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### Koreans, black gangs resolve to rebuild together

LOS ANGELES Korean American storeowners and African American gang membersannounced May 25 plans to work together to develop ventures in African American communities, including hiring gang members at Korean-owned stores.

Members of the Korean American Gro-cers Association (KAGRO) met with gang leaders from both the Bloods and the Crips in a 2 1/2-hour closed door session. Ideas for new ventures to rebuild South Central and other communities included:

- Selection of at least four gang mem-bers—two Bloods and two Crips-to work in managerial positions in Korean owned business
- Gang members would consider starting "Guardian Angel" style watches to guard neighborhood stores in Koreatown and South Central.
- A Korean-owned bank in South Los Angeles where it would be easier for residents to obtain loans.
- A joint agreement to foster cultural exchanges between Korean Americans and African Americans. This would in-clude the marketing of T-shirts that would

promote greater understanding.

Speaking to the Los Angeles Times,
Yang Kim, president of KAGRO, said, "I
have hope in this idea."

### Mistrial called in police shooting of Samoans

COMPTON, Calif.-A mistrial was called May 18 in the trial of Compton,

called May 18 in the trial of Compton, Calif., police officer Alfred Skiles, accused of involuntary manslaughter in the killing of two Samoan brothers during a domestic dispute call.

Superior Court Judge John Reid called the mistrial after the jury dead-locked 9-3 in favor of acquittal of Skiles. Skiles is accused of killing Pouvi Tualaulelei, 34, and Itali Tualaulelei, 22. after answering a call from Pouvi 22, after answering a call from Pouvi

Z2, after answering a call from Paralaulelei's wife reporting that she was being beaten by her husband. In the ensuing violence, Pouvi Tualaulelei was shot 11 times, including eight times in the back, and Itali Tualaulelei was shot eight times in the back.

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The police officer testified that he had been attacked just prior to the shootings.

### Nagoya helps L.A. to rebuild

Nagoya, Japan, sister city to Los Angeles, has donated \$22,313.13 (three million yen) to help rebuild Los Angeles fr

destruction of the recent riots.

Mayor Tom Bradley met with
Nagoya officials May 8 to accept Nagoya officials May 8 to accept the contribution that will be earmarked for the Rebuild L.A. non-profit organization headed by Peter Ueberroth and created by the mayor. The check was accompanied by a letter from Takeyoshi Nishio, Nagoya mayor. "During times of crisis, it is reassuring to hear from old friends, "Bradleysaid. "Nagoya and Los Angeles have been sister cities since 1959. We have offered support to each other during

been sister cities since 1959. We have offered support to each other during trying times. I was deeply touched that the people of Nagoya would give us this generous gift of three million yen . . . "the mayor added.

The city has received some 6,000 inquiries and offers for assistance.

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TOGETHERNESS—Jesse Jackson joins hands with Jerry Yu, left, and Debby Gee. POSING—Jackson pauses for photo with Debby Gee.



# sermon for unity

## School kids get lesson in cultures

By GWEN MURANAKA

LOS ANGELES Teaching rather than scolding, Warren Furutani, board president of the Los Angeles Unified School District, recently brought nori and manju to a sixth grade class that sent anti-Japanese picturés to Supervisor



Gloria Molina during the height of the Metro

Green Line controversy.

In a follow to a story that ran in PC in February, students of 66th Street Elementary School in South Central Los Angeles, found themselves in the middle of controversy after they sent pictures and letters urging Supervi-

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How riots affected Los Angeles schools

Talking briefly about the L.A. riots and their affect on L.A. riots and their affect on the schools, Furutani said, "On the first day back, Monday, we stopped doing business as usual, focusing instead on discussing what took place."
"We have crisis teams and human reletions teams and

human relations teams working on finding sources of fric-tion in the schools. We're also working with outside groups focusing on multicultural work," said Furutani.

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Jesse Jackson preaches togetherness message to Asian American groups

By GWEN MURANAKA

Assistant editor
LOS ANGELES—"Run, Jesse run. Run,
Jesse run," exhorted a crowd of 600 after a
rousing speech by Rev. Jesse Jackson May 19
at Little Tokyo's Japan America Theater. Sounding like a presidential candidate, Jack-son called for empowerment of minorities through unity in the aftermath of the L.A. riots as he lashed out at the police, big busi-

ness and the politics of the Reagan/Bush era.
Focusing on and channeling the anger and dread that surfaced following the Rodney King verdict, Jackson said, "Koreans were hurt and should not have been. Hispanics ere hurt and should not have been. Blacks

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# Sign up

Deadline for advance registration for the 32nd JACL biennial convention. Aug. 3-8, Denver, Colo., is June 25.

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All registration and convention ma-terials have been mailed to chapter presidents. After-June 25, convention attendees must register on site. Other deadlines:

• June 25: Youth/

student delegate hotel reservation forms are due to the Mile-

Hi Chapter.

• July 2: Adult delegate horts due to the Sheraton Denver Tech Center. PC



Class of the field

Athletes were honored at the 14th annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month dinner May 20 in Los Atmetes were nonored at the 14th annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month offiner May 2 in Los Angeles. Singled out for achievements were, from left, Scott Fuji, tae kwando; Bill Wong, keynote speaker; Khoa Nguyen, table tennis; Wei Wang, table tennis; Rick Noji, track and field (high jump); Diana Gee, table tennis; Jimmy Kim, tae kwando; Kristi Yamaguchi, Olympic gold medal winner in figure skating; Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley; Natasha Kuchicki, figure skating; Eric Sato, volleyball; Gary Sato, accepting for Liane Sato, volleyball; and Glenn Fujimoto, special Olympics, aquatics. Event proceeds will be donated to the Los Angeles Hate Violence Response Alliance group that responds to hate crimes.



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# He's back

Story and photo: GWEN MURANAKA

LOS ANGELES--"Godzilla Invades Little Tokyo" may sound like a B-movie, but it's actually the latest exhibit at the Doizaki Gallery showing through June 17 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) in Little Tokyo.

It's an exhibition of toy ro-

ots, weirdmonsters and campy superheroes from Japan. Godzilla is joined by toy repre-sentations of Astroboy, Ultraman and the Transformers in a fun collection of Japa-nese pop culture. "It's amazing how much popu-

lar culture from Japan has influ-enced kids in America, " said, America, " said, Maria Kwong of the JACCC gallery department.

She says bring-ing together an exhibit of plastic lizards and aliens was a tough job. "There were no writ-ten descriptions of char-acters," said Kwong who had to go to comic book conventions to find out much of the information. Contributors to the exhibit include: Billy Shire of the Wacko Toy Collection, Mark Tsuji of Bandai Toys, and the Northern California based Kimono

My House. Some pieces in the exhibit may be purchased.
Playing alongside the exhibits are videos of some of the old Japanese television shows and movies and the walls are painted with large murals of the Jananese superheroes.

the Japanese superheroes.

Which are the most popular characters among museum goers? Kwong said that chil-dren are more familiar with the dren are more familiar with the Transformers, while adults identify with the 50s superhero Astroboy, the robot boy created by Osamu Tezuka. But Godzilla is a favorite among everyone. "He's really held up to the test of time," said Kwong.

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### Washington Seattle

Friday-Sunday, July 24-26—Pre-war Green Lake Japanese Americans are planning "Homecoming '92" with Dr. Roland S. Kumasaka as reunion chairman. Registration: Shiz Nakawatase, 1304427th Ave. NE, Seattle WA. 98125. Reunion committee is requesting any old photos for possible inclusion in souvenir, booklet.

### 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. Syra-cuse, 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 Orchid Ranch in Livermore. Group leaves Yu Ai-Kai, 565 N 5th St., at 9 a.m. Cost: \$22, \$19 lor Yu Ai-Kai senior members. Information: 408/294-

### San Francisco area

Sunday, June 7—40th Annual JACL Junior Olympics track and field meet at Chabot College in Hayward. Age groups from 8 yrs and under thru 40 yrs and older, plus special toddler fun runs. Information: Tom Wong 510/352-5035 or Tom Oshidari 408/257-5609.

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 Yuri Morrwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

### Sacramento area

Saturday, June 6-Off Broadwa

Dance Club's Summer Ballroom Dance Dance Club's Summer Baincom Dance at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., 8 pm. Tickets: \$10 including refreshments. Informa-tion: Bill Kashiwagi 916/635-2815 or Eileen Ostuji 916/427-2690.

### Los Angeles area

Sunday, June 7—Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's 9th Annual Children's Day Arts and Crafts Fair, 244 S. San Pedro St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Games, crafts, and den strations for the kids, and handmade craft booths for the adults. Information 213/628-2725

Sunday, June 7—San Fernando JACL and SFVJACC Scholarship pro-gram at Nikkei Village, Laurel Canyon-Blvd., Pacoima, 2p.m. Speaker: Tamlyn Tomita, Information: SFVJACC 818/ 899-1989.

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Sunday, June 7—Marina JACL,
West LA, SCAN, APAN and Venice
Culver JACL chapters will be hosting a
wine tasting party at Place Sazaby,
Beverly Hills, noon-4 pm. Cost: \$15. Information: Isaac 213/653-4700 x247.
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Sunday, June 7—Concert-Folk Rhythm, Rainbow Drum Concert, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., 213/628-2725.

Saturday-Sunday, June 13-14— Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church's annual summer food bazaar, 5191 24th St. Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Food, garlies, raffle and Hawaiian entertainment. Information: alian entertainment. Informa erend Igarashi 916/443-3245

Saturday, October 3—5th annual reunion for former San Benito County residents, Kim Sing Restaurant, 15449 S. Western Ave., Gardena, noon to 6 p.m. Cost, \$20 per person. Dress: casual. RSVP: by July 15. Mai check to Edward Masumoto, 428 al. Double St., Carson Ca. 90745 310/835-4454.

### Convention calls

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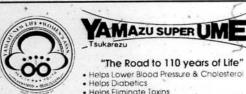
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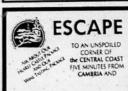
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# **PSW** takes position on L.A. amendments

The Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League has announced its positions on two Los

Angeles charter amendments.
The district supports for Charter Amendment F and opposes
Charter Amendment G, both
slated for the June 2 ballot in Los

### Angeles. Charter Amendment F

Charter Amendment F is a police reform measure allowing for greater citizen oversight of the police department, the strength-ening of the function and authority of the board of police commis-sioners, and the selection, removal and tenure of the chief of police while limiting the tenure to two consecutieve five year terms.

This amendment is largely in response to the beating of Rodney King by L.A. police officers and subsequent calls for reform. Carol Kawamoto, PSW governor, said, "We must work toward police reform as recommended in the Christopher Commission Report and fully support Charter Amendment F."
Charter Amendment G

The Los Angeles City council identified the loss of jobs as the most serious problem facing the

city. "However, the Local Preference and Domestic Content Re-quirement' for all city purchases as delineated in this am is a misguided solution to the prob-lem" stated Trisha Murakawa, chair of the PSW JACL Civil Rights Caucus. "Charter Amend-ment G neglects to define the domestic content' requirement, thus leaving open the opportunity for arbitrary and discriminatory in-terpretations. The implications of this are clearly serious and far-reaching for all Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

PSW also stated that it believes that the economic crisis facing our that the economic crisis facing our country has, in large part, been blamed specifically on Japan, which has correspondingly trig-gered an increase in anti-Asian violence and the rise of "Buy American" hype.

PSW urges elected officials to create a legitimate program for economic development that will recharge our economy, while also creating and retaining jobs for the people of Los Angeles, rather than accepting unknown conse-quences of "domestic content" requirements and the simplistic pro-paganda of "Buy American" cam-

# Richard Murakami named Nisei Week grand marshal

GELES-Richard M. Murakami, Ca-lifornia's assistant commissioner of corporations in the Depart-ment of Corwas recently announcedas Grand



Marshal for the 1992 Nisei Week Japanese Festival, according to Steve Okayama, 1992 general

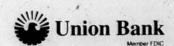
chairman. Nisei Week, held in Little To-

kyo, will begin Saturday, August 1st and run through Sunday, Aug. 9. The Nisei Week Parade is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2 in Little Tokyo.

Murakami, as assistant com-missioner, is responsible for ad-ministration of state laws on escrow, credit unions and bill pay-ers. Beyond his work with the state, Murakami is president of the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors and was twice president of the Uptown Los Angeles Optimist Club and is as-Angeles Optimist Club and is as-sociated with the Nagoya Sister. City Affiliation. He also was a member of the Nisei Week board of directors from 1977 to 1988.



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### Short takes

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### Chapter sponsors children's school

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.—The Selanoco chapter of the JACL is sponsoring Chibi no Gakko, a orial two-week session to teach Nikkei children about their cul-

tural heritage.
Running July 20-30, organizer
B.J. Watanabe said Chibi no
Gakko is about, "Bringing Japa-nese American children together and giving them the opportunity to learn about their heritage and develop their JA identity is our main goal."

Registration: \$75 per child for the two week session which runs Monday through Thursday, 9a.m. to noon, July 20-30. Location: Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview, Garden Grove. Information and applica-tions: B.J. Watanabe 714/779-4140

Enrollment is limited, with JACL members' children and grandchildren receiving first priority.

### 'Comfort women' stories in Japan army

TOKYO-Nine Japanese and South Korean citizen groups opened a hotline in January to gather stories from Imperial Japanese Army veterans on their experiences with "comfort women" during World War II. Most of the women came from Korea and were forced to work in military els in China, Japan, New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines, according to the group which set tline.

And after Prime Minister Miyazawa's February visit to South Korea, the Japanese government expressed its willingness to compensate Korean women who were mobilized for forced prosti-

#### Historian seeks Santa Fe internees

LOS. LUNAS, N.M.-Richard Melzer, Ph.D., assistant profes-sor of history at the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus, New Mexico-Valencia Campus, 280 La Entrada, Los Lunas, NM 87031, is researching the WWII Japanese American internment campin Santa Fe, N.M., and hopes any former internees willing to be interviewed about their experiences will contact him

Melzer indicated he has completed his research at the National Archives and interviewed

### '94 Convention committee selected

SALT LAKE CITY — Floyd Mori will serve as chairman of the 1994 JACL National Convention with Tom Shimizu as assistant and Shake Ushio as advisor, all Mount Olympus JACLers. The National JACL Board has decided upon the Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel as the site. The dates in August, 1994, have not been con-

Mori, currently national JACL vice president on public affairs and one-time California state assemblyman, is engaged in U.S. - Japan trade.

### Monterey history project announced

MONTEREY, Calif.—A com-posite history of the Japanese on Monterey Peninsula has been announced as a chapter project with Dr. David Yamada as coordi-

Its committee met last fall with other community groups to evalu-ate a tentative table of contents covering the period from the 1900s when the first Issei settled in the region. The Rev. Heihachiro

Takarabe, who has done extensive oral history interviews, shared his expertise.

The project is being supported by the Community Foundation for Monterey Peninsula, which tendered a matching grant of \$3,500 ward the preliminary budget of \$7,650. The grant becomes available upon members and friends contributing a like amount, it was added. The committee plans to publish 500 copies.

### SCHOOLS

(Continued from page 1)

All schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District were closed for two days following the onset of the riots. Some community leaders questioned the decision to close schools during the riots, the board president said it was a decision that they "weighed very heavily." "We are a stabilizing force in

every community. So we've been working to bring some normalcy to the communities hard hit," said Furutani.

Furutani mentioned with some

pride that the first day back to school saw very high attendance rates among both faculty and students as both groups work to get past the riots.

"Ithins people did see that school was a bit of an oasis and a safe zone. It's the best place to be," said Furutani. PC

### KIDS

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sor Molina to rescind the Sumitomo contract to build Metro Green Line cars. While the con-tract was rescinded, the "buy America" fervor that ensued caused concern within the Japanese American community about racial scapegoating. Supervisor Molina spoke to the children about racial tolerance shortly after she received the pictures, but Furutani chose to wait until after the furor had died down and use the time as a chance to educate.

"The focus of my response wasn't concerned about politics, but education. So I went to the school during Asian Pacific Heritage month to teach about sharing a different culture and learning about different people," said

"I didn't bring up the issue of

Japan bashing, I brought up Japan as a people and a country." Furutani said the students were curious about the Japanese foods that he brought along with him and he used their curiosity to teach tolerance of other cultures. Noting that the response to nori was "mixed," Furutani said, "When ou're confronted with something different, you prejudge it. That's the same thing with people, you prejudge them without getting to meet them."

"With the menju, they thought it was very beautiful, they're very attracted to it. I used it to talk about differences we have. You need to try it and taste it before you judge something. With people, you have to get to know them," said Furutani.

The board president's visit took on greater meaning as Los Angeles struggles towards recovery following the riots. The elementary school is situated in the middle of where much of the devastation took place and tensions between rent ethnic groups still lingers. Looking at what was originally the genesis of the controversy, the riots really expanded the agenda," said Furutani. He took his time with the kids to talk not only about Japan but about greater cultural awareness of all Asian cultures.

Furutani pointed out to the class, many of whom are Latino, that Cinco de Mayo and the Japa-nese holiday, Children's Day, were on the same day. "I shared with on the same day. "I shared with them what we do during Children's Day, and told them about other Asian celebrations — the focus was that we are all people, said

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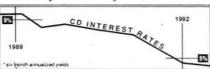
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### Personally speaking

· Hawaii Gov. John Waihee named his first deputy attorney general, Corrine Watanabe, 41, to the intermediate court of ap-peals, the highest judicial appoint-ment he has made of a woman judge. A University of Hawaii ate with a law degree from graduate with a law degree from Baylor, she held various positions in the attorney general's office, was attorney general 1985-86 and first deputy since 1986.

 Cal State-Los Angeles's School of Natural and Social Sciences honored Lillian Kawasaki. (B.S. zoology '72; M.S., biology '80), of Fountain Valley with its Distinguished Alumnus Award at the 22nd annual alumni awards ban-quet April 2 on campus. (Each year, one outstanding alumnus alumna is selected by each of the six schools at CSU, LA.) In Janu-ary, 1990, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley appointed Kawasaki as the first director of the city's new De-partment of Environmental Affairs. She had been with the Harbor Department since 1978 and also directed environmental man agement at the Port of Los Angeles. She was also the first w appointed to manager by the Har-bor Department.

California Assemblywoman Lucille Royal-Allard (D-56th Dist., Los Angeles) introduced Toshiko Okamoto of Boyle Heights as one of four Women of the Year from her district at the state assembly. Current president of a tenant council, having cham-pioned the cause of tenant rights since 1987. Okamoto also lobb with the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations during

the redress campaign Recently honored by Mas Fukai, chief deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was George Kiriyama, adult school principal in the L.A. Unified School District, for his work in the community through the El Camino Lions Club, which pre-sented him with the 1991 Comunity Recognition Award

#### HONORS

 The Little Tokyo nutrition program for the elderly, Koreisha Chushoku Kai, honored three men for their community work: Paul Oda of Union Church of Los Angeles; Shogo Suzuki of Suzuki Enterprises, and Eddie Okita of Okita Electronics. The latter two each donated vans, used in the escort service and delivering hot meals to home-bound seniors, was announced by Emi Yamaki, director. KCBS-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota emceed the 16th anniversary celebration held April
5 in Montebello where the honors

\* Roger Obats of Toronto (alongtime P.C. subscriber in Canada) received the National Association of Japanese Canadian's Biennial National Award for "five decades (of effort and leadership) on behalf of the NAJC and many other human rights causes that have brought respect, honour and vis-ibility to all JC's."

His successful campaign for JC redress as a member of the NAJC negotiating team with the gov-ernment and being conferred the Order of Canada in 1990 (Canada's civilian honor) were also cited.

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tures in 1991, \$138:5 milli 12.8 percent, went to minority businesses, and \$112.4 million, or 10.2 percent, went to woman-owned businesses. The company did business with more than 3,346 minority- or women-owned busi-nesses in 1991, or 34 percent of the firms that provide goods and services purchased by the utility.

NEW ADDRESS—Pagific

Business Bank has relocated its Gardena Regional Office to the Gateway Plaza Center, 1451 West Artesia Blvd., Gardena, Calif. The facility includes two merchant booths, safe deposit boxes, ATM

machines, as well as a night demachines, as well as a night de-pository, according to C. Glen Higuchi, president. Pacific Business Bank is head-quartered in Carson, Calif.

• NEW GUY-Kyoichi "Kris" Aoyama has been named execudirector of Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., an international executive recruitment organiza-tion. Aoyama, who will be based in the Los Angeles and San Fran-cisco offices, will serve as an executive recruitment link between the U.S. and Japan.

Prior to joining Russell Reynolds, Aoyama served as presi-dent of Boston Scientific, Inc. in Tokyo, and was president of an international strategic alliance consulting firm based in New

• THOUGHT FOR FOOD Prego Ristorante of Beverly Hills, Calif., has created a special menu of its Italian dishes in Japanese for its growing number of Japanese patrons. According to Roberto Rossi, general manager, "Every day, at least five to 10 percent of our customers are Japa

ASIAN EXPANSION-Rent-A-Wreck has ann nationwide plan to make its used car rental franchises more acces sible to Asian entrepreneurs. The plan calls for a change in philosophy from seeking franchises in high traffic airport and inner-city locations to focusing on Asian resi-dential neighborhoods. Says J. Richard Haigh, presi-

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### Opinions



From the frying pan

### BILL HOSOKAWA

### Letters from Camp Shelby finally delivered

S everal months ago this column car-ried the story of Jim Remsen and a letter he found in a box of odds and ends he picked up at an estate sale. The letter was written in 1943 by Cpl. Senji Sugawara serving with the 442nd Regimental Com-bat Team in Camp Shelby, Miss. It was addressed to his sister Isayo in Honolulu.

It was a writing-home type of letter with chit-chat about family and maneuvers. Remsen, who himself had been a captain with the Sixth Armored Division in Europe, undertook some research. He found that Senji Sugawara, by then a sergeant, had been killed in France, ironically after surviving the bitter battle to rescue the Lost Battalion. Now, more than ever, Remsen was anxious to return the letter to Senji's family if there was one

I wrote about Remsen and the letter in opes that someone could tell us about the Sugawaras. Things began to happen.

Yasuo Hirano of Costa Mesa, Calif., wrote to say that Sugawara's first name had been listed as Kenji in reference books but the correct name was Senji.

Dick Hayashi of Stockton said Senji had

served under him when Hayashi was sup-ply officer of the 442nd's Company K. Hayashi suggested that I write to Paul Okamura in Kalaheo, Hawaii, who came from the same island as Sugawara.

Bud Smyser, contributing editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin could find nothing in the newspaper library so he sent the inquiry on to Grace Okamura, executive secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club in Honolulu. Hayashi also had suggested this

Eventually she wrote back. Isayo Sugawara was deceased but Senji's younger brother, Yoshito, was living in Waimea, Hawaii. We were getting closer.

Yoshito Sugawara's response to my in-quiry arrived the other day. Yes, he said, he was Senji's brother. As a matter of fact, Yoshito had served with the 100th Battalion and had gone overseas a year before Senji did. He said so far as he knew, Senji's letter to his sister Isayo had never been delivered and he wondered whether Isayo had subsequent contact with Senji prior to his death 11 months after the letter was

family. There were seven Sugawara sib-lings. Isayo was the eldest, followed by Senji. There are only two of them left, Yoshito who was the youngest and is now 73, and a sister living in Honolulu. But there were some nephews and nieces, including Alan Sugawara who is a professor at Oregon State University, and obviously they would be pleased to be in touch with a relative, no matter how remotely.

Remsen had another surprise for the Sugawaras. Digging deeper into the box, he had uncovered two more letters to Isayo. nau uncovered two more letters to Isayo, One was a neatly typed letter from Senji dated Aug. 15, 1943. Among other things it said Yoshito—'the baby of the family and he's going to the actual front... I'm proud of him and the rest of the outfit,"—had left Shelby with the 100th for shipment over-

The other was a letter that Yoshito himself had written to his sister. A few days ago I put the three letters in their original envelopes inside another envelope and mailed it to Yoshito Sugawara in Waimea This time, I hope they reach their destina-tion. The letters will bring pain, I'm sure, Yoshito's letter told a little about the but bittersweet memories, too.



East Wind

BILL MARUTAN

### In memoriam: Arlington Cemetery

FOR MANY MEMORIAL holidays, the Washington D.C. Chapter, JACL, has sponsored, planned and carried out a sol-emn ceremony of remembrance at Arlingon National Cemetery. Following a brief graveside program, those assembled are delegated to place fresh flowers at graves of nearly 40 Nikkei servicemen whose last nearry 40 Nikkei servicemen wnose last resting places are scattered throughout some 15 large sections of the cemetery grounds. Although I write 'Nikkei', two are 'haoles' as our Hawaiian brethren would affectionately refer to them; one is Colonel Virgil R. Miller, CO of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the other is Navyman Joseph Harrington, author of the book "Yankee Samurai."

D.C. CHAPTER PRESIDENT Key Kobayashi has been assembling na Nikkei interred, and each year adds new names. From the list of thousands buried at Arlington, it is no easy task to locate and tabulate Nikkei names . . . Nonetheless, tabulate Nikkei names . . . Nonetheless, Key has prepared and distilled such a name list, with data as to the section in which each is buried, grave number, with a grid reference to a map on the reverse side. On

the grid map is a circled "X" showing where each grave is located. Each name also lists

the rank and notation of military service.

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the placement of a graveside bouquet and off I went to section 64, as it turned out, to a far corner of the cemetery grounds. It was Matsuura, a veteran of WW2, Korea and Vietnam. I noted from the headstone marker that his birthdate was Nov. 9, 1920 and his date of death March 2, 1984. I did not know Sergeant Matsuura, where he came from, who his family members were, etc. I took a picture of his gravesite and if a family member should read this, just get in touch with me and it will be my pleasure to send the recent snapshot

AFTER THIS PHASE of Memorial Day services, a group had lunch at the Ft. Meyers Officers' Club (aranged by M.I.S. retired Lt. Col. Ben Obata) where the buffet tables were generously loaded with a wide variety of dishes, as much as one wished and as often as one wished. After a leisurely brunch repast, the group then proceeded to the Tomb of the Unknowns to witness not only the changing of the guards but in particular to witness the laying of the JACL wreath. The visit to this place is always a sobering, emotional experience, no matter how many times one may have observed the ceremony. With bugle "taps" being sounded and the last sad note echoing out toward the Potomac River, well

THIS MEMORIAL DAY wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns was a particulary impressive and proud one for us, for the Nikkei were represented by uniformed Major General James H. Mukoyama Jr. (USAR), who, along with his charming wife, came from his native Chicago to participate in this solemn ceremony. The General also shared some remarks at the graveside ceremonies earlier that day.

A different individual gravesite of a Nikkei buried is selected each year as the ceremonial site. The spring weather did not disappoint with its sunny countenar If you can, come join the proceedings next Memorial Day. ®

JACKSON

(Continued from page 1)

were hurt and should not have been. There's enough pain to go around. We've got to pick

up the oleres and turn only into power."

This wasn't about black and Korean. It goes deeper than that. Mr. Denney was white. The Broadway Savings and Loan was black. Rage does not have eyes really. As we seek to build and heal, let's reach out to each other. Let's go another way."

At times during Jackson's speech, many in the audience chanted and chered with a feroy similar to a church revival meeting.

fervor similar to a church revival meeting. Joining Jackson onstage was a diverse group of community leaders including: Jerry Yu, executive director, Korean American Coalition, who introduced Jackson; Evelyn Yoshimura, Unity L.A.; Tosh Terasawa, Yoshimura, Unity L.A.; Tosh Terasawa, president of the JACCC board of directors and longtime Jackson supporter radio per sonality Casey Kaseem.

Jackson, promoting the ideals of his Rain-bow Coalition, said, "Our being ignorant of each other and afraid of each other and ior. We've got to unlearn those wicked les-sons. While some others have prospered sons. While some others have prospered from the gulfs and the cliffs, we must build the bridges because we know better and because it's right."

While much of the focus of the address

was on the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict, Jackson showed obvious outrage at the recent mistrail in the shooting deaths of the recent mistrail in the snooting dealism two Samoan brothers in Compton by a police officer. "Today a jury said it was 'hung' as two Samoans were shot to death 19 times in their yard?" Noting that he met the mother of the two Samoan brothers who were killed, Jackson said about the recent mistrial, "That jury being hung was as absurd as the King jury hanging him. It's still about hanging, it's about injustice and it's still unfair

it's still unfair."

The reverend strongly criticized the po-lice calling brutality a "disease." He had particularly strong words for Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates, blaming Gates for the slow response at Florence and Normandie which may have contributed to the beating of truck driver Reginald Denney Jackson received an ovation when he said L.A. and America deserve more than Daryl Gates. He must go quickly. Quickly.

Speaking specifically to Japanese Ameri-cans, Jackson talked about the internment camps and the importance of remembering what happened. "Stripped of pride and property while neighbors came and looked at their woe. Concentration camps built with U.S. tax dollars. All of that happened while the most decorated unit in World War II was the Nisei fighting unit."

Jackson, admitting that he did not hear

about the interment in all his years of schooling, said, "As we glorify the skating skills of Kristi Yamaguchi, her mother was born in one of those concentration camps. America must not be allowed to forget and you must not let them."

Jackson said it was time to reinvest in America and cut military spending. He derided the "economic strip mining" of the eighties and blamed big business for send-

eighties and diamed big dualities for serior globs to foreign countries.

Giving the example of Bush's trip to Japan in January, Jackson, describing the delegation, called them, "Twenty-three white male multimillionaires above 60 took white male multimilionaires above bu cook a trip on public transportation to Japan. On Bush's call for 'jobs, jobs, jobs, 'Jack-son, lampooning the delegation, said, "We want jobs! We demand goals, targets, time tables and quotas. What? Twenty-three all white male multimilionaires went to Japan demanding from Japan international affirmative action. Bush was so embarassed by the contradiction, he got tripped up on spaghetti."

Jackson, adopting an "us versus them" tone, said minorities have to unite and tone, said minornies nave to unite and move beyond current racial tension or they will continue to be subjugated to the cheers of the audience. "Korean Americans don't look back, regroup and move on. African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, Arab Americans, it's time to forgive and redeem and move

Co-sponsoring the event were the Japa-nese American Cultural and Community Center, the National Coalition for Redress/ Reparations and Unity L.A. Other sponsor-ing organizations included: JACL, Alliance for Asian Pacific Labor, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Japanese American Bar Association, Korean American Coalition, Korean American Bar Association and Or-Rorean American Landers Americans. Honor-ary chairswere Mayor Tom Bradley, Coun-cuman Michael Woo, and L.A. School Doord President Warren Furutani





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Nakamura, Phyllis A. 79, Westminster, Calif., March 5 (funeral), Cypresa, Calif. John, Sandard March, Calif., March 5 (funeral), Cypresa, Calif. John, Sandard, Harry, Lea Calif., Sandard, Sandard, March, Calif., Sandard, Sandard, Sandard, Calif., Chen Sandard, Sandard, Sandard, Calif., Chen Sandard, Sandard, Sandard, Calif., Chen Sandard, Sandard, Calif., Chen Sandard, Calif., Chen Sandard, Calif., Gaugel, Robert Osch, Landard, Calif., Sandard, Sandard, Calif., Sandard, Sa

Umemoto, Kaz, 66, Los Angelos, Feb. 29, Los Angelos-born architect, Democratic National Committeeman 1988 1991, 442nd veteran, survived by wife Teruka, sons Steve, Ketth, daughter Yükiko Ann, 2 grand-children, brother Masaru, sister Kimiko Kishi, Kiyoko Takeguma.

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