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## Justice Department objects to appeal in Loo case conviction

RICHMOND, VA.—The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals recently heard oral argument on the appeal by Lloyd Ray Piche on his conviction for participating in the 1989 murder of Jim Loo. Piche also appealed the District Court judge's order to pay \$28,000 in restitution to the Loo family. The Justice Department has filed a cross appeal objecting to the sentence.

Piche, under Federal Sentencing Guidelines, should have been sentenced from 6 to 7 1/2 years for the crime, but District Court Judge James Fox downgraded the sentence to four years.

The oral argument focused primarily on the assertion by Lloyd Piche's attorney that Judge Fox's instructions to the jury and refusal to permit the introduction of certain evidence concerning unrelated past conduct of certain witnesses constituted grounds for a reversal of Piche's conviction. The three judge appellate panel also questioned whether Judge Fox had made sufficient findings on Piche's ability to pay before ordering him to make restitution to the Loo family.

Karen Narasaki, JAFL Washington D.C. representative, and Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, attended the hearing on behalf of their organizations and the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence.

"We applaud the Justice Department's decision to appeal the short sentence," said Narasaki.

"Given the fact that Lloyd Piche was found guilty on all eight counts, we believe that Judge Fox erred in sentencing Piche to less than the minimum required by the Federal Guidelines," Kwok said.

## ORA payments planned with some uncertainty

By CHERRY KINOSHITA  
National JAFL redress chair

In October of this year 12,500 eligible individuals whose birthdates fall in 1934 or earlier will be receiving redress payments from the \$250 million in entitlement funds originally authorized for fiscal year 1993 under H.R. 442 (Public Law 100-383), according to Paul Suddes, acting administrator of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA).

If the Civil Liberties Amendments of 1992, H.R. 4551, introduced in the House by Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, and S. 2553, introduced in the Senate by Sen. Daniel Inouye, do not gain passage Congress and approval by the president before October, those born after 1934, roughly estimated to number as many as 14,000 eligible individuals, may not receive redress compensation in fiscal year 1993.

However, pending resolution of the shortage in appropriations, "our goal is to have all the eligible cases resolved by this October in readiness for payment," according to Suddes.

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## California civil rights bill heads for floor vote

SACRAMENTO—A comprehensive civil rights bill introduced by California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) was recently approved by the Ways and Means Committee and is headed for a floor vote.

If approved, AB3825 would prohibit employers from requiring employees to speak English in the workplace and outlaw discrimination against the disabled. The committee approved the bill by a 12 to 8 margin.

## Koreans pull together after L.A. riots

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

**'Out of ashes, solidarity'**  
This *Korea Times* (May 11) headline, in wake of the L.A. Riot, enunciates a bold, new chapter in the 90-year Korean American story. What appeared to be a widely scattered and independent array of communities has been galvanized overnight, maybe in a couple of nights, into one electrified people. Here is a sampling:

Editor K. W. Lee, in a front-page signed editorial, vows "Never Again," and leads with the fighting words of Steve Lee, 24, whose beauty supply store lost \$150,000 to the looters: "We'll survive. That's been pretty much the backbone of Korean people. Whether it's in South Central or wherever, Koreans will survive."

And continuing: "These new Americans from Korea will endure—like weeds sprouting from cracks in the scorching asphalt highway. Not since the end of World War II, a minority's minority—voiceless and powerless—has been singled out for destruction by a politically powerful, economically frustrated minority."

"To Korean newcomers, it is a sobering reminder that they have replaced their Jewish counterparts as a scapegoat for all the ills, imagined or real, of the impoverished, crime-ravaged black districts."

"As Los Angeles burned, these urban warriors stood alone."

"Police weren't there in the crucial hours of the riot."

"Neither did the National Guard arrive in time."

"Political leaders—including President Bush—were out of touch with the turmoil. They came and acted too late."

**In retrospect:** The mainstream media's (print and electronic) ignorance and sensationalism in black-Korean coverage... contributed to the polarization of the two misunderstood groups rather than healing and calming tensions and had a life-threatening impact on many fearful Koreans. A college student's letter appearing in the *Los Angeles Times* at the height of the media hysteria is quoted: "I feel for my father's safety and well-being because of the way the media have perpetuated the problem existing in South Central L.A. My father is a Korean American merchant... and as his sons, I fear for his life every day."

"Long before the Lataasha Harlins tragedy, dozens of small storekeepers were

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UNITY—Jerry Yu, executive director of the Korean American Coalition, signals for Korean togetherness at rally during recent L.A. riots.

## Highlights of Korea Times coverage

(Excerpts from the May 11 Korea Times English Section)

(1) President Bush met with Korean American victims and community leaders on Thursday, May 7, at Radio Korea (KBLA), an event covered by C-SPAN. He promised to be "as responsive as I can" and Small Business Administration director Patricia Saiki urged the people to go to disaster centers and fill out the forms, indicating a loan can be obtained "in about three weeks."

In Suk Yoo, owner of a burned-out beauty supplies store in south central

L.A., expressed his discontent with talk of loans: "We don't want an SBA loan. We want to be compensated for everything (financial and emotional suffering)."

Outside the studio at 2001 W. Olympic Blvd., some 500 protesters, mostly Korean American, were yelling: "We need compensation! No more Gates."

Edward T. Chang, assistant professor in ethnic and women's studies at Cal Poly Pomona who met with the President, said: "I think he felt it. I don't think it was just a political gesture." — By Kay Hwangbo.

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## Asian American leaders meet for relief effort

LOS ANGELES—Continuing the relief effort, over 70 Asian American leaders met May 7 at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) to discuss sharing information within the Korean American and other Asian American communities.

It was reported at the meeting that over 1,800 Korean American businesses were damaged or destroyed in the recent rioting in Los Angeles. In addition APALC reported that over 600 other Japanese, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipino, and Thai businesses suffered damages or were burnt

down in the greater Los Angeles area including Long Beach.

Here is a partial list of organizations coordinating efforts within the Japanese American community. For a complete listing of services and relief efforts, contact APALC, 1010 S. Flower St., Suite P2, Los Angeles, CA 90015-1428, 213/748-2022.

● JACL—Information collecting and referral services: Jimmy Tokeshi or Carol Saito, 213/626-4471.

● Japanese Americans for Los

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WILLIAMS

## Newsmaker

### Black actor speaks at museum opening

Among the celebrities at the May 15 public opening of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, Gregory Alan Williams, the Good Samaritan who helped save the life of Takao Hirata of Gardena the first day (April 29) of the L.A. Riot, was a special guest addressing 250 people, including Maryknoll School students and Para Los

Ninos children. Speaking of the museum, Williams, an African American actor, said, "We can perceive the Japanese American experience, discover an American experience, and commemorate their successful contributions." And while sitting around the old Japanese wooden tub, which is in the Legacy

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### Utah

#### Salt Lake City

Saturday, October 10—Davis High School Alumni and Friends Reunion. Little America Hotel & Towers, 500 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Cost: \$30 per person. Information: George Hirabayashi, 3042 S. 1000 W. Syracuse, UT 84075, 801/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

### California

#### San Jose

Tuesday, June 9—Yu Ai-Kai hosts a day trip to the Orchard Ranch in Livermore. Group leaves Yu Ai-Kai, 565 N 5th St., at 9 a.m. Cost: \$22, \$19 for Yu Ai-Kai senior members. Information: 408/294-2505.

#### San Francisco area

Sunday, June 7—Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, at the home of Masa Sato, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268, or Yuni Monwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

### Sacramento area

Friday, May 22, to Sunday, May 24—Tule Lake Reunion IV, Red Lion Resort and Hotel, Sacramento (picnic to be held at Elk Grove Park, South Sacramento)

Saturday, May 25—Sacramento Reunion III will be held at the Red Lion Hotel following the Tule Lake Reunion Cost: \$20 including a buffet luncheon, program and entertainment. Reservations and information: Sacramento Reunion—Toko Fuji, c/o Union Bank, 700 L St. Sacramento 95814, or call: Toko Fuji 916/421-2112 evens or 916/441-7900 days.

### Stockton

Sunday, May 24—Annual Stockton Chapter, JACL, community picnic, 10 a.m., Mickle Grove Park, Lodi, Calif. Games, prizes, drawing. Admission: \$3 per car; seniors 60 years and over are free.

### Santa Barbara

Friday, May 29—B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddhaheads plays the Ketch, Santa Street, Santa Barbara, 10 p.m. Featured in the PC, see these up and coming Japanese American rock artists. Tickets and information: 805/564-3231.

### Convention calls

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# Mineta calls for federal aid to L.A., Chicago

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Norman Mineta, chair of the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, recently came out in strong support of emergency federal aid to Los Angeles and Chicago, both recently hit with major disasters, in a debate in the House of Representatives.

The House approved \$800 million in emergency loans and grants for Los Angeles and Chicago by a vote of 244 to 162.

"America's cities need our help now. If the damaged areas of Chicago and Los Angeles are not rebuilt, the people of Chicago and Los Angeles cannot rebuild their lives or their businesses. But our responsibilities as Americans do not start and end at these city limits," said Mineta.

"The legacy of Los Angeles in May 1992 is a warning. America can no longer turn its back on our

## Mineta gets transportation award

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Representative Norman Y. Mineta, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, has been named 1992 Transportation Person of the Year by the California Transportation Foundation.

Mineta authored the 1991 federal highway/transit law that will bring more than \$15 billion in federal money to Cali-

fornia during the next six years—including more than \$600 million for the Bay Area to fund specific road, bridge, and transit projects requested by a consensus of local citizens and government officials.

Mineta was scheduled to receive the award May 14 during the 1992 California Transportation and Public Works Conference in Oakland, Calif. (P)

cities and the Americans who live in our cities. The flooding of downtown Chicago underscores that point further," said Mineta.

Mineta further warned that decades of neglect and underinvestment in urban areas has led to the current situation. "I would ask my colleagues to listen to

America and rebuild our cities before we're forced to meet here under similar circumstances—with the only differences being the dates of the catastrophes and the names of the victims." Mineta law enables release of money for light rail system

In other news, Mineta also said

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(2) **Watts grocer** Chung Lee's 15-year track record of tirelessly giving back to his community, who was a model merchant who employed local blacks, sponsored teams in the Little League, contributed to local politicians and who went to his customers' funerals, saw his Watts Market looted the first day (April 29) by the mob, the property vandalized and set on fire.

When he returned May 1 to survey the havoc, he learned a group of 30 local residents of all ages

attempted to protect his store.

"Customers told me outsiders from the neighborhood caused the problem. They told me they tried to tell the mob (not to burn the store) ... But there were too many people to fight them off," Lee said.

He intends to rebuild, though his son, Jin Ho Lee, 27, hopes not, fearing for his life and for the fact that the market had been set on fire two years ago and his business was picketed for several days last year when they erroneously believed that Soon Ja Du, the woman who fatally shot Latasha Harlins, was his sister-in-law.

Two other members of his family also lost their businesses: his sister-in-law's Sunrise Liquor at Central Ave. and 109th, and his son's Delhi Market at 131st and Wilmington in Compton.

—By Sophia Kyung Kim

(3) **As community organizations** banded to deal with the crisis with relief efforts, political demonstrations and media appearances, the Koreatown Emergency Response Task Force, organized May 2, addressed a community rally.

"We need to let the mainstream media know that we did not get our fair share of police and Na-

tion Guard deployment," task force member and community leader Tong Soo Chung declared. "I believe a lot of people in City Hall anticipated that Koreatown was going to be hit, but they took no protective measures for us. It was almost like they abandoned Koreatown."

The Korean American Coalition (KAC) started the Korean American Relief Fund for corporations donating through a non-profit charitable agency.

Atlantic Richfield Oil and Gas Co. was one of the first and pledged \$50,000, according to John Lim, president of the Korean American Bar Association.

## RELIEF

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**Angeles Recovery Fund**—Set up to help devastated communities: Kats Kunitzugu, 213/628-2725.

• **National Coalition for Repairs/Reparations (NCRP)/Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC)**—Translation and data collection on damages: Bill Watanabe or Evelyn Yoshimura, 213/680-3729.

## Free legal help

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) will be offering free legal help for victims of the riots. With volunteer attorneys from the Japanese American Bar Association, Korean American Bar Association, Philippine American Bar Association, and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association, APALC will be offering free legal advice at the following locations:

• **Crenshaw area**—A joint project with the Langston Bar Association and the Black Women's Lawyer Association, the free legal clinic will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church 2040 W. Jefferson Blvd., every Saturday from 12 to 4. Japanese speaking translators will be available.

• **Chinatown**—Chinatown Service Center, 600 N. Broadway every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chinese speaking translators available.

• **Long Beach**—Cambodian Business Association, 2338 E. Anaheim St., #201, Long Beach on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cambodian speaking translators available.

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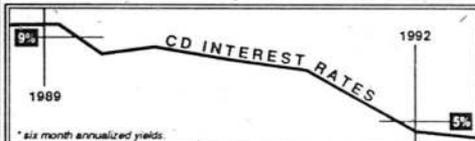
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## Group to discuss Japan-bashing

**SAN FRANCISCO**—A broad coalition of Japanese American organizations and agencies have joined together to co-sponsor a June 2 community forum to address the impact and implications of Japan-bashing on the Japanese American community.

"Among other things, this forum will provide an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into and understanding of the role we play, and can play as Americans of Japanese ancestry in U.S.-Japan relations," said Paul Osaki, executive director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. "What happens between the two countries has had and continues to have a very real impact upon our community."

"It is important that the Japanese American community understand what has been happening in this country over the past few months," stated Les Hata, president of the San Francisco Chapter, JACL. "History has shown us that when tensions arise between

## JACL workbook on Japan-bashing

**SAN FRANCISCO**—As an aid to chapters, JACL national headquarters has developed an educational workbook entitled "The Impact of Japan Bashing and the 'Buy America' Movement on Japanese Americans."

The 50-page workbook includes:

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- A listing of anti-Asian incidents and comments.
- An executive summary of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report "Civil Rights Is-

sues Facing Asian Americans in the 1990s."

The workbooks were mailed recently to each chapter president and are available from headquarters (limit two per chapter).

"National media has continued to focus on the issue of Japan bashing and the subsequent rise of anti-Asian violence," said Joy Morimoto, JACL public information officer. "The JACL has been very visible on this subject, and so it is important that our chapters understand our organizational position on these issues."

the U.S. and Japan, our and other Asian American communities bear the brunt of the fallout."

"In addition to making the Japanese American community aware of the issues, I think it will be equally important for us to help educate the Japanese national community here about the anti-Asian violence," added Osaki. "There is a role that Japanese corporations can play in local communities and neighborhoods."

KRON-TV news reporter Vic Lee will moderate the panel discussion. The panelists are: Prof. Ronald Takaki, UC Berkeley Asian American Studies; Rev. Laverne Sasaki of the San Francisco Buddhist Church; and Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., in San Francisco's Japantown. It is open to the public. Information: JCCNCN, 415/567-5505, or Les Hata at 510/653-7012.

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Suddes cautioned that those born in camp or born in the mid-'40s who think they may be eligible should not wait to submit their papers or they may jeopardize being included in the final count.

The supplemental funding of \$320 million requested by the current legislation, which was not classified by the administration as entitlement funds, and the seriousness of the situation regarding discretionary appropriations will require that intensive lobbying activities by the JA community must be mobilized once again. The outlook is not regarded as positive by many who have been involved in the redress process.

At the ORA redress workshop held last month in Seattle, about 70 individuals whose ages ranged from the late 40s to the early 60s, willingly took the sample letters and information to lobby the House Judiciary committee, believing that such action was in their best interest. JACL urges those who have already received their redress payments to remain active and pitch in and respond to the Action Alerts issued by Washington, D.C. representative Karen Narasaki. The Nikkei legislators need and deserve an even greater level of support than in previous legislation for this very tough job.

If 62,500 redress recipients are to stand by and see 14,000 others be denied their just compensation and apology, it requires a united effort to make sure that the "American Promise" does not become a broken promise for some.

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JAPAN CHAPTER

## Japan Chapter looks at stereotyping

By Ken Nakagawa

In March, I conducted an informal survey/discussion with the other members of the Japan Chapter board of directors. Most of the 14 members participated. The survey focused on the members own experiences living in Japan and what perceptions and images they felt Japanese have of Americans, what the causes of these images are, and what could be done to correct the false ones.

One question I put to the members was, as a foreigner living in Japan, had they ever encountered any discrimination, or heard any stereotypes or misconceptions about Americans.

Since the majority of the members are Japanese American, there were such responses as: "Many Japanese thought that being Nikkei meant that one of my parents was Caucasian American." Another comment was, "People expected me to be tall, white, blue-eyed and blond."

One member said, "When all of us Japanese Americans went to a coffee shop, at first the Japanese who were there didn't pay any attention to us. But as soon as we started to chat in English, they looked at us very curiously and became very interested in us."

On the negative side, I'm sure

there are many foreigners living in Japan who have encountered the same bothersome experience — housing discrimination. "As a 'gaijin' it was difficult to find an apartment as there is a definite stereotype of 'gaijins.' Even being a 'Nikkei' did not help." In a more subtle form of prejudice, one member commented that, "A lot of times when I read something in English on the train, people move away or don't sit next to me."

Most members blame the mass media. A member said that these perceptions came from movies, TV news, magazines, and the commercial dramas.

However, another member reflected that there are deeper reasons for the perceptions that Japanese have of Americans and foreigners. These (images) come from human nature. People tend to generalize or stereotype because it's easier to understand a few things rather than a lot of little things."

When it came to addressing such stereotypes or images, I found that there were two basic responses: education and one-to-one interaction.

"Children need to be made sensitive to and aware of stereotypes through example of harm," said one member. Another said, "I

strongly believe in education. We must be responsible for ourselves and our own futures."

One member commented: "The grass roots approach is the best way. Stereotypes are rooted in generalizations; conclusions are made collectively... One-to-one individual contact results in different impressions. Personal and individualized contacts have the greatest ability to touch and affect perceptions."

Another member put it this way: "I think meeting as many people as possible and interacting with them on a social and professional level would be the best way to deal with discrimination and stereotypes."

As Americans living in Japan, we can only provide our Japanese friends and acquaintances with more information about ourselves and have them question stereotypes. It is my hope that the Japanese who are now living abroad are doing the same, breaking down stereotypes and building trust.

*Ken Nakagawa, born and raised in Berkeley, Calif., is editor-in-chief of the Japan Chapter newsletter. He is an international sales manager for a Japanese computer company.*

## Abstract artist 'Mike' Kanemitsu dies

By THOMAS K. NAGANO  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

LOS ANGELES—Matsumi Kanemitsu, 69, internationally known artist, died in his Los Angeles studio May 11, following a lengthy illness.

Mike, as he was called by friends, who included the likes of Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse, was born in Ogden, Utah, but had been traditionally educated in Japan. In June of 1941 he volunteered for the U.S. Army. The story of his confinement and detention as a Kibei is one of the many interesting stories coming out of that period.

At age 20, he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., where he had his first one-man art show.

After fighting in one of the last of the World War II battles in Europe, Kanemitsu decided to



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stay on the continent and tour. Later, he met such artists as Matisse and Picasso. Kanemitsu was part of what is now known as the abstract expressionist New York School of art. His colleagues were Kuniyoshi, Pollock, Johns, Kline, de Kooning and Castelli. His work is represented in such diverse places as the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Hiroshima Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum, the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian of Washington, D.C., and museums

in Italy, Paris and Moscow.

His success allowed him to become a respected collector. His collection is considered priceless. "He had a good eye, always buying the work of other artists," said Nancy Uyemura, a close friend and artist.

Kanemitsu taught at Chou-nard, U.C. Berkeley, the California Institute of the Arts, Otis Parsons Art Institute, and Cal State University, Los Angeles.

As a partner in Gallery IV, he spanned Japan and America with established and little-known artists from both shores. He was an international citizen in that sense.

A memorial program will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 28, at the Japan America Theater.

The artist leaves two daughters, Shizumi and Zoe, and a son, Paul. ☐

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

About the nine Nakada brothers

You may remember that the lead-off editorial last Dec. 7 in the prestigious *New York Times*, titled "The Hidden Heroes," was about Japanese Americans who had fought and died for their country in the war touched off by Pearl Harbor.

The editorial mentioned genuine heroes like Sgt. Ben Kuroki, the aerial gunner, and Sgt. Frank Hachiya who was mortally wounded while returning from an intelligence mission behind enemy lines in the Philippines. It mentioned the valorous record of the 442nd Combat Team and the 6,000 Nisei linguists in the Pacific Theater.

It also mentioned the interned family of Ginzo Nakada who had nine sons in the various services.

One of those sons, Yoshinao Nakada, now retired in Los Angeles, read the editorial with great interest. Because of the detail it contained he figured the writer had done considerable research. And one bit of misinformation led him to believe much of the research had been conducted in the book "Nisei."

"Nisei" said the Nakada family had been

evacuated from Long Beach, which is near the coast due south of Los Angeles. The *New York Times* also said Long Beach. Actually, the Nakadas had been growing strawberries and vegetables in Azusa, northeast of Los Angeles, when Evacuation was ordered. At the time the book was published in 1969 Yoshinao had thought of calling the mistake to the author's attention, but he didn't get around to it. When he saw Long Beach in the *Times* editorial he figured it was time for a correction. So, one day recently, he tracked me down by telephone to tell me about it.

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Well, we had a nice conversation and Yoshinao's preoccupation with accuracy became understandable when he told me he is a retired aerospace engineer. At the time I wrote "Nisei" I wondered what had happened to the nine Nakada brothers, but never had an opportunity to inquire. Yoshinao gave me the details.

The eldest of the clan is Yoshio, who was in military intelligence. He became a plant physiologist and is now retired in Davis,

California.

Yoshinao was second. He was with the Office of Strategic Services and now lives in Los Angeles.

Third was Saburo, military intelligence, a chemist retired in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Fourth, Paul, military intelligence, scientist with the Goddard Space Center, retired in Ashton, Maryland.

Fifth, Henry, wounded veteran of the 442, biochemist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, now retired in Homer, Alaska.

Sixth, George, severely wounded veteran of the 442, aerospace engineer at Lockheed before he died about five years ago.

Seventh, James, military intelligence, scientist with the Food and Drug Administration; retired at Incline Village, Nevada.

Eighth, John, military intelligence, retired forestry science engineer now living in Bend, Oregon.

Ninth, Stephen, military intelligence,

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murdered, hundreds of others were robbed and terrorized by gang members and criminals. Shoplifting and racial threats and harassment are part of the daily life of almost every Korean American merchant in the inner cities.

On a more serious, hard-hitting plane: "Racism has come to wear a different garb called Nativism with an anti-foreigner, anti-immigrant undercurrent. Ironically, it is a growing number of African American opinion leaders—politicians, preachers and activists—who voice this new form of racism in symbiotic alliance with the guilt-ridden, white media."

In conclusion, the *Korea Times* calls for: (1) The prompt investigation in the alleged civil rights violations involving Korean American merchants in the riot and elsewhere.

(2) Mobilization of the best available resources (lawyers, physicians, engineers, scientists and professors) to help rebuild the thousands of riot victims.

(3) A national network for emergency relief to help build the shattered lives of these survivors.

(4) Dispatch a delegation to Seoul to obtain necessary aid for the victimized.

(5) Formation of a national Korean American anti-defamation league to help combat bigotry, hatred and ignorance in the mainstream media.

(6) Convene a national meeting of dedicated community leaders and activists to discuss short- and long-range strategies in dealing with governments, African Americans, Hispanics and other Asian groups.

Tabulating the turmoil: "Radio Korea" reported that out of the estimated 3,100 Korean-owned businesses, 1,867 were burned or looted with damage estimated at \$3.47 million during the four days following the verdict in the Rodney King case.

Grocery stores were the hardest hit (273 stores reporting losses of \$66.8 million). Most of these were in south central Los Angeles.

Liquors stores (187 establishments losing almost \$42 million) were another high priority target. Koreans own 30% of all independent liquor stores in the Southland.

Swap meet outlets (336 hit for nearly \$55 million) were armed with private security beefed-up after the regular guards ran away.

Its clothing industry (222 stores and 4 factories lost an estimated \$34.5 million) is comprised of a garment industry association, a 350-member Korean Garment Wholesalers Association, which deals with swap meet outlets, and the independent clothing stores.

Dry cleaning establishments (82) reported \$21.3 million in damages and losses. Some were insured, some were not, to compensate customers for lost clothing.

Electronic stores (60) were hit with damages estimated at \$16 million.

Gas stations (39 reporting \$4.8 million in damages and loss) had tires, batteries, tools and grocery items hauled away by looters.

While it seems building contractors might benefit from the eventual rebuilding process, some Korean American contractors noted the prospects will be tempered by slower growth within Koreatown. David Lee, president of the Korean Real Estate Brokers Association, estimates it would take from two to three years for the buying power of the Korean community to recover.

Despite the devastation, Lee speculated that most Korean merchants will return to South Central because they cannot compete with larger stores outside the area.

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Center, the learning center for children, "you can see our similarities while we celebrate our differences." As Rodney King asked, "Can we get along?" Williams answered, "We can through this museum."

Williams' heroism and compassion for another human being in need symbolizes the goals of the JANM program in creating greater understanding, regardless of racial or cultural differences, a museum spokesman added.

Participating in the ribbon cutting were 101-year-old Little Tokyo elder statesman Katsumu Mukaedo, JANM board of trustees chair Henry Y. Ota, JANM director Irene Hirano, Calif. State Sen. Art Torres, L.A. City Councilwoman Rita Walters and acting Japanese consul general Gunkatsu Kano. ☐

— HARRY HONDA

Voices

Reorganization: Centralization of control and authority

By Denny T. Yasuhara  
National Board member, 1983-89  
Governors' Caucus Chair, 1984-88

I would like to make some observations regarding the reorganization proposal that was submitted to the National Board in March. Having been on the National Board for 6 years (1983-89) and the Governors' Caucus Chair for 5 of those years gives me some rudimentary knowledge of how JACL functions.

To begin with, it is of considerable concern to me, when a reorganization proposal having such drastic changes would be submitted to the National Board for approval just a day or two prior to their meeting in March, acted upon at that same meeting, and then less than 6 months later, seek its approval at the National Convention during the National Convention in August. The attempt to pass such important legislation in that time frame is hardly enough time to give the rest of the National Board members a chance for thoughtful consideration and deliberation, to say nothing about the time and opportunity afforded the chapters and districts to study a proposal that could profoundly affect their future welfare and the way JACL will conduct its business. The issue is not whether the district or chapter can or would come up with significant changes or the time it would re-

quire, but rather that it is fundamental that the chapters and districts be given the time and opportunity to study a proposal and make recommendations regarding such critical issues as their representative on the National Board. It typifies the kind of activity at the national level that causes so much disenchantment with National JACL at the grassroots level.

Here are my comments on several changes that were proposed: **Election of the National Board**

The election of a district's representative to the National Board by the National Council is absurd. What right do the delegates of one district have to vote on the representation of another district? There would be little or no accountability of a representative of a smaller district, because the bulk of the votes electing him or her would have come from districts other than their own. That's not representative government.

The election of the governors is not a difficult problem that requires wholesale changes in representation.

**Number of National Board Members**

I can think of no good reason to enlarge the National Board by 3 members (1 VP and 2 at-large members). Does it require 3 more members to significantly enhance the task of focusing on policy matters, setting priorities, policy-making or visionary planning? ... and it will cost more.

**Addition of 2 At-Large National Board Members**

The addition of two at large members who may not be members is inappropriate. Voting privileges are fundamental rights of membership. The fact that a non-member could possibly provide the pivotal vote on some important JACL issue is ridiculous.

**Composition of the National Board**

Replacing the district governors who already have established lines of authority and responsibility, including links to each chapter, with someone elected by the National Council who may have little or no responsibilities within the existing district council structure makes no sense. Furthermore, it complicates the lines of authority and responsibility within the district unnecessarily and adds another bureaucratic layer in the organizational structure. Moreover, the district governor, if he or she is effective at all, knows the pulse of the district and their constituencies.

**Terms and Lengths of Terms of National Board Members**

Limiting the terms of national officers is

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# 'Encino Man' is not an excellent adventure

By FRANCES H. OKUNO  
PC staff

First, there was Bill and Ted, then Wayne and Garth. Now there's Dave and Stoney of "Encino Man," a couple of high school outcasts who stumble upon a caveman in Dave's backyard.

In their quest for popularity, Dave (played by Sean Astin) sees this as an opportunity to leave his mark at Encino High and to get the girl of his ever-prolonged dreams.

Stoney, played by MTV personality Pauley Shore, just wants to become friends with the Cro-Magnon man.

## Movie review

When the caveman is thawed from his ice cube tomb, Dave and Stoney find they have much more on their hands than what they expected. They adopt the caveman, giving him a pro-evolutionary name, "Link," and try to teach him what "normal" high school life is like. While this sets up some funny scenes, don't expect much from this movie.

One of its few moments is when Link gets his first bath and discovers that females haven't changed for 30 million years.

But that's where the laughs end for the most part. The characters go through a pseudo-altruism when they realize popularity is only skin-deep, and that it's more important that Link is happy in his new environment.

This seriousness mixed with the few funny scenes doesn't add up to a movie worth paying \$7.50 for.

Arguably, "Encino Man" wasn't created to raise the consciousness or knowledge of prehistoric man, but this plot around a Cro-Magnon man is trite and too packaged.

Spend your money on "Wayne's World," or rent "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure." **C-**

## YASUHARA

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appropriate, but not limiting the terms of district representatives to the National Board. The privilege of limiting their terms ought to rest with the district councils they represent. PNW has a two-term limit for its governor and that's fine, but another district may not wish to limit the terms of their officers and that ought to remain their privilege.

A two-year term for a national officer is too short. Too often excellent national officers decline to run for a second term, after he or she has learned the "ropes" and "how to play the game." That experience is lost at a time when that individual would be the most productive. Having only 3 national board meetings annually except for convention years, necessarily retards learning how to get things done at the national board level. Furthermore all terms for national officers ought to be the same. Having 9 national officers serve 2-year terms, and the other half 4, does little to improve continuity... the board representation could conceivably change by a half in two years and will completely change in four.

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nors only to a district role seems incomprehensible. He or she is usually the most in tune with what's going on in the district.

More importantly, he or she is directly accountable to the chapters and districts.

**Pacific Citizen**  
Too much control and authority vested in the National Director and the National Board is not only dangerous to objective news reporting, but could lead to willful news management by the National Director and the National Board. What is to prevent the National Director or National Board from suppressing or altering news that casts them in bad a light or is very critical of them? It is not beyond the realm of possibility that accurate news reporting could be altered or suppressed. The existing structure, while creating some difficulties and unhappiness, is still far better than the recommended modifications.

**Summary**  
The reorganization proposal is a disguised effort to reduce input and influence of the membership, chapters, and districts at the national level by denying appropriate representation. The proposal further erodes their role by enlarging the national board for no good reason other than to dilute the voting power of its existing

members, by the inclusion, of all things, the addition of voting members who may be non-JACLers. Conversely, by reducing the influence and input of the chapters and district, it centralizes the control and authority in JACL. This is further illustrated in their recommendations relative to the Pacific Citizen. Such centralization of control and authority in a national volunteer membership organization is a recipe for disaster, particularly as accountability is correspondingly reduced relative to the chapters and districts, which it is.

## HOSOKAWA

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Hughes aerospace engineer living in Anaheim, California.

There were also two girls, Grace Nakada Okamoto in Santa Barbara and Hannah Nakada Yamamoto, now deceased. The parents of this remarkable brood, Ginzo and Kagi Nakada, returned to Azusa after the war, helped their neighbors restore their fields, raised strawberries, melons and vegetables and died in 1963.

The Nakadas don't get their names in the Nikkei press very often. They've been too busy serving their country in other ways. Three of them, Yoshinao, Paul and Henry, are listed in Casell's "American Men of Science," the who's who of scientists, and all the others have gained eminence in their fields.

Ginzo and his wife Kagi, who was wheelchair-bound for much of her later life from the effects of multiple sclerosis, had 11 very good reasons to be proud of the contribution they made to their adopted country. **C**

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