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Vandalized center offers \$5000 reward

by GWEN MURANAKA

NORWALK, Calif.—In the wake of racial vandalism at the Southeast Japanese Community Center on Nov. 7. the community center will be offering a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. The reward was decided upon by a unanimous vote of the community center board of directors. In addition, the Norwalk City Council is scheduled to meet Nov. 19 to recommend a reward. George Kato, spokesman for the center said, "We need to show some indication of how serious we are."

The center's judo dojo and adjoining classroom The center's judo dojo and adjoining classroom were trashed with racial slurs including "Tips," go bone," and "go back to Asia" painted on walls, windows, and fuzniture with white paint. The incident was the third in two weeks, though the first that hade widence of racial motivation. Kato estimated that the damages would run \$25,000 for broken windows, window frames, desks, chairs, a refrigerator and damage to the judo canvas. The vandals broke in and threw white paint all over the two rooms. Kato said it will cost great deal of money to repair all damages, saying that the white paint had become "engraved in the fabric (of the See CENTEPLAGE 4 See CENTER/page 4

Manzanar Committee pushes for bill passage

The Manzanar Committee continues its work to bring about assage of a bill that would create a national historic site out of the

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The committee reasons for delay is the Department of Water and formant Sen. John Seymour 'to sign off on S 621 and report if out of committee." One of the reasons for delay is the Department of Water and Power (DWP) position on the bill. According to the committee, the Senate staff has bent over backwarfs to accommodate the DWP and its concerns over protecting Los Angeles water rights and water gathering efforts in and around Manzanar. Betters may be direct to Seymour at: U.S. Senate, 306 Dirksen Senate Office Bidg. Washington, D.C., 20510; Orange County office, 2400 East Katella Ave., Suite 1002, Ban Francisco, CA, 94105; Los Angeles office, 11111 Santa Monica Bivd, e915, Los Angeles, CA, 90025. In another matter, the Manzanar Committee scheduled a Nov. 23 meeting to plan the 23rd annual pilgrimage to Manzanar as part of the 50 Year Remembrance: Japanese American Intern-ment commemoration in 1992. Information: Sue Embrey, 213/662-5102, or Ken Wada, 213/ 625-4471, ext. 13.

Legacy fund

JACL gets White House call to discuss Pearl Harbor event

By GRAYCE UYEHARA Special to the Pacific Citizen

Special to the Pacific Citizen It's matter of momentum. The momentum achieved—and the impetus tokep it going. And the Legacy Pund is the engine that keeps JACL abreast and active in key areas and issues that affect the lives of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Just one example of the kinds of action and reaction JACL is able to initiate and reacond to is the

Just one example of the kinds of action and reaction JACL is able to initiate and respond to is the controversial 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. On Nov. 15, a group of JACL officials wassummoned for a hast-ily called meeting at the White House to meet with President Bush's staff in preparation for his participation at the Pearl Harbor service. Attending were Creasey Nakargawa, JACL president, Grant Uijfuss, Fat Okura, Tom Kometani, Ben Ohata, Joe Ichiuji, Ray Murakami, Judge Shiro Kashiwa, and Grayce Uyehara. These JACL representatives were able to express their concerns and suggested that the president had the responsibility to diffuse the possible hostilities that could

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emerge at the commemoration. It's that kind of consideration and clout that JACL has achieved through its effort to become a major national civil rights organi-ration

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Opposition is mounting to Civil Rights provision



PRESS CONFERENCE—From left are Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, Frank Antonio, Wards Cove representative, Rep. Patsy Mink, William Hou, president-elect, National Asian Pacific Bar Assn., Rep. Jim McDermott, Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans.

WASHINGTON, D.C.-House wapering of the second McDermott's (D-WA) H.R. 3748, the *Justice for Wards Cove Work-errs Act," at a press conference on Nov.^ 13. In addition to Rep. McDermott, Robert Matsui (D. CA), Norman Mineta (D-CA), Neil CA), Norman Mineta (D-CA), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Sa-moa), and Patay Mink (D'HI) were at the press conference. H.R. 3748 would repeal the pro-vision in the Civil Rights Act of 1991 introduced by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-AK) the accorder

Murkowski (R-AK) that exempts the Wards Cove Packing Company from compliance. The 2,000 Asian Pacific Islanders in the case sought

Wards Cove plaintiff speaks out

WASHINGTON, D.C Speaking at the press confer-ence, Frank Antonio, lead plain-tiff in the 1974 civil rights suit against the Wards Cove Packing Company, expressed his shock at the Wards Cove exemption

emption. Antonio said, "I want to im-press upon you that this is a case of justice for all Americans. If the Civil Rights Bill of 1991 is

restitution from the Wards Cove Packing Company for discrimina-tory employment practices and racially segregated sleeping and eating facilities.

eating facilities. In joining a coalition a 26 mem-bers of Congress introducing H.R.

truly a civil rights bill for all, it truly a civil rights bill for all, it should not exempt any company including Ward. Cove Packing Company from discrimination laws of the land, and no Ameri-can should be excluded from cov-erage by the bill." Calling the past week "physi-cally, psychologically and emo-tionally exhausting" Antonio

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3748, Rep. Robert Matsui said, 5/46, Kep. Kobert Matsui said, "Discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans must end." Matsui added, "Like the 2,000 workers who filed the class action suit against Wards Gove Packing

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COUNCILING-From left, Ken Yokota, Cressey Nakagawa, George Takei, and Larry Ishimoto chat during re-cent CCDC banquet



Actor calls for JA support of the arts

District council told of artists' difficult struggles

By MAS MASUMOTO

FRESNO—George 'Takei'e' message was clear: the Japa-ness American community must support its artists. Speaking at the annual Cen-tral California District Council JACL banquet on Nov 9, Takei; star of Star Trek, recounted the history of struggle and preju-

dice endured by Japanese Americans.

Americans. The story was no different in the theater arts, according to Takei. In a subsequent inter-view, he recalled a story about his early days as a struggling actor and one audition he read for.

for. The role was for an Asian American and Takei was hun-gry for work. At the audition he discovered the role portrayed an Asian character as a house ser-vant. He refused to continue the audition and left, with no work but with a sense of his identity in tact. in tect

"But unlike African Ameri-

But unlike African Ameri-ans, the Japanese American nommunity has trouble filling theaters for their artists. Won-derfully talented artists. It-s a tragedy, "avail Taket." If the major urban areas have sifticulty supporting their art-ists, what of Japanese Ameri-cansin Central California. Many artists have left the valley for education and careers. "It's a difficult situation," la-teep searching for opportunity." But here are new stirrings of freative activity in many rural See ACTOR/page 5

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News

Mineta: on Pearl Harbor media coverage

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Rep. Normas, Mineta, concerned with a lack of response to his Oct. 3 letter, has written a second letter to news organizations about the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pear Harbor. In his correstance of the attack on Pear Harbor. In their coverage of Pearl Harbor. He asked the media to, "use the knowledge and perspective we now enjoy to explain all the tragedies and pain that ensued from the attack."

and pain that ensued from the strack. While ABCNews and CBSNews sent responses to the first letter, Mineta sent follow-up letters on Nov. 7 to: NBC News, CNN, U.S. News and World Report, McNeil-Lehrer Newshour, CSPAN, and, National Public Radio. I was very pleased with the responses I received from CBS and ABC, While I hope that the other news organizations will be as responsible in their coverage, their lack of response does little to



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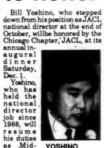
reassure Americans of Japanese ancestry who today fear a back-lash from those who still cannot make the distinction between the Empire of Japan and Japanese Americans," said Mineta. In the responses to Mineta's first

letter, CBS News and ABC News both expressed concern about the coverage of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Roome Arledge, president of the news division at ABC, told Mineta in his letter that he would pass along Mineta's suggestions to the staff that will be dealing with Pearl Harbor. Arledge also noted cover-age of the 'interment by Ken Kashiwahara for ABC News. In bis letter. David Comp. tice

In his letter, David Corvo, vice president of public affairs pro-gramming at CBS News said, "I am convinced that the story of the treatment of Americans of Japa-nese ancestry will continue to be a part of our looking back at World War II art of

Hoping that other news organi-rations will respond to his letter Mineta said, 'I now hope that the remaining organizations Tve writ-ten will use the time until the Pearl Harbor anniversary to let their intentions be known. All Americans would certainly ben-efit from this."

Chicago Chapter to honor Yoshino



resume his duties as Mid-west Re-YOSHINO

gional director, a position he has held since 1978 and held concurrently with the national

directorship. Yoshino will provide the key-note address for the event. Alice Easki, recently retired from her positon as adminis-trative assistant of the Mid-west Regional Office in Chi-cago, will also be honored for her 10 years of service on the stonal ACL staff, as well as for her volunteer role in the Chicago Chapter. Tersesey Nakagawa, JACL tational president, will install the board of directors. Event will be held at the Aliguerre Fireside Restaurant at the Holiday Inn Crowne Piaza, 2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, III. Reception be-pins at 4:30 p.m., with dinner following at 5:30 p.m. Oct: \$35 per person. Information. Janice Honda, 312/784-2669.

New Asian Pacific census office established

SAN FRANCISCO-The Asian/ Pacific Islander Data Consortium has been designated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as the official Asian and Pacific Islander census Asian and Pacific Islander census information center. Announced by Dr. Barbara Bryant, director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the appointment is the first time an Asian and Pacific Islander organi-zation will be part of the Census Bureau's dissemination network. The Asian and Pacific Islander Center for Census Information and Services (ACCIS) has been com-

missioned to analyze census in-formation relevant to the Asian Pacific Islander population. ACCIS currently develope census reports; its goal is to increase the availability of census information on the Asian and Pacific Islander cont munities to various non-profit and minute screen intifuces.

communities to various non-profit and private organizations. ACCIS plans to set up sites in strategic areas around the coun-try from which there can be timely dissemination of geneus informa-tion and also provide training and technical assistance to local Asian

and Pacific Islander communities.

The Asian American Health Forum is a non-profit organiza-tion founded in 1986 on the prin-ciples of improving the health sta-tus of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

Information: 4415/541-0866.

Asian American group fund-raiser

PHILADELPHIA—The Asian Americans United(AAU) announces its first annual ban-quet and karaoke party to be held Priday, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, at the Hai Then Restaurant, 1603 Washington Ave. The event is a fund-raiser to

help the agency in its work to monitor government agencies and to organize the commu-nity to deal with economic, so-cial, and political rights in the Philadelphis area. Information: Deborah Wei, 215/925-1538.





Get Out Of The Old Get Into The Cold

Surviving and spying behind enemy lines noted in the Joe Harrington narrative, Yankee Samurai, Komori was working with Domei News Agency in Ma-nila, sharing a toast with Japañese news-mien when the constabulary smashed their way into the office. The Nisei were alammed iceta Bilbid Person

Richard Sakakida tells his story of wartime intrigue By HARRY K. HONDA

Senior Edito

MONTEREY, Calif. — As a bilingual Nisei who was recruited in Honolulu in March, 1941, and whipped out a month later to keep an eye on Japanese nation-als in Manila, intelligence agent Richard Sakakida literally relived a painful past as a POW in the Philippines that even his as POW in the Philippines that even his as a rOW in the Philippines that even his wife, Cherry, had not known. Still taking medication for his waritme pains, he stood for an hour-and a-half to tell that story before a TV camera and a spellbound crowd of some 700 at the MIS 50th anni-versary reunion dinner the Hyat Regency on Oct. 31.

on Oct. 31. Sakakida spent three years and four months in the Phillippines, beginning at the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, while posing as a civilian interpreting for the U.S. Army and Gen. Wainwright. In Octo-ber, 1945—unbeknownst to him the war was over—he came upon American GIs looking for stragglers from the northern Luzon inucles.

looking for stragglers from the northern Luzon jungles. As for being bitter about the war, Sakakida confessed that he was, "but such is war" and held no revenge upon his captars. In fact, after the war, he found employment for them in Japan and they turned out to be loyal, dedicated employ-ees. "War is hell," he added. "Being a POW is hell but that experience as applied to ees. "War is hell," he access. Deing it is hell, but that experience, as applied to life, was to live each day to the fullest." Sakakida and Komori

Not expecting a war to come, Sakakida and Arthur Komori (now a retired Hono-lulu attorney) enlisted nine months be-fore Pearl Harbor as sergeants in the Corps of Intelligence Police (later re-named as Counter Intelligence Corps-CIC) for undercover work in the Philip-

pines. A month later, they were sent to Manila, Sakakida being assigned to stay at the Nishikawa Hotel while Kompri checked in at Toyo Hotel. Sakakida got a part time job as hotel clerk for room and board.

The Philippines were still a U.S. pos-ssion with substantial military pres-

Noted a friend in the audience, "Can

you believe Sakakida was only 19 years old at the time?" Their cover was that they had jumped ship, were anti-American and want-ed to dodge the draft. Sakakida got a job with a

trading firm representing Sears Roe-buck, while Komori be-

Cultural Hall. In July when all Japanese assets were frozen, the Japanese nationals had finan-cial statements and claims to file. The Nishikawa Hotel manager, knowing Sakakida was bilingual, asked him to help other tenants with the paper work. Komori and Sakakida were both on the lookout for Japanese military leakers, seeking access to passports of Japanese businessmen and visitors while passing the information as prearranged to their Army contacts.

Army contacts Pearl Harber Day

On Dec. 8, Sakakida got arrested as a "collaborator" by the Filipino police with other Japanese at the Miramar Club. As



came an English teacher at the Japanese Cultural Hall.

each day to its fullest." -Richard Sakakida they were released just before Christmas from prison, bundled onto a ship with other ClCagents for Battan and retreated to Corregidor, where MacArthur estab-lished his headquatters. Sakakida was his personal interpreter. Both he and Vergent elementer that before

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his persona interpreter. Both he and Komori also prepared wartime leaflets, which were stuffed into pieces of pipe and hurled by a giant slingshot for Jepanege soldiers to surrender. It was half-rations for everyone at "the Rock," as Corregidor was called.

was called. After the Japanese invasion and with surrender imminent, Komori and Sakakida were -ordered to leave Corregidor, but Sakakida offered his space on a patched-up trainer that had crash landed on the Rock to another Nisei civilian linguist, Clarènce Yamlagata, Hawai ian-born attorney who practiced law in Manila and was a parttime adviser to the Japanese consulate until the American withdrawal. Sakabie consulate the termination of the

withdrawal. Sakakida survived the Japanese occu-pation as best he could. Author Harrington, in his Yankee Samurai, com-mented that "Sakakida put his life on the

line daily throughout the war, and not many have made a greater single contribution to the Pacific victory than any man, of any race [than he]."

Captured with Captured with Wainwright at Corre-gidor, Sakakida was kept by the Kempei-tai for five months at Bilibid prison, ques-tioned and tortured. Sakakida's throat chocked up at this point as he described how the captors tor-tured him with lighted cigarettes while dan-gling naked from a wooden beam and his

woosen beam and his toes barely touching the floor. Sakakida kept to his story — that he was a civilian, a draft-dodging merchant seaman. Bablad Encountries

Behind Enemy Lines -

Behind Enemy Lines . Beginning to believe he was a civilian, his captors released him to the Japanese 14th Army Headquarters staff to be an interpreter. He was sent to live in the civilian barracks, the former English Club in Manila. As an interpreter, it was the start of his counter-intelligence activities deep behind enemy lines. He often deep behind enemy lines. He often browsed around the office, picking up ship-ping schedules but he had no way of pass-ing it on until he made contact with Fili-ping guerrillas, who later assisted in his

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Where are you?-----

3,500 students from relocation camps to various colleges and univer- scholarship program.

We are looking, primarily, for alumni from the National Japanese- sities to consider the proposition outlined in Dr. Kobayashi's letter American Student Relocation Council's program which placed over printed below. We welcome all support for and inquiries about our

For the Board of Directors,

Lafayette Noda, Chairperson, Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc., 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480.

Dear Former Evacuce,

Like you, I will be receiving my redress payment along with 25,000 others starting this October. For many, this money will be welcomed to meet the financial needs that arise with aging. However, for others, this money can be spent as we wish. For these and with aging, involves, we own, and more than both the result to the point to be point to be point to be a comparing on a comparing the lock, colleges, museums, hospitals - the list can go on and on. As a retired biochemist, I am one of the fortunate ones and I would like to share with you my thoughts on what I have decided to do with my redress money.

Evacuation for me was Tanforan and Topaz. Through the efforts of the National Evacuation for me was Tantoran and Topaz. Through the ettors of the National Japanese-American Student Relocation Council (NSRC), I received a scholarship to attend college. They arranged everything —entry into college, a place to live, and, most important, my exit from camp. As it turns out, this group, the NSRC, expedied the departure of all college—bound students from all relocation camps whether on scholarship or not. Without the NSRC's quiet and unselfish effort, I believe the posi-WUTI blacement of the IA's anothed beffreent. Torkus in construct the mere and head WWII history of the JA's would be different. Today, in contrast to pre-war America, Nisei are represented in fields such as government, science, the arts, education, and the corporate world. In my eyes, this is a living testimonial to the contribution made to our society by the wartime NSRC program that helped us leave camp for a campus.

In 1980, a group of former NSRC beneficiaries formed the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. This dedicated group felt their current good fortune started with the NSRC's efforts back in the 40's. Now, it was their turn to help needy Asian-Americans get a college education the same way they were supported by the NSRC.

When the redress bill passed, this unexpected event created an opportunity for me to make a significant gesture towards all those who have helped me achieve some measure of success and to repay my debt to society. This redress money has given me the privilege to help unknown students go for their education just as I was helped by those unknown to me at the wartime NSRC. In so doing, I have great satisfaction in supporting a legacy born out of our traumatic wartime experience of evacuation which is a permanentinational educational foundation bearing the name, Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. What better legacy can any of us evacues leave than this? If you are of like mind, will you consider supporting this effort with a portion of your redress award'

P.S. If you wish, a named scholarship fund to honor a person of your choosing may be established with a gift of \$2,000 or more.

To: NISEI STUDENT RELOCATION COMMEMORATIVE FUND, INC

19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480

Donor Name(s)

Address

Enclosed is a check for \$ (tax deductible) payable to the NSRC Fund, Inc. A named scholarship fund may be established to honor a person of your choosing with a gift of \$2,000 or more. Fund name

Sincerely,

Yutaka Kobayashi

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• Arizoña chapter board mæts Dec 4, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Hall to view artifacts recovered by Su-san and Phillip Sone and photo-graphs of pools at the old Gila River WRA center ... Chapter has donated \$500 to ASIA (Ari-zona Students in Action) to un-derwrike its western conference in April 1992, tentatively set for raBU-Tempe ... Dpcoming in Peb-ruary are the Glendal (Ariz.) centennial parade Feb. 8, the Jaruary are the Glendale (Ariz.) centennial parade Feb. 8, the Ja-pan Matsuri Feb. 22-23 at Heri-

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nese American communities They take a new form, one ex-ample being the upcoming "Coun-try Voices: An Exhibition of Three try Voices: An Exhibition of Three Generations of Japanese Ameri-can Family Farms", scheduled from May to November, 1992 at the Fresho Metropolitan Museum. Museum exhibits can become the theater for creative expres-sion, it can become the San Joaquin

Valley's theater. "That's an oppertunity," said Takei. "And if you can combine it with a one-man or one-woman show, like the work of Lane Nishikawa or Judy Narita or Amy Hill's "Tokyo Bound"... a wonder-

Whill's Tokyo Bound'... a wonder-full idea." While Takei urged support for his fellow artists, his presence in the media and movies, provided inspiration for many. He was a hero for Sansei kids as they played "Sulu" on playgrounds and in bunkbed starships with brothers and sisters. Japanese American kids had someone to identify with. It was the "Sulu's who havi-gated dreams and play and gave Sansei a place on starship bridges along side of captains and first officers. The "Sulu" character con-tinues with each Star Trek film, and a next generation finds a hero

and a next generation finds a hero to identify with, an Asian face, a Japanese American on the screen. The theme of the banquet

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tage Square, Phoenix, and Japan Week celebration Feb. 22-March

5. * Florin's Oral History Project, to date, has conducted 30 interviews of persons who befriended the Nikkei before and during WWII and Nihongo-speaking pioneers, ascording to Marion Kanemoto, project chair. Collection will eventually be published. * Monterey Penineula's Oral History Projectcoordinator David Yamada aschnowledged \$3,500 challenge match grant from the Doud Family Foundation and the second seco

challenge match grant from the Doud Family Foundation and \$1,000 from Ruby C. Morgan, \$1.000 from See AGENDA/page 8

Reaching for Tomorrow, the Next Generations was appropriate not only due to Takei's presence but also because of the dynamics of the community in Central Califor-nia, according to Larry Ishimoto, quet organizer.

banquet organizer. The program was filled, with a blend of the past including recog-nition of Ben Nagatani of the Delano Chapter, whose long years of committed work and devoted energy were acknowledged by the JACL Silver Pin Award.

The present was noted in a mes sage concerning anti-Asian Ameri-can "hate crimes" delivered by National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa

Pointing to the future and a blend of Japanese and non-Japa-nese Americans, Glenn Hamamoto of the Freeno JACL Chapter presented a special acknowledgment to those who helped with the Shim Zen Run, a benefit event for the Shin Zen Garden in Fresno and the Central California Nikkei the Central California Nikkei Service Center. Recognized were Ken Takeuchi, Frank Delgado, Buddy and Jeanie Arakalian, along with Jackie Duncan of the Shin Zen Garden and Ken Yokota of the Central Calif. Nikkei Foundation who accepted checks.

Special recognition was given Ray Appleton, local "talk radio" host and friend of the Japanese American community. Appleton received the Frank Nishio Civil Rights Award, presented by Fresno JACL President HenryKubow. Also in attendance and partici-

Also in attendance and partici-pating were Congressman Calvin Dooley, Fresno County Board of Supervisor Chairman Deran Koligian, Fresno Citý Mayor Karen Humphrey ang Kings County Boart of Supervisor Chairman Joe Bezzera.

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Company, many other Asian Pa-cific Americans have experienced workplace discrimination. They know what its like to be kept out of certain lines of work; they know what its like to be the best worker but be passed over for promotions. Asian Americans want Wards

Asian 'Americans want Wards Cove restored ... they're tired of being passed over." Making a pointed reference to past racial segregation in the United States Rep. 'Norman Mineta said, "Exempting a spe-cific corporation from civil rights legislation tells the workers of that company that, 'Gee. We're sorry. But the United States Constitu-tion doesn't apply to you.' That kind of double standard went out

with Jim Crow." Leaders of the JACL and Orga-nization of Chinese Americans also expressed support for H.R. 3748 and anger at the Wards Cove ex-emption. Speaking for the JACL, National Director Dennis Hayashi. said, "We are profoundly outraged that Congress did not delete the Wards Cove exemption from the det This cove exemption from the that Congress did not delete the Wards Cove exemption from the Act. This 'exemption' allows the Wards Cove Packing Co. to be the gonly employer in the nation to Sand above the law and continue its discriminatory hiring and prootion practices

Supporting the Justice for Wards Cove Act, Hayashi said, "We don't think that Asian Pacific Americans should be the only ones left unprotected by the Civil Rights Act

Act." OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok said, "Congress and President Bush have a second chance to demonstrate to the Asian American community that we are an equal player in the political process. They have a chance to

restore the credibility of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 by passing H.R. 3748 and its Senate companion bill to be introduced by Senator Brock Adams (D-WA)."

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At a press conference held at the center on November 15, Norwalk Mayor Pro Tem Bob Arthur, members of the Norwalk City Council, Norwalk/La Mirada City Council, Norwalk/La Mirada School District Board of Educa-tion, Norwalk Sheriff's Depart-ment, and representatives from county, state and local govern-ment heard center concerns about the incident. The press conference was co-sponsored by the South-east Japanese Community Cen-ter, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, and centons and ACL

Center and regional JACL. Mayor Arthur said, "The city has no tolerance of those who destroy the property of others. Fur-ther, the racial slurs painted on the walls are an insult to every man, woman and child within our city

Although there are no suspects at the time, Captain Norm Smith of the Norwalk Sheriff's Departmith ment said that one finger print that was lifted from the crime scene is was lifted from the crime scene is being sent to the California Identification System in the hopes of finding a match within police records. The FBI Division of Hate Crime has yet to investigate the Norwalk incident although calls were placed by Kathryn Imahara of the Asian Pacific American Le-

gal Center. Other officials in attendance were Kathryn Imahara, who me-diated the event; Ruth Mizobe of the Selanoco chapter of JACL Paul Takayama, representative of State Senator Cecil Green; Angie State Senator Cecil Green; Angie Alvarez, representative of L.A. County Supervisor Dean Dana; Jill Medina, Asian Pacific Ameri-can Legal Center; and from the Norwalk Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Ron Wagner, investi-gator Jerry Kuramoto, and Deputy Gene Okata.

After the press conference, dur-ing the time the judo club usually practices, community center mem-

bers, family and members of the judo club and Japanese school got together and began cleaning up the vandalism. Kato said the next task for the center will be repaint-ing the walls and securing the building. Though he was unable to place a time schedule on when repainting will start, the rebuilding of the community center has begun.

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said, "I immediately flew here to Washington D.C. to explain to members of Congress what

to members of Congress what really happened to my fellow workers and me almost twenty years ago at Wards Cove Pack-ing Company." / According to the Washington / Fost, over the last two years Wards Cove paid \$175,000 to a Washington D.C. law time to lobby their cause. Reacting to this, Antonio said, T am well aware that Wards Cove Pack-ing Company has hired expening Company has hired expen-sive lobbyists and has been ac-tive lobbying on behalf of the company for months. I believe, however, that our story needs to be told and have received attention and support from my col-leagues in Washington state and the Asian Pacific American community nationwide.

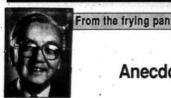
Antonio is a Samoan Ameri-can with a B.A. in political sci-ence from Portland State Unience from Portland State Uni-versity. Recalling the time he was working at Wards Cove, An-tonio said, At the time, most of us were college students who worked as cannery workers dur-ing the summers at a fishery in Ketchikan, Alaska. All of us were their emission contact and the state of ethnic minorities, primarily of Asian Pacific American and Alaska native descent."

Describing the conditions, An-nio said, While employed at tonio suid, "While employed at Wards Cove, we were subjected to various forms of racial preju-dice by the all white manage-ment of Wards Cove Packing Company. Most notably, we worked in racially segregated jobs, were housed in racially segregated bunkhouses, and were fed in racially segregated mess halls." mio said. mess halls.



6-PACIFIC CITIZEN, Friday, November 22, 1991

Opinions



Anecdotes by Nisei MIS veterans

BILL HOSOKAWA

The most interesting part of the re-cent Military Intelligence Service 50th anniversary reunion in San Fran-cisco was the anecdotes told by the veter-an. Five omitted some good stories since, sadly, the narmstors cannot be identified because mu notes are meased up, but because my notes are messed up, but here are some of the more notable yarns:

here are some of the more notable yarns: The first assignment for the the first graduates was in the Aleutians where the enemy had landed in the spring of 1942. On Kiska island some Japanese were believed to be isolated in a cave but no one could be sure. The U.S. unit com-mander said something like, "I want one volunteer who can speak Japanese to go in the cave and get them. out." "Sud-denly," recalle Sata Tanakatuubo," I real-ized I was the only guy who spoke the language." He persuaded 26 ment os sur-render. Nob Furning was twained for the sur-

Nob Furuiye was trained for desert warfare, then sent to the Aleutians. After that came a Pearl Harbor assignment. Only with an armed guard was he al-lowed to enter the base to pick up secret documents which he took outside to translate. He landed on Iwo Jima 15 minutes after the first wave and was pinned down

on the beach for three days. Both he and his bodyguard were injured in the same explosion; the bodyguard was awarded a Purple Heart medal for his wound soon afterward but Furuiye didn't get his until two years later when a general he knew heard about it.

Hank Gosho was among those who vol-Hank Gosho was among those who vol-unteered for a super-secret special mission which was to last no more than six months. Gosho figured if he survived he could re-turn to the language school as an instru-tor, expecting to be back in time for his first child's birth. The mission was to Burma behind Japanese lines and Gosho was gone for two and a half years.

Art Kaneko was sent to the Heart Mountain WRA camp to recruit students for the language school. He encountered so much hostility that he interviewed and tested prospective recruits after midnight in a room with blankets covering the windows.

Toom with Diankets covering ins withouts. Jerry Shibata, who also had recruit duty, was struck by the resemblance between military bases and the WRA camps. My most memorable impression, "he says, "is that what the people missed most was their freedom. There was mutual respect between Nisei in the Army and the people

BILL MARUTANI

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in the camps—respect for what each was going through."

going through." Harry Fukuhara, who had gone to school in Japan before the war, was recognized as former classmate by a prisoner in a POW camp in the Southwest Pacific. The pris-oner called Fukuhara aside and said "Please help me escape." What Fukuhara said, roughly translated was, "No, I can't do that."

Tom Sakamoto, who landed at Atsugi twohoursbefore Gen. Douglas MacArthur's party, by chance saw a Hawaii Nisei who had been a classmate in prewar Japan. had been a classmate in prever Japan. Sakamoto gave him everything he had in his pack before hurrying off with his unit. Sakamoto was within a few feet of MacArthur duing the surrender ceremo-nies on the battleship Missouri.

nies on the battleship Missouri. Sohei Yamate's assignment in Sugamo prison was to see that Gen. Hideki Tojo didn't commit suicide', Yamate was threat-ened with dire things if Tojo wasn't deliv-ered whole to his military trial. After being mistaken for a Japanese and holed or with surestice her some of his

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Letters

PC letter policy

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Still more controversy on Hironaka cartoon

Your reply supporting PC's Sept. 13th car-toon (showing two angry white men with a Remember Pearl Harbor!" bumper sticker on their car, and cursing two Yonsei children) was absurd

absurd! "Freedom of Speech" is an important and vitalright. But this is not the issue at hand. If something is hateful, if the only "thoughts" it provokes are resentment, bitterness, and an Us vs. Them "mentality, then it is up to you, as editor, to make a value judgment on what is and isn't printed. Apparently, quality isn't always a consideration. Promoting animosity between racial groups will only provoke further racism and intolerance. Don't you realize "Freedom of Speech" comes with responsibility when you are editor of a paper?

You clear that Hironaka's view is 'to show that Yonsei may be innocent victims of a per-uasive (pervasive) raciation ... A raren't ALL targets of racism 'innocent victims' A tren't all Jeganese Americans, and for that matter most people, aware of racism's persistence and un-laimess? Are we to feel more united or compas-sionate after seeing one group put down an-other?

Many of us are concerned that as the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor approaches and tunsions increase in U.S. Japan relations, that Japan-bashing will be at an all-time high and that in turn, Japanese Americans will be detri-mentally affected. Just last week the Japanese Community Center in Norwalk was the target of a hate crime.

Your paper should recognize its responsibil-ity to promote better understanding between people of all races.

Sandy Usul Los Angeles

Looking for help in search for an old friend

I would appreciate any help you could give me to locate a former classmate. I have never before had a name or address to which I could write to ask for assistance

I attended elementary school in Ocean View, California, and high school in Huntington Beach, California, until 1942, with a Japanese Ameri-can girl, Grace Furuta. When those of Japanese ancestry were sent to the detention campe, Grace and her family were sent to a place in Arizona. We corresponded for a while, but the frequency of letters dwindled and then stopped. I don't know who wrote last, or why we stopped writine. riting.

I would love being able to exchange corre-spondence with Grace again. If you can direct me to an address to write for information, or a means by which I could get my address to Grace and ask her to get in touch with me, I would surely appreciate the favor,

June Sebastian Bend, Oregon

Needs advice on appeal for redress

I am writing to solicit your advice on how to proceed with my late son's claim for redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. My son's identification number was lost in' the confusion following his death. My granddaughter (whois his executor) and I have written the Office of Redress Administration during the period since his death in June, 1989, but have not received any reply. Is there any means by which we can wrify whether or not his application for re-dress is being processed? Thank you very much for any assistance you might provide.

dward Mochige ante Barbara, Calif. Edu

EDITOR'S NOTE: ORA has a hotline umber to handle inquiraies: 800/395-4672.



T D HEARD the term ian-fu in refer-eroe to the Japanese military of World War II, meaning 'comfort women,' a eu-phemism for their role to meet the sexual demands of the Japanese Imperial troops. I understood these women were previ-ously with the troops in Manchuris dur-ing the mid and late 1930's. Supposedly their ranks consisted of 'patriotic' Japa-nese women who served to keep up the morale of the fighting men who were serving the Emperor. In my naivete, I often wondered what kind of woman would volunteer to serve in such a de-grading capacity. grading capacity.

Today, many decades later, some of the answers are coming out, and the facts are not very pleasant. ery ple

IN NEARBY OSAKA a local Korean IN NEARBY USAKA a local Rorean women's group is presenting a play, whose first performance is tomorrow, telling the story of these "comfort women." The group is known as the "Association to Discuss Korean 'Comfort Women' Problem" which is working with other groups both in Korea as well as Japan to expose this untold story. As Chung Mi Yugi, who plays a leading role in the portrayal, ex-pressed it: "This issue is unique because is has taken 46 years to surface—a symptom of the depth of the problem." Most former comfort women have been too ashamed to publicly relate their experiences, and thus the story remains untold.

ONLY RECENTLY, however, four Korean women broke their long silence to relate that tens of thousands of their comrelate that tens of thousands of their com-patriots were recruited as women volun-teer corps for the war effort during the period of Japanese occupation of Korea (1910-1945). Various grassroots groups claim that recently obtained documents claim that recently obtained documents would show the active involvement of the Japanese military in this "volunteer" op-eration—aclaim the Japanese government disclaims. The private groups contend that at least 80,000 Korean women, ranging in a finite the state of the state o at least 80,000 korean women, ranging in age from their teens to their 30%, were forced to work in these "comfort houses" in Japan or in war zones. Each woman was reportedly forced to have sex with dozens of soldiers daily, some reportedly as many as 50 soldiers in a day. Many of these women are soid to have committed enicide men are said to have committed suicide

JUST TODAY, on my way to Nara, we passed the town of Tenri where it is be-lieved a comfort house was maintained for high ranking officers. When the war sud-denly ended in August 1945, the women in various war zones are suid to have been abandoned by their keepers, left stranded never to see their families again. And so the story isbeing told in a play wherein two modern-day Korean sisters gaze in shock as a shaman summons the spirit of one of modern-day Korean sisters gaze in shock as a shaman summons the spirit of one of these Korean comfort women who commit-ted suicide in 1945. Hauntingly, the ghost relates how she and thousands of her com-patriots were forced into the comfort houses and forced daily to satisfy the sexual appe-tites of the Japanese soldiers at the front. Some of the women are depicted as having been killed to cover up this shameful epi-sode.

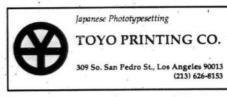
THE GROUP, joined by others, is circu-lating a petition containing certain de-mands and expects to present the petition to the Japanese Prime Minister.

I'm sorry-I won't be able to see the play as I'm on my way back to Tokyo. 🖾



Legacy fund

Tell Them You Saw It in the Pacific Citizen





Two Nisei women kick off second year of Legacy Fund

It's people like Fumi Kitahara Kiyan and Eunice Noda Sato who who will make JACL a major force and voice across the country and

Kiyan and Eunice Noda Sato who who will make JACL a major force and voice across the country and beyond. The second year of JACL Legacy Fund Campaign to raise \$10 mil-lion in three years gained an early momentum with the receipt of two benefactor (\$20,000 or more) con-tributions from these two loyal members during October. The first year of the campaign from October, 1990, to Septem-ber, 1991, provided a solid foun-dation of \$2 million. Mrs. Kiyan of West Covina, Calif., is an active member of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of PSWDC. She has been the chap-ter membership chairstroman and treasurer for many years. Her membership in JACL started with the White River Valley Chapter of PSWDC when she was about 18 year old. Even i crew un in Auburt

PNWDC when she was about 10 years old. Fumi grew up in Auburn, Wash, and was interned at Tule Lake until she relocated to Chi-cago in 1943. She eventually moved to Los Angeles to join her parents. She marriad Hide Kiyan in whose memory the donation is

made, along with her parents, Sanjiro and Yuki Kitahara. She has two children. Thad planned to contribute to the JACL Legacy Fund when I received my redress payment but had not decided on the amount. When the payment came, I de-cided Ireally don't need the money all to the Legacy Fund. Bhe added, Just last week the Norwalk Community Center-which serves the Japanese Ameri-can community was vandalized. Im concerned about such incidents and worried about such incidents

Imconcerned about such incidents and worried about what might happen in our communities on Dec. 7."

Appenint our communices on Dec. 2. Unice Sato has been a JACL member, of the Long Beach Chap-ter before it became defunct. She was born in Livingston. Executive Order 9066 led the Noda family to escape from California by driving day and night to reach Colorado. Eunice later was married to Tom Sato. They have three children. Daughter Charlotte works on Cali-fornia Attorney General Dan Lungren is staff in Sacramento. Eunice is in her own right well

known among the leadership of the Californis and national Re-publican party. She was the first Nisei Asian woman to become a mayor when she was elected to that post in Long Beach. In her letter to Cressey Nakagawa, JACL national presi-dent, which accompanied her contribution, she said. To be sure, Lean use the money for many good causes with which I am deeply involved, but I send the total amount to demonstrate beyond any doubt my belief from the very beginning that an endowment fund will assure an ongoing and neverending education of the pub-lic for the ultimate goal of ending all forms of discrimination. Mass and indiscriminate deprivation of

all forms of discrimination. Mass and indiscriminate deprivation of civil rights should never ever hap-pen again in our country." To Grayce Uyehara, chair of the Legacy Fund Campaign Commit-tee, Eunice said, "Im putting the money where my mouth is. The older Nisei will not be around to tell the story about evacuation and intermment and JACL must et that story together. No other get that story together. No other people should have to repeat the Japanese American ordeal."

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only the earnings to implement the organization's mission, its purpose and its biennial program or action. The principle of the fund will be untouched. Thus, JACL will not have to continually seek funds to initiate programs that are so es-ential to address the changing needs of our people and communi-ties.

ties. After January, 1992, chapters and districts will receive their first distribution of 20 percent from the earnings of the Legacy Fund. Inanswer to the question, "What is JACL doing after redress?," the answer is that the mission to se-cure the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and their general welfare continues. JACL has moved on to other equally important programs. It

equally important programs. It has made an ongoing commit-ment to monitor the Office of Re-dress Administration until all dress Administration until all paymentsare secured and the law is carried out fully. Throughout the year, the two organizations have satabilished a positive work-ing relationship. JACL President Cressey Nakagawa has made regular trips to Washington, D.C., to meet with Bob Bratt, ORA ad-ministrator.

Ministrator. On another front, JACL's pro-gram of continuing education fo-cuese on a major effort to include the Japanese American experi-ence into textbooks in accial stud-ies and history. This program is moving abead with a national com-mittee that is planning a concerted research and lobbying action to push for this inclusion.

This fall, JACL has distributed an informative, well documented, and useful handbook, Walk With Pride, outlining steps to address anti-Asian violence. This program is one that should bring Asian American coalition to work to-gether to fight the increasing vio-lence and vandalism in communi-ties across the country.

The most immediate concern of JACL today is the imminent 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. In addition to meet-ing with White House officials, JACL has prepared an informa-tion packet along with a booklet prepared by the Asian American Journalists Assn. to diffuse the heightened emotions of people who may use the commemoration to arouse hatred between peoples and nations. These packets are being used by chapters to deal with local programs on the event.

JACL's track record

Programs such as the Legacy. Fund help JACL realize some ofits lofticate goals. In its more than 60-year history, it has effectively fought the battle against racism and injustice. Just a couple of the important achievements of the organiza-tion are: tion are:

• The establishment of an early Washington, D.C. pres-ence in 1931. Ever persistent in its goals, JACL was success-ful-in the repeal of the Japa-ness Exclusion Act and the Alien Land Laws, passage of the Walter-McCarran Act to secure naturalization privi-leges for resident aliens of

While many goals have been achieved and projects are under-way, JACL still has more work to do and that means that programs

must be funded. The Legacy Fund benefits JACL members and all Japanese Ameri-cans. Keep the momentum going.

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Biz notes

• BABY BOOM— Pleasant Company of Middleton, Wis, is marketing 'Our New Baby,' a book featuring an Asian baby. 'De book for toddlers and preschoolers that is helps parents prespore their child for the arrival of a new baby.

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taking skills that children will learn to use when a new baby joints the family. The company also introduced a 15-inch Asian baby doll as part of its infant and toddler products marketed through its direct mail

• U.S. INVESTMENT-Ma-rda Motor Corp., headquaratered in Hiroahima, Japan, is expand-ing the use of U.S. built compo-nents in the new series of passen-ger cars it will manufacture in its Japanese planta. Some 24 differ-ent componentis for its 626 model and derivative models built in Japan would be purchased from Japan would b

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Carmel The Nisei VFW Post 1629 volunteers continued to maintain the JACL Hall; the chap-

ter authorized the Gakuen school

ter authorized the Gakuen school board to convert a back room into a classroom, with the chapter un-derwriting all costs The joint installation dinner with Salinas

Valley is set for Jan. 10 at the F Ord NCO Club.

The component purcha The component purchases are valued at approximately \$20 mil-lion per year. The company's total U.S. component imports into Ja-pan for fiscal 1992 are projected to be about \$191 million. about \$191 million.
LIGHTING IT UP-Asahi

■ LIGHTING IT UP — Asahi Breweries, Ltd. created a four-sided neon sign atop the well known 1930s art deco building at \$225 Wilshire in Los Angeles. The company is currently em-barking on a new campaign to establish a presence in the Ameri-can beer market. The current of fort introduces Asahis newest brew, Asahi Draft Beer Z. ♥ CAPTLI IDEA—Rep. Rob-ert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) introduced targeted earlied pains levilation

targeted capital gains legislation Nov. 7 to help small and start-up business gain necessary funding for capital investment.

for capital investment. Commenting on the Enterprise Capital Formation Act of 1991 Matsui said, "My legislation iden-tifies new and start-up businesses as the engine that can drive our economy, and promotes the entre-

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days - Feb. 17-19. Confirmed speakers, according to Scott Higashi, program chair, include Shig Wakamatsu, Dr. Peter Irons, Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, William Cherry Kinoshita. Internment artifacts, pictures and clipping for display will returned, assured the exhibit committier. Consteat H. Dal

exhibit committee. Contact H. Del Tanabe (206) 922-5524.

Tanabe (206) 922-5524. • Reno installation dinner Jan. 25 will have regional director Joy Morimoto as guest speaker. Lo-cale will be announced. • San Mateo intends its instal-

• Sain Mateo intends its instai-lation Jan. 11 at Fountain Garden in Foster City to be a "low-key' affair. Chapter president Steve Okamoto has been renominated ... Over 250 "happy feet" (or 125 people) frolicked at Foster City Recreation Center Sept. 28 for

preneurial spirit that has made

 NOW OPEN-ETRO Milano •NOW OPEN-ETROMilano has opened a 4,000-square foot boutique in Beverly Hills, Calif. A venture of Sun Motoyama in as-sociation with ETRO S.P.A., the store features leather goods, luxury accessories, home furnish-ings and men s and women s ready-

ings and men sand women sready-to-wear. Sun Motoyama deals in im-ported goods from around the world. Based in Tokyo, it's run by Choichiro Motoyama, chairman. • SAFE BET-In spite of fi-nancial and securities exandals, Japan is still the safest country for investment because of the steady growth of its gross na-tional product, according to *Europonery* magazine. The publication rated Japan highest for the second straight year over 130 nations. Criteria: political fisk, access to international financial markets.

international financial markets economic performance.

"Yesterday's Classic," jointly at-tended by JACL, JYO and OCA members. Highlight was the lip-sync contest won by the JYO trio of Cherrie Shimamoto, Elie Shimosaka and Sharon Kato 'sing-ing' My Boy Friends Back by the

ing my boy Prenais back by the Angels. • Sonoma County alerted its members to potential racial ex-ploitation in connection with the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, emphasizing "Silence is not golden," and called attention to National's package containing sev-eral guidelines to minimize any negative innect and to sarper

erai guidelines to minimize any negative impact and to garner support from local public officials and civic groups for positive aware-ness Chapter president Carol Kawase noted the publicity and

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Education • STEP IN THE RIGHT DI-RECTION-The California State University, Dominguez Hills, School of Education has been awarded a \$975,987 grant to in-crease the number of minority

ers. teachers. The grant, awarded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, will be used to implement the first-year goals of the Consortium for Mi-norities in Teaching Careers, which is made up of 10 institu-tions of higher learning with a proven commitment to serving sciencify turbents minority student nts

. BIG BOOST FOR LAN-BIG BOOST FOR LAN-GUAGE— The Japan Foun-dation's staff expansion program has awarded UC, Irvine's faculty in Japanese language and literature a \$123,000 grant. Additionally, the foundation's library support program has d nated books of classical Japane

literature worth more than \$20,000 to UCI Library's East Asian Collection.

The grant will provide three years' partial funding for the posi-tion of Edward Fowler, a newly appointed associate professor of Japanese literature. At the Japanese literature. At the completion of the Japan Founda-tion grant, UCI will fund the en-tire cost of his position.

• CLASS OF THE CLASS-UCLA's fall freehman class re-flectsoutstanding academic prepa-ration and increased diversity, ac-cording to recent figures published by the university

The high school grade point average of 3.92 for the entering class The high school agraduation and a school and

cent in 1990, and 50.5 percent or all UCLA undergraduates this fall, up from 53.1 last year. For the second consecutive year, Asian American students are the largest ethnic group in the enter-ing freehman class at 36.9 per-cent on fore the 35.7 parcent of cent, up from the 35.7 percent of 1990.

POW

(Continued from page 4) plan to liberate 500 guerrillas from the nearby Muntinglupa (Monte

the nearby Muntingiupa (monte Lupo) prison. By October, 1943, everything was arranged. Sakakida's plan called for a small group of guerril-las disguised as Japanese officers with Sakakida himselfleading the with Sakakida himselfleading the charge to overcome the prison guards and release the inmates — inside two hours. (He spent five minutes relating how it came about.) It was the biggest prison break with nearly 500 guerrillas, including its leader Major Ernesto Tupas, being liberated that night. Sakakida was back, unsuspected, in the civilian barracks for morn-ing roll call.

By December, 1944, with eavier U.S. air attacks over Maheavier U.S. air attacks over a nila, the Japanese commander the Philippines, General Yan shita, the legendary conqueror ler of the Philippines, General Yama-ahita, the legendary conqueror of Singapore, moved his headquar-ters to Baguio and then further into the Lucon mountains to Bontoc. As the Japahese retreated, the time had come for him to make a break (flood rations were getting acaree) and hide in the mountains. In early June, 1945, he escaped

into the mountain jungles, and joined up with a small band of guerrillas. During heavy shelling by Japanees, the guerrillas made good their escape, but Sakakida was injured and was to spend the next four months wandering with d, sub stomach wound, subsisting on ss and wild fruit, and enduring his stomact work, and enduring grass and wild fruit, and enduring the tropical summer rain and in-sects. He stayed with Igorot, na-tives for about a month where he removed a shrapnel from his abdo-men with his own razor as the stench was becoming overbearing. He was also suffering from ma-laria, dysentery, beriberi and body lice. his stome sisting on

lara, dysentery, beriberi and body lice. Reasoning that by following the Asing river downstream he would reach the sea, and noting there were no more American planes overhead, he proceeded carefully, eating river, crabs, and when he finally spotted a Hakujin sentry (of the 37th Infantry) wearing what he thought was a German uniform because the shape of the helmetwas unlike the saucer-type of those used in Bataan and Corregidor. The Nisei had to re-pentedly holler, "Doi't shoot!" The sentry didn't, but he also didn't believe Sakakida's tale. Sakakida had been listed as kakida had been listed as

missing in action since March, 1545. He not only looked scraggly, long haired, and bearded, but his skin was covered with sores. He had lost 50 pounds and, ofcourse, he didn't know the war was over. It yass October, 1945. Two hours later, after he had identified him-self as an intelligence agent, two Counter Intelligence Agent, two Counter Intelligence Agent, two Counter Intelligence Agent, two Manila. Manila

Manila. He was home for Christmas, 1945, in Honolulu. Later he went back to Manila to locate and iden-tify Japanese for the war crimes tribunal. Backin Honoluluin 1947, he was commissioned and assigned to a poet in Japan. He retired as a lisutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force in 1975, living in the San Francisco Bey area. His appear-ance at the MIS 50th Anniversary reunion was his first public ad-dress of his experiences, which is being considered as an autobiog-raphy. raphy. [Following his speech, th

Irolowing his speech, the press table received a copy of a chapter on Sakakida from America's Se-cret Army: The Untold Story of the Counter Intelligence Corps., Lon-don: Grafton Books, 1989. The more painful memories were not found in the chapter.]

Personally speaking

BruceKaji, of Kaji&Associates, was named the "Asian Business Owner of the Year" at the recent Asian Business Association's (ABA) annual awards banquet held in Los Angeles Kaji, former President and CEO of Merit Sav-President and CEO of Merit Sav-ings and Loan, was honored for overcoming personal obstacles such as being sent to an internovercoming personal obstacles such as being sent to an intern-ment camp, and for his commit-ment to business through his ca-reers in teaching, accounting, poli-tics, banking, and real estate de-velopment. Kaji is also involved with Boy Scouts, the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Frogram, and the Japanese American National Museum.

In Los Angeles, Kentaro Matsumoto, professor of English linguistics at Meisei University in Tokyo, donated 31,000 in memory of Saburo Kido, one-time pub-lisher of Little Tokyo's third Japa-nese vernacular daily, Shin Nichibei, to the 'JACL' Legacy Fund' through John Saito, past PSW regional director. Matsu-ofo one director. Matsu-Fund" through John Saito, past PSW regional director. Matau-moto, one-time worker at the news-paper, said, Mr. Kido knew I was short of funds when I was return-ing to Japan and he presented me with a generous monetary gift. I had always wanted to repay him but with his passing away (in 1977), that was not possible. His remaining family suggested the JACL Lagacy Fund. I hope this money will help the work of the organization to which Mr. Kido was companised. Matsumoto was accompanied by Tetsuo Sato, then Japanese editor from the Rafu Japanese editor from the Rafu Japanese editor from the Rafu JackLand mational JACL in 1929. JACL and national JACL in 1929 interned in Poston, was national interned in Poston, was national JACL's three-term president dur-ing WWII, and shepherded the Pacific Citizen since its first issue in 1929 through the 1970s.

Ann Kashiwa, history instruc-tor of the Mukilteo (Wash.) school district at Mariner High, is a mem-ber of the national committee that helped edit a revised, recently published history text on ColumTaking command

Rear Adm. Melvin H. Chiogioji, CEC, USNR, d'Sil. ver Spring, Md., relieved Rear Adm. Paul C. Rosser, CEC, USNR, as commander of the 16,000-member Reserve Na-val Construction Force in Washington, D.C. Chiogioji will be in charge of selected reservista nationwide. Torio to assuming his present command, he servid as assis-tant chief stafffor angineer-ing, commander-in-chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, and sarifer as commander. Reserve Division, Naval Facilities En-gineering Command.

Division, Naval Facilities En-gineering Command. He was commissioned an en-sign, U.S. Navy, in 1961 after graduation from Purdue Uni-versity with a bachelor of sci-ence degree in electrical engi-

He and his wife Eleanor re-side in Washington, D.C.

bus. She tells her students of the conflicting accounts of the Columbus story, discusses the Euro-centric view, why it became domi-nant and how history is made by those who write it.

Recently honored with the 1991 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Awards by Visual Communica-tions at Japan America Theater were Stephen Gong, general managerof Berkeley's Pacific Film Archive, and the New York couple Bill and Yuri Kochiyama, com-munity activists for the past three decades, who recalled the young Tatsukawa, for whom the award is named, often visited and stayed with them. The award, established in 1985, commemorate the work of the media advocate, commu-Recently honored with the 1991 in 1985, commemorates the work of the media advocata, commu-nity activist and filmmaker who died in 1984 at age 35. Steven Okazaki's Acidemy Award-win-ner for short documentary, Days afWaiting, was screened, followed by Okazaki's recalling how the Estelle Ishigostory was produced.

KNBC producer Frank Kwan and film-star Tamlyn Tomita co-

emceed. Tami Akemi Tsukashima, 15, of Simi Valley (Calif.) High School was crowned the 1991 grand na-tional queen of the Miss American Starlet Pageant in Palm Springs in August. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ron Tsukashima.

A volunteer sparkplug in the A volunteer sparkplug in the qaily nutrition program for se-midia at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center in San Mateo, Calif, for nearly 20 years, Tsuya 'Momma' Ikari, 88, was hondred for exceptional service by the county's Family Service Ammer

The name of Los Angeles Supe-rior Court Judge Lance A. Ito continues to break into the business-finance media because he is heating the case of Charles H. Keatings Jr., the former owner of Lincoln Savings. Ito was a Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka National

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10,000 check was re-cently presented to the Little Tokyo Branch of the Los Angeles' Public Li-brary by Yukio Mirn-kami, the new general manager of the Yasuda Trust & Banking Co. Ltd. This is the third install-ment of \$10,000 of a pledge overall gift of \$50,000 made in 1989. The money will buy books in English and Japanese, particularly those deal-ing with Japanese heri-tage. In honor of the do-or, the Yasuda Trust Japanese Heritage Col-lection has been estab-lished.
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lished. Receiving the pifts were city librarian Elizabeth Martinez Smith, branch librarian Susan Thomp-son and Marian Kadomatsu, presi-dent of Frienda of the Little Tokyo nt of Friends o anch Library.

COOD CAUSE_The Asian/ actific Coordinating Council of feet Los Angeles is offering the Coordination of the Council of unan service programs that are ording solutions to ongoing reds in the Asian and Pacific head in the Asian and Pacific

elander community. The all-volunteer group has issufied five areas of critical need the community: family counsel-the community family counsel-on and youth leadership, job gravrices, health care, educa-on and youth leadership, job mining shademployment services, nd social adjustment/immigrain the c

services. he council is a community vol-eer group of the United Way's at Los Angeles office and is



Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Japan Busi-ness Association (JBA) President Takashi Kiuchi open JBA's recent 30th anniversary fund-raiser. Proceeds from the \$500,000 raised through ticket sales to JBA member-companies will establish a program to offer Japanese lessons on radio to the Southern Califonia community.

nprised of local residents rep-senting education, business, wernment, mental health, and

povernment, menus uservices. Focus of the programs will be aimed at West Los Angeles and South Bay communities. Deadline for non-profit groups to request funding is Dec. 16. In-formation: Daniel Tabor, 213/

RESEARCH—The Asian merican Health Forum was re-ntly awarded a \$450,000 coop-naity agreement from the Na-onal Center for Health Statis-ca/Centers for Disease Control advance the understanding of a health of Asians and Pacific landers.

he one-year cooperative agree-t is the result of the Asian/

Pacific Islander Health Improvement Act of 1990, sponsored by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.).

Two areas of research will be analysis of health will be analysis of health studies where specific Asian and Pacific Is-landerethnic groupscan be examined, and pilot studies of sampling methodologies in the conduct of community-based health studies. The Area American

The Asian American Health Forum, based in Health Forum, based in San Francisco, is a na-tional, non-profit, policy, advocacy, and research organization dedicatéd to improving the health of Asians and Pacific Is-landers in the United

Information: 415/

Information: 415/ 541-0866. • GOOD TIMES—Keiro Ser-vices held its annual "Yuppis-Yaki 91" benefit picinic at the Los Ange-les Police Academy recently. All proceeds go the retirement home and its more than 600 senior resi-

The event included music by thigh Resolution, and special per-formances by the Zendeko Taiko Group, hule dencing by students of Kananikalama, and Japanese Journyukino Kai. The event was organised by Vi-tions for Keiro, a volunteer orga-mination of Sansei and Yonsei members committed to honoring and acknowledging the social, cul-tural, and economic support they have received from generations of lassi and Nisel.

IACI scholarship winner The King County (Wash.) supe

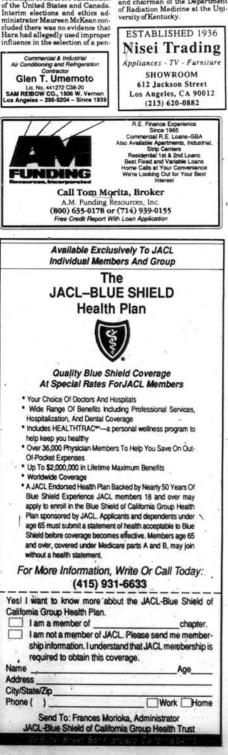
The King County (wasn.) supe-rior court sentenced a Seattle ac-countant, William J. Yoshida, 36, who stole nearly \$500,000 from the books of his Redmond-based firm, to four years in prison. He pleaded guilty to 10 courts of first-degree theft. He has repaid about degree theft. He has repaid about \$100,000.He was earlier diagnosed as having a psychiatric problem that led to his staaling compul-sively. He was originally charged with 23 counts of the same crime.

Seattle city treasurer Lloyd Hars was elected president of the Municipal Treasurers' Association of the United States and Canada. Interim elections and ethics ad-ministrator Maureen McKean con-

sion-fund manager who also served as chairman of the finance committee for Hare's re-election and the case was dropped

Rookie football star Brad Yamaoka, on the University of British Columbia backfield, ran British Columbia backneid, ran for 201 yards and one TD in the comeback 32-30 win over Manitoba in the Canada West Universities Athletic Association game Sept. 29.

Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson is being treated for lymphoma, a form of cancer, which lymphoma, a form of cancer, which his doctors described as curable. One of his doctors was **Dr. Yosh Maruyama**, clinical radiologist, and chairman of the Department



Obituaries

Kishi, Joe H, 74, Tarzana, Oct. 17; Los Ange;les-born, survived byson Kenneth, daughter Carole Yoshida, two grandchildren, brothers. Frank, Tadashi, sisters Shizuko Uyeda, Kazumi Tatsumi.

Kazumi Tataômi. Kobayashi, Thomas K, M.D., 77, Denver, Oct. 8; family doctor and phy-sician, survived by wife Haruko (Terasaki), sona T Kenji MD, John Masao Esq. daughter Joyce S Kobayashi-Hinds MD, 4 grandchil-

dren. Koga, Yukiko, 77, Los Angeles, Oct. 17; Sacramento-born, survived by brother Patrick Taketa (Tustin), sister Kimi Imamura (Richmond), brother-in-law Harry Shinozaki (El

Montel. Kuriyama, Bob Iwao, 64, Gardena, Oct. 18: Colorado-born, aur-vived by wife Nina, sons Bobby. Cilford, Terry, daughter Standars, step-daughter Carol Randall, stepson Ro-nald Russell (Wah.), Ggrandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, brethers Hoover, Michael, sisters Catherine Shishido, Inez Tanaka, Lillian Rozadilla.

Ministry Sago, 83, Los Angeles, Miyamoto, Sago, 83, Los Angeles, ct. 9; Orting, Wash-botn, survived y wife Mary K, daughters Delores ioto (Mercer Island), Kathleen Sato, by wife Mary K. daughters Delores Goto (Mercer Island), Kathleen Sato, Tgrandchildren, sister-in-law Shiruko Yonehara (Jpa), brothers-in-law Ben, Frank (both Onitario, Ore.), Susumu Tsukamaki (Seattle). Mort, Usako, 88, Gardena, July 3; Hireshima-born, survived by sons Hachiro, Kenjiro (Erie, Pa.), daugh-tors Misso-Renge (Frisno), Midori Sunada (Denver), Chiasto Horti, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

Nagata, Gilbert, 78, Honolulu, July 30; Hilo-born career MIS vet-Nagaia; Gilbert, 78, Honolulu, July 30; Hilo-born career MIS wet-eran, served in the CBI Theater where he lost partial sight in one eye, retired in 1976 as eivilian interpreter, laid to rest Aug. 6 at Punchbow in the last valiable veterants place for new cof-fin burniss at the National Memorial Cometery of the Pacific, survived by wife Kimie, son Glenn and other fam-ity members.

Nakai, Chikako, 94, Manitou Springs, Colo., Aug. 1; Wakayama-born, operated curio shop here with

late husband Bunno; survived by son Akirs (Dallas), Mitsuru (Lakeswool) daughters Shiruko Atherton, Miyoko Morita (Eston), 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Nakasmaru, Mitsuru, 11 Rancho Regi, Katsun, daughter, 11 Rancho Kenji, Katsun, daughter, 11 Rancho Jasow Muranaka (Honobola), 11 Nakamoto, Matsurya, 67, Lo An-gelen, Oct. 11; Prenb-born, survival suns Muraneka (Honobola), 11 Nakamoto, Matsurya, 67, Lo An-gelen, Oct. 11; Prenb-born, surviva daughter, 6 brothers Harry, Ken, Java Hanobo, Katsurya, 67, Lo An-gelen, Oct. 11; Prenb-born, surviva survivan, Bitane 61, Lo Ange-les, Sept. 37; Okayama-born, surviva Umeta, sons Toshio (Lindsay), Unsta, sons Toshio (Lindsay), Sarahohldren, 4 great-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

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law Iner Nakata, 19 grandchildren, Sgreat-grandchildren, Sgreat-great-grandchildren, A brothers, 5 sisters. Nariasatsu, Daisy 7,44,7 Terrance, Oct. 2:Honolub-born Sansel, survived by hubband Ralph, som Iasani, Hisso, brother Charles K. Kokayahi, eister Mabei Kaya, Drothers-in-law Masaruy, Matsumi Narimatur, sister-in-law Jane Kobayashi (all Hawaii).

Noida, Kimiya, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 24 (funeral); Sacramento-horn, survived by sons Takeshi, Carl, Gene, deughter Tayeko Inadomi, 7 grand-children, brother Kiyoshi Ouchida, sisters Yasue Tzujimura, Masaye Nagafuchi (Jpn).

Noguchi, Naka, 96, Hayward, Aug. 1; Yokohama-born, survived by her sons Steve, Henry, daughter Alice N Kanagaki (Concord), 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchildren.

1 great-grandchildren. Ochi, Kiyomi, 98, Long Beach, Oct. 8; Hiroshims-born, survived by daugh-tern Mabel Iguchi, Blanche Okada, Mary Morikawa, Aalice Miyamo8u, 6 31; Los Angeles-born, sorvived by sons Kenji, Yasuto, brother Toshio Yabu moto (Jon), sisters Helen Komatsu, Haruko Minohata (Jon). Ogawa, Fred H. 67, San Pran-cisco, Sept. 18; survived by brothers Frank, Dick, Masazo Ojan), Kiyoshi (Jpn), sister Mary Kyone.

Tanaka Mitmo 79 Sacramento Tanaka, Mitsuo, 79, Sacramento, Aug. 30; survived by wife Ai, son Junichi, daughten Kimoyo Miyao, Kiyo Nakano, grandchildren, great grand-children, bruthers Tadao, Jim, Bob, sister Toshie Hötalez. Tanaka, Fuuruko, 78, Morgan Hill, July 26; Watsonville-börn, sur-vived by husband Takoo, sons Kenny, Mamoru Ichisaka, I grandchild, broth-ers Sawae Ichisaka (Jpn), Roy Ichisaka, sister Yacko Yamaguchi.

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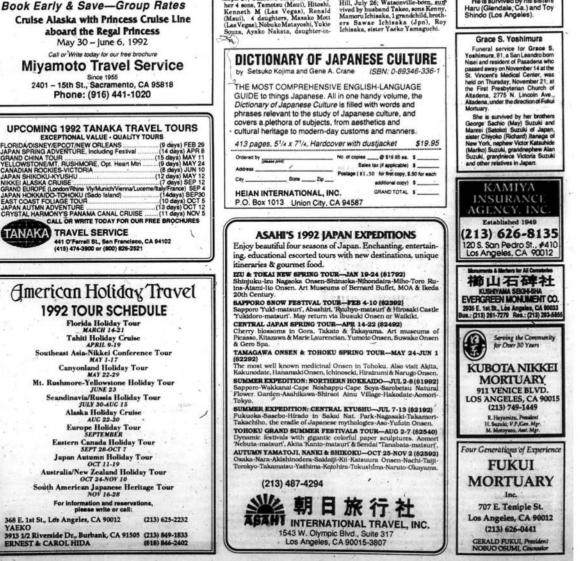
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