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## Angry reaction hits decision not to adjust census

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Commerce Department has announced that it will not adjust the 1990 census despite the five million people estimated to have been missed.

But the agency hasn't heard the last of it.

Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert T. Matsui have already voiced strong language regarding the announcement made by Secretary of Commerce Robert M. Babbler July 15.

"Up to 3.7 percent of the population of California was missed in the 1990 census," Mineta said.

That's exactly the size of San Jose and Anaheim combined. By choosing not to adjust the census to reflect that reality, the Commerce Department and the ideological at the White House have made an unforgivable political decision that is grossly unfair to the people of California.

Matsui did not react as intensely but nonetheless felt the impact of the decision. "The decision not to adjust is a political judgment," he said. "I frankly am not surprised at the decision, but I am disappointed. Because of today's decision, billions of dollars in aid will be misallocated, California will not have full congressional representation after reapportionment, and federal resources will fail to reach rapidly expanding minority groups."

Mobacher, in his statement to the media, said that census count was "one of the two best censuses ever taken in this country" and expressed reluctance to "abandon a 200-year tradition of how we actually count people."

Responding to that statement, Matsui said, "If that is the rationale, then I suggest it is time to start a new tradition. There is no getting around the fact that the census count is inaccurate."

The Commerce Department decision especially will affect California. Instead of comprising 12.1% of the population, the state will instead only be credited with 11.9%. Since about \$60 billion in federal aid is tied to the census, California would have received roughly \$120 million more under an adjusted census.

Mineta and Matsui aren't the only ones upset with the decision. Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley has already said the city will go to court to overturn the decision.

L.A. city attorney James Hahn said the decision "smacks of racial politics" and vowed that officials were left with "no choice" but to challenge the decision in court. ☐



'(It's) an unforgivable political decision.'

—Rep. Norman Mineta

July 13-14, 1991, meeting

## JACL national board news

### JACL, PR firm develop Pearl Harbor strategy

SAN FRANCISCO—After hearing a presentation by Barbara Tanabe and Steve Okino of the Honolulu, Hawaii, office of Hill and Knowlton, an international public relations firm, Bill Kaneko told the national board that JACL would proceed with a plan to deal with the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Kaneko, JACL vice president for planning and development, presented four points to the national board gathered in San Francisco July 13 and 14.

The first step, he said, is to develop a JACL statement on the Pearl Harbor anniversary.

The second step is to develop a media strategy that would be implemented at the district and chapter levels. Media kits, the JACL statement, and other strategies would be made available for chapters to deal with the press in their areas.

The third point is to use JACL's network of contacts—other key organizations that would support JACL's Pearl Harbor program.

The fourth point, Kaneko said, is to use JACL's political network at the federal and local levels, to involve officials by letting them know the concerns of the organization.

Tanabe told the group that if JACL could line up a coalition of support she would attempt to raise funds for the program. She would also contact the head offices of Hill and Knowlton in New York City to gain its support for the effort.

Kaneko added that the position statement has been drafted and will be announced at a later date.

The board discussed the possibility that program training sessions could be handled at tri-district meetings.

### Dennis Hayashi named JACL national director

SAN FRANCISCO—Dennis W. Hayashi, 39, a staff attorney with the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., was named JACL national director, replacing Bill Yoshino, at the July 13 national board meeting here.

Hayashi is expected to assume his duties in September. Yoshino, who will maintain his position as JACL Midwest regional director, will stay on until that time to ensure a smooth transition.

At the July 13 national board meeting Hayashi told the directors that the '90s was a decade that would provide both opportunities and challenges for Asian Americans and that JACL will maintain and expand its leadership role.

After his introduction and brief remarks to the board, Hayashi left to catch a plane to North Carolina where he is currently involved in the Jim Loo civil rights case. He is serving as the family's counsel. The Asian Law Caucus, the Organization of Chinese Americans, JACL, and other organizations have worked together to bring about the Justice Department prosecution of Loo's killers for civil rights violations for many months.

The new JACL national director has also been involved in a number of other civil rights issues, including *Korematsu v. United States* and *Vietnamese Fishermen Association of America v. Yost*.

Hayashi has been active in the legislative and political advocacy area as well. He represented the Bay Area Attorneys For Redress, coordinated advocacy efforts for the passage of the Civil Rights Act, and co-founded the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence which monitors and investigates cases on a national level.

He is a resident of Oakland. Pacific Citizen will present an in-depth interview of Hayashi in a later issue.

### Nakagawa looks ahead to potential redress problem

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL President Cressey Nakagawa told national board members that the organization would have to be watchful and anticipate a future problem with third-round funding of redress.

Nakagawa said that more individuals are now eligible for redress than originally estimated. That could present a potential problem, especially to the Education Fund earmarked for \$50 million.

The government, Nakagawa said, may elect to tap that fund to pay the newly discovered recipients. That would mean, he said, that money for the Education Fund would have to be raised.

### More stories on JACL national board on page 3

- Education Committee plans strategies
- Topics announced for '92 convention, in Denver, Colo.

### Other board meeting highlights

- The 1991 Civil Rights Act is in limbo, said Bill Kaneko. The bill is "just sitting there."
- An executive committee will compile information on Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.
- The Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel will be the site of the 1994 convention

### Jury finds man guilty in Loo trial

WILMINGTON, N.C.—A federal grand jury found Lloyd Piche guilty July 16 of seven of eight counts in the Jim Loo trial.

Loo, a Chinese American, had been killed July 20, 1980, in a fight outside a Raleigh, North Carolina, bar by Lloyd Piche's brother Robert who was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Lloyd Piche, however, had only served two months on a simple assault charge until the Organization of Chinese Americans and other groups, including JACL, pressed for federal prosecution of civil rights violations.

Details of the decision were not available at press time.

Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 15, according to George Chung of the JACL Washington, D.C., office.

### L.A. City Council supports Manzanar bill DWP asked 'to cooperate'

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted their approval for a motion calling for the Department of Water and Power to acknowledge the bill that would make Manzanar a national historic site.

The motion, made by Councilwoman Ruth Galanter, clears the way for the HR 543 to move on for Senate hearing.

The bill did include water protection rights but the DWP had felt it was inadequate. According to Sue Embrey, chairwoman of the Manzanar Committee, the Galanter motion made the bill more acceptable to the DWP.

"Now we have a companion bill that goes to the Senate. It's sponsored by Sen. (Alan) Cranston and Sen. (Daniel) Akaka, SB-631. We're looking for support from Sen. John Seymour and Sen. Daniel Inouye as well. If it doesn't pass the Senate, we're dead."

Embrey said she was grateful for all the support in the DWP matter—the letters, phone calls and attendance at meetings—but that more was needed to see the bill through to reality.

No date has been set for a Senate hearing at this time.

### Movies

### On trial for war crimes

Actor George Takei plays a Japanese admiral accused of war crimes against Australian soldiers in the new movie "Prisoners of the Sun." Review of the film and interview with the actor on his role and upcoming "Star Trek VI" film/page 5.



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### Philadelphia

Sunday, July 21—Philadelphia JACL's annual picnic, Playfield Park, Pavilion 2, Langhorne, 2 to 7 p.m. Come enjoy a day in the outdoors! Cost: 1 potluck dish (per family). Information: John Volkmar, 215/672-2634 or Tarynn Yokomizo, 609/751-8210.

Thursday, August 22 through Sunday, August 25—JACL EDC, MDC, MPDC Tri-District Convention "Legacy for the Future." Hershey Hotel, Philadelphia. Speakers: Patricia Sakai and John R. Dunne. Information: Herb Horikawa, 215/525-6620.

## Colorado

### Denver

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

## Oregon

### Ontario

Saturday, July 20—Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple's 45th annual Japan Nite Obon Festival, 286 SE 4th St., 4 to 10 p.m. Information: 503/869-8562, 869-8631.

## Washington

### Auburn

Saturday, July 27—White River Buddhist Church's Bon Odori Festival, 3625 Auburn Way North, 5 to 10 p.m. Traditional folk dancing, food and displays. Information: June Nakano, 206/228-0785; Sachiko Nakayama, 206/659-2242.

### Seattle

Through Wednesday, July 31—Watercolors by Hajime Kondo, Gallery Mack, 2001 Western Ave., Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 6 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Information: 206/448-1616.

Through Monday, August 5—Exhibit of Junichi Ara's Japanese textiles, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tuesday-Friday, 11 am to 4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Information: 206/623-5124.

Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21—Seattle Buddhist Church

## Calendar

Bon Odori, 1427 S. Main St., Saturday, 6 to 11 p.m., Sunday, 5 to 9 p.m. Information: 206/742-8215.

## California

### San Francisco area

Sunday, August 4—Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, home of Mari Tsutsui, 2 to 4 p.m. New members are welcome. Information: Elsie Uveda Chung, 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki, 415/482-3280.

Sunday, August 4 through Saturday, October 19—The Eden Township JACL, Eden Japanese Community Center and the Hayward Area Historical Society's Japanese American Exhibit, Hayward Area Historical Society Museum. Information: John Yamada, 415/278-6145 or Kairi Fujii, 415/886-0543.

### Watsonville

Sunday, August 4—Watsonville JACL's annual picnic, Aptos Village Park in Aptos, 10 am to 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors 65 and up and children 11 to 17. Information: Mas Hashimoto: 408/722-6859.

### Fresno

Saturday, July 27—Nikkei Service Center luncheon, noon, Japanese Congregational Church. Information: Day Kusaki, 209/264-5621.

Friday, August 2—Fresno JACL's "Solres" an evening of music & poetry featuring Lawson Inaba and Miles Ishigaki, 8 p.m. St. Paul Newman Center, 1572 E. Saratov. Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 student. Proceeds benefit the Central California Nikkei Foundation. Information: 209/255-4501.

Sunday, September 15—Fresno JACL Shinzen Run, Woodward Park; 1K kid run, 2-mile walkers, 2-mile and 10K run, wheelchair division, \$10 pre-registration by Sept. 8. Information: Glenn Hamamoto, 209/432-2484.

### Ventura County

Saturday, July 20—Oxnard Buddhist Church's Obon Festival, 250 S. H St., 2 to 9 p.m. Games, foods, obon dancing and karate demonstration. Information: 805/483-5948.

### Los Angeles area

Saturday, July 20—Asian Business League of Southern California's 7th Annual Summer Picnic, El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, 10 am to 2 p.m. Food, fun, Original T-Shirt Contest and Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament. Free for members that R.S.V.P. by July 10, \$5 for

## Reminders

● Registration for the 1991 Tule Lake Pilgrimage, to be held Sept. 27-29, continues until Aug. 15, 1991, but interested individuals should make their reservations as soon as possible, according to the Tule Lake Committee. Program includes workshops, sightseeing, cultural events and photo exhibit. Information on registration and cost: Elsie Tsutsui, 415/723-3681, days, 415/241-9818, evenings.

● Former members of the Civil Censorship Detachment in Fukuoka, Japan, during the occupation of Japan, will hold a reunion at Japan Center's Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1991, 7 p.m. The event is held the day before the MIRS 50th anniversary reunion Oct. 29-30 to be held at the Miyako Hotel and at Monterey Hyatt Regency Hotel. Information about the reunion or for addresses of known former Fukuoka members, write to: Koji Kawaguchi, 8192 Grant Drive, Huntington Beach, CA, 92646, or call 714/662-8517.

● Japanese Community Health, Inc. of Los Angeles announces three \$1,000 nursing scholarships offered to persons competent in the Japanese language who are interested in pursuing a nursing career (including high school seniors, trade college and university students enrolled in an accredited nursing program) or nurses seeking to become bilingual and are enrolled in a Japanese or English language school.

Additionally, three \$200 Tome Yasutake Memorial Scholarships are available to eligible JCHH nursing scholarship applicants who have ancestral ties to Kumamoto-Ken. Information: JCHH, 420 East Third St., Suite 607, Los Angeles, CA 90013; 213/626-6071.

members and \$10 for non-members at the door. Information: Jenny Lai 213/217-6513, David Tseng 213/892-7371.

### Jazz concert

The jazz group Banzai performs a concert at the Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Saturday, July 27, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$17.50. Reservations, information: Japan America Theatre Box Office, 213/680-3700. Proceeds benefit East West Players Theatre.

Saturday, July 30—Former Irvine residents' pre-war reunion, 5 p.m., the Revere House, 900 W. First St., Tustin. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: Tok Yamada, 1319 Rosario Cir., Placentia, CA 92670. Information: 714/526-1207, Faye (Kodama) Sugita 619/272-2365, Hideo Mera 213/398-2646, Marian (Yoshida) Yamashita 213/691-0363.

### San Diego

Saturday, July 21—San Diego JACL and the Union of Pan Asian Communities' Japanese Film Classic "Zatoichi meets Yojimbo," Kiku Gardens Retirement Project, 1280 3rd Ave., Chula Vista, 1:30 pm. Also, Poston internment experience slide presentation. Admission: \$2, free to seniors. Information: 619/422-4851.

## Redress workshops

The Department of Justice and the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) have scheduled two workshop sessions for the Los Angeles area.

Here is the schedule:  
● Monday, Aug. 13, Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, 10 am to 1 p.m.  
● Tuesday, Aug. 13, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12568 Branford St., Pacifica, 4 to 7 p.m.

ORA representatives will provide on-the-spot answers for questions on individual case status and required documentation.

As of May 31, 1991, ORA completed payment to 28,000 redress recipients in the first payment group, those born before July 1, 1920. Individuals in this age group who did not receive payment will be among the first paid in the fiscal year 1992 beginning Oct. 1, 1991.

The second payment group, individuals or their heirs born between July 1, 1920, and Dec. 31, 1921, are also encouraged to attend a workshop.

Information: Office of Redress Administration, 809/514-2007.

## News

# Layoff of Asian school officials called discriminatory

**BOSTON**—The recent layoff of four Asian American assistant principals by the Boston Public Schools has been called discriminatory by the Massachusetts Association of Asian American Educators (MAAAE).

According to the June 21 edition of the *Sampson*, a New England Asian publication, the move "unfairly singles out Asian Americans whose ranks are poorly represented in the system." Before the

layoff notices—designed to balance the \$378 million school budget—Asian American administrators occupied 10 out of 400 positions, or 2.5%.

Asian American students, however, make up 9% of the student body, the MAAAE pointed out. The four layoffs mean a 44% cut in Asian American officials citywide.

Following the announcement, members of MAAAE and Chinese and Vietnamese organizations pre-

sented outgoing Boston school superintendent Joseph McDonough with a petition of more than 1,000 signatures protesting the layoffs. McDonough reportedly said that he would recommend his successor look into the matter.

The *Sampson*, however, also reported that the Boston School Committee recently voted to reinstate current programs, which could mean that the laid-off administrators may be able to keep their jobs.

This incident, along with the recent census showing that the Asian population has doubled in Boston, has aroused local Asian activists.

Although Boston public schools have been integrated the administrative makeup has not adhered to any kind of appropriate racial representation, the *Sampson* reported. A court order has stated that 25% of new teachers and staff must be African American and 10% of

"other," which presumably would include Asians and Latinos.

Three of the four administrators worked in schools with bilingual programs.

The laid-off principals are Fay Lee, who was on leave from Harvard-Kent School; Simon Ho, the current assistant principal at Harvard-Kent; Maria Thuy Nguyen, Jackson-Mann School; and Grace Yong-Madsen, M.L. King Middle School. ☐

## JACL '92 national convention

### Workshop topics discussed

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Tentative workshop sessions for the 1992 JACL national convention scheduled for Aug. 4-10 in Denver, Colo., were discussed at the national board meeting July 13.

Here are the proposed workshop topics:

- "Bi-racial, Bi-cultural Children: Children of the Future"—Session presents demographic information and other studies that provide insight into the development of positive self identity.

- "Japanese Americans: Searching for the Dating Con-

nection"—Session explores stereotypes of Asian men and women and how they impact on self-imagining and the dating process. Includes group discussion.

- "Educational/Employment Issues for Asians"—A panel will address controversial issues that affect Asian Americans in schools and the workplace.

- "Strengthening Our Ties with Other Asians"—Issues of communication, unity and needs will be the focus of this session.

- "A Celebration of the Creative and Artistic Spirit in Japanese

Americans"—A discussion of experiences and issues of support or non-support for the Asian American artistic community.

- "Long-term Consequences of the Internment"—Sessions focus on psychological impact of the camp experience and how it may have affected marriage relationships, parent skills, self-identity and other emotions.

- "Gay Asians: Why It Is Not Safe To Come Out in the Asian Community"—Sessions cover the concerns, fears and struggles of gay Asians and their families. ☐

## By year 2000, whites have clout but minorities move into political picture

Although whites will not form the majority in California by the year 2000 they will still have the controlling political clout in the state, according to a recently published University of California, Berkeley, book.

*Racial and Ethnic Politics in California*, however, also points out that California's growing minorities will play a major role in politics.

The book, a series of essays written by scholars, attempts to explore the dynamics of demographics and multiculturalism in California, the result of which could serve as a model for other states to study.

"California is a good laboratory for what policies facilitate or hinder the political empowerment of the various racial and ethnic groups," said Byron Jackson, California

State University, Los Angeles, political science professor.

One of the authors, Dan Nakanishi, UCLA professor of Asian American Studies, said that Asians may become the "swing vote" in the 21st century, based on their ability to provide campaign fund support for candidates—as they demonstrated when they contributed \$10 million to Bush and Dukakis in 1988. ☐

## Education Committee developing strategies

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The JACL Education Committee, in the process of formation, will initially spend most of its time in developing strategies to include the Asian American experience into school curricula across the nation.

Reporting on the committee at the national board meeting July 13, Dale Shimazaki, JACL consultant, said that the Education Committee's purpose is "to make sure that the internment issue is accurately portrayed in textbooks across the country." Equally important, he said, is that the internment be portrayed as a violation of civil rights and not as a military necessity.

The issue of instruction material is a complicated one, Shimazaki said. Each state has its own policy on textbooks and the committee must therefore be aware of the differences. Supplemental materials, he

added, are not required by all states so that, too, will have to be investigated. These factors must be studied before strategies are developed, he said.

Another part of the committee's strategy will be to look at various publishers, legislative leaders and educators, seeking their support, particularly on the internment issue.

Shimazaki also reported that the efforts will also produce a number of benefits. A director of Asian American educators and resource people will be developed as well as an inventory of different textbook policies of the different states.

Whether or not JACL will be able to provide education materials for schools in the future is an issue that was worth looking into and discussing further, Shimazaki said.

The Education Committee will include at least one representative from each district.

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CENTER SECOND LEVEL.**Press conference**

The Asian Pacific Islanders Coalition for Better Law Enforcement commented July 15 on the recent Christopher Commission Report studying Los Angeles police procedures. Speaking was Bon Hwan Kim of the Korean Youth Center. With him are from left, Kathy Imahara of the Asian Pacific Legal Center, Jimmy Tokeshi, JACL Pacific Southwest regional director, Dolly Gee, Asian Concern Committee, and Charles Park, Korea Town Task Force. The group emphasized the need for representation in the decision-making process of such bodies as the commission and the need for recruitment of Asian American police officers.

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**Short takes**

● **Sen. Patrick Johnston's S.B. 353** that would protect redress money unanimously passed the California Assembly Human Services Committee July 10.

Testifying for the support of the bill were "Sox" Kitashima, Nihon-machi Legal Outreach and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, and Joy Morimoto, JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific regional director.

● **WANTS ACTION:** Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) is pressing the Department of Education to complete its current investigations into cases involving discrimination against Asian Americans. In a letter to Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander, he said, "What I cannot understand is why... investigations at UCLA, UC, Berkeley, and UC, Berkeley, Law School that were started years ago have not been completed."

Rohrabacher has introduced a bill that would put Congress on record as being opposed to discriminatory quotas in higher education.

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● **SPEAKING OUT:** Tom Shigemasa, president of the San Jose Chapter, JACL, recently spoke before a hate crimes panel sponsored by California Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy. Although Shigemasa pointed out that San Jose has one of the lowest crime rates in the country, two incidents this year have demonstrated the level of anti-Asian sentiment in the area.

In one case, the rear car windows of an Asian family were shot out and the car was spray-painted with the words "Die Nip" and "Remember Pearl Harbor."

In the other case, a Vietnamese female found a letter in her mailbox that contained derogatory comments about Vietnamese appearance and eating habits, as well as a threat of violence against her.

● **MOVING OUT:** Ethnic populations are moving outward from the core of Los Angeles, according to a California State University, Northridge, study.

CSUN professors James Allen and Eugene Turner said that many

non-Hispanic whites are moving to outlying areas while many blacks move to Orange County, leaving the traditional black neighborhoods to be filled with immigrant Latinos.

Los Angeles County's Asian population increased by 62.2 percent in the '80s but with the exception of Chinatown, Asian settlement is widely dispersed. Most of the growth is attributed to Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees or former residents of other states.

● **SPECTER OF HATE:** An Albuquerque, N.M., Filipino family was the victim of a cross-burning recently, according to a story in the Albuquerque Journal. In the early morning hours of June 4 a three-foot high wood cross was torched on the family's front lawn in a neighborhood that is not purely white, the newspaper reported. Hispanics, Japanese and Indians also live in the area. An NAACP spokesman, who said he would investigate the incident, reported that at least two other cross burnings have occurred in the state, another in Albuquerque and one in Socorro. ☐

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Teriyaki beef and chicken were sold out at the chapter booth, co-chaired by Ken Sakurada and Buddy Fujii, at the May 18 Asian Pacific American Northern Nevada food fair. The chapter also announced its traditional spring teriyaki dinner will be continued as a community benefit with proceeds going to one scholarship and one community service project.

**West Valley**

To address the problem of a lack of new younger members affecting many JACL chapters nationwide, national headquarters approached the recent NCWNP district council for opinions on how the organization's image and attractions might be enhanced to answer the problem.

West Valley vice president Brett Uchiyama told the group she believes the key is to create a new image which incorporates JACL's basic ideology but not hinder the younger person's independence and free thought, as manifested by the chapter's own "Next Generation" group.

"I am trying to create diverse activities which make young people realize that the JACL can be anything they want it to be as long as they realize the work which the previous generations had done for them," she added.

**Cincinnati**

History Day competition on the topic, "Japanese American Internment," for students in the Cincinnati - Northern Kentucky area found former evacuees in Cincinnati coaching to performers at St. Edward School, Jefferson Township, Ky., and at Middleboro (Ky.) Middle School; and advising in the group projects for Ballard High's Effective Learning Program, a senior division display, at Louisville and a poster-type display by Cincinnati's Sycamore High School.

Ballard High's "Japanese American Relocation: Issues of Rights and Responsibilities" took first place and will represent Kentucky at the national competition in Washington.

St. Edward's "What's Done Is Done, or Is It?" performers finished in second place but also qualified for the nationals, representing Kentucky.

None of the students listed in the chapter newsletter, *The Grains of Rice*, have Nikkei names.

**Berkeley**

The chapter board approved a \$2,500 contribution to the JASEB Cypress House fund, it was announced in the June newsletter.

The chapter also mourned the recent death of Marie Gilchrist, 83, who with her late husband Dwight, served for many years on

the chapter board. They were able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary just before Dwight died.

**Honolulu**

"Leading the Way," Vol. 1 No. 1, May 1991, published by the Honolulu chapter, is a flashy-looking 16-page newsletter printed on coated stock, which means its messages, pictures, stories of chapter personalities and programs can be preserved well past a 100 years or more.

The "chapter spotlight" on Bob Bratt and presentation of redress checks last Oct. 9 at the state capitol was covered by Karleen Chinen.

Contributing articles were Ken Furukawa, "Noted California Attorney Peter Irons"; Alicyn Hikida, "Remembering the late chapter member Takeo Okada," chapter treasurer for 10 years, who passed away at age 85; William Kaneko, "President's Message, the Bruce Yamashita case," Gordon Lee, "Chapter Legal Defense and Education Fund established," attorney Colbert Matsumoto, "Why I joined the Honolulu JACL," Franklin Odo, "Hawaii and the Japanese American Redress Movement," Jinny Shinaato, "Day of Remembrance: A Different Perspective," featuring an Arab American professor

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## Movie review

## 'Prisoners of the Sun' shows Japanese war atrocities

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor

When moral lines blur in war, expect the worst. Humanity and reason gone awry. Atrocities committed in the name of duty.

Death as duty, like washing your socks or polishing your boots.

In modern times, historians have revealed tragic war crimes that should tell us something about the ambiguity of morality and honor in war. It happened in Andersonville, Ga., during the Civil War. It happened in Auschwitz. It happened in Ambon, Indonesia, during World War II. And it was the Japanese who committed the war crimes.

Just as the Nuremberg and Andersonville trials became high drama for films, so too has Ambon come to the screen in 'Prisoner of the Sun,' a film premiering this month nationwide, starring Bryan Brown and George Takei.

The story is the same. Hundreds of soldiers—this time Australians—are imprisoned on an island in the South Pacific—this time Ambon—under the command of Vice Admiral Baron Takahashi (Takei).

When the war is over only a few of the Australian soldiers are alive. A mass burial grave is discovered; many of the soldiers had been beheaded.

The trial begins. Captain Robert Cooper (Brown) is the Australian soldier who investigates and prosecutes the Japanese soldiers stationed at Ambon. He discovers rampant and arbitrary beatings—and death all around.

The trial that follows is the crucible in which the Japanese officers cling to their sense of dignity, duty and honor against the charges of heinous crimes against humanity.

And it is again the implication

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## Takei on Takahashi

LOS ANGELES—Call it a stretch, says actor George Takei of his role in *Prisoners of the Sun*.

"There were many reasons I took the role," he told *Pacific Citizen*. "One, it was a challenge, which always engages an actor. Two, and more importantly, it's a film in terms of issue, about the Japanese, Americans and Australians as well. It's a challenge at many levels, it shatters the myths, illusions, the hidden truths from all three countries."

"The Japanese Ministry of Education tried to sanitize history. Many young Japanese are not aware to the full extent of the Japanese military during World War II. In *The Last Emperor*, it tried to cut scenes of Japan attacking Shanghai. "For young Japanese, this film will be an eye-opener. We know about war crimes in Europe but not in the Pacific theater."

Takei also points out that the film also shows the American complicity and interference with due process in the war crimes trial. And even on another level, the film, he adds, goes after the myth of the Australian soldier as rugged, invincible heroes. "The Australian soldiers were helpless and victimized," Takei says.

Before the actor took the role he considered that the film could fuel the Japan-bashing that exists worldwide. "I had to consider that," Takei said. "But the film is always truthful; it presents a balanced approach. The scapegoat (the Japanese lieutenant) is a sym-

pathetic character. He was a Christian. The film was based on actual records."

Of his own role as the stern Baron Takahashi, Takei said the challenge was to deal with the stereotype of Japanese militarists. "I had to really explore the kind of human being who would do this sort of thing. I looked at his condition of birth, his access to the best of Japanese and world culture. I had to do some research."

Takahashi's demeanor in the film was based on a real-life friend of Takei's who is wealthy and concerned with fine foods, wines and fashion.

"He (Takahashi) really wasn't a militarist. He got the job by his station in life. As a militarist he depended on his subordinates. If there was failure, he passed the buck. He was not a man of substance. He considers himself above the bushido code. He has no ideals or values that people ascribe to soldiers."

The actor said he also threw a little of Ronald Reagan in the role. "Like Reagan, Takahashi took naps, delegated and was a very good front man," he said.

The strength of Takei's performance comes almost exclusively from facial features. Takahashi has very little dialogue in the film. "I studied newsreels of recruitment and the trial itself. I studied the Japanese upper echelon. They're very poker-faced. Their eyes often look down. I found it fascinating, they became like a curtain coming down over the world."

—RS

## Credits

TITLE: "Prisoners of the Sun"

STARRING: Bryan Brown, George Takei

DIRECTOR: Stephen Wallace

WHERE: AMC 18 Theatres, Century City, Los Angeles, and other theatres around the country

RUNNING TIME: 109 minutes

## Trekking again...

LOS ANGELES—George Takei took time out for a *Pacific Citizen* interview while filming *Star Trek VI*.

The actor, best known for his role as Sulu on the television and movie series, said this was the 25th anniversary of *Star Trek*. And how does he feel after so many years of playing the same role?

"Well, it's very remunerative," he admitted. "For an actor to have the same kind of continuity is a double-edged sword. You can become imprisoned by a role."

But he says

that all it

takes is an

effort to look

for work that

broadens his

career. Takei

has recently

worked in

Scotland and

England, and

has per-

formed in *The Wash*.

What also helps

in this latest

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## Public TV providing ethnic programming

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) told Congress on July 5 that it is doing its best to provide programming on the country's ethnic diversity.

The organization pointed its week-long series of public radio news reports on racism, a television special on hatred, a television community forum on an African American community, and nearly 50 hours of public television programs designed to help eligible immigrants become citizens as examples of its efforts to report on racial and cultural diversity.

The CPB's report, "Making a Difference," also said it has made strides in minority employment and training within the public broadcasting industry in the last two to five years. An increase in minority-controlled public radio and televi-

sion stations was also pointed out.

CPB is a private, non-profit corporation that was authorized

by the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 to develop non-commercial radio and television services for the American people.

Washington, D.C.—The Corporation for Public Broadcasting sponsored seminars to examine professional and cultural differences in Japanese and U.S. negotiation and television production methods July 15-19.

The event was designed to improve the process of program co-production between Japanese and U.S. television producers.

"Japanese and U.S. produc-

ers have frequently reported differences in approach to program-making, particularly in co-production circumstances," said David Stewart, director of CPB's Office of International Activities.

"It is not our purpose to eliminate cultural differences, even if this were possible, but to identify the areas that are frequently the source of misunderstanding in co-productions."

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## Florin

The Florin JACL sushi and kushiyaki booth was a welcome stop for those celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage Week on May 5 at Sacramento City College, everything being sold out by mid-afternoon. It was reported by Curtis Namba, general booth chair.

## Central Calif. District

Interest has been renewed in the once-discussed Keiro Home proposal in the Fresno area during the April "retreat," a midday session at the Ramada Inn attended by Central California District JACL leaders and members with CDCD governor Ken Yokota presiding.

Dr. Ernest Kazato spearheaded a survey some years ago, but at that time need for a convalescent home was not considered imminent, support was lacking and the proposal was dropped. But with the increasing number of aged, interest has been renewed.

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of military code that is brought up for inspection. Should a soldier defy military orders when those orders are not only wrong but abhorrent? Is morality a higher cause than military necessity? Baron Takahashi, stiff, stoic and unrelentingly military in demeanor, denies guilt of giving orders to kill the troops. He claims he was absent from Ambon when the atrocities were committed.

That leaves the burden upon Capt. Watanabe (Tetsu Watanabe), who in turn, denies any knowledge of the incident.

The ultimate scapegoat is Lt. Hideo Tanaka (Toshi Shino), who had been ordered to commit one of the executions. He is portrayed as a sensitive young officer, a Christian, who stays with the story of his comrades, then cracks under the weight of guilt and the horror of what had happened.

The story of Ambon, and the timing of the film, could aggravate the Japan-bashing that exists today, but perhaps it is not so much a film about Japanese war crimes but of an examination of military minds that allow the expediences of war to overrule the civilized, humane behavior.

It is then the story of the sacrifice of people and principle in the name of war. Even the Americans

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takes on larger dimension. The actor is not allowed to reveal script plot or action but hinted that the Enterprise will be bigger and better and will have a new captain—and it isn't Kirk (William Shatner).

"It's an old cliché, but after all these years we've become a big family. We get along. It's something of a family reunion, each time."

His expanded role, too, may help add to the visibility of Asian actors. But Takai says that the quality of roles still leaves a lot to be desired.

"In L.A. Law, for example, you'd expect to see Asians. To an extent you see them on juries, but in the L.A. legal scene, there are a good number of Asian attorneys and judges. That reflection is very unrealistic."

"Now, we have competent actors, yet the roles offered are the same old stereotypes—Asian

## High Desert

More than 200 enjoyed the first annual Japanese Cultural Day scholarship benefit luncheon and program sponsored by the the chapter on April 27 at a local church hall.

Highlights included ikebana, origami, kimono dress, and martial art demonstrations. Chapter members also loaned their Japanese dolls, artifacts and artworks for the display.

The youngest chapter in the Pacific Southwest district, it was founded two years ago in Antelope Valley with about 140 members today.

## Community

## JA Social Services, Inc.

For 53 seniors, volunteers and staff members of New York's Japanese American Social Services, Inc., the outing to Pelham on May 20 will be remembered as a "day with Thomas Paine," the celebrated author of the Revolutionary War era, visiting his home and the museum nearby. Mrs. Yone Sugahara made special arrangements for both facilities to be open for JASSI.

As lunch hour guests at the Sugahara home, they enjoyed Japanese food prepared by JASSI volunteers of Westchester.

are guilty. During the trial, an American officer pressures Capt. Cooper to let Takahashi off the hook because politically he will be needed in the "pacification" and rebuilding of Japan in the post-war period.

We saw all of this in the past, we see it today in "Prisoners of the Sun." We'll probably see more coming out of Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

"Prisoners of the Sun" is good drama. The pace is fairly fast for a courtroom drama. The story and actors don't excessively soap-box the morality play. Brown has one scene in which he says that justice must prevail over politics. But that is all. Takai is brilliant as Takahashi. Stern, icy eyes nearly always straight ahead and staring, he lets his body language and face do all the acting.

Watanabe is outstanding as Ikuichi, the villainous commander of the outpost.

Shioya, as the young lieutenant, gives an understated but nonetheless powerful performance. Amid the common faces of the Japanese soldiers his is the first to waiver. In his eyes, we see the unraveling moral doubt.

"Prisoners of the Sun," then, does a good all-around job. The screenplay by Denis Whitburn and Brian A. Williams is compact. The story avoids too much preaching, allowing the actors' actions to carry the message.

gangsters and sexually available women—roles that really don't require acting."

Takai singles out Miss Saigon because Asian women are prostitutes in the play. "The lead (male) role is brilliant as an actor but the role is sleazy. They made him a Eurasian as an accommodation to casting but it's patently unbelievable."

Takai also takes a broader view of Asians in the arts. "The other important point is that there are a lot of Asian artists out there—writers as well as actors. There's an emergence of a larger stage beyond East West Players and yet in spite of the growing competition of actors we're not seeing it reflected by (Asian) audience support."

The success of Philip Kotanda's *The Wack* in New York, he points out, was based largely on white audience support.

"The Asian American community is affluent enough to become a visible audience," Takai says. *Star Trek VI* will be premiere Dec. 18.

Frances Tojo, Cincinnati JACL member reports that Teri Hajime Murali, 37, who taught orchestra and was music director at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, was recently named music director of the Peabody Symphony Orchestra at Baltimore, and director of its orchestral activities.

The San Francisco-born Sasei caught the musical bug at Lowell High where he studied percussion and received his B.A. in music with emphasis on conducting in 1974 and an M.A. in conducting in 1976, both at UC, Santa Barbara.

Since 1976, Murali has been an associate professor of orchestra at the University of Cincinnati, led the Cincinnati Youth Symphony Orchestra since 1979, and a guest conductor with more than 15 other orchestras, mostly in the West and Midwest. He has won numerous ASCAP awards "for adventurous programming of contemporary music" and goes for "music that communicates" from all the major schools and periods.

When he begins his new job in September, he hopes for a nine-rehearsal regimen for each of the eight concert series of the 96-member ensemble. He plans to continue his interest in opera by directing one of his first season at Peabody.

The former percussionist is married to Carol Hubler Murali, a violinist and graduate student at Cincinnati when they met. They have two children, Alicia, 4, and Nicholas, 1. The family is expected to move to Baltimore in August.

Bill Hosokawa was honored by the Society of Professional Journalists as the Lowell Thomas Journalist of the Year at its annual Colorado chapter banquet May 17. The Rocky Mountain News readers' representative was among 113 Colorado journalists to be awarded for excellence. A 1987 graduate of the University of Washington, his first job in journalism was writing for Jimmie Sakamoto's *Japanese American Courier* in Seattle, then overseas to English papers in Singapore and Shanghai. After returning to the U.S. just before the start of World War II, he was evacuated to the internment camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo., where he served as the first editor of the camp newspaper. In 1946, he joined *The Denver Post* as a copy writer, served as the Post's first war correspondent in Korea, ed-

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## Personally speaking

## Nikkei heads L.A. school board

LOS ANGELES—Warren Furutani, currently serving his second, four-year term as a District Four representative of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, was unanimously elected president of the organization at its July annual meeting. He is the first Asian American to serve on the board.

In speaking to the board, Furutani said that his goal is to bring together teachers, parents, students, administrative and support staff, local businesses, and community members to discuss the needs of public education in Los Angeles.



WARREN FURUTANI  
Unanimously elected

ited the Sunday magazine "Empire" and was editorial page director when he retired in 1983. He has been a *Pacific Citizen* columnist since 1942, has authored several books and assumed his ombudsman post at the *News* in 1985. In April, 1987, Hosokawa was decorated by the Japanese government with the Order of the Rising-Sun, Gold Rays (third class), for his contribution in the promotion of friendship between Japan and America. The Seattle-born Nisei also serves as the honorary consul general of Japan for the Tri-Mountain States area.



ROBERT K. FUJIMURA

Cincinnati JACLer Robert K. Fujimura, 4th degree black belt in the art of taekwondo, was named general manager for the 11th U.S. Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships to select a junior national team. He is the senior staff member for the U.S. Taekwondo Union, the national governing body of the sport, and an international referee for the World Taekwondo Federation.

Yasuko Fukuda, daughter of Hiroshi and Nobu Fukuda of San Francisco, received the M.D. degree from Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minn., on May 18 and will begin her graduate training in pediatrics at Oakland's Children Hospital.

Nancy Mayeno, 54, a personnel assistant in the U.S. Labor Department at Seattle who takes her annual leave one day a week to tutor disadvantaged children in South Seattle, was among the Puget Sound area federal workers recognized as Employee of the Year by the Seattle Federal Executive Board recently. Besides tutoring at Dunlap Elementary School, she also teaches Saturdays at a Bible class for Cambodian refugee children. "It's important to help the youngsters," Nancy said, because "my parents came from Japan and had a tough time becoming assimilated because of a lack of English skills." Mayeno has been a federal employee for 21 years.

Among ten outstanding Seattle teachers honored by the Seattle Business Committee for Excellence in Education was Dennis Iwami, phys-ed teacher at South Shore Middle School. In his 20th year of teaching, Iwami was pleased his award recognizes physical education as a necessary part of a child's resident. His nominators said phys-ed promotes self-esteem, imparts knowledge and helps develop the whole person. The award included a \$2,000 prize and a Crystal Apple.

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## Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

### His message went around the world

Columnist Bill Marutani, a Philadelphia lawyer, made a very interesting point recently in lamenting the loss of Mike Masaoka. Under other circumstances, Marutani suggested, Masaoka might have become an exceptional attorney.

True. He had the equipment. A logical mind that enabled him to bore quickly into the core of issues. A gift for strategy. A memory for details and great oratorical skills. And perhaps most important, fire in his belly for justice.

Mike had wanted to study law after graduation from the University of Utah. He was thwarted by poverty. Some of his classmates and teammates on the university debate team had the means to go to law school and distinguished themselves at the bar and in politics. Masaoka, unable to continue his education, got involved in an ill-fated lettuce-growing venture, coached a high school debate team part-time under a federal aid program, waited tables and eventually became JACL's first paid employee at a salary of \$125 per month. He goes down in history as a lobbyist, although certainly a distinguished one.

Masaoka expected to work for JACL only temporarily. The war changed that. When he returned to civilian life he had the G.I. Bill but he was 30 years old, married and faced with what he considered a moral obligation to carry out JACL's postwar crusade for justice. The dream of a career in law had to be put aside.

War shattered the dreams of many individuals through death, injury or the loss of years of time. Who knows how many people internationally with the potential to become great scientists, medical researchers, physicians, artists, musicians, writers, engineers, teachers, philosophers, or barristers for that matter, were casualties?

The changes wrought by war created a favorable turn in some cases. Young Daniel Inouye had hoped to become a surgeon. When he lost an arm in combat he sought new directions by turning to the law. He became the first Japanese American to be elected to Congress and has served his country as an outstanding legislator.

Perhaps the circumstances that foiled Masaoka's aspirations enabled him to

serve humanity in a more meaningful way. What the obituaries neglected to say is that his efforts on behalf of Japanese Americans had a favorable world-wide impact on human rights. The passage of the Walter-McCarran Act over President Truman's veto in 1952 eliminated race as a restriction in U.S. immigration and naturalization laws. No individual had a greater role in its passage than Masaoka. It was also Masaoka who spearheaded the successful effort to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act which in effect had codified presidential authority used in World War II to imprison Japanese American civilians.

When at last Masaoka severed ties with JACL to work as a public relations consultant, his lack of a law license set limits to his practice and, of course, his fees.

In our game of "what if," if Masaoka had been a smart young attorney with prospects of building up a lucrative practice, would he have abandoned all that to go to Washington to fight for obscure principles? Perhaps it was to our everlasting advantage that he wasn't faced with that decision.

## Letters

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### Redress suggestions may get action by ORA

The Justice Department thinks the suggestion made by my wife Violet several months ago that the department send a representative to Japan to publicize the redress program is excellent and would be beneficial to eligible recipients living there. The Justice Department is considering a trip to Japan in the future for these purposes.

And last August, Violet had also suggested to the Justice Department that a letter of apology be addressed to the deceased internees—if their surviving family members requested such a letter.

To the more devout Japanese Americans such a gesture is significant because only then would the healing process reach its spiritual conclusion and enable the souls of the departed, particularly those who died in the internment camps, to finally find the peace and solace that was denied to them for so long.

The Justice Department looked favorably on her proposal and their reply was: "The families of internees who died before August 10, 1988 who wish to receive an apology letter may request one in writing from ORA. The request must include the deceased individual's name, date of birth, and the date of death. The letter should be sent to: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Redress Administration, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C., 20035-6260."

Among the other suggestions my wife made was... the proposal that, since the letter of apology being sent to surviving internees with their redress checks, is a significant historical document of great importance to them, the Justice Department will consider improving its format and content by having it printed on official government stationery; that a date and the name of the recipient be included; that the president's title, or authentication, be placed under his signature; and that the letter be reworded so as to sound more personal, and to convey to the internees a true and sincere apology. In short, a letter they would be proud to frame and display rather than keeping it out of sight, as is often the case now.

The Justice Department's reply was that "we plan to reevaluate our options for making changes to the apology letter."

In closing I must say to Violet K. Cristoforo, to Congressman Leon E. Panetta, and to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, as well as many internees—Congratulations, and thanks for your long-standing efforts to help achieve redress for the former internees, for rectifying a tragic and undeserved wrong, and for restoring the honor of our great country!

Wilfred H. de Cristoforo  
Salinas, Calif.

### She accepted medal on behalf of her son

A report of the recent veteran's get-together in Seattle indicated that Mrs. Masuda, mother of Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, refused to accept the Distinguished Service Cross awarded posthumously to honor the memory of her son. This is incorrect. General Stillwell, who presented the award, gave it to Staff Sgt. Masuda's sister, Mary, in recognition of the courage she displayed in withstanding the terrorism confronting her upon her return to the family's farm in Orange County after the evacuation in September of 1945.

After receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, Mary pinned it on her mother, who was a gracious and humble person. Mrs. Masuda passed away in 1964 and Mary Masuda passed away in 1987.

Staff Sgt. Masuda's younger sister, June, was selected to attend the president's redress bill signing ceremonies by five great men: Sen. Inouye, Congressman Mineta, Gov. Keen of New Jersey and strategists Grant Ujifusa. At the ceremony, June Masuda Coto had the honor of shaking President Ronald Reagan's hand.

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### Young men's fads

**D**ID YOU READ about the latest fashion fad among young men instead, or once-std, Nippon whereby the lads adorn themselves with jewelry? No, not simply some class ring or a fancy wristwatch, but jewelry accouterments such as bracelets, necklaces and earrings—pierced at that. Once-std Japan is not only catching up with us in the U.S. but apparently is passing us by. Among male Nikkei here in the U.S. one might see a gold necklace now and then, but that's about it.

No earrings, pierced or otherwise.

**THIS NIKKEI RETICENCE** may be due to several factors: it was not fashionable back in the Nisei's days even if they had the money to spare, which they usually didn't. Insofar as the Issei folks were concerned, if an offspring "spiffed" up with a bit of fancy duds, such would be

met with the condemnation of o-share or ha-de: "dandy" or "flamboyant." Coming as I do from a rural farm area, we rarely had occasion to encounter the admonition. It was quite an eye-opener to see the city-fied suit zuiters. Remember them?

**IN ALL THIS**, however, there always existed a continuing contradiction. While growing up in a milieu of conservative conformance and Issei admonitions, many of the heroes touted in the samurai *chambara* (loosely, "sword fights") movies had slicked down ornate coiffures (*chonmage*) and wore bright, colorful outfits that would cause a Liberace to blush with envy. Now, that merited o-share and ha-de if anything did. Yet, they represented macho manhood. The samurai were not alone: think about King Arthur and the knights of the Roundtable.

**SO LONG AS** it does not intrude upon

one's privacy or rights, how others wish to adorn themselves should not be of concern. I note that there is a heir style among youths which leaves a strand of curly hair at the nape of the neck; others have two or three strips clipped along the sides of their scalp, and so on. And as for jewelry, we see more and more athletes showing a diamond earring—usually one side only.

Then there's the sumo wrestler. Now talk about an ornate hair-do!

**COME TO THINK OF IT**, even this *inokamono* (country bumpkin) possesses a bit of jewelry from an earlier time. When inducted into the U.S. Army, I acquired a sterling silver bracelet with my name on it, which I wore almost always during my service. Every now and then, I'll come across the thing. I'll take it out and apply a bit of silver polish to try to bring back a bit of the old shine.

But no pierced ears for me.





## Travel

## Gone fishin'—in the waters off scenic Alaska

By TYLER TANAKA

With fishing in local ocean waters on the down turn, I've been looking further abroad. So, when I saw the ad in *Pacific Citizen* regarding Alaska Quality Lodges, I had to give it a try.

When I called their 800 number to make reservations, I was surprised to find that I was speaking to an office in downtown Honolulu. Turns out that this is an Hawaiian-owned operation. It has three properties off prime fishing

waters of Alaska. Two of them are located on islands close to Juneau and the other just a short charter plane ride from Ketchikan to Prince of Wales Island.

By the time I called, the two closest to Juneau were already sold out for the time period I had available for my trip. Only Whales Lodge, their newest, had openings.

As it turned out, Whales Resort opened just prior to our arrival. It was not only new but it was also the most comfortable compared



**HAPPY FISHERMAN**—This is just a sample of the kind of fish that can be caught in Alaska

with any of the four other Alaskan lodges I tried in previous years. To meet us as we arrived by float plane was Richard Yamada,

president of the operating company, Alaska Quality Lodges.

The key to his success was obvious. Rather than just a lodge, Ri-

chard welcomes you as if you were a guest in his home. One of the first things you do is to meet all the workers at the lodge. They consist of both Hawaiians as well as young local Alaskans. Regardless of where they are from, you will feel the really genuine "Aloha" welcome. In the dining room, the food is great, and you will also notice a touch of Hawaii. A bowl of hot graham is on the table for all three meals. Shoyu is next to the salt and pepper shaker. And, it is not unusual on the hors d'oeuvre that are ever waiting for you on return from a days fishing, to find sashimi with wasabi.

Back to the fishing: It was superb. The waters have little fishing pressure as no other lodges are found in this area. You are out in the hot spots all by yourselves. In relative isolation, wildlife is abundant. The most unusual sight we saw was a pod of three humpback whales herding krill together with a circular curtain of air bubbles, then rushing up the middle with their mouth open to feed. The three mammoth whales lunging out of the water was a sight never to be forgotten.

We also went for king salmon and halibut. But, it was obvious that we were catching too many fish. Who ever heard of this before? So, we slackened off. It was not as though the lodge did not prepare our catch well. A team of experienced workers cleans the fish as soon as we arrive back at the fisher, prepares it as you request, then vacuum seal, freeze and pack the fish in waterproof boxes for bringing home.

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## Letter from the President

## CONTINUING THE COMMITMENT

by Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL President

**J**ACL's role in lobbying for redress is well known within our community. Now, we are continuing our commitment to Redress by monitoring the payment process that is being administered by ORA.

Last May, I was part of a JACL/LEC delegation that went to Washington D.C. to review the administrative procedure of ORA (Office of Redress Administration). We had the opportunity to meet with Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights John R. Dunne and Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner, who fielded our questions and concerns. Through ORA Administrator Bob Bratt, who hosted this event, we were able to observe firsthand the processing of cases for verification of eligibility through the review of proof documentation.

To date, 24,500 individuals have received payment, with an additional 300 final eligibility letters to be mailed out and another 200 to be verified and paid. This total includes the 1,497 servicemen who have already received redress payments, with approximately 500 more cases currently being reviewed.

The 1992 fiscal year payments are expected to begin this October. 15,000 letters of potential eligibility (pink letters requesting further documentation) have been mailed to those whose birth years are 1926 or before. The remaining 10,000 are expected to receive their pink letters by the end of July, and these will include those persons born 1927 or prior.

Nearly 100 appeals have been made by those who were initially denied eligibility; these cases are currently being reviewed.

For 1993, ORA needs to estimate the number of potential individuals,

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## Legacy Fund Balance



This summer, as the mercury in your thermometer rises, we would also like to encourage you to help us to raise the number of contributions in the **JACL Legacy Fund** thermometer as well! Since its big start in October of last year, a total amount of **\$1,830,500** has been raised.

## DEFERRED GIVING

**O**n May 24, 1991, a meeting was held at JACL headquarters to discuss alternate ways of giving to the **JACL Legacy Fund**. Attending this meeting were Grayce Uyebara, Legacy Fund Chair; Cressey Nakagawa, JACL President; Bill Yoshino, JACL National Director; Thomas F. Jordan, Vice President for College Relations for College of Notre Dame; Steve Okamoto, San Mateo Legacy Fund Chair; Alan Nishi & Nancy Miyasaki, Sacramento Legacy Fund Co-Chairs; Clay Harada, Legacy Fund Administrator; and Elaine Gin, Legacy Fund Administrative Assistant.

Several programs of deferred giving were highlighted during this meeting, including wills, gifts of insurance, and charitable remainder trusts.

"Deferred giving" means that the gift, which can either be specified or unspecified by the donor, is promised for a future date. The

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## THE LEGACY OF KAY KUSHINO

Envelope after envelope came pouring in -- all donations for the **JACL Legacy Fund**, made "in the memory of Kay Kushino". Coming from JACL members and non-members, and hailing from her hometown of Minneapolis as well as from far away states -- many, whose lives were touched by this tireless, energetic woman, were now giving to the **JACL Legacy Fund** a mere fraction of all that she had given to them.

Born Kiyoko Marguerite Tanouye in Los Gatos, California, Kay was the oldest of the three children of George Naohachi Tanouye and Suzu Honda. At the age of 16, she married Tadao Kushino of Campbell, California.

Unfortunately soon thereafter, she was widowed with three young boys to raise. When the war broke out, she and her family were evacuated to the Santa Anita Assembly Center and then to the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp.

While in camp, Kay was not only the social editor of the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, but she was also the unofficial "social director" -- famous for being the hostess of a myriad of dinners and parties, as well as working with the Camp USO to entertain the visiting GIs.

After the war and facing the problems of single motherhood, she

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## Deferred Giving . . . (Continued from page 1)

benefit to the donor is that there are certain tax benefits, often strengthening the financial security of the donor. In turn, JACL will benefit from being the recipient of the donation.

By far, the easiest way of deferred giving is to include the **JACL Legacy Fund** in your will. This can be done quite easily through a simple bequest or codicil in a will.

Another way to give is by making the **JACL Legacy Fund** a beneficiary of either an existing or a new life insurance policy. The benefit for this type of giving is that the donor receives a tax break on his insurance premiums, while the organization will receive a substantial gift sometime in the future.

**Charitable remainder trusts** are transfers of money or a highly appreciated asset (such as property) into a trust. The trust can be created in a way to pay you, a spouse or

another beneficiary a fixed amount for life. The principal of the trust will pass to the charity upon termination of the trust.

There are both immediate and long range tax advantages with trusts. While providing tax free growth, charitable remainder trusts also offer lower investment risks and a hedge against inflation.

Other gift giving options, such as giving securities, were discussed. To date, the **JACL Legacy Fund** has received four gifts of stocks.

The meeting was concluded with a planned campaign to support and develop these types of programs, with materials to be developed by the Legacy Fund staff.

These giving programs will allow the **JACL Legacy Fund** to diversify in order to accommodate the needs of our various donors, and allow both the donor and JACL to benefit.

## CHAPTER UPDATE

### Philadelphia

With the cooperative efforts of five JACL Thousand Clubbers, who are longtime JACL leaders, the Philadelphia Chapter, with 150 members, has raised more than \$54,275.

The Philadelphia Legacy Fund Campaign Committee, consisting of Roy Kita, William Marutani, Takashi Moriuchi, Tom Tamaki and Grayce Uyehara, initially met every month in order to successfully plan and implement a campaign strategy.

Among their many activities was a chapter campaign letter that was mailed out along with Senator Daniel Inouye's endorsement letter. Each committee member then selected eight to ten members to personally contact and follow-up.

Also the bi-monthly chapter newsletter always featured a special Legacy Fund report that included a list of contributors.

Chapter members were asked to contact relatives and friends who live in other localities -- particularly those who live where there are no JACL chapters. And additional campaign packets were distributed to those members who were able to personally solicit.

The success of the Philadelphia Chapter campaign is personal contact -- meeting or calling on a one-to-one basis is a key and crucial factor for a successful campaign.

Also the Committee was carefully organized and structured so that the work load was evenly distributed. "Working together is important and is half of the fun," says Grayce Uyehara, Philadelphia Chapter Chair. "After all, that is what JACL is all about."

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## Kay Kushino . . . (Continued from page 2)

decided to resettle in Minneapolis where her sister was living. There, Kay worked at the Burgess Publishing Company for over 25 years as the editor of the Home Economics Division, where she thrived due to her enormous love of literature and books.

Kay had been actively involved in JACL since her early twenties and was one of the founding members of the Twin Cities Chapter. Serving as Chapter President and as a member of the Board of Directors for several terms, Kay was also a charismatic leader in the Redress Campaign as well as a fixture at all of the National JACL Conventions. She was also a charter member of the UCL Credit Union, which eventually became the JACL Chapter Credit Union.

One of her most important contributions within her Chapter was promoting youth involvement. Since Kay had first become involved in JACL when she was 22 years old, she understood the importance of getting young people interested in the organization. The current Twin Cities Board is almost entirely comprised of Sansei as a direct result of her hard work in promoting youth leadership.

Survived by three sons -- Richard, Dr. Norman, and Allen -- as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the dedication and devo-



tion of Kay Kushino will always be remembered. Kay Kushino was an incredible woman who gave a lifetime of service, and her memory will continue to live on.

## Chapter Update . . . (Continued from page 2)

### Berkeley Chapter

The City of Berkeley, known for its "high-charge/take-charge politics," also boasts a high-charge/take-charge JACL Berkeley Chapter -- one of the outstanding chapters for the JACL Legacy Fund.

With about 350 chapter members, the Berkeley Chapter has raised \$34,495 of its total goal of \$123,000. "Our chapter, which serves both the Oakland and Berkeley communities, is fortunate to have a very loyal and committed membership that understands the role JACL plays in both the JA community and the Asian community at-large. We rely a great deal on word-of-mouth, so we are really committed to getting that word out -- not only to our members, but to the general JA community as well," explains Neal Taniguchi, Legacy Fund Chapter Chair.

Some of the other key people in the successful campaign are Tad Hirota, Bob Yamada, Bea Kono, and

Terry Yamashita, who are all currently busy planning a fundraising event for this fall.

### Salt Lake Chapter

The Salt Lake Chapter, with its 172 members has emphasized "people to people" contact in order to raise \$24,450 for the JACL Legacy Fund. Because it has maintained a highly active profile in the area, this chapter has had community support for its drive from the word "go".

Alice Kasai, Legacy Fund Chapter Chair, calls it a "whispering campaign" -- because the word has spread like wild fire throughout the area. "I always run the Legacy Fund list of chapter donors, that I receive from national headquarters, in our chapter newsletters. It gives people an idea of who has donated and how much they have donated. One of the problems is that people don't really know how much they should give."

The Chapter has also been successful because of its youth involvement. "It's really important that we put some responsibility on the Sansei, and we've been really getting our young people involved in this campaign," said Jefferson Itami, Chapter Co-Chair and a Sansei himself.

### East L.A.

"The Legacy Fund is a timely and appropriate opportunity to show appreciation for the efforts of JACL. The belated apology and redress provides the opportune initial impetus for the creation of this Fund," asserts Dr. Robert Obi, Legacy Fund Chair for the East Los Angeles Chapter.

"One of our very first donors was a longtime chapter member who had donated half of his redress check to the JACL Legacy Fund," continues Dr. Obi.

The East Los Angeles Chapter, with its 561 members have raised \$32,875 to date, making them the outstanding chapter in the Pacific Southwest District.

# A BETTER FUTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

by Grace Uyehara  
Legacy Fund Campaign Chair

**E**stablished by the National Council at the San Diego Convention in June of 1990, the **JACL Legacy Fund** will enable us to have a perpetual endowment which will provide a solid and dependable financial base for the ongoing needs of our national organization.

With the passage of Redress, we remember that the Bill of Rights is only a piece of paper -- until it is put into action through the sweat and courage of the people who believe and fight for it. Likewise, the JACL Program for Action will remain merely words -- until our organization is able to fully implement the programs that address issues which affect all of us today and in the future. Therefore, it is paramount that the JACL Program for Action receives and continues to receive adequate and stable funding.

Thus, the importance of attaining the \$10 million Legacy Fund for

a more vital JACL cannot be emphasized enough.

To those of you whose generosity of spirit and understanding of the still important mission of JACL, we are most grateful for the more than \$1,800,000 Legacy Fund contributions and pledges that we have received through June. A full listing of contributors will appear as an insert in a fall edition of the *Pacific Citizen*.

We would also like to thank the chapter leadership and members, for their continuing support, as well as to the **JACL Legacy Fund** Campaign Committee, National Board and staff, for their hard work and leadership on the campaign.

On behalf of the Campaign Committee, I especially want to recognize and congratulate those Legacy Fund chapter chairs and chapters for raising their chapter fundraising quota which is based on membership, during the first phase.

And special thanks and recog-

nition goes out to Steven Okamoto, Tom Jordan, and John Enomoto for their assistance with the deferred giving and gift option programs.

For the second phase of the **JACL Legacy Fund** Campaign, we need the active participation of all 113 chapters as well as national and chapter leadership to realize the goal we have set.

The Campaign Committee requests that every chapter establishes a **JACL Legacy Fund** Campaign Committee and send a chapter appeal letter to its membership and to the wider community to support the Legacy Fund.

We also ask that each chapter committee plan to meet once this summer to plan a local, one-on-one follow-up after the Legacy Fund Campaign materials are mailed out on September 1.

There is also a new brochure, which has information about JACL, and will answer questions asked about JACL and the **JACL Legacy Fund**.

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in order to help ascertain appropriation needs for the Office of Management and Budget. All potential eligible individuals, who have not yet submitted a voluntary information form to ORA, are urged to do so -- regardless of their date of birth.

After the meeting, JACL-LEC presented to ORA a list of recommendations concerning administrative procedures that would help to streamline processing. Bob Bratt assured us that ORA would address and respond to these recommendations.



The JACL Legacy Fund Committee: front row (l-r) Bill Yoshino, Grace Uyehara, Cressley Nakagawa, Hank Tanaka; back row (l-r) Bob Sato, Tom Masamori, Hid Hasegawa, Ken Yokota, Tom Nakao, Jr., Les Hata, J.D. Hokoyama, and Clay Harada