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JACL's 32nd biennial convention



AND THE WINNER IS—Outgoing JACL President Cressey Nakagawa welcomes Lillian Kimura as the new head of the organization at the Sayonara Banquet Saturday, Aug. 8.



MAKING A POINT—John Saito, candidate for president, was a big convention newsmaker when after a long and argued session over election results announced that he would concede in the interest of moving the organization forward.



VOTING—Paul Shinkawa of the Mountain Plains District casts his vote for one of the resolutions.



SAY WHAT?—Dale Ikeda, right, who chaired the resolutions meeting at the convention, listens attentively to a member making a comment. JACL President Cressey Nakagawa, left, was also helping to guide the session, as was David Igarashi.



FAMILY AFFAIR—Joanne Mukai of Contra Costa Chapter and her brother Bill of the Chicago Chapter reunite at convention.

Kimura wins presidency; reorganization resolution defeated for now but will come back retooled . . .

By RICHARD SUENAGA

Editor

DENVER—Mark this one down in memory. The 32nd JACL Biennial Convention held Aug. 3-8 was crisscrossed with meetings, voting, discussion, arguments, accords, social events, historic occasions and even high drama.

The most significant event of all, perhaps, was the election of Lillian Kimura as president. She is the first woman elected as JACL national president in the history of the organization. She defeated John Saito, 59-50, in a controversial election (See story below) that created stir and buzzing in convention corridors long after the event was over.

It was also a convention in which

JACL's younger members seemed to take their places in greater numbers and express their views. While the torch may not be officially passing, they made their presence known.

More importantly, they, along with members who have seen it all for decades, stood and sat side by side to discuss a number of issues affecting the course of JACL.

Among the most significant issues was a resolution introduced earlier this year by the Self-Committee on Organization Structure recommending sweeping changes in JACL's organizational makeup.

After much discussion, the reorganization resolution went

down in defeat. But while many objected to much of part of the plan that was intended to give JACL more visibility and a more efficient manner of governing and communicating, it was finally agreed to send it back to the committee for reworking. Then, after taking into consideration some of the objections raised at the convention, the committee will then disseminate the plan again to chapters for consideration.

ALL ABOARD

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Youth Council Chair.....Kim Nakahara
Youth Council Representative.....Kerry Kaneichi

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Mix-up mars election

By GWEN MURANAGA

Assistant editor

DENVER—Controversy and chaos threatened to overshadow the JACL national biennial convention as the results of the presidential election were mixed up in series of balloting snafus. Originally, John Saito was announced

the victor by a narrow 55-54 margin to the cheers of supporters largely from the Pacific Southwest District and the stunned amazement of Lillian Kimura supporters on the opposite side of the hall.

The final national council meeting was seemingly over as people thronged to Saito to offer congratulations, delegates went out to lunch, and a reporter from the Japanese wire service Kyodo news approached Saito for an interview. But after a recount, at the request of Kimura supporter Grayce Uyehara and completed in the presence of both candidates and nominations committee members, Sharon Ishii Jordan, nominations committee chair, returned with the revised tally, 59-50 in Kimura's favor.

As some delegates, unaware of the controversy, were already leaving Denver, Saito supporters questioned the new figures and asked that a new vote be

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Calendar

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Fri.-Sun, Oct. 9-11—The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) sponsors HomeComing '92, a conference for Japanese Canadians. Hotel Vancouver. Registration fee: \$145. Information: NAJC, 404 Webb Place, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3J4, 204/943-2910.

Washington Olympia

Through Sept. 2—Kenjiro Nomura: "An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," Washington State Capitol Museum. Information: June McKivior, Nomura, project director, 206/587-2925.

Oregon Portland

Saturday, Aug. 23—Nikkei Community Picnic, Oaks Park.

Utah Salt Lake City

Saturday, Oct. 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, Utah, 84075. 801/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

California San Francisco Area

Thursday, Aug. 20—San Mateo JACL chapter's trip on Red and White ferry to Alcatraz. Information: 415/343-2793.

Friday, Aug. 21—Japanese American National Library's (JANL) 2nd major Bay Area fund-raiser, Nihonmachi Terrace. Hinode Towers, 1615 Sutter St. 7:30 p.m. Guests include: Rep. Norman Mineta and poet, Janice Mizumoto. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students. Information: JANL, PO Box 590598, San Francisco, CA, 94159-0598, 415/567-5006. Through Sept. 5—Paintings by Nisei artist Yayoi Aiwa Shibata on exhibit, 871 Fine Arts, 250 Sutter St., Ste. 450, San Francisco.

San Jose area

Saturday, Aug. 22—West Valley Chapter, JACL, 15th Annual Daruma Folk Festival, Saratoga Lanes Bowling Alley, 1555 Van Ness Ave., Saratoga. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. San Jose Taiko drum group, games, and food. Information: 408/253-0458.

Fresno

Through Sunday, Nov. 22—Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japanese American Farming." 1555 Van Ness Ave. at Calaveras, Downtown Fresno. Mon.-Sun.: 11 a.m. Admission: adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209/441-1444.

Los Angeles area

Sunday, Aug. 23—PANA-USA's first picnic, at the Old Lodge in Elysian Park, 11 a.m. Tickets: \$5 from board members, \$7 per person at the gate. Information: Patrick Seki, 213/626-3069.

Thursday, September 3—Marina JACL general meeting, Burton Chace Park, Marina Del Rey, 7:30 p.m. Topic: "Stress

Management" by speaker Carolyn Okazaki, MSW. Donation \$2.00. Information: Alice, 310/324-0582.

Saturday, September 26—Marina JACL beach party. Information: Staci 310/323-8683 or Alice, 310/324-0582.

Saturday, Oct. 3—5th annual reunion for former San Benito County residents, Kim Sing Restaurant, 15449 S. Westmead Ave., Gardena, noon to 6 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person. Dress: casual. RSVP by July 15. Mail check to: Edward Masumoto, 426 E. Double St., Carson, CA, 90745 310/835-4454.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 9-11—Poston I Reunion, Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA, 90503. Information and reservations: Poston I Reunion Committee c/o Paul Chikahisa, 2139 W 235th Pl, Torrance, CA, 90501. Deadline: Aug. 15.

Oxnard

Sunday, Sept. 20—Oxnard Buddhist Church Women's Association sponsoring a Kanojo "Fall Fashion Extravaganza," Oxnard Buddhist Church, 250 South H St, Oxnard, CA, 93030, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Door prizes, refreshments. Free admission. Information: 805/967-1470.

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Message to youth:

Empowerment and involvement

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Speaking at the youth sponsored luncheon Aug. 7, Warren Furutani, past president of the L.A. Unified School District board of education and unofficial candidate for L.A. City Council said the future of JACL depends on its youth members. "As the Nisei are getting older, there has got to be a concern in the Japanese American community; who is going to take up the mantle of leadership?"

The luncheon was attended by more than 60 people including representatives of the National Youth Council as well as older JACL members. At the beginning of the program, Joe Takano, national youth representative, urged the audience to take the message of youth empowerment back to the chapters. Trisha Murakawa, former national youth chair and newly elected vice president of public affairs, said, "We must perpetuate the future of the Japanese American community."

Furutani concurred, crediting JACL as a training for future leaders noting his own involvement in the organization as a youth in the 70s but also said the organization



WARREN FURUTANI
Urges activism

needs to move forward. "(JACL) hasn't grown, relative to agenda. The organization will continue on, but what will be lost is the agenda of the Japanese American community."

"Are we reticent about taking on challenges right now, when the blood is red and gooey rather than waiting for 40 years," said Furutani. "JACL can help mentor Asian Pacific Islander groups to work in coalition. You know and I know they still can't tell the difference."

Furutani to run for L.A. Council

Youth side bar—Furutani discusses City Council hopes. Speaking to Pacific Citizen, Warren Furutani confirmed that he is planning to run for Los Angeles City Council, although he has not yet officially announced.

Referring to his tenure as L.A. Unified School District board of education president, Furutani said in his campaign, "I definitely will be transferring from quality of education issues to quality of life issues."

Currently the only Japanese American on the board of Peter Ueberroth's Rebuild L.A. program, Furutani said that it is important to also speak out on issues not related to the Japanese American community. "We can't idly stand by. We have to be involved if we are to have a stake in the greater L.A. community."

Redress funding bill needs support, staff says

Unfinished business is always part of an agenda. And for the 32nd JACL Biennial Convention, redress, so much a part of the organization's struggle in the past decade or so, is still on the minds of many.

That's because Senate Bill S. 2553, which would provide the additional funding to make payments in the final round of the program, still needs to be passed by Congress.

It was reported by Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, at the convention that S.2553 recently passed out of the Governmental Affairs Committee where it had been stalled. The national staff issued an action alert at the convention on S.2553 and its companion H.R. 4551, calling for member support. "These are critical days for both measures," Hayashi said.

The national director was giving the Washington, D.C. report Aug. 3, during the national council sessions, for JACL Washington, D.C., representative Karen Narasaki.



DENNIS HAYASHI
Redress concerns

Hayashi reported that both bills are expected to be voted upon soon. At convention time, H.R. 4551 was in the Judiciary Committee. He said that there were some indications that the bill would be considered and voted upon in that committee (See story below).

In the action alert, Hayashi urged the national council members to call, write or fax their

congressmen in support of the two bills and to urge others to do the same.

The additional funding is particularly of concern because there are now many more eligible redress recipients. Paul Sudies, director of the Office of Redress Administration, told the national council Aug. 3 that there were approximately 77,800 confirmed individuals eligible for redress payments, significantly higher than the 60,000 noted in the original 1988 estimate.

Sudies added that the ORA estimates would eventually reach the figure of 80,000. The oversight was attributed to a lack of actuarial data on Japanese Americans.

The ORA director estimated that 12,500 redress checks should go out in October to those born before March, 1935.

At the awards and recognition banquet held the same night, John Dunne, assistant attorney general, Department of Justice, promised complete payment to all those eligible for redress.

Redress amendments passed out of House Judiciary Committee

Washington, D.C.—The House Judiciary Committee passed H.R. 4551, "The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992," on a voice vote Aug. 11. The bill would authorize the additional funding necessary to fulfill the commitment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provides redress to the Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps during World War II by the U.S. government.

Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) introduced three amendments. One incorporated the substance of H.R. 4553 which was introduced earlier this year by Congressman Robert Matsui (D-CA) to clarify that payments under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 are not counted as income when determining veterans pensions.

The second amendment raised the amount of additional authorization from \$320 million to \$400 million in response to the announcement by the Department of Justice of its final estimate of 80,000 potentially



KAREN NARASAKI
Collective effort aids cause

eligible claimants. The final amendment concerned a technical correction requested by the Department of Justice. All three amendments passed on a voice vote.

Congressman Hamilton Fish (R-NY) noted the support of the Administration and the Republican members of the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations,

which had unanimously passed the bill in March. Congressman Don Edwards (D-CA) also voiced his support for the bill.

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, stated "We are heartened by the bipartisan support the legislation has received and hope that it will hasten final passage. It is imperative that the government fulfill its promise to redress the wrong committed 50 years ago."

Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C. Representative, noted that the extraordinary efforts of Congressman Norman Mineta (D-CA) and Robert Matsui (D-CA), as well as the community grassroots efforts led by JACL and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, have been instrumental in moving H.R. 4551 through Congress.

"However, we still face many obstacles in getting the final passage. Continued grassroots efforts will be even more crucial as we move into the next lobbying phase," said Narasaki.

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Amendments

1. Composition/Youth Council—the National Youth Council (NYC) shall be comprised of NYC chairperson, national youth representative, and eight district youth representatives **ADOPTED**
2. Functions/Youth Council—NYC shall elect its own representatives- with one vote from the National Council to the board. (APAN) **WITHDRAWN**
3. Program for Action/Youth Council, Art. VIII, Sec. 2 (new section) (APAN) **ADOPTED**
4. Relationship to National Program/Youth Council—NYC shall adopt a youth program for action, designed to maintain JACL membership. (APAN) **ADOPTED**
6. The national council shall have one collected vote in determination of NYC chair and NYC representative. (APAN) **ADOPTED**
7. Elimination of proxy voting at JACL national conventions. (New York) **WITHDRAWN**
8. VP/Planning and Development, to monitor research, projects, grants, scholarships and forming long range goals. (APAN) **ADOPTED**
9. The National Youth Council shall report directly to the National Board and National Council..... **ADOPTED**
10. Limitations/Facilities Use that discriminate **ADOPTED**

Resolutions

1. Elimination of proxy voting at JACL national conventions effective 1994. (New York.) **REJECTED, REQUIRED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS**
2. Prohibiting JACL events in facilities that discriminate and related amendments to the Constitution and bylaws. (APAN) **WITHDRAWN (DUPLICATE)**
3. Permanent residents as regular JACL members and related amendments to Constitution. (Wisconsin) **REJECTED**
4. Reduced membership dues for senior citizens. (South Bay) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT**
5. Change in Legacy Fund allocations. (NCWNP) **DEFEATED**
6. Annual income and expenditures report of JACL national staff. (Fresno) **DEFEATED**
7. Quarterly progress reports on Program for Action. (Fresno) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS**
8. Condemnation of Japan/America bashing. (Honolulu) **REJECTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (DUPLICATE)**
9. Local preferences, local content, Japan-bashing, etc. (APAN) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS**
10. U.S./Japan Education Committee name change to U.S./Japan Relations Committee. (South Bay) **ADOPTED**
11. Urges U.S. Attorney General investigation of the Los Angeles riots. (APAN) **ADOPTED**
12. Promoting interracial understanding. (Seattle) **REJECTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
13. Condemnation of sexual harassment. (APAN) **ADOPTED**
14. Support for family leave bill. (Contra Costa) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS**
15. Support for a woman's choice. (Contra Costa) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS**
16. Support for Native Americans. (Torrance) **ADOPTED**
17. Support for Hawaii's indigenous people. (Honolulu) **ADOPTED**
18. Support for waste reduction and recycling. (Seattle) **ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS**
19. War Memorial in Los Angeles Little Tokyo. (Venice-Culver) **REJECTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
20. Revision of forms and policy for selection Chapter of the Biennium Award (Washington, D.C.) **REFERRED TO NATIONAL BOARD, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE**
21. Acknowledgement of Robert K. Bratt and Office of Redress Administration. (Honolulu) **REJECTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (DUPLICATE)**
22. Recognition of Office of Redress Administration. (Gardena Valley) **ADOPTED**

Emergency resolutions

- ER1 U.S. Supreme Court nominations. (APAN) **REJECTED**
- ER2 Establishes membership rate for 1000 Club "Century Life" to \$500. **ADOPTED**
- ER3 Present JACL legacy campaign committee fund raising 90-95, be structured as select committee appointed by national president **ADOPTED**
- EBA1 Transferring authority of selection of 96 convention from council to board **REJECTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
- Lillian Kimura changed motion to have national board develop site selection process **ADOPTED**
- SELECT COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE **ACCEPT REPORT, NOT ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS. REFER BACK TO EXISTING COMMITTEE, REQUEST FOR A PROCESS TO CIRCULATE THROUGH CHAPTERS AND DISTRICTS**

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Gwen Muranaka

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CONVENTIONEERING—Talking shop at the 32nd biennial JACL convention were, from left, Chizu Iiyama, Mei Nakano, Carol Kawase, and Lillian Kimura.



PLANNING ACTION—Members mull over issue before convention. From left, Reed Tateoka, Larry Grant, Jeff Itami, and Linda Itami.

Snapshots

PHOTOS BY HARRY HONDA



MAKING A POINT—Carol Kawamoto, Rose Ochi, and John Saito speak before the convention.



FAMILIAR FACE—Cherry Kinoshita listens to resolutions debate.



DELEGATES—From left, Ruth Mizobe, George Ogawa, and Ed Mitoma pause for photo session.



MORE DELEGATES—From left, Larry Ishimoto, Ken Yokota, Fred Hirasuna and Dale Ikeda represent CCDC.



YOUTH DELGATION—From left, Lonnie Liri, Kim Nakahara, Emily Durham and Kerry Kaneichi pose for camera.



DINNER CROWD—From left Vernon Yoshioka, Mary and Kumeo Yoshinari and To Wakamatsu enjoy pre-dinner conversation.



T-SHIRT STATEMENT—Teresa Maeberi, left, foreground, and Tarynn Yokomizo show support for Lillian Kimura for president. In background is Emily Durham (left) and Lonnie Linn.



SOFA SET—Taking a break from the convention are Hiemi Yoshida, left, and Joy Yamasaki.



TIMING THE SPEAKER—Hank Tanaka, left, times speaker, while Sei Tokuda looks on.



VETERANS—Frequent convention attendees are Lily and Pat Okura.



NEW JACL LEADERS—Posing for their first picture together are, top row, from left, Neal Taniguchi, vice president, General Operations; Alan Nishi, vice president, Membership; Kerry Kanieishi, National Youth Council representative; and Jonathan Kaji, secretary/treasurer. In bottom row,

from left, are Kim Nakahara, National Youth Council chair; Lillian Kimura, president; Trisha Murakawa, vice president, Planning and Development; and Bill Kaneko, vice president, Public Affairs. The board met Sunday, Aug. 9 to conduct its first business.

Sayonara Banquet

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor



HONORED—Tomio Moriguchi, left, receives plaque acknowledging him as Japanese American of the Biennium from Rep. Robert Matsui.



Photo: TOM MASAMORI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER—Sen. Daniel Inouye, above photo, talks to banquet audience about his internment and 442nd experiences.



ACCEPTANCE—Rep. Norman Mineta, second from left, presents Japanese American of the Biennium plaque honoring Kristi Yamaguchi to her parents, Carol, second from right, and Jim Yamaguchi, and grandmother, Kathleen Doi.



DIGNITARY—Ambassador from Japan, Takakazu Kuriyama, spoke on U.S.-Japan relations at the banquet and in a convention seminar session. The ambassador told the audience that America and Japan have much in common and that he anticipated improved relations in the future.

It's the caper, the culmination of nearly a week's worth of debate, discussion, haranguing, hammering, and yes, even fun. Part social, part official, the event brings together JACL members, delegates, dignitaries and friends together for one last hurrah. It's a time for hellos and sayonaras. It's the event that signifies the closing of one biennium, the opening of another.

And the Sayonara Banquet, Saturday night, Aug. 8, provided a full program of awards and acknowledgements, speeches, and, of course, the introduction of the new national officers.

As for honors, JACL presented its most prestigious—the Japanese American of the Biennium—to two outstanding individuals from different backgrounds: Seattle businessman and civic leader Tomio Moriguchi and Olympic figure skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi.

As for dignitaries, the list was impressive: Sen. Daniel Inouye, keynote speaker; Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, and Patricia Schroeder; Takakazu Kuriyama, ambassador of Japan; a representative of Colorado Gov. Roy Romo; Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, and a stageful and slateful of brand new JACL officers. It didn't end there, either. Presidential candidate Bill Clinton called to offer his wishes and to make political points. Along the same lines, a letter from President George Bush was read to members.

Here's a roundup of banquet highlights:

Japanese Americans of the Biennium: Frank Sato, past JACL president and chairman of the Biennium Committee, announced that Tomio Moriguchi and Kristi Yamaguchi were recipients of the prestigious award. Moriguchi was honored for his success as a Seattle businessman and for his longtime civic and community work. Yamaguchi was honored for her achievements in figure skating and for serving as a true role model for young people. Her parents, Jim and Carol Yamaguchi, and her grandmother, Kathleen Doi, accepted the award for her.

Keynote speaker: Serving as the principal speaker for the convention, Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii talked about his internment and World War II experiences as a member of the 442nd. Last up on the program, the senator said he noticed the band was ready to perform and had therefore decided against his original talk.

Sayonara, Cressey: Cressey Nakagawa, in his last official speech to members as JACL president, began by thanking members for "all the personal kindnesses in the last four years." The focus of his talk, which in part related to his Japan trip, was the importance of taking risks as future leaders of JACL. He said that JACL has operated on a "survival mode" in the past but it must now take an active leadership role.

Thanks: Acknowledging the Executive Committee and its work, Nakagawa thanked members Priscilla Ouchida, vice president, General Operations; Bill Kaneko, vice president, Planning and Development; Floyd Mori, vice president, Public Affairs; Alan Nishi, vice president, Membership; Tom Nakao, secretary-treasurer; Trisha Murakawa, National Youth Council chair; Joe Takano, National Youth Council representative; and Lillian Kimura, Pacific Citizen chair.

The new board: Rep. Norman Mineta introduced the new JACL officers: Kerry Kanieishi, National Youth Council representative; Kim Nakahara, National Youth Council chair; Jonathan Kaji, secretary/treasurer; Alan Nishi, vice president, Membership; Bill Kaneko, vice president, Public

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SPEECH WINNERS—Patricia Schroeder, left in photo at left, presents JACL's Minoru Yasui Oratorical Contest Award in the college division to Mwa Takaraka of St. Louis. In photo below, she presents high school division award to Emily Durham.

SAYONARA

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Affairs; Triha Murakawa, vice president; Planning and Development; Neal Taniguchi, vice president; General Operations; and Lillian Kimura, president.

First words: In her address as the new JACL president, Kimura told the banquet audience that 12 years ago she was the first woman to run for president, and that now she had become the organization's first woman leader.

Kimura then paid tribute to "all the women of JACL" who have provided continued support to the organization over many decades. "They continued to be the backbone of the organization," she said, and then named many of the key women of the past and present.

The new president also commended John Saito for "the true gentleman that he is," making reference to his concession during the election controversy.

Finally, Kimura thanked and presented Cressey Nakagawa with a certificate of appreciation and an original collage for his leadership and service to JACL.

Speaking up: The winners of the Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition Awards were Emily Durham of the St. Louis Chapter in the high school competition, and Miwa Takaraka, also of St. Louis, in the college competition.



A JOB WELL DONE

Newly elected JACL President Lillian Kimura presents Cressey Nakagawa with a plaque and original artwork for his service as president to the organization in the past four years.



AT RIGHT—Lillian Kimura, left, gives her first speech as newly elected JACL president. Looking on are Sen. Daniel Inouye, second from left, Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, and Denver Mayor Wellington Webb.



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California congressman, Arkansas mayor honored with Uno civil rights award

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

Taking a break from the campaigning, conferencing, electioneering, and speech-making, JACL members and staff took time out for its traditional National JACL Award Banquet Program.

Held Thursday, Aug. 6, the event pays tribute to individuals who in their careers made lasting contributions to the organization or to the Japanese American community.

● **The Edison Uno Civil Rights Award**—One of JACL's most distinguished went to McGeehee, Ark., Mayor Rosalie Gould and Rep. George Miller (7th District, California).

Gould was honored for her long and dedicated support of the Japanese community. In particular, she was singled out for her support in the restoration of the monument at Rohwer and the monument marker at Jerome, Ark.

Miller, as outgoing JACL national President Cressy Nakagawa said, has been both a friend and supporter of JACL. He has played key roles in the redress bill and its appropriations and recently was instrumental in the passage of the bill making Manzanar a national historic site and the bill that would study other Japanese American landmarks.

● **Special award:** Bill Hosokawa, Colorado journalist and author who served as toastmaster, began the event by honoring the late Ralph L. Carr who as governor of Colorado from 1939-43 took an unequivocal stand against the unjust attacks against Japanese Americans and others during a time of prejudice and violation of civil rights. A memorial to Gov. Carr will be erected on the east lawn of Denver's capitol building.

● **The George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award**, sponsored by the Venice-Culver Chapter, JACL, goes to chapters for the leadership in social, civic and legislative activities. Winners this year were the Honolulu Chapter, first place, for its program to counter anti-Japanese American sentiment during the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor event. The second place award went to the San Jose Chapter for its program of scholarships, for senior citizens, and work in the areas of redress, anti-Asian violence, and the establishment of the Issei Memorial Building.

● **Mike Masaoka Congressional Intern-**

ship Program—Joseph Horiye was introduced as the first awardee of the program. The award, which honors the name and work of JACL's most prominent advocate, provides \$5,000 to the winner and a 15-week internship program with a U.S. senator or congressman. Horiye will be working in the office of Rep. Norm Mineta.

Presenting the award were Etsu Masaoka, widow of the civil rights leader, and Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the program.

Grant Ujifusa, an editor with Readers Digest, was presented with a gift in memory of Mike Masaoka for his leadership in the redress effort.

● **Ruby Pin**, acknowledging dedicated service to JACL, went to Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle for her work at the local chapter, district and national levels; service on the Pacific Citizen board, membership on the Education Committee,

service as national vice president for public affairs, and for chairing the Redress Committee.

● **ORA administrators**—Assistant Attorney General John Dunne,



RANDY SHIBATA
Praises for convention planners

former ORA administrator Bob Bratt, and current ORA head Paul Sudde were all given special awards for their work in the redress payment program.

● **Blue Shield health program**—recognized for its health plan offered to JACL members.

● **Convention work:** Randy Shibata, outgoing Mountain Plains District governor, acknowledged the hard work of many members who planned and worked on the convention. Among many, he singled out Emilie Ito of the Mile-Hi Chapter and the Ft. Lupton, Colo., Chapters as a whole for their efforts.

MIX-UP

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taken. Rose Ochi, East L.A. JACL chapter member, said, "We are not alleging tampering, however, because the potential for such is there. It raises questions about the integrity of the process." Ochi reiterated that she was not accusing anyone of tampering, but because of the potential divisiveness of the results, an entirely new vote was warranted. Her comments were received with groans from Kimura supporters.

Both camps traded turns at the microphone. Pat Okura, Washington, D.C., JACL chapter, warning about the escalation of accusations, said, "This is lending a dark cloud over a very successful convention. All we're doing is

hanging a heavy cloud over the next administration."

Explaining what happened, Ishii Jordan said that during the counting process a number of votes were transposed in the wrong column resulting in the miscount. The election chair accepted blame for the mistake and said that the second vote was checked six times with both candidates present.

There was earlier confusion with the voting when 110 ballots came back from 109 delegates. Because of this, the first set of ballots were thrown away unopened and new ballots were distributed by having delegates line up alphabetically by chapter and turn in their voting card in exchange for a ballot.

Cressy Nakagawa, then JACL national president, tried to quell growing disorder by suggesting

that both candidates reexamine the ballots, this time checking specifically for tampering. Some delegates noted that an accurate re-vote of the entire National Council was impossible because some delegates had already left, giving their proxies to others, but not indicating which way they voted for president.

Although at one point he asked to also see the envelopes for signs of tampering, John Saito remained largely silent during the debate which enveloped the floor. In a single, quiet move, Saito silenced all debate, stating that he had seen the ballots, accepted the decision and conceded defeat. The issue resolved, the room stood in unison, for the first time since the beginning of the controversy, to honor Saito for his brave, gracious gesture.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Insensitivity and discrimination

There was a story in one of our local papers the other day about an unnamed 13-year-old girl who encountered a peculiarly senseless form of discrimination.

She was one of 10 children in a summer study program funded by the National Science Foundation who went to the Martin Marietta laboratories with their adult leaders on a pre-arranged tour. Martin Marietta are the folks who build the rockets that carry intercontinental ballistic missiles and loft satellites into space. When the visitors checked in at the guard shack, this child alone was denied entry.

The reason was that she wasn't a citizen. Although reared in the United States she had been born in Southeast Asia. As a foreign national she was required to present certain documents which she wasn't carrying. So she couldn't visit the plant. That's what the regulations said.

A 13-year-old girl a security risk? Well, said the official, those were the rules and a defense contractor has to abide by the letter of the regulations or face all kinds of terrible penalties.

So nine of the children were allowed to pass through the gate and the 10th, who had escaped from Southeast Asia with adults who sought to give her freedom and opportunity, was placed in a cab and sent home. You couldn't blame her for weeping tears of disappointment. It made her feel only a little better that several days later, after the story made the papers and Martin Marietta thought it over, she was invited back for a special tour.

For a generation of Japanese Americans, this girl's unhappiness carries a special poignancy. They grew up in a time when such rebuffs, for even less worthy reasons, were almost routine.

It may take a bit of prodding after so many years, but older Nisei can tell you about those times when equal opportunity was still a dream. About the only way they entered a plush hotel or country club was through the employees' entrance along with other bus boys and dishwashers.

You could buy a ticket to a movie but you automatically headed for the uppermost rows in the balcony. They had a name for that section and it was not a nice one.

One Nisei I know remembers turning out for the school swimming team and being denied entry to the municipal pool where the team practiced. I know another who went to a pool to pass his Boy Scout lifesaving test and was told to go away.

There was a friend of mine whose family name didn't sound Japanese. In fact, it was mistaken frequently for a Caucasian name. When he registered for classes at a state university he received an invitation to visit a "rush" party at a fraternity house. He rang the doorbell and when the brother saw my friend's face he became flustered and apologetic and said it must have been a terrible mistake. Then he closed the door.

There are laws now that are supposed to guarantee these things don't happen. It took time and anguish, and some blood, to pass those laws. It can be argued that the little girl's embarrassment was a bit different. Rules are rules, the official said. Sorry, but it's a national security matter.

As I recall, that's the same thing they said with the same insensitivity 50 years ago, back in 1942. ☐



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Political 'plantings'

THE OTHER DAY, traveling down highway I-95 toward Wilmington (Delaware), a billboard caught my eye with its terse message. It read "WOO," in large letters, and above it "Your Next Congressman" with the "man" part struck out and scrawled above it the term "person." Yes, S. B. Woo, born in Shanghai, China, immigrated at age 18 to America, Professor of Physics at the University of Delaware, Lt. Governor of Delaware (1985-1989), who made a run for the U.S. Senate in 1990—as a Democrat in a Republican state—was now running for the sole (U.S.) House seat from Delaware. If "S.B." (as he is known) makes it—and he has a good chance—he will be the first Asian American member of the U.S. Congress outside of the State of California. And all of America will be the better for it.

S. B. WOO, who just turned age 55, in addition to obviously being bright (*summa cum laude* from Georgetown College, Masters and Ph.D. from Washington University), brings with him a fine sense of humanity which is topped off with a fine sense of humanity which is topped off with a delightfully keen sense of humor and refuses to take himself too seriously. (De-

scribing his duties as Lt. Governor: "The Governor of Delaware placed me in charge of the weather.") Obviously, he is a person on a mission; a mission to better our society. The local JACL chapter has had him as a dinner speaker in years past. Beyond that, periodically our paths would cross, oftentimes seated at the same table.

AIDED BY his good wife, Katy, who in her own right is knowledgeable about Delaware's political landscape, S. B. continues to conduct an imaginative campaign. Consider the billboard mentioned above: few words, a stroke through "man" and replaced with "person"—it tells it all, in seconds. And sticks. Instead of blasting the electorate with T.V. ads (which I assume he will be doing some, at least), or haranguing crowds with promises, what does he do? He employed campaign funds to feed the needy elderly! An imaginative move.

Sure, we contributed to his campaign; we need Americans like that—and that he is an Asian American is a bonus for me, and for my progeny. All our progeny.

WE ALSO CONTRIBUTE to the campaigns of other candidates in other places, such as that of AJAs (American of Japanese ancestry) in California. Whatever tran-

spires within the borders of these United States, should be a concern to citizens wherever they may be; state borders are not insulation against hatred, racism, and such other factors destructive of the fabric of our society. We need all segments of our society represented in all levels of our governance. And that includes no less Asian Americans.

I'VE OFTEN PONDERED what the situation of AJAs would be if we did not have those dedicated, competent AJAs in the U.S. Congress; what remedial legislation would never have been realized; how their very presence and actions have raised the quality of our respective lives. And then I look decades ahead to the future to see what new "political plantings" have been effected so that the continuum of Asian American elected leaders on the national scene will not be lost. And so when I learn of an AJA running for the California State Assembly, or another running for the U.S. Congress out of Orange County, we provide a (modest) amount of that all-important element needed to run any political campaign: money.

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It's time to educate next generation

JACL President Cressey Nakagawa's constant message has been to uphold the rights that we fought so hard to get and to seek the involvement of the young people in JACL to prevent any eroding of these rights in the future. His message has not been reaching the young people because they are not there to hear him. We, the older members of JACL have not passed the message to our grown-up children.

Perhaps we do not understand the significance of Cressey's message. Perhaps we are very comfortable and feel we deserve to just coast and enjoy the fruits of our long years of labor. Perhaps we see that our well-educated grown-up children are doing fine, engaged in their successful professional lives and providing us with loving grandchildren. So what more do we need since our dreams of 50 years ago in camp have turned into reality?

Should we now be satisfied to just sit back and enjoy the remaining years of the good life? I think not, unless we have passed the message on to the next generation so that they too become involved as we did to make sure that the rights of our children were not violated. I feel that most of us, as older members of JACL have been directing our energies trying to educate people out there and have assumed that our children have acquired the same through osmosis so there is no need to educate them. However, the high percentage of our sons and daughters have not paid any attention to JACL let alone joined as members when they became adults which suggests they are not of like mind. Now is the time before it is too late for all of us to immediately start educating our own grown-up children and encouraging them to become members of JACL so they will carry on and to protect their children's and their grandchildren's right as we did and are doing.

Mike Hoshiko
St. Louis, Mo.

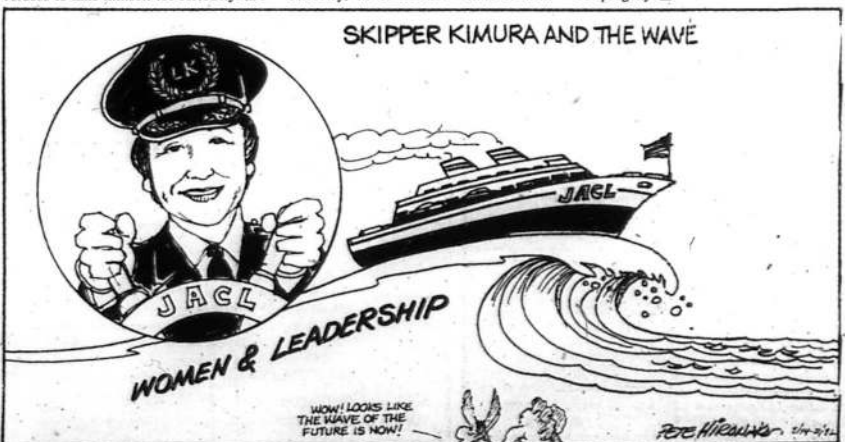
She likes Crichton's 'Rising Sun' book

Thanks to the *Pacific Citizen*, I was introduced to one of the most enjoyable books I have read in a LONG time—*RIISING SUN* by Michael Crichton. The author excelled in skillfully entwining the extenuating circumstances involving the numerous characters in the novel. The plot was intensified in intrigue. I could hardly wait to turn the pages. My only objection was the fact that two four-lettered words were used to the extent of monotony.

It was obvious that Mr. Crichton spent much time in researching the sentiments, philosophy, psychology and know-how of the Japanese businessman and his role in the business and/or corporate world. I failed to note ANY Japan-bashing or ANY negative views regarding Japan or the Japanese. If more Americans and/or Nisei who are contemplating the Japanese business market would take heed to the data in this book, it would indeed be most beneficial to them.

RIISING SUN is a READING MUST. After I finished the book, I felt as though I would personally like to meet the author, Michael Crichton, a feeling I rarely get.

Maggie Ishino
Los Angeles



Convention short takes

Tuesday Night Mixer—Not forgetting the successful "Rope'em In" reception staged at the previous JACL Tri-District Convention, the Mile-Hi chapter repeated before a hall full of delegates from across the U.S. and Japan on Tuesday (Aug. 5). Delegates were unanimous in their praise of the tasty Western-style chow of barbecued beef rib, corn-on-the-cob (donated by Sakata Farms) plus the trimmings and prizes barbecue. Tom Masamori emceed the evening with welcoming remarks from Steve Newman (who succeeded the late Min Yasu), executive director of the county human relations commission), chapter and convention board leaders, Mountains Plains area chapter presidents and Tom Migaki, reception committee chair. Instructions to country dancing followed the buffet dinner. Marki Saiki gave instructions.

Gold Tournament—The team representing the Pacific Northwest (Bob Sato and Bob Murokumi) won the 3rd biennial convention golf tournament... Mountain Plains (Russell Matsunami), Omaha, and Mas Yamazaki, Houston) and Denver (Jim Imasanti and Jim Kanemoto) followed. Overall trophies were won by Patrick Cornwell, Haru Yamamoto (Denver), Mas Yamazaki (Houston).

Plum Creek Golf Course winners Joe Maruyama, Denver; Patrick Cornwell, Union City; Roy Kodakari, Foster City, Calif. Arrowhead Golf Course—Howard Kiyota, Denver, David Hayashi, Minneapolis; and Cornwell.

Whing Ding—Eight new 1000 Club members joined during the Monday night whing ding, successfully presented with the Denver Nikkei Singles headed by Jim Hada, a past Mile-Hi JACL president. Tom Masamori entertained with songs that folkies remembered while Bob Sakaguchi led

the line dance. Disk jockey Herbert Okamoto, now retired in Denver, supplied the music.

Mari Sabusawa Michener, Philadelphia 1000 Club Life member and past MDC governor, helped recruit Kaye Uyeda Patterson of San Francisco to join. Incidentally, Mari was the first woman elected to the National Board in the late 1940s, the first woman chapter president in Chicago and the first woman district governor in the Midwest.

Oldtimers from Marysville, Chiyo and George Nakagawa promptly gave their \$1,000 checks, which Headquarters will soon follow with credentials. Others joining at the special \$500 Life start rate include June Yoshida, Eden Township; Gail Tanaka and Ayako Okubo Heard, both of Seattle; Etsu Masaka of Washington and Misako Honda of San Gabriel Valley.

Getting reacquainted with everyone at this first night of the convention were President Cressey Nakagawa, Mas Hironaka (wearing his PSW 1000 Club jacket), Ron Shiozaki from Gardena, Sat Nakahira from Milwaukee, Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls, the Japan chapter co-founder Barry Saiki now in Stockton, Alice and Bill Hosokawa of Denver, Lily and Pat Okura of Washington, Micki and Harry Honda from San Gabriel Valley; Randy Shibata of Albuquerque, Lily and Masa Yamazaki of Houston, Etsu Hisamoto of Denver, Ruth Yamouchi of Denver, and the two candidates for National JACL president—John Saito of East L.A. and Lillian Kimura. —By Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club chair, Chicago.

Three all-day tours popular Take it from the San Jose sisters, Helen Mineta and Etsu Masaka, their all-day tours arranged by the Mile-Hi Convention Committee were "wonderful and exciting and a lot of fun." On

Tuesday, they and others on the chartered bus covered the Rocky Mountain National Park where the highway peaked at 12,175 feet above sea-level (enough to make one light-headed). For lunch it was a huge hamburger sandwich plate at the Stanley Hotel, where a "Stanley Steamer" sits in the lobby. (At the Continental Divide, they lost their "cool" almost to see an old passenger van parked nearby with "NORM" painted above the cab—that could have doubled for their brother's campaign wagon.)

The next day, it was to Vail, about 100 miles west, into picturesque country that reminded Etsu of the time she and her late husband, Mike, visited Switzerland.

The third day, down to Colorado Springs and the vast spread of the U.S. Air Force Academy—and it was unlike scaling the mountain passes going over 11,000 ft. the first two days. "We were glad to have spent a third day—seeing as much of Colorado as possible within a day's ride to and from the convention," Helen said.

Helen said she was headed the Saturday morning for the free Coors Brewery tour. Bad scheduling, however, with all their shops necessitated a last-minute cancellation.

A veteran conventioner later observed that the 32nd Biennial may well set a trend in JACL national conventions where the oldtimers can gather in reunion facilities, spending the day relaxing or touring the countryside while the official business is being conducted by the younger members as well over 60% here were attending for the first, second or third time as delegates. Mt. Olympus JACLers staging the 33rd Biennial in Salt Lake City at the downtown Marriott Hotel opposite the Mormon Temple in August 1994 have taken this under advisement.

—HARRY HONDA

Colorado convention booklet is first rate

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

"JACL Solid as the Rockies," a 64-page booklet for conventioners, turns out to be a first-class status report of the Japanese American Citizens League as it convened for its 32nd biennial national convention in Denver, Aug. 4-8, at the Sheraton DTC Hotel.

President George Bush, in a message to the convention, recognized the achievements and contributions that JACLers have made. He shared the sense of satisfaction over the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and said "the granting of reparations marked an important milestone for our country as we reaffirmed America's promise of liberty and justice for all."

A new feature for a convention booklet are statements from 12 upcoming JACL chapter leaders in the "Movers & Shakers" segment. Responding two questions,

(1) Why did you and why do you participate in JACL?, (2) What do you feel is the most pressing challenge facing Americans of Japanese ancestry in the next decade? were:

Larry W. Grant, 41, Salt Lake JACL president; Carol Kawamoto, San Diego JACL, Pacific Southwest District governor; Calvin Kobayashi, 40, New Mexico JACL president; Elise Kamimoto, Fresno JACL vice-president; Sharon Ishii-Jordan, 37, Omaha JACL, incoming Midwest District Governor, August 1992; Joy Yamazaki, 37, Chicago JACL, v.p. of human/civil rights; Tom Nakao Jr., 39, Cleveland JACL national JACL secretary-treasurer and 4-term chapter president; Emilie H. Ito, 27, Mile-Hi JACL chapter president (90-91); Teresa Maeboi, 46, Philadelphia JACL past chapter president, past Eastern District governor; Neil Yoshio Sugimoto, 39, High Desert JACL

president; David Mas Masumoto, 37, Fresno JACL, Central California District publicity/p.r. officer; and Kimberlee Tachiki, 28, Asian Pacific American Network past president and Pacific Southwest District youth representative.

—Greetings from Colorado Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb as well as the two U.S. Senators from Colorado, Timothy E. Wirth and Hank Brown and U.S. Congressmen Dan Schaefer, 6th District; Wayne Allard, 4th District, round out the messages from the political world.

On exhibit was a 1946 convention photo of delegates along with other historic photographs of "The Japanese in Colorado" from the Tom Masamori Collection.

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News-maker



MARY TSUKAMOTO

Tsukamoto wins Onizuka award

Mary Tsukamoto of Elk Grove, Calif., and a longtime member of the Florin Chapter, JACL, was honored with the National Education Association's Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Award at the organization's annual human and civil rights awards banquet in Washington, D.C., July 6.

Tsukamoto was recognized for her leadership in resolving social problems relating to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. A retired educator, she is a nationally recognized writer, activist and speaker. Tsukamoto is

co-author of "We the People: A Story of Intermittent America," an account of the Japanese American experience during World War II.

The honoree was also one of the grassroots organizers of the redress effort that resulted in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. She organized a two-week remembrance of the internment for her community and helped develop the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: The Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution."



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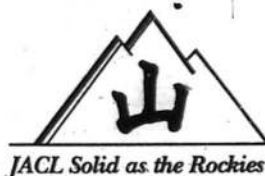
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Kyoto: Worth all the time in the world

by TYLER TANAKA

The last century witnessed cities sinking slowly into a morass of grey sameness. It became difficult to describe architectural differences between Singapore and Frankfurt, or Tokyo and New York. It is fortunate for the world that there are exceptions.

The greatest cities in the world

for tourism may not be cities which play a vital role in world politics or commerce. There are interesting giants such as Munich, Paris, Hong Kong, Rome, the real treasures are much smaller cities like Salzburg, Florence, Queenstown and others. Kyoto is prominent in this latter group.

I returned to Kyoto in April, just in time for Cherry Blossoms. The fragile, delicate beauty this

city makes it a perfect setting for many scenes which epitomize all of Japan, from the weeping willow Cherry tree laden with blossoms to the hundreds of temples, shrines, and palaces. Nothing matches the picturesque three hundred year old narrow residential streets just off the main thoroughfares. The mountain walking paths are lined by giant cypress trees, whose branches form a canopy high overhead filtering the bright sun though its green foliage. It is truly a city that I love to return to over and over.

Besides endlessly discovering new physical charms there is another aspect of the city which attracts visitors. The citizens of Kyoto retain the courtesies of a much earlier era of Japan. They are friendly, helpful, and considerate. I never will forget the experience of one American couple who found themselves caught in a sudden down pour of rain. Huddled in a doorway, a young girl came walking by with an umbrella. When she saw the couple's plight, she came up and handed them her umbrella. Before they could say "thanks", she was away in the rain.

Stories like this are not unusual in Kyoto. Even cab drivers are nice. About what other city in the

world could this statement be made?

There are many hotels in Kyoto. It is as fun a destination for people from other parts of Japan as it is for foreigners. The original Miyako Hotel is known throughout the world. It was built before WWII, but it has been regularly refurbished and new wings have been added. The hotel is on a large plot of land which has been cultivated into a lovely garden. Facing the garden is the Japanese inn style wing of the hotel. This is definitely a top class hotel.

Other hotels favored by foreign visitors are the ANA Hotel Kyoto, the Tokyo and the Kyoto Grand. Of these, my favorite is the Kyoto Grand. It is always a pleasure to see the welcoming smile of Takashi Sakaki, Director of Room Division, and to renew my friendship which spans more than two decades with Hiroshi Tomozawa, the personable Director and Manager. The location of this hotel is exceedingly convenient. But most importantly, the efficient, yet friendly, professional service provided by the hotel's excellent staff is outstanding.

If you wish to have the ultimate experience, try staying at a Japanese Inn. Two of the most famous in Kyoto are the Tawarayama and

the Hiyorigiya. Both are for the rich and famous. The cost per person per night can exceed \$400 USD. This includes, of course, dinner and breakfast. I stayed at the Hiyorigiya once. It was a great experience. I recommend that you give yourself this treat.

There are many organized sightseeing tours of the city or neighboring destinations such as Nara, Ince Grand Shrine, White Heron Castle, and the Takarazuka All Girl Revue. And, during certain seasons, special events, like the Miyako Odori or outdoor spectacular festivals, are in progress. There is much to do and see. Few visitors allow sufficient number of days in Kyoto to really enjoy all that the city has to offer. One can easily envision an entire two week vacation and still go away wishing you could have stayed longer.

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Abie, William K., 73, Sacramento, Feb. 7; Marysville-born, survived by son Perry, 4 brothers George, Tom, Toshiki, Joe, 5 sisters Ruth Tahara, Junko Omoni, Mary Sumazu, Frances Saka, Michiko Ikenoyama

Kawashiri, Yasuhide, 92, Gardena, March 15; Tottori-born, survived by 3 sons Kyoshi, Shigen, Yu, 4 daughters Hideo Sono, Setsuko Sooki, Yuriko Omatsu, Chyo Endo, 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, sisters Mitsuko Higashi, sister-in-law Tomiko Kawashiri.

Koyama, Paul Y., 76, San Diego, Feb. 26; San Francisco-born M18 WWII veteran (of first graduating class from Presidio of San Francisco), compiled history from Japanese military data 1947-1962, a 30-year title search officer, past commander VFW Post 4851, past president Kiko Gardens, survived by wife Yoko, daughter Carol Lynn, Lori Sumako, brother Howard, sister Ellen Matsumoto, 4 grandchildren: Minako, Jeanne Y., 74, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Emi, son Richard (Nebraska), brothers George, Ken, sister Donna Briner.

Kuwahara, Elizabeth S., 76, Los Angeles, Feb. 11; Azusa-born, survived by husband John, son Terry, daughter Karen Keenan, Sharon Shibata, daughter Kaseguchi, 4 grandchildren, sister Yoshiko Nisato, mother-in-law Hina Kuwahara.

Masaka, Yoshino, 94, La Puente, March 12; Hawaii-born, survived by son George, daughters Mary Orai, Margaret Yada, 5 grandchildren, brothers Sadao, Megumi, Hideo Konye, sister Hanayo Kokujo (Jpn).

Matsuda, Tsuyoshi, 87, Los Angeles, Feb. 6; Totsugom, survived by son Kent, daughters Kazuko Maki, Fumiko Terada, Michiko Akashi, Yoshiko, 13 grandchildren.

Namba, Hane, 96, Sacramento, March 1; Okayama-born, survived by 4 sons Minoru, Jim, Roy, John, 4 daughters Kimiko Namba, Mitsue Hashimoto, Yoshino Watanabe (Jpn), Yuriko Yoko, grandchildren.

Nishioke, Teina, 63, San Jose, Dec. 21; Vacaville-born, survived by brother George, Tamotsu, sister Jitsuko.

Sakaki, Yasuhide, 72, Los Angeles, March 4; Torrance-born, survived by brother George, sisters Kimiko, Yaeuko Kuwata, Mary Yukawa. Sasaki, Michio, 77, Milwaukee, Wis., of brain hemorrhage March 17; Tochiyo-born Japanese exchange teacher for Wauwatosa schools in the JALCAP program; survived by husband Kazuhiko (Japanese Language and Cultural Assistant Program teachers seek to improve their fluency in English, become more familiar with American life while teaching Japanese language and culture to K-12 students in Wisconsin.)

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Mieko (Saiho) Yeto, 74, Ventura, died August 8. Burbank born.

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Yamaguchi, Dorothy A., 74, Seattle, Feb. 9; Seattle-born, author of "This Was Minidoka," based on her 1965 slide-show she produced of WWII camps; survived by 4 sons Ken H. (Ballouville), Dennis, Fred (Renton), Gordon (Olympia), daughter Sue Yamaguchi Wong, 6 grandchildren, brother George, sister Jeanne Ayako Akaya (Toronto, Canada), husband Jack predeceased her in 1965.

Yamauchi, Roy T., 73, Culver City, in traffic accident Feb. 24; Santa Clara-born WWII veteran, watchmaker - owner Seisan Jewelers, survived by wife Michiko, 4 sons Gary, David (Chicago), Steven, John, 3 daughters Sally, Patricia Hosokawa, Sandra Zak, 6 grandchildren, 6 brothers Henry, George, Masayoshi (all San Jose), Karen, Shiro, Shigeo (all Jpn), sister Fumiko Yamauchi (Jpn), sister-in-law Mitsuko Yamauchi.

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