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## Civil Rights Committee organizes for action

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL's Civil Rights Committee, meeting for the first time April 27, has set an agenda framework that will tackle some of the most serious issues affecting the Japanese American community.

These priorities, according to committee chairman Ron Wakabayashi, include the Anti-Asian violence issue, the positive portrayal of Asian Americans in the media, the negative impact of Japan bashing, and employment issues such as the "glass ceiling" phenomenon.

Wakabayashi, committee chairman, told *Pacific Citizen* that

the committee met to set a course of action on a number of topics by developing a stated purpose. "At our first meeting, we developed a mission statement that's really more of an internal statement," Wakabayashi said. "We want to identify and prioritize issues and activities which promote the advancement and protection of the civil rights interests of people of Japanese ancestry."

The committee, he said, is a consolidation of three former JACL groups—The Anti-Defamation, Ethnic Concerns and Employment Practices committees. Its first task is to develop a working plan to address key civil rights issues in relation to JACL's resources and abilities to impact on

them.

Wakabayashi said that members reviewed JACL's "Program for Action" and decided areas within that plan that the Civil Rights Committee would address. "We will look at those within our jurisdiction and inter-related areas such as the Education Program," he said.

Overwhelmingly, the key issues are related to racism, Asian images and employment practices. Currently, Leslie Hatamiya, a JACL intern, is developing a "hate-crime manual," Wakabayashi said. At the meeting, Sonja Chung of JACL's Washington, D.C., office, reported on legislative issues her office is currently involved

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We want to target things that can be done with the chapters. We want to identify activities and develop a whole system to respond to them.

—Ron Wakabayashi



## For art's sake



Entertainers (from left) Denise Kumagai, Danny Kamekone and Marilyn Tokuda raised money for the renovation of the East West Players Theatre April 27. The benefit was emceed by Noriyuki "Pat" Morita and Tamlyn Tomita. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the theater will soon move into its new home in the Union Church in Little Tokyo.

## Government official says racism rampant

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor

Racism—deeply-rooted and imbedded in American culture—will make its way into the 1992 elections says the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In an interview with *Pacific Citizen*, Arthur Fletcher said that the agency has long known that pervasive racism exists on campuses and in cities across the country. "The commissioners held a retreat to discuss the extent to which race relations were very tenuous as a result of the fragile nature of the economy," Fletcher said. "One of the decisions that the commissioners came up with was to come out of the corner swinging and alert everyone that it exists against Asians, Hispanics, blacks and other minorities from one end of the country to the other."

The real threat, he said, is that racism will be used by political consultants who will advise candidates that to win elections they must appeal to certain racist-minded voters. "Look at the past tendencies for the past couple of decades," Fletcher said. "It was not uncommon for consultants to advise candidates to use racist (campaign) ads. You appeal to some people by saying things like the only people getting jobs are minorities." Take a look at David Duke, a Ku Klux Klan leader and an admitted Nazi sympathizer in Louisiana. He was against minorities,

women, welfare, and school dropouts as if only blacks were dropouts when there was one black dropout for every two white ones. Yet, he got 40 percent of the vote.

"That's the model political consultants have decided to recommend to some candidates who want to win a Senate seat or stay in office. And if that becomes the order of the day, then governing this country after the fall election is going to be a nightmare."

Fletcher says the answer is for leaders from business, education, religion, the independent sector and ethnic groups to "have an open discussion on these problems... and to make it clear to any racist that American leadership is indifferent to this kind of thing, that these kind of campaign tactics are not welcome."

"This is the problem with America," he said. "I'm saying that there is something in our culture that for some reason causes race to come into play when it shouldn't be in the ball game at all. The value system seems not to associate values with blacks and Hispanics with reference to having the ability to make a contribution to American culture. The animosity to the Japanese is that they're too productive, too successful. How do you win?"

"The Japanese bashing is because they're successful. They've taken the American model and perfected it to a T, so they (racists) come at them in another way."

"It's a flaw in our culture." □

## Go for Broke memorial planned

LOS ANGELES—Kaz Oshiki, who has served 32 years in Congress as administrative assistant to Rep. Bob Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, is now spearheading the Go For Broke National Veterans Association quest for a commemorative memorial for the Japanese Americans who served and died in America's war. He met April 25 at the Asakuma Restaurant in West Los Angeles to discuss the project

with association officials.

Oshiki revealed bills are being drafted to procure a memorial site on the Avenue of Heroes at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery and that Sen. Daniel Inouye and Rep. Norman Mineta have consented to introduce the bills.

Oshiki also reported meetings have been held with various agen-

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OSHIKI

## Asian drug bill passes state legislature

SACRAMENTO—A California bill was approved April 30 by the Assembly Health Committee that would preserve federally-funded Asian Pacific American drug and alcohol demonstration programs.

Assembly Bill 1955, authored by Assemblyman Xavier Becerra (D-Monterey Park) calls on the director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to monitor Asian Pacific alcohol and drug abuse demonstration programs and cer-

tify those that successfully meet the needs of the Asian Pacific population. The bill would also require counties in which successful demonstration programs exist to continue funding these programs.

"Up to now, federally-funded demonstration programs have addressed some of the needs of the Asian Pacific community," Becerra said. "But with the growing population, and the growing substance abuse problems as well, we need to

go beyond providing just temporary pilot projects for Asian Pacific Americans. The time has come for services to be provided on a more permanent basis—to recognize the fact that this community is not just a small segment of the overall population, but rather a significant part of California's landscape."

The bill, which has been endorsed by numerous Asian Pacific organizations, now goes before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. □

## Slur draws criticism

Asian organizations, including the JACL, have formally criticized a television sports announcer for referring to a Japanese golfer as the "Jap Ozaki."

The comment was made by Ben Wright during the April 4 airing of the Masters Golf tournament on the USA Cable Network. Wright was talking about Jumbo Ozaki when he said, "The Jap Ozaki, who is striking a blow for the foreigners."

Bill Yoshino, JACL national director, responded to the incident by writing an April 16 letter to Neal Pilson, president of CBS Sports, which employs Wright, asking for an apology for the comment.

"Many people using racially offensive terms may not consider them as offensive," Yoshino said. "As Japanese Americans, we are well aware of how this term has been used. Whether historically or currently it has always been used to demean and dehumanize those it refers to. It has been our experience, however, that wherever such slurs are directed, Japanese Americans have paid a price for the emotional message as during World War II when virtually all Japanese Americans were removed from the West Coast and incarcerated because of their ancestry and because racism and the use of racial slurs were allowed to persist unabated."

In addition, the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists also wrote letters of protest to Wright condemning him for his racial comment.

A CBS spokesman apologized for Wright and his comment, saying that the announcer made a hasty remark.

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## Minnesota

**Sunday, May 19**—Twin Cities JACL's annual Scholarship Fund Sukiyaki Dinner, Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Avenue South, St. Louis Park, Minn., 12 noon to 6 p.m. Tickets: adults \$8, Children 10 and under \$4. Information/reservations: 612/934-9238.

## Arizona

**Through Saturday, May 11**—Japan-Arizona Conference on Women's Issues, Crescent Hotel, Phoenix. Information: Global Interactions, Inc. 3332 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017; 602/272-3438, FAX, 602/272-2260.

## Denver

**Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2**—5th National JACL Singles Convention, Scaarton Hotel. Information: Denver Nikkei Singles Club, P.O. Box 21321, Denver, CO 80221 or Jim Hada 303/237-2159.

## Seattle

**Saturday, May 18**—Rummage sale to benefit the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop-off: May 14-17, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Info: 206/882-6284.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Saturday, Aug. 24**—Asian American Journalists Association National Convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

## California

### San Francisco area

**Friday, May 10, Saturday, May 11, Sunday, May 12, Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19**—June Watanabe in Company's "Time Over Time: Three Lives in Dance," 8 p.m., East Bay's new Open Arts Circle, 530 E. 8th St., Oakland near Laney College. To perform: Frank Shawl, Marni Thomas and June Watanabe. Tickets: \$14, \$12 for students/senior citizens/DBA and \$20 for opening night gala and reception in memory of Betty Walberg. Information/reservations: 415/763-1910.

**Saturday, May 18, Sunday, May 19**—Berkeley Buddhist Church Satsuki Bazaar, 2121 Channing Way, Japanese American food, baked goods, book shop, crafts, raffle, silent auction. Saturday, 3-10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Information: 415/841-1356.

**Sunday, June 2**—39th Annual JACL Junior Olympics, Chabot College in Hayward. Entry deadline: May 16. Information: Akio Yamamoto 415/964-9995, Tom Oshidari 408/257-5609.

**Sunday, June 2**—The Nisei Widowed Group's next monthly meeting, 2 to 4 p.m. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yueri Morikawa 415/482-3280.

### Sacramento

**Thursday, May 30**—Sacramento JACL Scholarship Program's 1991 presentation dinner, Sacramento Inn, Martineum Room. Tickets: \$17. Information and reservations: 916/477-0231.

### San Jose

**Saturday, May 11**—West Valley JACL's lecture "Understanding the Israeli-PLO Conflict: Background & Current Situation," Chapter Club-house, 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Fred Salah. Information: Dr. Ray

# Calendar

## Redress workshop scheduled

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will be holding a Redress Workshop at the following location in Chicago:

**Monday, May 13 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago.

Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any correspondence received from the ORA and all documents relating to their redress claims.

Uchiyama 408/867-0255, Doric Kasahara 408/974-6855.

**Friday, May 17**—San Jose JACL's 2nd annual Casino Night Hukilau fundraiser, Italian Gardens, \$30 donation includes: chicken dinner, initial supply of chips and a 'goody' bag. Information: 408/295-1250.

**Monday, June 17**—Yu Ai Kai's 8th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, 7 a.m. shotgun start, Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Entry fees are \$150 for individuals, \$250 for husband/wife, includes green fees, cart, prizes, and two dinner tickets. Entry forms: Yu Ai Kai office, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

### Stockton

**Saturday, May 11**—French Camp JACL's Mid-Spring Dance, Stockton Buddhist Church Social Hall on Shimizu Drive, 8:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. Music by: Swing Tone Band. Tickets \$7.50.

### Marysville-Yuba City

**Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29**—Third Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties Nikkei Reunion. Newsletter, registration information: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, 95991.

### Tule Lake

**Friday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Sept. 29**—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock tour Workshops. Memorial Service, cultural program. Information: San Francisco: Julie Hana, 415/221-2608, eve.; East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro, 415/524-2624; San Jose: Tom Izui, 408/292-6938; Sacramento: Diane Tomoda, 916/443-6917.

### Santa Barbara

**Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19**—Nihonmachi Revisited: A Celebration of Santa Barbara's Japanese American History! 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, 123 Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara. Information: 805/966-9719.

### Ventura County

**Saturday, May 11**—Ventura County JACL's annual cemetery cleanup, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, junction of Eting and Pleasant Valley Roads in Oxnard. Bring gardening tools and gloves. Information: Stan Mukai 805/650-1705 or Ken Nakano 818/991-0876.

### Los Angeles area

**Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12**—Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays' Spring Yard Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1644 Hayworth Ave, 1 block west of Fairfax and 2 blocks south of Pico. Information/donations: Fred Bradford 213/935-1546 or A/PLG 213/664-4356.

**Saturday, May 11**—Society of Seven performs in concert, 7 p.m., Celebrity Theater, 201 East Broadway, Anaheim, Calif. Information: 714/639-1007 or tickets: 714/999-9536.

**Tuesday, May 14**—Barnadall

Art Park, Gallery Theatre, "Linkage," by Arjuna and performances by Asian Pacific visual and performance artists, 8 p.m., \$5, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., L.A. Information: 213/485-8581.

**Saturday, May 18**—Japanese American Bar Assoc., Little Tokyo Services Center and Asian Pacific American Legal Center's annual Asian Law Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Little Tokyo Towers, Community Room, 455 E. 3rd St. Guest speaker: Ron Ohata. Admission: Free. Information: Martin Tachiki 213/458-8336 or Dee Hayashi 213/620-5402.

**Sunday, May 19**—Tartan Jrs Reunion, Shangri-La Restaurant, 313 S. Boylston, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Information: Shorya Hirata 818/267-9463, Yas Tanaka 213/255-4928.

**Sunday, May 19**—Nikkei Widowed Group's May activity, San Gabriel Valley Civic Light Opera, San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, 320 S. Mission Dr., 2:15 p.m. Tickets: \$14.40. Information/reservations: Sally Tsujimoto, 818/286-7640.

**Sunday, May 19**—Japan at the American Grassroots' one day conference on Japanese Philanthropy, JACCC, Los Angeles. Focus: how to form partnerships, tackling educational, social environmental and cultural problems. Speakers: Yoshiharu Fukuhara, CEO of Shiseido, Chris Wada, Senior Vice President of Sony USA. Information 206/329-0422.

**Friday, May 31**—Deadline for nominations for individuals/organizations whose achievements introduce or preserve aspects of Japanese American cultural heritage. Forms: Iku Kiriya, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510, 213/326-0608 or 213/923-8981. Four \$500 awards to be presented Sept. 29.

**Saturday, June 1**—UC Riverside Asian Pacific Alumni Dinner, 6:30 p.m., University Club. Tickets: \$13 (buffet dinner). Speaker: Dr. Tim Dong, Assistant Vice Chancellor, California State University, RSVP by May 22. Information: Grace Yoo 714/787-7272, Mark Yoshida 213/970-9706 or Dean Cho 818/703-2023.

## Reminders

• Tule Lake Committee, planning meeting, 1991 pilgrimage, Saturday, May 11, 1 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, Room 23, 1524 Tuatoka, 415/723-3661 or 415/241-9818.

• Japanese American Treaty Centennial Scholarship Fund, Inc. is accepting scholarship applications from 1991 Southern California High School graduates of Japanese descent. Permanent fund of \$100,000 established. Send self-addressed stamped legal size envelope to Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, 244 S. San Pedro St., #504, Los Angeles, Calif., 90012. Application deadline: June 18, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 1**—Sage United Methodist Church's Annual Bazaar, 333 S. Garfield Ave., Monterey Park, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. foods, games, entertainment and exhibits. Information: 818/280-4060.

**Saturday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 18**—51st annual Nisei Week Festival, Little Tokyo, L.A. Information: 213/687-7193.

Calendar items must be submitted at least **THREE WEEKS** in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.

## Short takes

● The California Fair Employment Housing Commission held a public hearing April 16 to investigate reported discrimination and bias-related crimes in southern Alameda County.

Individuals from San Leandro, Castro Valley, Hayward and other communities testified that they have become targets of racial, ethnic or religious violence by some residents and police officers of the area, according to the *Hokubei Mainichi*.

Also testifying were representatives from police enforcement organizations, local officials, and members of community groups to bring about discussion and dialogue on the problem.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in six months.

● FBI agents and Chicago police have arrested and charged two Japanese men for alleged illegal possession of guns, according to the *Kaspu Mainichi* newspaper.

The two men are suspected of smuggling guns to Japan in conspiracy with a Mafia crime organization.

Some 133 guns were confiscated.

● The mystery of who murdered an elderly Japanese woman in 1986 in her Tokyo Towers senior citizen home may be solved with the recent capture of a 23 year-old man in El Paso, Texas.

According to the *Rafu Shimpo*, the suspect, Carino Landa-Vega, was apprehended through a fingerprint crosscheck when he was arrested for illegal entry into this country in April.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed murder charges in mid-April.

● Japan has dispatched four military minesweepers to help clean up the Persian Gulf, according to a recent article in the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

The country joins Britain,

Belgium, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands and Germany which have already begun the process to remove an estimated 1,000 remaining Iraqi mines in the shipping lanes of the Gulf.

Japan imports a major share of its oil in tankers endangered by the mines.

● California Rep. Norman Mineta sponsored a broadcast of the film "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" over the Congressional television system in the first week of May.

The film is the story of Sadako Sasaki who was two years-old when she survived the Hiroshima bombing, but died in 1955 after contracting leukemia. Before succumbing to the disease, the girl began folding paper cranes as a symbol of recovery. A statue of her stands in Hiroshima Peace Park.

In writing to his colleagues Mineta said, "I send it to you knowing you share my wish for a peaceful world." ☐

## Support shown for ousted Nikkei marine

HONOLULU—The Hawaii Legislature is showing support for a Hawaii man who says he was dismissed from the Marine Corps office candidate school two years ago because of his Japanese ancestry.

According to a story in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin & Advertiser, Bruce Yamashita, 35, was harassed and subsequently "disenrolled" from the Marine Corps 140th Office Candidate School in Quantico, Va., April 12, 1989, two days before graduation.

The resolution from the Hawaii Senate and House seeks to cor-

rect Yamashita's military record and seek redress for "the unjust and racially biased treatment."

At its August 1990, national JACL board meeting, Bill Kaneko of the Hawaii Chapter moved that "National express its full support of Bruce Yamashita in his efforts for reinstatement in the United States Marine Corps." The motion was passed.

The newspaper also reported that several of Yamashita's fellow candidates at the school submitted signed letters that described incidents of racial harassment they had witnessed.

The legislature calls upon the Marine Corps to amend his military record and give him the option of retroactive graduation from the school should an independent investigation determine he was wrongfully terminated.

One officer reported that Yamashita had been called "Kawasaki, Yamaha and Kamikaze man."

The Star-Bulletin and Advertiser said that the Marine Corps declined to submit testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewing the case because it was conducting its own investigation.

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## Opinions

## Manzanar: 'holy ground to remember'

Strong, gusty winds blew across Manzanar on Saturday, April 27, as more than 400 people arrived by cars and buses for the 22nd annual pilgrimage sponsored by the Manzanar Committee.

After a potluck lunch, Nancy Gohata, an elementary school teacher and coordinator of the San Fernando bus group, led the crowd in group singing of "America," "This Land Is Your Land," and "We Shall Overcome." Poetry reading followed in a program emceed jointly by Lynne Horiuchi and Wilbur Sato, members of the Manzanar Committee.

Jim Scott Behrens of Long Beach came by bus for the third year to play the shakuhachi and accompanied the chanting of three Buddhist priests, Rev. Y. Hara of Jodo Shu Temple, and Rev. Dean Yamamoto of the Nikkei Ministerial Mission. Alan Saruwatari played guitar.

As chairwoman for the Manzanar Committee, I read a statement summarizing the group's work for the past 22 years. I challenged the audience to join the committee in its efforts to preserve Manzanar and designate it as "holy ground to remember those who suffered here."

Forty-nine years ago, we were removed without cause, confined without due process, our civil rights denied, our human dignity violated. All this in the name of those who swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Twenty-seven years later, in December, 1969, we returned to Manzanar, with the hope that we would break the silence of our community. What we brashly called our "first" pilgrimage turned out to be the 25th one for Rev. Sentoku Maeda, a Buddhist priest, and Rev. Shochi Wakahiro, a Christian minister.

The following year, an ad hoc committee applied to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to designate Manzanar as a historic landmark. The designation came in January, 1972, followed by a year of negotiations with the state over the proposed wording on the

plaque. Stop at the front entrance and take a look. Read the words. The fact that someone vandalized it tells its own story.

In 1978, the Manzanar Committee, with the San Fernando Chapter of JACL, co-sponsored our first day of remembrance in Los Angeles, with the Pacific South-west District Council, JACL.

The movement for redress started in Seattle, Wash., and continued throughout the country, eventually making its way to the courts. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed into law Aug. 10, 1988, culminating the work of hundreds of volunteers. Then another battle began to win appropriations under the bill. In October, 1990, the oldest of our immigrant parents personally received their \$20,000 checks, from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Then, why are we here today? Some will say our work is done. We said that in 1973 and again in 1985 when the National Park Service designated Manzanar as a historic landmark. We've had many defeats, but also momentous victories.

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EMBRY

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Assessing the Contemporary Generations



Just as Japanese Americans have classified themselves by generation—Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei—each with specific distinguishing characteristics, the Japanese have given names to their various age groups whose cultures are strikingly different from each other.

Editor Kunio Nishimura treats this subject in the April issue of his magazine "Look Japan." His article divides contemporary Japanese into four groups:

**Kyujinrui**—meaning "old people," those in their 50s. These are the corporate warriors that led Japan's economic charge.

**Baby-boomers**—born in the immediate postwar years between 1947 and 1950. Men of this group are fathers of the **Shinjiru** and are likely to be workaholics who value production and work rather than consumption and family.

**Shinjiru**—meaning new people, now in their 20s.

**Ichigozoku**—teenagers. The explanation of this term is a bit complicated. *Ich* means one. *Go* is five. *Zoku* is group.

Thus, **Ichigozoku** becomes 15-ers. But *ichigo* also means strawberry. Thus these youngsters have been called the Strawberry Generation.

Nishimura credits Hikaru Hayashi, a member of the baby-boomer generation and a researcher, in describing the traits and behavior of the **Shinjiru**:

They tend to base decisions on desires rather than logic, leading manufacturers of the goods they consume to stress design over quality. They are group-oriented and non-confrontational, thus avoiding standing out as individuals. They are also bargain-hunters. They are willing to work hard to pay for pleasure and entertainment. But they are immature, unwilling to accept adult responsibilities and expect parental help when they encounter difficulties.

Writes Nishimura: "A consequence of Japan's affluence is the birth of a generation unaware of hunger and poverty. Parents can afford to spend lavish amounts on their few children."

On the other hand, the Strawberry girls are described as "strong, active personal-

ties" while boys are called "nerdy." Nishimura says: "Both Japanese men and women grow up under pressure from their parents and society to get good educations, work for well-known corporations and make successful marriages. But from early on, men are told only to study hard, while women are taught to study hard, help around the house and learn about society. This socialization results in nerdy men and sociable women."

While Nishimura's reasoning isn't entirely clear, I suppose any generalized study is marred by contradictions, obscurities and inaccuracies. In any event, what he says of contemporary Japanese offers an opportunity to compare them with Japanese Americans who have been nurtured in a different environment.

I venture to say that while the genes of the **Shinjiru** and the Strawberry kids may be quite similar to those of American Yonsei, there is a wide gulf between the way they look at life and cope with its problems and opportunities.

Regardless of how one measures "success," I'd bet on the Yonsei. ☐

## Letters

## In praise of her peace walk

Kudos to Judy Imai for her amazing undertaking (PC 4/19/91) and to you for printing the story. Apart from the rigors entailed in it and the sacrifices made to do it, Imai's walk for peace is all the more inspiring for its people-to-people approach.

Peace, given lip service to by heads of government and most politicians, often begins with individual courage and boldness of spirit. And affecting others on a one-to-one basis, as does Imai, can bring about the groundswell of support necessary to achieve real world peace.

More power to this admirable woman.

Mei Nakano  
Sebastopol, Calif.

## Official clarifies termination of Nikkei

I am writing with respect to an article, "Nikkei to Sue College for Termination," which appeared in the April 5 edition of *Pacific Citizen*.

To clarify, Mr. Maehara suggests that he has shared his file with a number of people. Unfortunately, the file being shared is not the complete and official university file.

I would repeat the university's offer to make available to Mr. Maehara's official file to anyone, providing they obtain a written and signed statement from Mr. Maehara, giving permission to examine the file. I feel confident that an objective review will reveal what Cal Poly has consistently maintained: discrimination is abhorrent to all of us, it has no place in the university environment, and was not a factor in Mr. Maehara's case.

Norm Schneider  
Director of News and Publications  
California State Polytechnic University  
Pomona, Calif.

## Nikkei relates teaching experiences in Japan

I was particularly interested in Mr. Bill Hosokawa's "English language teachers in Japan" article in the March 15th edition of the *Pacific Citizen*. I saw myself, more or less, in the situation described therein.

I am a Nisei, originally from cosmopolitan New York City, and I'm married to a Japanese. Being here for many years and raising four children in a totally Japanese society is in itself an interesting and, in many ways, a trying experience.

Over a period of 15 to 17 years, I have had the chance to teach English conversation at home (mainly to housewives), in junior/senior high schools and, presently, at the Nagoya YMCA. In view of this, I would like to share some of my experiences which may be of interest.

I must admit that with the liberalization of overseas travel, more and more Japanese are becoming knowledgeable about what they should look for in an English language teacher. Still, many would choose a Caucasian over a Japanese American, Chinese

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## Matsui watch

### Wants faster work on census recount

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D., Calif.) has called upon Robert A. Moebacher, secretary of the Department of Commerce, for a stronger effort to obtain a more accurate count in the 1990 census.

The current post-enumeration process will be used to determine what adjustments should be made to the census figures gathered last April.

The results are expected to be announced July 15, 1991.

At that time Moebacher would make the decision whether or not to adjust the census.

"The Commerce Department and the Census Bureau need to redouble their efforts to complete their tabulations on time," Matsui said.

"There is too much at stake to leave consideration to a potential adjustment. Any decision on adjusting the census should not be hampered by a failure to process the post-enumeration data in a timely manner."



ROBERT MATSUI  
Call for recount

According to a Matsui spokesperson, it is generally believed that minorities tend to be undercounted and Caucasians tend to be overcounted. Early data released by the Census Bureau indicate that trend has continued in the latest effort.

"According to preliminary data, Asians may have been undercounted by as much as seven percent," Matsui said in his letter to Moebacher. "In California, the magnitude of the potential undercount is such that a decision not to adjust the census may prevent our state from receiving an additional congressional district."

In addition, if there is an undercount of blacks, Hispanics, and Asians, as the numbers seem to suggest, a failure to adjust the census would have severe ramifications in that these rapidly growing segments of society would be misrepresented for an entire decade."

## Candidate schedules fund-raisers

SACRAMENTO—Fund-raising for California Representative Robert Matsui's pursuit of the U.S. Senate seat has begun in earnest, according to Paul Igasaki, a spokesman for the candidate.

"Those that cannot avoid a substantial start towards the approximately \$7 million that the Democratic Senate primary is expected to cost will not have demonstrated their viability for the nomination," Igasaki said.

Fund-raising is expected to be difficult at this time because of the large field of candidates from both parties and a "donor burnout" from the expensive 1990 governor's race.

The following fund-raising events have been scheduled:

- Asian American Manufacturers Association, Friday, May 10, Santa Clara.
- Asian Americans for Matsui, Friday, May 17, New York City.
- Asian American Professionals Reception, Tuesday, May 28, San Francisco.
- Asian Americans for Matsui, Wednesday, May 29, Chinatown, San Francisco.

- Matsui for Senate Reception and Dinner, Friday, May 31, Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles.

- Matsui for Senate Golf event, Saturday, June 1, Sunday, June 2, Silverado, Napa.

- Japanese Americans for Matsui Luncheon, Sunday, June 2, Sheraton Palace, San Francisco.

- Matsui for Senate Reception, Monday, June 3, Washington, D.C.

- Vietnamese Americans for Matsui Dinner, Friday, June 7, San Jose.

- Asian Americans for Matsui, Saturday, June 8, San Diego.

- Asian Americans for Matsui, Sunday, June 9, San Jose.

- Asian Americans for Matsui, Friday, June 14, Union League Club, Chicago.

- Asian Americans for Matsui, Saturday, June 22, Seattle.

- Korean Americans for Matsui Reception, Monday, June 24.

Information: 916/441-3895.

## Name selection process begins for memorial

LOS ANGELES—The nomination process and criteria for placing names on the Honor Roll of the Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial in Little Tokyo was announced by Harry Akune, Name Criteria Selection Committee chair of the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation.

Thus far, the 100th/442nd Veterans Association has nominated those listed in two 1946 books: Orville Shirey's *Americans: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team* and Thomas P. Murphy's *Ambassador in Arms*. The MIS Club of

Southern California has placed those listed in the 1946 *Military Intelligence Language School Album*.

Realizing the possibility of missing names that may not be included in these books, the committee requests additional nominations. Forms are available from the NCS Committee, 1438 Oak St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90015.

The committee wants to secure the full names, especially from those in the MIS Album.

The selection committee criteria for nominations are as follows:

(1) Japanese Americans who served with 100th, 442nd or MIS during World War II (Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 2, 1945) or received an arrowhead or battle star indicating participation in some other unit in the European, Mediterranean or Pacific theaters.

(2) Japanese American instructors or civilian cadre who served in a significant way for 365 days with the MIS during WWII.

(3) Non-Japanese Americans in the 100th/442nd who were in combat for 30 days, killed-in-action or awarded the Purple Heart. ☐

## MANZANAR

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Once, we were here and at Tule Lake, Topaz, Heart Mountain, Gila River, Poston, Amache, Rohwer, Jerome and Minidoka, stripped of our rights, with no sense of who we were. On the 22nd anniversary of the pilgrimage we were there because we face another challenge as we approach the 50th anniversary of the signing of the executive

Order 9066. That challenge is to make Manzanar a national park, to dedicate and to somehow make this holy ground, to remember those who suffered here. That challenge includes educating the general public by involved teachers and students, as we do today, and to preserve this historic site for all who will look and listen and learn. And singularly important in that challenge is that our nation must accept: That we are Americans just as they are.

This, then, is the statement of the Manzanar Committee, in our 22nd year, with the theme taken from President George Bush's letter of apology which went with each check to its recipient: Let us resolve to rectify injustice, to uphold the rights of individuals and to restore the lost years. We invite you to join us in meeting this challenge.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey is chairwoman of the Manzanar Committee.

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American, etc. for a variety of reasons. In the past, on more than one occasion, I have come home discouraged about the lack of students applying for my class, and I have sat down with my husband and children to discuss the issue. Some of our conclusions are:

1. Since they are paying the money, (they want) somebody who looks "authentic." There are Japanese who would like to impress their neighbors with the fact that their children have a private English teacher. Now, to really impress, wouldn't it make sense to have a teacher who is blue-eyed and blond?

2. There is a feeling that a non-Caucasian American can't really know about American culture, customs, such as Halloween, Easter, even Christmas.

3. Not everyone thinks about or understands the difference between a Japanese English teacher and a Japanese American English teacher. Many Japanese do not know what a Japanese American is like.

Fortunately and happily, my adult class at the "Y" is attracting students. I teach cross-cultural things as well as matters such as Japanese American relations, etc. But I feel that I do try harder and do make conscious efforts because of the simple fact that I am a 50-year-old Nisei and I am being carefully scrutinized.

Based upon my experience it is also an added disadvantage to have a Japanese first name. It just complicates matters and raises additional questions and doubts as to your true identity and, therefore, your capability as an English language teacher.

In closing, I must say that it is heartening when you feel that your efforts are being recognized and I certainly agree with Mr. Hosokawa's comment that "... It would seem to be a great opportunity for J.A.'s to get to know the country of their ancestors." Too, living here for a year or two would give them a chance to view their country from a distance.

Miyo Yamaguchi  
Aichi Ken, Japan

## Personally speaking



HOKOYAMA

The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored J.D. Hokoyama of Montebello at its 1991 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week dinner. Hokoyama, JAACL Pacific Southwest governor, is director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics and was hailed for developing NCCJ's Asian Pacific American issues program.

Yumi Hosaka, a senior at UC Berkeley, was recently voted external affairs vice president



HOSAKA

of the university's Associated Students of the University of California. Previously, she served two terms as a senator.

VFW Post 4268 of Bainbridge Island, Wash., renamed itself in March in memory of the late Mo Nakata, a 442nd veteran and staff sergeant who grew up on Bainbridge before the war and became a successful grocer and community leader after the war.

He died in 1985. The post, established last Dec. 7, said: "It's time we give some recognition to the travesty of justice, and more importantly to the love of country and patriotism of their children that, while their parents were being interned, went out and fought for their country." The vote to name the post after Nakata was unanimous. (Ed. Note.—Perhaps the earliest veterans club honoring a Nisei was the Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post 3670 in Huntington Beach, Calif., founded in 1957. In East Los Angeles, Sadao Munezumi American Legion Post 521 in memory of the first Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner of WWII was founded in the 1960s. In Honolulu, the Lee Ward Oahu-Schofield VFW Post 3840 was renamed in 1972 in memory of Cpl. Terry T. Kawamura, Medal of Honor hero who was killed in Vietnam. Are there any others?)

Emi Ueyehara, past president of the San Francisco Women Lawyers, was appointed by Mayor Agnos to the Civil Service Commission. She is a graduate of University of Wisconsin and Georgetown.

Joan Yoshitomi, whose public career blossomed after raising two sons, finishing her degree in sociology and entering the workforce, was toasted as the Japanese American woman-of-the-year in the *Seattle Chinese Post* in the April 6 issue, which proceeds to list all of her achievements and commitment to the community. Of her work with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction at Olympia where she was described as a tireless worker for Japanese issues, the newspaper reported that "she's good at what she does because she doesn't worry about who gets the credit," said Jim McDermott, who hired her as a budget analyst for the state senate ways and means committee. Her current boss, Dr. Norbert Brooks, chief deputy comptroller, describes her style as "working with people—management through consensus, not (being) dictatorial and has a knack of talking to people in a certain way that makes them want to do things." Among her various

committee positions, she is now on the State Board for Community College Education.

Among five Asian Americans honored for community achievement by the San Gabriel Valley-based Asian Pacific Family Center at its April 19 award dinner was Joanne Ishimine of the Los Angeles Eye Witness News staff and weekend co-anchor of the KABC-TV news team. She also produced a number of documentaries on educational and cultural topics. A Long Beach Saisei, she served



ISHIMINE

as president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association and emceed many functions and addressed various organizations. . . Other honorees were Kieu Chinh, Vietnamese refugee now with an acting career; the Rev. Chun Il Cho, immigrant Korean Presbyterian pastor, senior/youth worker and Korean Language School board president; David Ma, Shanghai-born businessman working with new immigrants; and Nancy Torres, Filipino volunteer and mother of three.

One of the Asian Americans serving in Saudi Arabia was 1st Sgt. Michael Shigekawa, 42, a medic with the Army 82nd Airborne Division. The Kyoto-born father of four children moved to the U.S. at the age of 11, enlisted in the service his freshman year at Chabot College, served in Vietnam as a Green Beret, Korea, Japan and Germany.

## Just in the click of time . . .

Special to Pacific Citizen from Herbert Ogawa

DALLAS, Texas—A tour busload of Japanese businessmen helped Arlington police arrest two teenage suspects in an armored car robbery May 1, the police spokesman Dee Anderson revealed.

The Japanese had just arrived in the parking lot around 9 a.m. to look at Hypermart, snapping pictures of the premises when they saw a man with a gun running to a car. Four were near the area where the robbery occurred and felt something was wrong as they continued to snap pictures.

While a language barrier prevented police from getting details, their film spoke for them. One was sure he had a picture of the suspect's getaway car and gave the film to police. Police used their photos to get the license plates and identify suspects. The license number led investigators and the FBI to the home of James Robert

Vancourt II, 17. He and a second suspect, Glenn F. Harvick, 19, were arrested and jailed May 3.

The armored car driver had copied the car's rear license plate number but it had been stolen from another car in the shopping center, the police said. However, the photo taken by one of the tourists showed the front of the car and the correct license plate. The sum of \$16,900 was taken from the armored car, which police suspect was used to buy a sports car, clothes and several small items. The police returned the car, which was parked at the suspect Vancourt's home, to the dealer and recovered the money, and have the merchandise purchased with the money and other evidence.

As the investigation continued, the Arlington police made sure to send the visitors from Japan their four rolls of film. The group left the next day (May 2) to see the mammoth Hypermart store in Georgia. ☐

## L.A. mayor leads Nisei Week parade

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Tom Bradley will serve as grand marshal for the 1991 Nisei Week parade, according to Gerald Fukui, festival general chairman.

Bradley will lead the parade that will be held in Little Tokyo beginning at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11. Featured in the ceremony will be dancers, celebrities, bands, clowns, floats, a traveling shrine and visiting queens and princesses from cities around the country.

"Mr. Bradley, in the some 20 years that he has been mayor of Los Angeles, has been supportive of our festival and of the Japanese American community in general," Fukui said. "We wanted him to know just how much we've appreciated his support."

The Los Angeles mayor also kicked off the 13th Annual Asian Pacific Heritage Month, featuring a variety of community and special events to honor the diverse



TOM BRADLEY  
Parade's grand marshal

cultures in the city. Nisei Week festival information: 213/236-5329. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month information: 213/485-0729. ☐

## State's Asian count doubles

SEATTLE—Emphasis on the ethnic changes for the state of Washington was stressed in the local press when the 1990 census data was released in mid-March. The *Post-Intelligencer* headline saw the "racial makeup changing dramatically," the newspaper prefaced it as "a taste of an American dream."

While the Asian population more than doubled (105.7% from 102,557 to 210,958, its growth in the suburbs will influence the redrawing of political boundaries and boost political clout in elections. A decade earlier, about 47,000 ethnics lived outside Se-

attle in King County; in 1990, the tally has more than doubled to about 100,000, especially in communities to the south and east of Lake Washington.

When Vincente Ph Ta arrived in Seattle from South Vietnam 10 years ago, he was penniless and spoke no English. Today, the University of Washington graduate and his wife run a travel agency and a video rental shop. They have an infant daughter.

His immediate family and a number of brothers and sisters and other family members are indicative of the dramatic growth of Asians in the state. ☐

## Canadian Nikkei to head for home

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The national Japanese Canadian conference at Vancouver Hotel scheduled for the country's Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 9-11, 1992, is titled, "Homecoming '92—After 50 Years," and billed as the event of the decade.

In 1942, ninety percent of the Japanese Canadian population lived in Vancouver area and were removed from the West Coast by the government to inland ghost towns and camps.

"Thus, one of the inevitable fo-

at the conference will be a 50th anniversary," remarked Gordon Hirabayashi, one of the planners at his home in Edmonton, Alberta, in extending an invitation to the Nikkei in the U.S. to join the festivities with the Canadian Nisei, Saisei, Yonsei and postwar immigrants from Japan.

In addition to the historical highlights of the early settlement experiences and the Japanese communities that emerged, attention will be focused on the future of Japanese seniors. ☐

## MEMORIAL

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cies, including the National Capital Memorial Commission, Commission of Fine Arts, National Capital Planning Commission, office of the Secretary of Interior, and administrator of General Services Administration. There are many steps involved, it is time consuming and there's no room for error, he warned.

As to the importance of fundraising, Oshiki noted other orga-

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# Obituaries

**Kameda, Ben, 77**, Denver, Feb. 16 (funeral): survived by wife Josephine, s Bruce, d Janice Triner (Houston), Sgc, sis Clara Yamamoto (Fountain Valley, Cal.), Francis McCarter (Los Angeles).

**Kaneshige, Tadahisa, 91**, San Leandro, April 21: Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Saki, f Fred Kinoshita, John, d Juroy Kobayashi, 19c, sis Natsumyo Sasaki.

**Kaneshige, Miyano, 88**, Los Angeles, April 25: Hiroshima-born, survived by d Yasuko, Rose.

**Koide, Taju, 103**, San Diego, April 28: Issai pioneer and community leader, survived by wife Hiron, Henry, Minoru, Frank, d Tam Kinoshita, Sgc, 29c.

**Kuo, Hing Wai, 82**, Los Angeles, April 30: Canton-China-born, survived by Kazi, Jean, d Carl, Dennis, d Linda Kim, Mari, Liza Nishi, Sgc.

**Kawakami, Tomiki, 80**, Redding, April 22: Kumamoto-born, survived by Yoshiomaru, s Henry, d Kikuko Kawakami, Sumiko Oda, Miyoko Tanaka, Fumiko Aoki, 19c, Sgc, in-law of Fukuro Kawakami.

**Kawashiri, Setsuo, 62**, El Cerrito, April 20: San Jose-born, survived by f Hiro, d Joan Bonn, Jean, d Kayu Hirota, b Satou, sis Atsuko Namakata, Merry Hirota, Takeko Miyakawa.

**Kawashita, Harry Y. T., 78**, Los Angeles, April 16: Gardenia-born, survived by f Dennis, 29c, sis Lucy Takeuchi, Rose Nakano.

the five Western states east of Washington, Oregon and California.

**Mito, Alice Taya, 70**, Sun Valley, Calif., April 22: San Jose-born, survived by f Dick, d Miyumi, Ryan, d Carolyn Kaitita, Janet Chew, Sgc, br William Mori, sis Lillian Isonaka, Hisayo Kuno.

**Mizusaki, Isao, 85**, San Leandro, April 21: Fukuoka-born, survived by f Tsuyako, s Isamu, Yoshitaka, d Tomiko Yugo, step-d Goro Okajima, Douglas Okajimi, step-d Grace Nakaji, Joyce Nakaji, 14c, Sgc, sis Nobuko Ije.

**Nagai, Tsuneo, 82**, Los Angeles, April 21: Ehime-born, survived by f Fred, Shigeru, Dick d Moe Urugami, Hisako Minabe, Kazuo Nagai, Yoko Chira, Sgc, 29c.

**Nakada, Hiroshi, 68**, Hacienda Heights, Calif., April 23: Walls-born, survived by f Midori, s Glenn, Robert (both Fla.), d Emi Nakashima (Orange), Shelley Spandau (Minn.), 10c, 19c, b Br Bill (Orange), sis Haruko Ije, Yone Fujihama, Mary Uchida, Alice Onaka (N.J.), Tomi Ota.

**Nakamoto, George C. W.**, Minneapolis, March 30: Sugar City, N.D.-born, survived by wife "Dixie", s Eric, Alex, d Naomi, 29c, b Albert, Masu, Bco, sis Nobuko Kagawa, Ruth Muraguchi, My Kobayashi, Florence Epami.

**Nakashima, Noboru T., 84**, San Jose, April 20: Sacramento-born, survived by f Sumi, s Gerald, d Takeshi Takagi, 2c, sis Fujie Kunimoto.

**Oishi, Yuki, 85**, Los Angeles, May 2: Oakland-born, survived by f Gene, d Carole Sasaki, Patricia Tanimigo, 6c.

**Okamura, Kitayasu, 91**, Zaneville, April 30: Kumamoto-born, survived by f Michi Shi-mamoto, Ritsuko Mori, Setsuko Mori, Kazuo Okumura (Japan), 19c, 19c, Sgc.

**Sakamoto, Arthur A. 58**, Sacramento, 58: Sacramento-born, survived by m Mary, sis Harriet Seikawa.

**Sakaye, Roy T. Chicago, April 26** (funeral): survived by f Ellen, sis Linda Sugiyama, Taka, Horita.

**Taniguchi, Tokiuchi, 85**, Lodi, April 24: survived by f Stanley, Roy, d Elko Hirokane, many 9c, 9c, in-law of Soji Nakagawa.

**Tomobuchi, Mariko, 75**, Torrance, April 22: Riverside, Utah-born, survived by f Fusa-kochi, d Hiroyo Yamaguchi, Atsuko Fujita, Sgc, sis Masako (Fred Isamu) Wade, Aya Tsujimoto, Chiyu Yamaguchi, b Sei Tabata.

**Toyama, Charles, 56**, Sunnyvale, April 6: Fresno-born, survived by f Jean, b Kenny (Fresno), sis Raye Dole (Culver City).

**Tsuchiya, Susu, 86**, Danville, April 26: Aichi-born widow of Mareyo, survived by f Take-no (Napa), d Takako (Gish) Endo, Kiyoko Hall (Santa Barbara), Tama (Edward) Koda, South Dos Palos, Sgc, 69c.

**Waki, Jitaro, 88**, Los Angeles, April 24: San Jose-born, survived by f Masako, s Tetsuo, d Juniko Stewart, Tenko Ho, Yoshiko Tanokita, Sgc, 19c.

**Yada, Sam Yutsaka, 85**, Little Rock, Ark., April 19: Kailasho, Hawaii-born retired nursery owner who helped maintain the Rohwer cemetery by furnishing equipment and making sure it was well kept, had moved to California in 1925, an auto mechanic in St. Louis, interned in WWII Rohwer camp, began farming in Little Rock after the war, eventually stopped to operate a successful nursery of the 6,500 Japanese Americans who were relocated to Rohwer in 1942, the Yada family was the only to remain, he spearheaded efforts to erect a granite monument at the camp cemetery to replace two concrete monuments in bad condition (a drive has been underway to repair them); this was dedicated in 1982 with Chicago Nisei American Legion Post members, state and federal officials present; the cemetery represented what happened during WWII, he once said, and "it can happen to anyone some other nationality; that's why we are erecting this monument to remind people that this won't happen to anybody again," a member of St. Louis JAOL, Go for Broke Inc.; survived by wife Masayo, s Robert (Fort Smith), Richard, z f Hideo Watanabe, Ayano Yoshino, Chiyoko Matsumura, Yoko Kobayashi, Itsumi Higashi, Shizuko Tanaka, Satomi Hamamoto (Hawaii), Sgc; Memorial to "Rohwer Reclamation Fund," c/o Haruyo Yada, 8 Beaconfield Court, Sherwood, AR 71116.

**Yamada, Tetsuji, 73**, Los Angeles, April 23: El Monte-born MIS veteran; survived by

Ms Masako, s Steven, d Joanne Tomita, 19c, b Kazuhiko, Sgc, many in-laws.

**Yamanishi, Asayo, 88**, San Juan Bautista, April 22: Hiroshima-born, survived by f Tadao, s Akitsugu, Ray d Kikuno Yoshizaki, Naomi Nakata, Helen Yamataka, many post-9c, Sgc.

**Yoshimizu, Mitsuo, 87**, Sacramento, April 24: survived by f Hideo, s Ted, Sgc, sis Teruko Kawabata.

**Yoshizawa, Minako Maria, 63**, San Francisco, April 19: Kanagawa-born, survived by f Grove, d Joanne Nekoda, Sgc, in Tomiko Yoshino (Jpn), br Soji, sis Yuko Hanzawa.

**Yamaji, Lillian H. Chicago, March 21** (funeral): survived by f Arthur, s Barry, D Peter d Carolyn Cline, 29c, sis Sarah Nishio.

**Yasu, Chieko, 47**, Stockton, April 18: Kochi-born, survived by f Robert, s Marcus, Eric, b Yoshiaki, Yoshitomo and Osamu Kawata, sis Kazuko Kawata, in-law m Mitsue Yasui, b Yoshiaki and George Yasui, sis Nancy Honda, Joao Matsumoto.

**Yoshikawa, Kiyo, 74**, Fresno, April 14: Sacramento-born, survived by f Irene Hargrave, Dorothy Kurahsi, Sgc, b Norbu and Toraneko Kurahsi (both Jpn), sis Tokiko Moriyama (Jpn), Kishiko Aoki.

**Yoshinaga, Dorothy K., 73**, Harbor City, April 21: La Puente-born, survived by f Kay, s Gary, Hideo, Sgc, 19c, b Joe Yamaguchi, sis Taeguo Minobe, Setsuko Eguchi, Ellie Natsumeda, Barbara DeGuchi.

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**Masuda, Tetsuro, 75**, Salt Lake City, April 6: Oakland-born retired postwar service station operator, former Oakland grocer at family operated Wanto Co. at SW corner of Franklin & 9th Sts., where he raised the huge sign "I AM AN AMERICAN", Sgc. Member of the Smithsonian exhibit depicting a Japanese American scene just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor (building no longer stands); survived by f Haruo, s Walter, d Laverne Zolotare, Sgc, sis Fumi Kawamura, Mine Shigemasa, Yoshi Tamawasa, Shima Naruo, Shizu Iwahashi. (MILS historian Shigeo Kihara told Oakland Tribune, since the Smithsonian replicas and Masuda sign are not identical, the paper and its readers should know both are product of their city of Oakland. Kihara adds the Masudas evacuated to Salt Lake WRA Center and relocated to Gila River City.)

**Matsuo, Takako, 88**, Honolulu, March 4: Tokyo-born widow of Rev. K. Matsuo, who died 1-10-1941, on the mainland and later joined by his family at Crystal City, Texas; survived by f Albert (New York), Bernard, Elizabeth Sughina, Jane Hata (New York), Florence (Torrance), Alice Caroline Wang (Tokyo), 17c.

**Matoba, Shizuko, Denver, April 3**: widow of Benshi, survived by f Harry (Alhambra, Calif.), Sgc, 59c.

**Maw, Gov. Herbert, 97**, Salt Lake City, in Nov. 1990, wartime governor who conferred Agri. Award with sheep and WRA to discuss possibility of setting west coast evacuees in

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Funeral services were held Sunday, May 5, 1991 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at Twin Towers United Methodist Church, Central Ave. at Oak St., Alameda, The Rev. Michael Yuchi and the Rev. Miles Morfison officiating.  
Committal services were held Monday morning, May 6, 1991 at 11:30 at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4280 Piedmont Ave., Oakland.  
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