the national committee. Concurrently, a viable organizational structure of the National 1000 Club is being developed by the national committee.

National Committee

Contemplated also is the expansion of the national committee. Serving on the National 1000 Club Committee presently are, in addition to Sakamoto of MDC, George Baba (NCWNP), Hid Hasegawa (IDC), Dr. Tom Tamaki (EDC), Dr. James Tsujimura (PNW), and Tom Arima (NCWNP), who is serving as coordinator.

The 1000 Club Life Membership Fund, too, is to be promoted. As adopted by the National Council at its recent convention in San Diego, anyone interested in becoming a Life Member can do so again for \$500. The \$500 entitles them to a lifetime membership in one of the most important national Nikkei civil rights organization in the United States; with full rights and benefits of membership, including subscription to the Pacific Citizen for life. It also means no more National dues to pay, regardless of any dues increases; only chapter dues, if levied by one's chapter.

Included also in the adopted resolution is a provision whereby a lump sum Life Member can upgrade to Century Life Member for another \$500. In becoming a Century Life Member, in addition to all of the above benefits, there is the added prestige of knowing one's dedication and commitment to the JACL is signaled and edified. Presently, there are 25 Century Life Members; of which seven are from the Contra Costa JACL. Contra Costa also ranks No. 1 in the number of lump sum Life/Century Life Members with 54.

Responsible for the welfare of the Life Fund is the Life Fund Committee, a 7 person committee confirmed by the National Board. Currently on the committee are Ted Masumoto (Nat'l VP/1000 Club, Membership & Services), Tom Nakao Jr. (Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer), Tom Arima, Bruce Asakawa, Hid Hasegawa, Mas Hironaka and Dr. James Tsujimura (former National JACL president).

Those interested in becoming a Life or Century Life Member should contact

their Membership Chair or Emily Ishida at National JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Legacy Fund Booster

Although the Legacy Fund is not a direct responsibility of the National 1000 Club, it supports the Fund's concept and purposes wholeheartedly and intends to participate actively in its success. With 65% of net gains of the Fund going directly to National and 5% net gains going to Fund growth, it is felt the success of this perpetual fund will do much to alleviate the hand-to-mouth existence of the National JACL, reduce membership dues, and expand important programs.

In addition, with 20% of net gains going to chapters and 10% net gains allocated for chapter and district programs, it behooves all chapters (and members) to really roll up their sleeves and put their shoulders 150% to the Legacy Fund.

Other activities of the National 1000 Club include the continuing JACL presence and visibility in the highly important U.S. Institute of Peace through the efforts of Lily Okura and Arima; the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund with Dr. Tamaki, William Marutani, Drs. Warren and Mary Watanabe and District Governors serving on the Fund Board; and others.

Reiterating the goal of doubling the 1000 Club membership, Sakamoto underscored it with an emphatic "Let's go do it!"



Photos by Shigeo Yakate, Sacramento

POST-VETERAN REUNION REMEMBRANCES—On their way home, delegates and boosters to the 1990 National AJA Veterans Reunion pay respects at the Punchbowl in Honolulu. TOP—Mrs. Tom Fujimoto of Sacramento places flowers at the Ellison Onizuka gravesite. LOWER—Flowers and leis placed by reunion participants bedeck the headstone of Spark Matsunaga's final resting place.

Anti-Chinese Vandals Hit New Church in Phoenix With Hate Slogans, Bullet Holes

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Bullets were fired through two doors of a Chinese-American church in Chandler Sept. 12, and anti-Chinese graffiti were spray-painted on its roadside sign.

"This is not your country, Go Home" was one message boldly left on one side of the stucco street sign of the Greater Phoenix Chinese Christian Church, 1375 N. McClintock Drive.

"No Chinks. Go Home to China," the misspelled "Commi Basterds" and the Ku Klux Klan's signature "KKK" were found on the walls of the church. Graffiti was also painted in light red letters on a property dividing wall.

The Rev. Apolonia Go, pastor of the 200-member congregation, which moved into its new Southwest-style church last October, said the church was the target of an almost identical attack Aug. 1.

"We never expected something like this to happen," said the Rev. Apolonia Go, church pastor. "We hope it is an isolated incident. The words are all wrong. We do not want to go home. We are trying our best to integrate."

Police have no suspects in either incident and few investigative leads.

In Aug. 1 incident, similar remarks were sprayed on exterior walls and signs with blue paint. Likewise, two plate glass doors were shattered by gunfire. Repairs to the doors were \$240 each, Go said. He said he was baffled by why his church was attacked.

Chandler police said they were investigating the possibility that the vandals

were members or skinheads. Evidence showed five rounds were fired, apparently from a .22-caliber pistol or rifle. Two rounds glanced off steel rails on the upper level of the church, with a third penetrating a door.

"It's a sad situation. We have no suspects," said Officer Bill Johnston, who said two bullets were recovered, one from a chair inside the sanctuary. "They were probably shot from the parking lot."

Drivers along McClintock Drive, who hardly could miss seeing the graffiti, were stopping at the church volunteering to help remove the hate words, police said. Later, pastor Go covered the church sign with a sheet.

The church has 150 Chinese-speaking and 50 English-speaking members.

"It shocks me when I hear about it, but I knew it exists," said Madeline Sakata, president of the Arizona Asian American Association, member of the Arizona JACL and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

"People tell me that the anti-Asian violence is on the upswing, and it's going to get worse," she said. "Japan bashing doesn't help it. Anything negative against Asians does not help it at all."

Her organizations fight all forms of stereotyping because it's regarded as a form of racism, she said.

"My fear is that it is part of the increasing xenophobia," said Rich Valenzuela, director of the Phoenix chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"I think the people who did this saw Chinese more than Christian."

The desecration of the Chandler church appears to be part of a national trend, according to a June study released by Klanwatch in Montgomery, Ala. Violence against Asians is increasing.

In the past two years, skinheads have attacked Asians and bombs have been set off in places where Asians worship, according to the 1990 Klanwatch Intelligence Report.

"I think it's despicable that anyone would see fit to vandalize a house of worship, particularly targeting minority communities," said Joel Breshin, director of the Arizona regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "I think the graffiti was indicative of a racist mindset, and I hope the Chandler police spare no expense in catching and bringing to justice those who are responsible."

Rich Valenzuela, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which monitors anti-religious and racial incidents, said he sees it as a "revival on high school and college campuses" of targeting groups for attack. "It's part of a national current... I've been monitoring what's been happening with youth with their anti-racial activities, murders and beatings. We don't know why it's happening, but it is."

Until recently the Chandler church has existed in relative obscurity. Built in 1982, it is in one of the city's quiet

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JACL Legacy Fund Aim to Deal with Issues in the '90s

SAN FRANCISCO — The success of the JACL Legacy Fund will determine much of what the organization will be able to accomplish in future years, according to Bill Yoshino, JACL national director. "The JACL National Council has outlined an ambitious program for the 1990s dealing with issues that directly affect the Japanese and Asian American communities," Yoshino stated, "and the Legacy Fund will provide the resource to address these important issues."

At the recent JACL convention in San Diego, a "program for action" was adopted which provides the goals and objectives deemed important by the organization.

In the "program for action" the JACL has defined a number of important tasks which include reducing occurrences of anti-Asian violence, assuring the accuracy of Japanese American history in textbooks, providing a positive portrayal of Asian Americans in the media, countering the negative impact of Japan-bashing, assuring that every eligible individual receives redress payment, providing for leadership skill training and providing for services to the membership such as affordable lines of health and other insurance.

"The mission and purpose of the JACL does not end with Redress. The JACL and JACL-LEC played a major role in the passage of redress legislation and the JACL will continue in its redress role until all payments are made," stated Yoshino.

"However, many issues confront us today which are not unlike the attitudes and racism that brought the JACL into existence 60 years ago and if the JACL is to address issues of importance to the community, it must have the resources to do so."

The JACL Legacy Fund campaign will begin in October with a fundraising goal of \$10 million over three years; 20% of the earnings will go to the chapters and 10% of the earnings will be used for chapter and district programs for the life of the fund.

The remainder of the fund earnings will be used to implement the JACL program for action.

San Diego JACL Kicks Off 3½-Page HI Ad Campaign

San Diego JACL this past week became the first chapter to respond and reserve advertising space in this year's Holiday Issue.

Chapter executive secretary Mas Hironaka has reserved 3½ pages bulk rate space for the 1990 Holiday Issue.

The HI kits were sent to all the chapters. Nearly 40 chapters with at least a page full of ads last year were being asked to return the certified mail receipt card.

Deadline for bulk-rate space reservation is Nov. 1. All ads and one-line greetings should be submitted by Nov. 15.

Those whose holiday greetings appear on the back page ("A Time for Giving") will be solicited for renewal in the coming weeks. These are the readers who contribute to the P.C. or a JACL project the amount they would spend on sending cards to friends in JACL and have the back-page greetings do their bidding. There is a \$25 minimum.

PHOENIX CHURCH

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upper-middle-class neighborhoods south of the Tempe city limits.

The majority of its adult congregation immigrated from Asian countries such as China, Korea, Singapore and the Philippines. Most are successful professionals and unlikely Communist sympathizers.

"Most of us came over here to study and liked it so much we stayed. We want to contribute to this country, not criticize it. Our goal is to be Americans," Go said.

The church has introduced English sermons twice a month in an effort to better assimilate. Other sermons are conducted in Chinese.

Asian immigrants often attribute racial attacks on unfounded fears they are taking away choice jobs from American citizens.

Arizona State University physics professor Tsen Kong-Thon said: "I hear people say we are grabbing work. We don't steal jobs. We moved here to contribute."

Klanwatch, a non-profit civil rights organization, said Asian-bashing has been fueled by the legacy of Vietnam, competition from Asian industries in the United States and the 70% increase in the Asian population in this country during the 1980s.

Klanwatch chronicles the following acts of violence: Last year in Boston, where Asians are 3% of the population, they comprised 15% of hate crime victims. In Los Angeles last year, more than 100 hate crimes were directed at Asians.

Klanwatch fears the current rise in reported anti-Asian incidents might be only a small sampling of the attacks that occur.

"Asians may be unfamiliar with the civil rights laws that protect them, and some may even feel their chances for success in America would be jeopardized if they drew attention to their victimization," the group wrote.

The economy also is blamed for the increase in prejudice against Asians. "It seems every time there is an economic downturn we see some ugly incident like what happened at this church," Valenzuela said.

The recent controversy in Arizona over the proposed holiday for civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. has worsened racial tensions, he said.

In the spring, ASU, its reputation still smarting from a racial brawl, was greeted by swastikas and racist threats spray-painted on campus buildings. The graffiti were aimed at blacks.

Education is billed as the best way to prevent Asian-bashing and other racial violence, especially as the population of Phoenix diversifies.

Phoenix's population includes 3 to 4% Asians, according to statistics compiled by Maricopa Community Colleges.

"We are going to try and educate people to who we are. Crossing culture is important," Go said.

It might be difficult, religious leaders admit, to educate those who write hate-inspired slogans. Law enforcement then becomes paramount.

"First we stress education, but for some hard-core individuals we have to pass hate-crime legislation and take strong police action. This is not an issue of free speech. It's crime," Valenzuela said.

In Chandler, police have questioned residents of nearby neighborhoods and are working with other law enforcement agencies to identify neo-Nazi and skinhead groups.

"Nobody saw anything," he said. Patrols near the church have been increased.

Meanwhile, the church plans to remove the paint, repair windows and replace bullet-peppered doors, Go said. News of the incident has spread quickly among area Asian-Americans.

"It is very scary. It's not the normal way we are treated. I am sure it is done by a small group, but if they would attack a church, you wonder who is next," said Sean Wei, president of the ASU Chinese Student Association.

LEC Structure:

JACL to Continue Redress Monitoring

SAN FRANCISCO — Through an agreement reached between JACL and the JACL/LEC, the JACL will now carry out many of the redress tasks formerly performed by the JACL/LEC. This is the result of the JACL/LEC decision to phase down its activities and yet carry out its responsibility to see the redress program through to its conclusion.

According to LEC chair Jerry

Enomoto, the LEC structure will not be dissolved as yet, but will be maintained in a semi-active status to be activated only if the need arises for legislative or lobbying activities in connection with the redress program.

According to JACL national director Bill Yoshino, the JACL will monitor the activities of the ORA and the legislative process in Congress related to budget and the redress entitlement and that where needed the JACL would provide advocacy and intervention.

Yoshino also indicated that JACL through its regional offices would continue to provide assistance and answer inquiries related to the verification process.

The present agreement calls for the JACL to carry out the redress tasks for the period July 15, 1990 until the end of the year. Yoshino indicated that the JACL will work closely with the LEC Executive Committee stressing the "close communication and consultation will be important in matters especially as they relate to redress policy decisions."

Many areas of the redress tasks will be implemented by the JACL Washington Office and its staff made up of Paul Igasaki and Louann Igasaki. This will be especially true in the work that will be ORA and the members of Congress.

In further steps to phase down, the LEC Board trimmed its size to a seven member executive committee composed of:

Enomoto as chairman; Grant Ujifusa, vice chair for legislative affairs; Cherry Kinoshita, vice chair for operations; Shig Wakamatsu, treas.; Mollie Fujioka, sec.; Mae Takahashi, fundraising chair; and JACL president Cressey Nakagawa.

Little Tokyo Landmark Hotel Restoration to Start

LOS ANGELES — San Pedro Firm Building, 110 N. San Pedro St., will celebrate its restoration project with a groundbreaking on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.

Restoration efforts involving Little Tokyo Service Center and the L.A. Community Design Center will provide 42 units of low-income housing in Little Tokyo. Lisa Sugino, LTSC housing program, will emcee the program, which includes speakers from the Community Development Agency, Councilman Lindsay's Office and president Midori Kamei, LTSC board of directors.

Yuppie Yaki II Picnic to Be Geared for Sansei

LOS ANGELES—Keiro Services is staging Yuppie Yaki II, a Sunday afternoon picnic at the Police Academy Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. till 4 to create Sansei awareness of how they can become involved in various needs and activities of the Nikkei senior community. Info: (213) 263-5693.

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Asian Bar Association of Washington to Host Fall Series on Community Law

SEATTLE—The Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW) will host a Community Law Program in the International District this fall. The program will offer participants the opportunity to better understand the legal process and system.

Highlighting the program will be several mock sessions: a legislative session led by State Representatives Gary Locke and Art Wang, a criminal trial, and a mediation of a civil matter. Other topics include divorce law, consumer rights, landlord/tenant, small business and estate planning.

The sessions will run from 7-9 p.m. on eight consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 20, at the Asian Counseling and Referral Service office, 12th and Jackson. A \$20 program fee is being charged. Info: (206) 235-2352.

ABAW is a Washington nonprofit corporation with 100 members.

Hawaii's 1991 Dental Convention in January

HONOLULU — Several national experts will speak on current topics in dentistry at the Hawaii Dental Association's 88th Annual Scientific Session Jan. 20-25, 1991 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Among them will be Jon Suzuki, DDS, Ph.D., to discuss the diagnosis and treatment of early to moderate periodontitis for dental hygienists. For reservation information, contact Pearl Harbor Travel at (800) 366-7486.

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OFFICE OF REDRESS ADMINISTRATION:

Computer Power at Work for Redress

[The fifth in a series of five articles by and about the Office of Redress Administration.]

WASHINGTON - Before the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) had even been officially established in early September 1988, Administrator for Redress Robert Bratt was planning for one of the new program's most basic needs: computer support. He knew that ORA would need to maintain records on over 120,000 individuals, in addition to an unknown amount of voluntary information about these individuals that would be coming in. In the nearly two years since that time, as Bratt has guided ORA steadily toward full implementation of the redress program, he has overseen the development of a computer system to support it.

ORA began with an information storage and retrieval system with the capacity to manage the tremendous volume of data that would be collected. It was up and running in record time, only 11 days after ORA was established, so that the office could move full speed ahead into public outreach with a system already in place to collect the resulting flood of voluntary information.

Bratt identified three additional functions as central to an ORA computer system, and made them part of early program planning: (a) Accountability, (b) Case tracking, and (c) Payment. Strategies have been developed to support each of these program functions with the power of computers.

The data base in which voluntary information is collected and stored now contains 109,322 records of voluntary contacts. These are the result of all correspondence and phone calls received since the office opened. Every single one of these contacts was recorded on paper, and then entered into the contacts data base.

Information in computers is measured in bytes, k's, and megabytes—Greek to most of us. A byte is a single space or character, like a letter or number. One thousand bytes equals one 'k,' and one million 'k' equals a mega-

byte. ORA's contact data alone adds up to 101.7 megabytes of data (or 101,747,713 bytes). When additional address information received from the Social Security Administration is added, the total sum is 123.1 megabytes of information.

The contact data base is like a storage bank of information about people who may be eligible for redress. Using the computers, any piece of information can be quickly and easily retrieved for research and case verification. When an analyst is assigned a name to be verified, research begins with the contacts data base. Sets of information, too, like the names and addresses of everyone in the data base born in a certain month or year, or living within a certain zip code, can be retrieved.

ORA also maintains a data base of historical information known as the Master List. It took over a year to complete and automate this list. Compiled from historic records of the internment, the Master List contains the 1942 names and internment records of all those believed to be eligible for payment, with the exception of special cases that can only be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Those in the military fall into this case-by-case category. They are added to the data base once ORA has determined that they are eligible. ORA's effort to account for each and every individual in this list is a program goal that was established by Administrator Bratt. Computers support this accountability function by, once again, allowing ORA to efficiently store a great volume of information. The computer also keeps the Master List secure by maintaining an audit trail of everything entered into it.

Verification Process

In the verification process, current name and address information in the contacts data base is linked to Master List records, thereby accounting for them one by one. There are many steps to the verification process, from the time a case is assigned to an analyst for research, through several stages of review, data entry, and correspondence with the potential eligible, to the mailing of a final letter of eligibility.

Each decision made and each action taken, for every case, is recorded both in the case file and in the computer, as the case moves through the stages of verification.

Using the computer, the status of any given case is then clear and can be quickly assessed. Thus, case tracking is the third major area of ORA operation that is computer-supported.

The case status information that is entered at each stage of verification provides a detailed record of individual cases at the touch of a computer keyboard. On a larger scale, this system also allows IRA management to look

at the "big picture" of overall case flow and progress.

The automated tracking system can formulate statistics on the number of cases processed through any given stage during a given period of time, allowing ORA management to monitor the work flow and redirect staff if necessary, to keep everything running smoothly. The statistics available through case tracking are useful in other ways, as well. They supply Bob Bratt with an arsenal of facts and numbers about ORA progress whenever he gives a workshop about Redress, and they provide ready answers for Congress, the media, and the many other interests keeping close tabs on redress administration.

Payment Function

Payment is the last major administrative function that depends on computer support. Not a single redress check can be mailed until ORA sends a list of names and addresses of all those to receive checks to the Treasury Department. This must be done via computer tape. Therefore, ORA must be able to pull these names and addresses from its computer system into a single, separate computerized list.

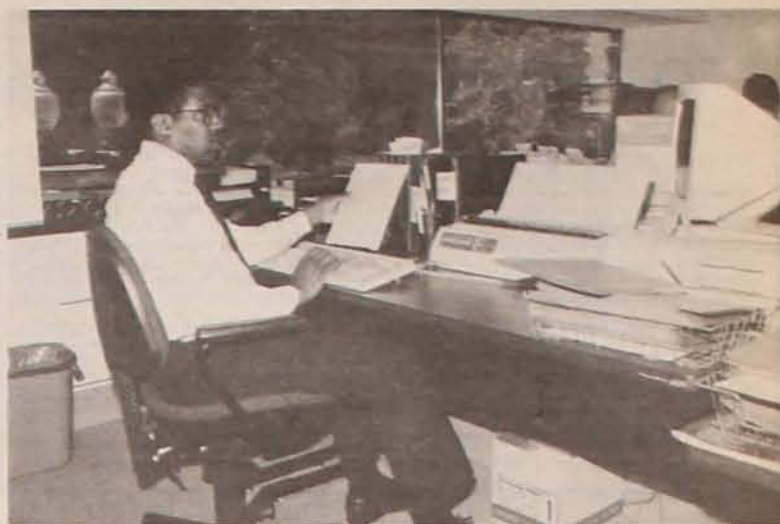
Using the computer's sorting capabilities, the final payment list can be manipulated in several different ways in tests and security checks, to make sure that there are no names on the list that do not belong, and no duplicate names, before it is sent to Treasury.

For over a year, from the time ORA opened its doors in September, 1988, until November, 1989, no one knew when funding for redress payments would be appropriated, or how much money would be made available. This made planning difficult for Redress Administrator Bob Bratt, because he did not know how many cases ORA would be asked to prepare for payment, or when.

For this reason, he pursued the safest—though certainly not the easiest—plan: to get ready as quickly as possible to make as many payments as possible. In working toward this goal, the current computer system was developed under pressure, at necessity's demand. This is not the ideal method for computer system development, and the current set-up lacks what a computer buff would call "elegance." But for the time being, it works.

To resolve some of the problems of the current system configuration, ORA has been developing a new computer system to more adequately shoulder the long-term needs of the redress program.

The new computer system performs the same major functions, but has some new capabilities as well. It ties the separate data bases, Contacts, Master List, Tracking, and Payment, into one. It also greatly reduces the possibility for error by automating many functions currently performed manually, and increases overall system security.



ORA staffer updates data on the redress case-tracking computer.

Fund Raiser for Matsui Scheduled in Capital

WASHINGTON—A fund raiser to assist Rep. Robert T. Matsui has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the SfuZZi Restaurant in Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave., N.E. The reception is being sponsored by the Matsui for Congress Committee, according to coordinator William H. "Mo" Marumoto.

Matsui was first elected to the Congress in 1978 and represents the 3rd Congressional District of California. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee. This reception is to honor his service to the Asian American community in the United States.

Serving as the honorary chairmen are: The Hon. Daniel K. Inouye, the Hon. Daniel K. Akaka, the Hon. Dan Rostenkowski and the Hon. Norman Y. Mineta. Chairman for the event is Mike Masaoka.

Noted Architect Kawana Dies at Age 60

LOS ANGELES—Koichi Kawana, renowned landscape architect of Japanese gardens and professor at UCLA died at his home in Santa Monica on Sept. 13, following a prolonged illness. He was 60.

Born in Sapporo, Kawana designed many Japanese gardens throughout the United States, the most famous in St. Louis. He also designed the garden at the L.A. County Museum of Art, while teaching at UCLA.

Recognized as one of the prime authority on the creation of Japanese gardens, the National Geographic magazine featured Kawana's gardens in the August issue this year.

Riverside Nikkei in Local Election

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—Mark A. Takano is a candidate for the Riverside Community College board of trustees, one of 11 vying to fill two seats on the five-member board this November.

The Riverside-born teacher of history and English at Rialto Jr. High is a Harvard University graduate in government and upon graduation in 1983 helped organize and participated in the transcontinental bicycle "Ride for Life" for world hunger organizations.

More recently, the *Los Angeles Times Magazine* featured him as one of four teachers with an exceptional record. He is currently piloting a curriculum on the history of the Vietnam War. Forward contributions to his first campaign to:

Mark Takano for RCC Board, 15549 Prairie Way, Riverside, CA 92504, (714) 780-3941.

All-Imperial Valley Reunion Set April 20, 1991

LOS ANGELES—The fourth All-Imperial Valley reunion has been set for Saturday, April 20, 1991, at the new Holiday Inn Torrance Gateway, 19800 S. Vermont Ave., it was announced.

The reunion golf tournament will be held at Royal Vista Country Club the previous day, April 19, with a 1 p.m. starting time. Reunion registration to cover the banquet is \$27 per person; hotel rooms, \$69 double. Make checks payable to:

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Nisei Saga in Military Intelligence

For reasons I do not understand, it has been accepted as gospel for some time that the inspiring story of Nisei linguists in World War II was kept a deep dark secret until long after military security required it.

The book "John Aiso and the M.I.S.," sponsored by the Military Service Intelligence Club of Southern California and published in 1988, tells us (page 77) "official descriptive publicity and information have never been released about the MIS Nisei, role and operations." Joseph Harrington's book, "Yankee Samurai," published in 1979 with the support of Nisei vets, says they "all had passed their 50th (some their 60th and 70th) birthdays, before government reluctantly let their story be told."

More recently the newsletter of the MIS Club of Southern California published an article which said: "All decorations and awards earned by the Nisei soldiers in the performance of military intelligence duties were kept as dark secrets until President Richard M. Nixon on March 8, 1972, signed Executive Order 11652, which started the declassification of classified documents of World War II."

I have no wish to start up a fuss—and you know how easy it is to shatter the peace these days—but the record shows otherwise and it seems it ought to be set straight.

At my request Harry Honda went through a few wartime copies of Pacific Citizen and found a substantial number

of references to Nisei soldiers in the Pacific Theater. For example, in the July 15, 1944 issue of P.C., there was a story about H.V. Kaltenborn, then a leading NBC radio reporter, hailing the Nisei role in the war against the Japanese. He spoke, he said, "as one who has personal contact with the magnificent contribution being made by Americans of Japanese ancestry in our war effort in the South and Southwest Pacific."

The Heart Mountain Sentinel, published in a WRA camp, had several dozen references to Nisei in the Pacific. The July 24, 1943 issue, quoted a top level federal official, James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization as saying "American soldiers of Japanese descent have performed useful and hazardous service in connection with our operations in the Pacific and a number have already been decorated for meritorious services."

The Sentinel also reported that W.L. White, writing in the March 1944 Reader's Digest (with a circulation of millions), in a story titled "This is Jungle Fighting," quoted Lt. Col. Charles Davis about the key role played by Japanese Americans in the intelligence service.

The Nov. 11, 1944 issue reported that WRA, in collaboration with the War Department had issued a public relations pamphlet telling of the Nisei war role from Kwajalein and Burma to Salerno and Livorno in Italy, with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, the Marshall

Isles and the Aleutians. In May, 1945, the Sentinel reported, WRA issued another pamphlet about Nisei in intelligence work in the Pacific, quoting liberally from the dispatches of newspaper correspondents.

It was about this time that newspapers carried stories about Frank Hachiya of Hood River who was killed while on an intelligence mission in the Philippines, and Horizontal Hank Goshio and the "Baby Sergeant York," Kenny Yasui, in Burma.

In 1946 the Military Intelligence Service Language School published an 130-page album which listed all the units in which Nisei graduates had served and chronicled their activities in text and photographs.

Time sped by. In 1964 the American Legion Magazine, circulated among the hundreds of thousands of members of that veterans organization, published a full-length article on the Nisei in military intelligence in World War II. It was illustrated with Department of Defense photos of men like Herbert Miyasaki, T/Sgt. Roy Matsumoto, Sgt. Hoichi Kubo, T/4 Tony Uemoto, Staff Sgt. Kenny Yasui, and Lt. Akiji Yoshimura in China, Burma and elsewhere.

The 6,000 Nisei graduates of the Military Intelligence Language School did indeed serve with great distinction and deserve full recognition. But the record does not bear out the contention that they were rebuffed, forgotten and unrecognized.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Seaweed: Konbu, Nori & Wakamé



WHEN SOMEONE samples a *maki-zushi* for the first time, (s)he invariably wants to know about the wrapping. Having come across a Japanese (in English) publication on *konbu*, *nori* and *wakame*, I'd like to share some of the information with you. Starting some 300 years ago, the Japanese started harvesting seaweed and in recent times, annually consume some one million tons in various ways and forms, some of which are familiar to many of you: in addition to *o-nigiri* (rice balls) and *maki-zushi*, there is *wakame* in *miso-shiru* (fermented-bean soup), *furi-kake* (literally "toss on," a mixture of dried fish shavings, dehydrated eggs and crumbled seaweed), as well as shredded seaweed as garnish for *sashimi* (raw fish) platters. And so on.

AS FOR NORI in particular, a shortage developed after WW-II so that

Japan was receiving imports from Korea. Then the Japanese discovered that instead of merely placing racks in shallow water with its limited yield, they could install fencing as deep as 150 meters to yield generous amounts of this "red algae." Yup; that's what that delicious (and expensive) stuff is: algae. Although dark, almost black in appearance, if held up to the light, one might discern some reddish tint. Sometimes, one need not hold it up to any light to see the tint.

RED OR NOT, and whether it be any particular seaweed, the substance is nourishing and healthy for you. It is plentiful in vitamins B and B-12 which we in the Western society obtain largely from animal organs, such as a liver. Among other things, because of Buddhist influences, the Japanese traditionally abstained from dining on animal flesh; fortunately, seaweed, low in calories,

was providing them with the all-important B-vitamins and minerals. This harvest-from-the-sea also reportedly provides a substance known as "taurine," which in some circles is believed to be helpful in lowering blood cholesterol.

Seaweed is also rich in potassium iodine, a fact many of us learned as children munching on *shio-konbu* (salt-cured, dried sea kelp). Some suggest that potassium iodine has properties of absorbing radiation (such as that from Chernobyl) which can then be purged from the body. Maybe so; then, maybe not. That certainly isn't the reason I still enjoy *konbu*. (But whatever happened to the thick, wide ones I knew as a kid?)

JAPAN STILL IMPORTS SEA-WEED, BUT SPECIALIZED KINDS. From Norway there's a type that is

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Checks Addressed 'Dear Recipient'

The oldest survivors of the World War II Evacuation have been receiving word that Redress payments soon will be on their way. In a printed form letter addressed to "Dear Recipient," the Office of Redress Administration says: "Your check will be sent from the United States Department of Treasury in early October, 1990. It will be mailed first class in a brown envelope." Dear Recipient is instructed to contact the office if the check is not received by Oct. 22.

Approximately \$500 million is scheduled to be distributed this fiscal year. At this writing it is not known how federal spending cuts mandated by the Gramm-Rudman law if budgetary reductions are not made, will affect Redress payments. But even if the number receiving checks this year is reduced, the Japanese American community still stands to receive a substantial economic shot in the arm.

The money to be received is a solatium, offered by the nation as solace for suffering as a result of a wrong. It is not compensation for material loss, nor is it payment for loss of freedom and injury to dignity, which are beyond price.

Those scheduled to receive their \$20,000 checks this year are among the oldest of the evacuees. They are of the generation which grew up during the Depression years when they learned frugality beyond that required by the immigrant heritage of their families, and had to practice fiscal conservatism to survive. Even though they are free to blow their Redress checks foolishly if they wish, it is likely that few will. It is not in their nature.

For many, the money will help ease the fiscal problems of advanced age. It may make more medical care available, provide clothing and a few modest luxuries beyond the reach of meager savings and Social Security payments. For others, the checks will be an opportunity to share with children and grandchildren who they had been unable to help because of the economic setback of the Evacuation. And for still others the payment will provide a means for taking a long-desired trip, replacing the family car, or improving the old homestead.

All these are laudable ways of utilizing unexpected funds, offering an opportunity to gain or provide pleasure.

There is one other way in which some of the money can be shared. That is the Legacy Fund, a perpetual endowment to carry out the human rights objectives of JACL. This fund, with a goal of \$10 million, has just been announced. More will be heard about it in the weeks to come. You might want to remember it as, with well-deserved satisfaction, you slit open the Treasury Department's long-delayed brown envelope.

MONITOR



"How 'bout lettin'
Nanako Hoshino have
a crack at those directions,
Daddy?"

—Family Circus

Readers wishing to send items to the Monitor should address their submissions to the P.C. Editor.

In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

SANTA ANA—One of the most prized possessions of the Yoshitaro Tanaka family of this city is a personal letter from Henry L. Stimson, written while he was Secretary of State, commending the family and their four sons in service. Two served with the Nisei combat regiment, while two served in MIS.

WATSONVILLE—The Pajaro Valley experienced its first act of terrorism earlier this week, when a flare was either thrown or shot in the direction of the local Buddhist church which was converted into a temporary hostel. Falling short of its target, it ignited the nearby shrubbery causing no other damage.

NEW YORK—The war in the Pacific would have been more costly and more American lives would have been lost had it not been for the Nisei, says a North American Newspaper Alliance correspondent in a dispatch from Okinawa. He cited numerous situations where Nisei linguists were instrumental in aiding their units through their knowledge of the Japanese language.



CLIFF'S CORNER

CLIFFORD UYEDA

Censorship, by Any Other Name . . .

The JACL response to my commentary (Aug. 31 P.C.; Aug. 23 and 24 *Hokubei Mainichi*) in itself is appalling. The pertinent issue is the method by which JACL chose to fulfill its membership's quest for a straightforward account of JACL positions and actions during World War II.

The question in most everyone's mind was: How can JACL investigate itself?

There was a precedent, however. The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, funded by the U.S. government, did an independent research and conclusion.

JACL came up with a brilliant idea. It retained a respected attorney from outside the Japanese American community to fulfill the National Council's mandate. Her report was thorough, frank, and in places embarrassing to the past JACL image.

JACL asked the researcher to summarize her well documented findings of some 140 pages into a 25-page re-

port. How would the CWRIC have reacted if told by the government to summarize its report, *Personal Justice Denied* (450 pages) into a few pages? How would the public have reacted?

The JACL membership was led to believe that a full, uncensored report was forthcoming. It was not an unreasonable expectation.

What finally emerged was a restatement of JACL positions the public has heard for years without the substance of Deborah Lim's report. That is not censorship?

If JACL wanted to comment on the report, a release of the full report with the JACL comment appended to it would have satisfied the membership.

JACL cannot initiate the "healing process" by proclaiming it. It is done with an honest reckoning of all of its past.

JACL's propensity for lashing out at all of its critics further damages its image.

MINORITIES IN JAPAN — THE KOREANS:

Ethnic Koreans Seen as 'Moral Deficit'

By Makoto Kyo
Gekkan Asahi

TOKYO

Japan has amassed a huge trade surplus but runs a moral deficit in its treatment of ethnic Koreans and Chinese. Despite pledges to internationalize, even high-ranking officials sometimes espouse a pre-World War II ideology of racial exclusivity that legitimizes mistreatment of minorities. Like charity, human rights must begin at home.

On April 30, in anticipation of a state visit by South Korean President Roh Tae Woo, the Kaifu administration announced a series of measures, including the future abolition of fingerprinting, to improve the legal status of South Korean residents here. The issue has been a long-standing bone of contention between Tokyo and Seoul.

During Roh's visit in late May, Emperor Akihito and Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu expressed regret for Japan's 35-year colonial rule of Korea (1910-1945). Both governments proclaimed a "new era" in bilateral relations.

But Japan's 680,000 North and South Koreans and 80,000 Taiwanese and Chinese—former colonial subjects and their descendants—look askance at the imperial apology and proposed reforms. Many doubt that Japan will honor its promises and make substantive changes on their behalf. Bitter memories of an episode late last year reinforce that perception.

The so-called pinball ("pachinko") scandal began with allegations by a right-of-center weekly last October that the Japan Socialist Party (JSP) was taking payola from the pinball industry. Pachinko-parlor owners were opposing a bill to tighten control of the industry and a plan to introduce prepaid pachinko cards.

On Oct. 13, the JSP released a list of nine Socialist Diet members who had accepted a total of \$56,000 from parlor operators. But it also revealed that 81 LDP members had been given \$830,000. Moreover, according to the party, a national association of game operators had recruited nearly 50,000 new members for the LDP and paid it \$700,000 in membership fees just before last July's upper house election.

Embarrassed by the revelations, the LDP toned down its campaign and shifted the focus. More than 60 percent of Japan's pinball operators are Koreans, and many are affiliated with the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun). The LDP charged that the North Korean group had made illegal campaign contributions to the JSP, implying it was behind the influence-peddling scheme.

Some Japanese took the LDP's attack on Chongryun as a green light to bully Koreans. Many victims were children attending North Korean ethnic schools, vulnerable because of their distinctive school uniforms. By mid-November, Chongryun counted 48 acts of intimidation or violence involving a total of 64 Koreans.

On Nov. 8, Myong-sil Lee, 7, a female elementary school student, was shoved from behind by a man as she boarded a train at Tokyo's Ikebukuro Station and fell flat on her face inside the car. The man kicked her five times before a middle-aged Japanese woman drove him off.

Myong-sil's mother says, "She's still too young to understand, so I haven't told her about Japanese prejudice. I want her to grow up feeling proud of her heritage. It's hard to explain bigotry."

"Thank goodness for the woman who helped my daughter. She accompanied Myong-sil as she changed trains

and comforted her. Without her kindness, the incident might have left an emotional scar. That day happened to be Myong-sil's birthday."

The pachinko scandal has affected Koreans in other ways. Sun-mun Pak, president of the Korean Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo, said: "Recently, a Japanese executive told me that now corporations are afraid to deal with North Korean businessmen because of the pinball affair."

"Our wholesalers and retailers reported a sharp drop in orders from big companies after the recent publicity. We have a hard enough time as it is; something like this can put us out of business."

Pachinko operators are also worried. Most Korean-owned parlors are family enterprises. A proposal to introduce prepaid cards for a fixed number of pinballs would force proprietors to buy the cards from makers, who will charge a fee of five percent or six percent. Only large firms can afford to pay that kind of margin, encouraging a big business to step in.

A 43-year-old South Korean owner in Tokyo, who requested anonymity, complains, "Discrimination makes it very tough to find a good job. My son's only hope for a decent living is to take over this business. But our days are numbered."

According to 1987 Justice Ministry figures, 23.7% of Japan's working population was employed in manufac-

turing but only 10.3% of Koreans. Large corporations, which account for most of these jobs, hire few Koreans.

My own case is typical. Until high school, all of my friends were Japanese, and I used a Japanese name. In college, I switched to my real name and my only friends were other Koreans.

Most of my Japanese high school classmates graduated from college and found jobs with leading firms. But all of the Koreans I knew in college have changed jobs at least two or three times in the past 10 years. Many work for drinking establishments, small scrap-metal companies, Korean restaurants or pachinko parlors.

My grandfather came to Japan seeking work in the late 1920s because the colonial regime confiscated his farm in Korea. My father was born in a Hokkaido mining town. I am a third-generation Korean, and my three-year-old son is fourth generation.

Perhaps by the time my son is my age, Japan will be a more tolerant society, where people of different ethnic origins can live together amicably. But as the pachinko controversy indicates, assumptions of racial superiority die hard.

Still, there is hope. If this ugly episode encourages Japanese to reexamine their values, then it will have served a useful purpose.

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SOUTHWEST SPECTATOR

JIM TOKESHI

Hate Crimes — An Unfinished Task

Twenty-three racially motivated crimes have been targeted against Asians in Los Angeles County in the first half of 1990. A three fold increase from 1989, Asians have had the greatest percentage increase of all racial groups.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on Sept. 7, that the L.A. County Human Relations Commission released a special midyear statement because of the "alarming 32%" increase in hate crimes motivated by racism, religious bigotry and intolerance of homosexuality. The report also stated that hate crimes have steadily been on the rise since 1986. "In all of last year, 378 hate crimes were reported across the county, however, for the first half of this year, the figure is 272."

The commission director, Eugene Mornell, is quoted predicting the situation "will get worse before it gets better. We are going to see increased tension and hate crimes." Intergroup tension, population changes, as well as a general rise in the level of violent crime across the nation are attributed to the rise in hate crimes. Mornell further stated, "In Los Angeles county, no one group is a majority of the population anymore. This is a new situation we are going to have to learn to live with. This will take time."

The racial tensions within our society are reflected in our university campuses. Campus racism and racial divisions are being termed "re-segregation." Previously, campus environments were thought of as safe, liberal and pluralistic. Today, however, universities are being revisited with an understanding of never having been desegregated.

The potential scope of social, economic and political oppression leveled against our community are becoming more evident. The recent efforts of California Assemblyman Gil Ferguson's (R-Newport Beach) to deny an accurate historical accounting of the Japanese American internment experience can be viewed as an attack on our community's legacy.

Ignorance about our community's identity compounds the potential for hate crimes against the Japanese American community and the Asian American community. Our society blurs Asian nationals with Americans of

Asian ancestry. This lack of understanding condemns our communities by the circumstance of our physical characteristics.

The device to preserve and protect the ownership of our American identity is the Japanese American Citizens League as well as other Asian American organizations like it. Our organization can help make that distinction. However, making that distinction demands a level of social intercourse that reaches beyond the bounds of our immediate community.

We must learn to address and engage the ignorance of our society, because it is this ignorance in society that is one of the great unfinished tasks of our organization.

LETTERS

Resolution 13

Reading the National JACL Board unsigned statement in reference to JACL wartime activity and Clifford Uyeda's criticism reminded me of government officials operating in a moral vacuum.

Note: Good management anticipates emergencies. Plans options in case of emergency. Poor management is never an emergency! It's a disaster. National JACL Board better put its act together.

The National JACL Board should form an "Ombudsman Committee" ensure full compliance with the resolutions passed by the National JACL Board in 1988. Gokuro Sam A.

M. SUMIDA
San Francisco, Calif.

Memory Revived

I read with much interest the feature "In the Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago" (P.C., July 6-13) about Nisei servicemen at Ft. Benning, Ga., being issued petitions of naturalization. My husband, Lewis Abe, recalls that incident in July 1945. He was at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was instructed by a captain to sign the naturalization papers. He refused to sign it for obvious reasons. He then requested permission to speak to the Adjutant General. The adjutant general was outraged and reprimanded the captain. The general thereupon resolved the matter. Lewis then wrote to the Pacific Citizen regarding the incident—45 years have passed. How time flies!!

DEANA ABE
Los Angeles



MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

Spit Wad and the 'Kamideppo,'

A few days ago there was an AP story about a new novelty product named Spit Wad. I gathered it has no utilitarian value. All it does is to stick to whatever object it is hurled at. Its saving grace is that it is non-toxic and non-staining. Those are the qualities the inventor was striving for, for he had mischief in mind. He wanted a clean, non-messy substitute for spit balls—small wads of chewed paper.

Small wads of chewed paper. What magic words they were! They dealt a mighty jolt to my long torpid memory. In an instant I was back to my childhood, 5000 miles and a lifetime away, in Fukuoka, Japan. I was reliving the fun I used to have, shooting small wads of paper.

As far as the means of propulsion was concerned, the Japanese kids went American kids one better. Where the American kids of yesteryear used straws to blow, or simply spat out the wads, the Japanese kids, including yours truly, used the *kamideppo*, the paper gun, the Japanese name for the wad shooter.

The wad shooter was a simple device, consisting of a bamboo tube for barrel, 3/16" to 1/4" bore by optional length of, say 7" or over; and a ramrod of any material set in a hilt, usually the joint end of the tube material, so that its tip would stop just short of the muzzle.

You chewed a piece of paper to a wad, rammed it through the tube. In the meanwhile you had been chewing another wad, so put it in the breech, and rammed. When the second was within an inch or so of the first, with a loud pop the first shot off. You rammed the remaining wad all the way, and the second shot was ready to fire.

The kids shot targets, and at each other. The shooter's range was short

and its aim was uncertain, so nobody got hurt. The only casualties were tree trunks and outside walls of the gym. The wads brushed off easily when dry.

No toyshops stocked the *kamideppo*, so you had to make your own. Fortunately bamboos were almost everywhere, and free for the taking. But the logistics of the wad material posed some difficulty.

Japan in those days was in the Third World. Many things that the American and Japanese kids nowadays take for granted as plentiful and wastable were precious, or luxuries. Tearing off virgin paper for shooting wads? The very thought was sacrilege, heaven forbid! So any recyclable paper was for chewing, and in a final pinch, you even had to use a sheet off your calligraphy practice book, smeared all over with Chinese and Japanese characters in India ink. By the time you had finished a half hour's hard wad shooting with this material, your mouth and hands were black, and your saliva was black forever after.

Back in my study in this small town, U.S.A., I can review those far off days with unsentimental eyes of world-weary wisdom. Would I have been happy with Nintendo and Lionel train and all the expensive toys today's kids have? Certainly! But do I wish my childhood had been otherwise? I am not too sure. I still like the memory of Japan in the Third World. I still want to hand on to the memory of the crude, homemade wad shooter, and the messy wads chewed from all sorts of recyclable paper, especially sheets from the calligraphy exercise book, black with Chinese and Japanese characters, and smelling of India ink.

THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Mas Fukai**, Chief Deputy to Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, recently was appointed to serve as Hahn's alternate on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

► **Sadako Tengan** of Chicago was named a winner of the prestigious Kohl International Teaching Award for exemplary teaching. A second grade teacher at the Univ. of Chicago Lab School, she has been teaching at the Lab School for over 25 years. One of her students exclaimed, "I love school so much that when I'm sick, I cry." Committed to developing critical thinking in children at an early age, Sadako Tengan has been called "a parent's dream come true."

► **Linda S. David** has been elected vice president of W.C. Carson Inc. She has been with the Georgia-based company since 1982 and is corporate controller. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shintaku of Atlanta, Ga.

► **William Wong**, an associate editor, columnist for the *Oakland Tribune*, and journalist for more than 20 years, was one of the first minority journalists to work for mainstream newspapers in San Francisco. Long active in civic community, Wong is National Vice President of Asian American Journalists Association. He won an award from the World Affairs Council of Northern California for a series of columns on the turmoil in China. He also won second place in the humor category from the San Francisco Press Club, and a St. Francis Award from the San Francisco Archdiocese for a column about children self-esteem. He has twice won a Eugene Block Award for his columns from the friends of the Human Rights Commission of San Francisco.

► Two Seattle Nikkei were among the "39ers," recently chosen by the *Seattle Weekly* as independent spirits under age 40 "who are shaping the city." California-born **Craig Fujii** helped his paper, *Seattle Times*, win the Pulitzer Prize as the photographer for the 1989 story on the Exxon Valdez oil spill. He grew up in Texas and studied at the University of Texas at Arlington. **Alice Ito**, a management and media consultant and a partner at Bellevue's Spectra Communications, developed Asian women programs as part of the overall concern with "underserved communities."

self-esteem. He has twice won a Eugene Block Award for his columns from the friends of the Human Rights Commission of San Francisco.



MIYONO NELSEN

► **Miyono Nelsen** has been named Director of Japanese Marketing for the Las Vegas-based Desert Inn Hotel & Casino, it was announced by Kevin Malley, president of the casino resort. In her new role, Ms. Nelsen is charged with developing new marketing strategies to encourage visits to the Desert Inn by domestic and Pacific Rim travelers to Las Vegas.

► **Paul Kitagaki** of the *San Jose Mercury News* finished second in voting for the California Press Photographers Association's Photographer of the Year at the group's 34th annual competition. Kitagaki has won a number of awards from the national, state, Bay Area and Peninsula press photographers associations. Before joining the *Mercury News*, he worked for the *San Francisco Progress*, *San Mateo Times* and *San Francisco Examiner*.

► **Jay Y. Fukushima**, CPA has been appointed to the Small Business Taxation Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The emphasis of his practice is providing accounting services to small businesses and tax planning for individuals. Fukushima received his Master of Business Taxation from the University of Southern California. He is the son of long-time SELANOCO JACL members Jun and Toshiko Fukushima.

JACL PULSE

ARIZONA

Annual meeting Oct. 21, Sun., 5 p.m. at JACL Hall. Five board members to be elected at chapter's pot-luck dinner. Info: Nancy Tanita (602) 841-1183 or Helen Y. Tanita (602) 944-2050.

FLORIN

Florin JACL sponsors fall talent show Oct. 12 at Sacramento Buddhist Church; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

GREATER L. A. SINGLES

Oct. 6—Greater L. A. Singles JACL annual scholarship fund raising dance featuring Music by Taka, 7:30 p.m. - midnight. Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl. \$10 by check in advance to Joyce Binz, 1049 W. 187th St., Gardena, 90248; \$12 at door. Info: Joyce (213) 329-5882, June Furuta (213) 323-2783.

INTERMOUNTAIN D.C.

Nov. 2-3-4—50th Anniversary Reunion of JACL members from Rexburg, Idaho Falls and Pocatello at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nevada. Saturday Banquet, 6 p.m., keynote speakers (including Nat'l Pres. Cressey Nakagawa), renew old friendships and meet new friends; Sat. 11 a.m. IDC Meeting; Info: Hid Hasegawa, 3562 E. Crawford, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 529-1525.

LATIN AMERICA

"Holla! It's Fiesta Time Again"—Dishes, Display, Dances from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Mexico. Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena; RSVP (\$20) Oct. 13 c/o K. Masumura, 15011 Van Buren Ave., Gardena 90247; or \$25 (door). Info: Miki (213) 391-1556.

RENO

Nov. 18, Sunday, 12 noon-3 p.m. Mochitsuki and Pot Luck at Knights of Pythias Hall, 900 Nevada St., Chairperson Sakae Tsuda.

SAN MATEO

Oct. 13, Fall Clean-up of Community Center. 3 Kiku Matsuri Festival, Shinwakai Seniors, Concord. Info: (415) 343-2793.

SEATTLE

The Seattle Chapter JACL has moved to its new office at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. The new phone number is: 322-3589.

SEQUOIA

The 18th annual Keiro Kai dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the PA Buddhist Hall. The annual event honors the area pioneers aged 70 and over. Younger members in the community are encouraged to support this worthwhile event. If there are any new 70 year olds and other seniors of the Japanese American community who have been missed in the past, please call Miyo Nakanishi at (415) 322-4514.

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In December 1939, the Toai Nisei and Toai Joshi Seinen Clubs of Rexburg, Pocatello Seinen Club and the Kyowa Club of Idaho Falls decided to affiliate with JACL to form the Southeastern Idaho chapter and a member of the Intermountain District Council. Mike Masaoka was the IDC chairman.

Immediate past Intermountain District Governor Hid Hasegawa here, who is thumping the tub for the 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Cactus Pete's Hotel in Jackpot, Nev., revealed 16 Nisei couples who are also celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries or more this year will be special guests.

Keynote speakers, including Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, a gala banquet (from 7 p.m.) and the annual IDC conference (11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) will be a part of the program. Package registration, payable to "JACL Tri City 50th Anniversary," is \$50 per

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The IDC is soliciting congratulatory greetings and gathering suitable photos for the reunion booklet. These, the package and hotel registrations, may be sent to:

Hid Hasegawa, 3562 Crawford, Crawford, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 529-1525. Hotel rooms have been reserved by JACL for Nov. 2-4 at \$55 per night single or double occupancy, \$10 per extra person in room. Deadline is at least two weeks prior.

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GO FOR BROKE PLAQUES—The "Go For Broke/French Club" presents plaques to Col. James Hanley, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Fred Fujimoto at the Kona national AJA Veterans Reunion June 27-30 attended by 1,700 veterans, family and friends. At left is Serge Carlesso, president, Bruyeres-Hawaii Committee, from France.

JACL-LEC Awards Plaques to Veterans Groups

KONA, Hawaii—Four plaques acknowledging the support for redress for Americans of Japanese ancestry and for a commitment to the principles of the Constitution by three Hawaiian Nisei veteran organizations and to Katriel

Schory, producer of the documentary film of the 442nd "Yankee Samurai," were awarded during the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion here before some 1,700 attendees on June 30 at the Kona Surf Resort.

The recipients and Mainland presenters were:

442nd Veterans Club (of Hawaii), Bob Sasaki, exec. sec.; by Tom Masamori of Denver and Hiroshi Tadakuma, Calif. Nisei VFW Posts;

100th Bn. Veterans Club, George Hagihara, pres.; by Warren Fencil, past national president, 34th Infantry Division Assn., and Wilson Makabe of Reno, Gor For Broke NVA.

MIS Service Club of Hawaii, Sam Isokane, pres.; by Mas Fukuhara, Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee, and Jim Mita of Gardena, So. Calif. Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council.

Katriel Schory, presented by Rudy Tokiwa, Go For Broke/MIS of San Francisco, and Dr. Harold Harada of Culver City, Go For Broke NVA.

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OBITUARIES

Henry K. Makino, 69, Chemist

MINNEAPOLIS—A veteran chemist at Honeywell and a troubleshooter in the temperature control division at the time he retired in 1981, Hank Makino died of cancer Sept. 1. He was born in Portland, and he and his family were interned at Minidoka. He served in Military Intelligence during WWII and was also editor of the Ft. Snelling camp newspaper. He graduated from Macalester College in 1947. He also taught downhill skiing at Buck Hill for many years. He was Twin Cities JACL chapter president in 1957, active with the Japan America Society and the Minnesota Nikkei Project.

Kearney Kozai, 65, Design Engineer

SEATTLE—He once told his wife he hoped he would die playing the game—golf, which he loved so much. Kozai, who had retired in 1987 from Boeing after working as a design engineer for 30 years, suffered a heart attack in mid-August after the first hole at Jefferson Golf Course. He died Aug. 27. A native of Hawaii, he served in the Pacific in military intelligence, graduated from the Univ. of Michigan and settled in Seattle in the 1950s. A curling enthusiast, he even competed once in a national championship.—*Seattle Times*

James Y. Shigeta, 79, 4-H Leader

HONOLULU—James Shigeta, Maui-born state 4-H Club leader, died Aug. 30. He served the University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service for 40 years, retiring in 1972. He began as a stenographer at the Maui office in 1929, earned degrees in administration and education. During WWII, he served in MIS in the western Pacific and Okinawa, was president of the MIS Veterans in Hawaii, the Oahu AJA Veterans Council and the Waikiki Rotary Club.

Yasuda, Larry T., 65, Los Angeles, Sept. 2; Hawaii-born Sansei, survived by w. Ethel, d. Takako, sis. Shizue Fujita, br. Toshiharu, Satoru and Edward.

Masushige, Yoshiko, 74, Torrance, Sept. 7; Gardena-born, survived by d. Shirley Shitabata, Shizue Grulke (Ventura), 3gc, br. Tom Kurashige, Kiyoshi (Oakland), Sam, George, Kazuo, sis. Masako Tsuji, Fae Saisho, Kathryn Hanafusa, Sue Kawashima.

Kadoya, George, Los Angeles, Aug. 26; Visalia-born, survived by w. Asako, d. Janette Aguado, Grace, 1gc, br. Edward and Jiro Kadoya, sis. Yoneko Hamanaka (Jpn).

Kawata, Harry, 79, Azusa, Aug. 24; San Jose-born, survived by Mary, s. Ronald, d. Masae Westbrook, Shirley, Rosemary Rodriguez, 5gc, br. Ted Kawata (Oxnard), Tom, Rudy (both Santa Cruz), sis. Norma Tominaga (San Jose), Beverly Kim.

James Toru Nakamura, 64, Agoura Hills, Calif., July 31; Brawley-born, survived by w. Tomoko, s. Eric, br. Roy (Santa Maria), George, sis. Yoshiko Kobayashi (Japan), Fumi Uyesima (Santa Maria), in-law sis. Suzy Nakamura (SM), Aya Suzuki and Michiko Oniwa (both Japan).

Yutaka Ozzie Nishida, 73, Culver City, July 5; San Gabriel-born, survived by w. Marsha, d. Melody Yae Nishida, 3gc, br. Genzo, sis. Hatsuko Gotanda, Mary Tashima, Yoshiko Takamashi, in-law br. Masato Ueno, Masakazu Ueno, sis. Yone Okanishi.

Yoshio C. Nishikawa, 79, Santa Monica, July 31; Monterey-born, survived by w. Fumiko, br. Masato, Katsumi, Shigeo, Harry, in-laws br. Harry Tashima, sis. Sachie Ochiai.

Sami Okada, 96, Stanton, July 24; Hiroshima-born, survived by s. Yutaka, Manabu, Shigeru, d. Alice Matsui (Camarillo), 16gc, 17ggc, br. Takuma Sugano (Jpn).

Shizuko Omura, 90, Seal Beach, Aug. 2; Yamaguchi-born, survived by s. Isao Nakayama, d. Atsuko Abe, 3gc, 7ggc.

Rikie Ozeki, 58, North Hollywood, Aug. 13; Fukuoka-born, survived by d. Marcia, Satsuki Opseth, 2 step-c, in-laws sis. Masako Ozeki, Lillian Dobashi, Kenji Ozaki (Chicago).

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THE CALENDAR

• BERKELEY

Oct. 6—"A Sentimental Journey—A Sansei Celebration of the Nisei," North Berkeley Senior Center, 7-11:30 p.m. Program and dance. \$10. Info: (415) 237-1131.

• EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Oct. 6—18th Annual Aki Matsuri at 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Center is located at 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Info: (818) 960-2566.

• LONG BEACH

Oct. 20—National Coalition for Redress and Reparation will hold its 10th anniversary conference at CSU Long Beach. Contact Guy Aoki (818) 841-3003.

• LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-Oct. 21—Retrospective exhibit: "Best 100 Japanese Posters: 1945-1989," JACCC Doizaki Gallery (closed Monday); Info: (213) 628-2725.

Present-Jan. 23—UCLA Extension classes on bonsai, ikebana, Japanese Language Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., West L.A. Info: (213) 825-8241.

Weekends through Oct. 28—Cold Tofu's "Tofu On the Rampage," satire and political sketches, L.A. Theater Center, 514 S. Spring St.; Fri 8 p.m., Sat & Sun 2 and 8 p.m.; Info: (213) 661-9355.

Oct. 6—Pacific Asia Museum of Art Auction dinner, 6 p.m. Info: (818) 449-2742.

Oct. 7—Japanese American Historical Society of So. Calif. fundraiser, Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, 12:30-3 p.m.; RSVP/Info: (213) 669-0189.

Oct. 7—Keiro Services "Yuppie Yaki II" picnic at Police Academy, 1880 N. Academy Rd., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Info: (213) 263-5693.

Oct. 7—Free ikebana classes at New Otani Hotel, 2-3 p.m., Four Seasons banquet room, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Info: (213) 253-9295.

Oct. 11—Asian Business League's Pacific Rim Focuses on ASEAN Countries, Biltmore Hotel, 4 p.m.; Info: Alan Kam (213) 489-2668 or Naomi Kuramoto (213) 383-9694.

Oct. 12-14—Asian American Voters Coalition National Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Info: Irvin Lai (213) 735-1331, Inder Singh (818) 708-3885.

Oct. 16—Asian Business Assn., 13th annual awards banquet; Reception at 6 p.m., ceremonies at 7 p.m. Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9870 Wilshire Blvd., Info: (213) 481-8477.

• OGDEN, UTAH

Oct. 27—Reunion of all Japanese families who have resided in Box Elder County, UT. Sat., at Ogden Park Hotel, Ogden. Info: Don Tazoi, P.O. Box 324, Garland, UT 84312, (801) 257-7363.

• PORTLAND

Oct. 4-27—Paintings by Artis Smith, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Ctr., 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Info: Roberta Wong (503) 243-7930.

• PUYALLUP VALLEY

Oct. 14—Whitney Memorial United Methodist Church Bazaar, Tacoma.

Nov. 4—Tacoma Buddhist Temple Bazaar.

• SAN DIEGO

Oct. 7—Food Festival, S.D. Buddhist Church, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Info: (619) 239-0896.

• SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Oct. 7—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., Haru Baba res., Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung (415) 221-0268; Yuri Moriwaki (415) 482-3280.

Oct. 20—Japanese American Services of the East Bay Award Dinner, 6 p.m., Oakland Airport Hilton; Ichiro Nishida, dnr chair. Info: (415) 848-3560.

• SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Oct. 6—Yu-Ai Kai West Valley JACL Keiro-no-Hi dinner, San Jose Buddhist Church Annex, 4-6 p.m., (Guests 75 & over free); Info: (408) 294-2505.

Oct. 17—Yu-Ai Kai announces the annual Flu Shot Clinic to be held at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth St. from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2 per senior, 55 years and above. Contact Lisa or Amy (408) 294-2505.

• SAN LORENZO, CALIF.

Oct. 20—Gohan Dinner Club, Octoberfest, Pinebrook Inn—Nov. 17, Italian Nite. Contact Don Akiyama other events (415) 317-9551.

• SAN LUIS OBISPO

Oct. 5-7—The Gila River, Arizona Camp 2 Butte High School Reunion is set in San Luis Obispo at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Registration fee of \$85 includes a Friday night mixer, dinner and dance. Sunday barbecue and a souvenir reunion booklet. For info: George Kikuchi 1340 Garrans Dr., San Jose, CA 95130, (408) 246-3511 or Haruo Hayashi (805) 489-2595.

• SANTA ROSA

Oct. 7—Afternoon of Japanese Dance by students of Hanayagi Juteika at the new Spreckels Performing Arts Center in Rohnert Park. 2-3 p.m., tickets \$10, available at door or call (707) 539-2325.

• SEATTLE AREA

Present-Sept. 30—"The Art of Northwest Nikkei" (first installation), exhibit of art work by contributors to *Northwest Nikkei*, Panko's, 4850 Green Lake Way N., during restaurant hours. Info: Michelle, (206) 623-0100.

Oct. 6—Recent collage paintings by Nori Okamura, Azuma Gallery, 313 E. Pine St., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: (206) 622-5599.

Present to Nov. 4—"Eternal Laughter: A 60 Year Retrospective by George Tsutakawa," Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue Square, Museum hours. Adm: \$3 gen, \$2 sr/students. Info: (206) 454-6021.

• WEST LOS ANGELES

Oct. 30—An Eyewitness Report: The Alberto Fujimori Presidency in Peru. Harry Honda, Senior Editor, Pacific Citizen, talks about his trip to Latin America and inauguration of Alberto Fujimori as President of Peru. Free to public, 7:30 p.m., WLA Buddhist Church, Corinth and La Grange. Sponsored by WLA JACL and Amerasia Journal. Info: Glenn Omatsu, (213) 825-3415.

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