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Redress bill gains support in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Both the House and Senate versions of "The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992," S.2553/H.R. 4551, are awaiting floor action. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee passed S.2553 on August 5 and the House Judi-ciary Committee passed H.R. 4551 on Au-gust 11. The House bill has 91 co-sponsors

nd the Senate bill has 10 sponsors to date. Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said that many of the JACL members who had written letters of support to their congressmembers were receiv-ing responses from them citing the lack of committee action as a reason for not taking a position on the bill. Narasaki said, "Since both bills are now out of their respective committees, members of Congress no longer have that as an excuse to not co-sponsor the

bill."
The Senate co-sponsors include: Brock Adams (D-Wa.), Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Alan Cranston (D-Ca.), Slade Gorton (R-Wa.), Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Bob Packwood (R-Or.), Warren Rudman (R-Mt), John Seymour (R-Ca.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.) and Ted Stevens (R-Ak). Narasski urged the community to meet with their representatives and senators this month when Compress is in recess and urge them to Congress is in recess and urge them to ne a co-sponsor, if they are not one See REDRESS/page 4

Short takes

Japanese American home vandalized with swastikas

LOS ANGELES-The home of an eld-LOS ANGELES—The home of an eid-erly Japanese American couple in Ana-heim was spraypainted with swastikas over the Aug. 23 weekend. In the same neigh-borhood, the home of a Vietnamese Ameri-can was similarly vandulized. The racial message on the Japanese American home was, "F.— YOU NIPS," accompanied with swastikas. According to Jimmy Tokeshi, regional director of Pacific Southwest Disct, the letter "W" was also spraypainted

on the house.

Trisha Murakawa, chair of the JACL

Pacific Southwest Civil Rights Caucus, said
these recent incidents send a highly disturbing message in the continuing trend of
racial intimidation and violence against

Thai murder case still pending one year later

PHOENIX, Ariz.—A pair of high school students are awaiting trial in the largest mass slaying in Arizona's modern history which occurred a year ago, Aug. 10, when nine-Thai Buddhist lay deed, shot exec-tion-style in the back of the head, according

to investigating sheriff deputies.

The case has been dogged by claims of coerced confessions, which the court later ruled for three men and released them for

iack of evidence.

Originally viewed as a ratial hate crime or an international heroin ring operation, an international heroin ring operation, the continuation of the valuables believed stolen last October from the Wat Promkunaram temple, authorities named Jonathan Andrew Doody, 18 (whose mother is Thai and father is a U.S. service-man), and Alessandro Garcia, 17, as sus-

Meanwhile, the Thai Buddhists expre no animosity toward the killers, saying that someday those responsible will face "a balancing for their crimes."



DIPLOMACY-Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama in Denver to participate in the JACL convention discussing current U.S.-Japan relations and Japanese Americans.

AMBASSADOR TAKAKAZU KURIYAMA

CURRENT POSITION: Ambassador

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Am-bassador to Malaysia; Counselor, Em-bassy of Japan, Washington, D.C. EDUCATION: University of Tokyo: Lawrence University in Wisconsin; and Amherst College in Massachussetts.

Japanese Ambassador savs:

Japanese American points of view desirable

DENVER-Takakazu Kuriyama, Japanese ambassador to the United States, in an interview with Pacific Citizen, said organizations like JACL can help improve under-standing between America and Japan. "I think grassroot, people to people exchanges are important even though it's not easy to expand them," said Kuriyama. "Still I don't think there is any other way to improve our mutual understanding than to expand these people to people contacts on all levels. We would like to see everyone participate, that's why organizations like the JACL can play a

useful role.
The ambassador, in Denver to participate in the JACL workshop on U.S. Japan rela tions, said Japanese Americans can help Japanese nationals better understand America. "I don't think we are in a position to tell you what to do . . . but certainly, we on our part would look at Japanese Americans as we look on other Americans who are capable of understanding Japan and the Japanese from an American point of view. For that reason, I think that you Japanese Americans are in a very good position to advise us, to let us know how we should interact with America."

Speaking on the sometimes turbulent nature of U.S. Japan Teations, Kurtyanas said that both Japan and the United States have to adjust their perceptions of one an-

other. "Until the mid -'80s, America still the number one world economy. Even though Japan had been rather successful, the Japanese economy was still rather small. Towards the latter part of the mid-80s Japan became a major economic power, and we saw a relative decline of the United States as an economic power," said

"I think this has made psychological ad-justments on both sides rather difficult. On the Japanese side, I think we still think we are not so rich, we are not so big. So there are difficulties in understanding what kind of responsibilities we must take up. On the American side, I think you've been used to being the unchallenged number one. Very often Americans feel that all of a sudden they are facing a big challenge from a superman, which of course is not true." Citing President Bush's trip to Japa

man, which of course is not true.

Citing President Bush's trip to Japhan has Declaration signed at that time in which both countries pledged to work together on economic and political issues as an indication of positive aspects in U.S. Japan irelation of positive aspects in U.S. Japan irelation of positive aspects in U.S. Japan irelation. tions but that this wasn't picked up in the media. The media took hold of only one aspect of the relationship. The perception was that Bush only came to Japan to sell

Kuriyama said that the media in both

See AMBASSADOR/page 4

Vietnamese American dies after racially motivated beating

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla.-Luyen Phan Nguyen, a second year pre-med student at the University of Miami, died Aug. 17 of injuries sustained two days earlier in

of injuries sustained two days earlier in a racially motivated attack. Nguyen was attacked by a group of party goers after objecting to racial slurs. De-tective Jim Milford said the Vietnamese American student was "chased down like a 'wounded' deer and beaten about the headby 15 party-goers." In 14 years this is one of the sickest things I have is one of the sickest things I have seen...We saw very little remorse out of the people arrested," said Milford. Eight white men have been charged

with second degree murder and are be-ing held without bail. Initially five men

were charged with the crime. Those charged include: Christopher Anderson, 18; Terry Jamerson, 20; Warren Mills, 18; John Liptak, 18; and Michael Primato, 18. Al-Liptak, 18; and Michael Primato, 18. Al-though one of the defendants is claiming the incident was Nguyen's fault, according to police reports, Nguyen was not aggressive at any point. Eyewitness accounts con-tained in news reports said that Nguyen attempted to escape his attackers, but was repeatedly punched and kicked in the head after falling. Recently released autopsy re-sults show that Nguyen died from hemorrhage caused when his neck was broken in the attack. The funeral for Nguyen was held Aug. 20.

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Mineta condemns killing, calls for full investigation

calls for full investigation SAN JOSE—Rep. Norman Mineta recently added his voice of condemnation to the racially motivated attack Aug. 18 which resulted in the death of Luyen Phan Nguyen.

My heart goes out to the Nguyen family for their tragic loss, said Mineta. We cannot afford to let this savage racial numder go unanswered. Crimes of hatred and violence have no See MENETA/page 12

by LILLIAN C. KIMURA

syour newly elected National President of JACL, I would like periodi-

A cally to you, our members, through the Pacific Citizen. Our mem an awareness and an insight into the actions and activi-ties of the national organization. hope this column

quainted with me, I'd like to tell you a little about myself in this and in a column to follow. I am not a Jane Come Lately' to the organization. I joined JACL after graduate school because I thought JACL was the primary spokesperson for our community and because I wanted to be involved in helping to shape what JACL would say and do. My mentor at that time was the beloved Abe Hagiwara, who started and guided many young adults in Chicago on the path to community service. to community service

My involvement in the JACL Midwest District Council (MDC) began when the then Governor, Hiro Mayeda, appointed me to serve on the National Human Rela-tions Commission chaired by Raymond Uno. I went on to serve as the First Vice Gover-nor of MDC. During his term as National President Hank Tanaka appointed me to nor of .MDC. During his term as National President, Hank Tanaka appointed me to serve as an at-large member of the Na-tional Board for five years in my capacity as MDC Governor. During those years I served as chair of the Long Range Planning Com-mittee, as chair of the Rorganization Com-mittee and as chair of the Governor's CauDuring that time, I was also the president of the Japanese American Service Committee, a social service agency in Chicago which met the social and welfare needs of the Issel. During my tenure, the agency undertook construction of a 200 unit seniousing building, we established ady care center for the elderly and we maintained a sheltered workshop, a senior lunch program and recreational activities.

In September of 1980, my job took me to New York City where my involvement with the New York Chapter led me to serve asits president since 1986.

During the 1986 and 1990 bienniums, Cressey Nakagawa appointed me chair of the Pacific Citizen Board, as a member of the Select Committee on Organization Structure.

Ive had the good fortune to have had the opportunity to serve JACL in a variety of ways and now Ilook forward to serving you as your National President for the next two years.

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

Washington Olympia

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

Arirona Phoenix

Thursday, Oct. 22—National Society of Fund Raising Executives' From Ideas to Action... the Basics of Fund Raising a minority outreach workshop, ASU Mercado location (5th and Morroe), 8 mercado locasión (sin and Morroe), 8 am. Registration: \$50. Information: Mark Trujillo, Central Arizona Shelter Ser-vices, 1209 W. Madison, Phoenfix AZ 85007, 256-6945.

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Saturday, Oct. 10—Davis High School
Alumni and Friends Reunion, Little
America Hotal Towers, 500 S Main St,
Sat Laske City, Cost. \$30 per person,
reformation. George Hirabayashi, 3042
\$1000 W Syracuse, Utah, 84075 801/
773-2285. Hotel reservations; 800/4539450.

Idaho

Friday, Oct. 2, through Saturday, Oct. 3—Japanese American Internment, 3—Japanejse American Interment, conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, sponsored by College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls. Speakers: Cressey Nakagawa, Roger Shimomura, Bill Hosekawa, Lonny Kaneko, Dr. David Adler, Raymond S. Uno, and Dr. Robert Sims.

California San Francisco Area

Through Sept. 5-Paintings by Nise artist Yayoi Allene Shibata on exhibit, 871 Fine Arts, 250 Sutter St, Stir. 450, San Francisco.

Festival dance



Sahomi Tachibana performs *Genjoraku,* as a part of a dance lestival Monday, Sept. 7, at the Kidspace Outdoor Stage, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, Ore. Free admission

Sat-Sun, Sept 12-13—East Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose Nikkei singles groups are co-sponsoring a picnic at the beachfront property of the Tom Yuki family in Pescadero. Cost 44. Information: East Bay-Gloria Morita 510/5/24-01/01; Sacramento-Anne Mysaski 916-039-1925; San Francisco-Fran Chan 415/386-6872; San Jose-Wain Vanneth although Karen Yamada 408/982-1111

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 18-19—The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco and Theatre of Yugen present the Nomura Kyogen Theatre of Japan, Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, 8 pm, Cost: \$30, \$24, \$14. Tickets: City Box Office (141 Kearney) 415/392-4400 and all BASS outlets 510/762-BASS.

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: 209/441-444.

Los Angeles area

Thursday, Sept. 3—Marina JACL general meeting, Burton Chace Par, Marina Del Rey, 7:30m. Topic: "Stress Management" by spasier Carolyn Citazak, MSW. Donaton S2:00. Information: Alice, 310/324-0582.
Monday, Sept. 7—Up With People, presented by Toyota Corp., Marraee Auditorium, El Camino College The Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, Tickets S1:0/781-7171.

Information: 310/781-7171.
Friday, Sept. 11—Fund-raising dinner for Oznard, Calif., Mayor Nao Takasugi's campaign for the 37th State Assembly District, sponsored by the Japanese American Republicans. Guest speaker. Met Econ. American Republicans. Guest speaker. Matt Fong, Fourth District representative of the State Board off Equalization since 1991. Eventheld at Stavens Steak House, 5332. Stavens Place, Commerce, Call. \$75 per person. 630, so-cial hour. RSVP by Sept. 4. Information. Alvin Kusumoto, 213/97-1796. Kei Higashi, 818/337-5707, or Norma Tazoi. 714/852-2682. Higashi, 818/3: 714/\$32-2635.

Seturdey, Sept. 26—Marina JACL beach party. Information: Staci310/323-8683 or Alice, 310/324-0582.

Saturday, Sept. 26—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern can Historica's acciety or Southern California's annual awards dinner. Shangri-La Restaurant, 6 pm. Honor-ees: Sue K. Embrey, Miles Hamada, Harry Honda, Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379, and UCLA Nikkei Student Union. Cost. \$35. Information: Iku Kiriya 310/326-0608.

310/326-0608 Saturday, Sept. 26—Orange County Sansei Singles annual pionic, La Palma Central Park. Çost: members \$7, non-members \$10, children \$5. RSVP by Sept. 14 to 818/441-4114.

92 Reunions

Fresno Nihonmachi Reunion: Sept. 25-27, Fresno Holiday Inn Centre Piaza. 2233 Yentura Ave, Fresno, CA 93721. Fri. registration (\$45:Ms. Chisato Chara. 1041 N. 8th St., Fresno, CA 93702), Sat. 10 a.m.-noon, "Country Voices" exhibit. Ansel Adams photographs of Manzanar, Fresno Assembly Center Wall of Re-membrance at Metropolitan Museum. membrance at Metropolitan Museum 1555 Van Ness; 12-4 p.m. picnic Woodward Park; 6 p.m. social hour Reunion dinner, program and dance, Centre Plaza; Sun. 8 a.m. breaklast, 10 a.m. Church' services at both Buddhist and United Japanese Christian.

Heart Mountain Reunion VI: Sept 11-13, SeaTac Red Lion Hotel, Seattle Placer County H.S. Nikkel Alumni: ept. 19-20, Holiday Inn, 5321 Date ve., Sacramento Call: Tomio Sasaki

Stockton Assembly Center 50th Year: Sept. 4-7, Stockton, Calif., La Quinta Inn (800/531-5900); Lodi Motor

Ouinta Inn (800/531-5900); Lodi Motor Inn (209/334-6422). Topaz Camp 50th Year: Sept. 4-6, Hyatt Regency, Burlingame, Calli: Contact: Tomi Gyotoku, 826-38th Ave. San Francisco, CA 386-5607, (415/ 386-5607) or Sumi Ozawa Sugihara (510/758-3049).

UC Berkeley Class of 1942's 50th anniversary. Sept. 15. Convocation: California Japanese American Alurtni Big Game reunion: Nov. 21, Holiday Inn, Emeryville, Information: CJAFA, MoNoguch, P.O. Box 1525.5, San Francisco, CA 94115-0235, (415/499-166b).

For the record

 Two National JACL scholar Two National JACL scholar-ships (see the July 31-Aug. 7 issue) were improperly identified and should have read: Mesao and Sumako Itano Scholarship (on page 1) and the Nisaburo Albara Memorial Scholarship (on page

8).

Sen. Deniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) alldressed the Sayonara Banquet at the JACL national convenion in Denver (see Aug. 14-21 issue) and told about his experiences during World War II as a member of the 442nd Infantry, which included a visit while in training at Camp Shelby, Miss. of the internment camp at Rohwer, Ark, He was never interned as was indicated in the story and photo caption (see page story and photo caption (see page

Emergency resolution 1, Su-preme Court nominations, (see Aug. 14-21 issue) was adopted by the National Council and not rejected as indicated (see page 4).

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JACL conference seminars

Former skinhead tells of fight with hate

by GWEN MURANAKA

by GWEN MURANKA Assistant editor

DENVER—Neo-Nazis, skinheads, Ku Klux Klan-personifications of hate in its most incendiary form. At the anti-Asian violence workshop at the JACL national convention, former skinhead, Greg Withrow, told a Japanese American audience what it means to hate. Other participants included: moderator Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, and Richard Hirschault, of the B nai Brith, Anti-Defamation League.

Dressed in a white tank top with several tattoos showing and speaking in quiet, hesitant tones, Withrow described an upbringing which encouraged him to hate other peoples. My father hated Oriental people, he hated Asian people, said Withrow. The reason he didn't got Deurope (during World War II) was because he wouldn't fight European people. He fought on Okinawa and told of he joy of Killing other races—and that was my father.

Withrow had his first encounter with the Klan while in prison and went on to work with Tom Metzger, leader of the white supremacist movement, the White Aryan Resistance. Explaining the

Anti-Asian violence update

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, stressed the importance of keeping records of hate crimes in these times of increasing anti-Asian violence. "It's a very critical time for organizations like JACL," said Hayashi, who noted that JACL is actively monitoring anti-Asian violence.

The national director showed several versions of public ser-vice announcements produced by the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence, encouraging victims to report

Regarding the June 1992 Supreme Court ruling in the

Withrow said, "That which is not of the Aryan race is a non sequitour and should be exterminated or ignored. Non-whites are competi-tors for the limited resources of the planet."

tors for the limited resources of the planet. Though it sounds cliched, low was the reason Withrow turned away from the Klan. Relating his love affair with a waitress whose parents fled Nazi Germany dur-ing World War II, Withrow said, "It took away the veneer that you

case of Robert A. Viktora (R.A.V.) versus St. Paul, Hayashi said, The R.A.V. case has people scrambling to determine the effect on their hate crifine statutes. R.A.V. planted a seed of doubt—the whole ground of civil rights legislation is shaky.

ground of civil rights legisla-tion is shaky."

Hayashi also updated the au-dience on the status of the Jac. "case, in which a Ger-man American challenged the constitutionality of redress. Advocating continued vigi-lance, Hayashi said while the case was thrown out of a lower court, there is a chance that the Jacobs case may be argued be-fore the Supreme Court.

are only animals, you are just flotsam. Whole aspects of rethink-ing opened up for me." "Now it's almost a fascination

row it's almost a lascination for me to experience other cul-tures," said Withrow, who noted that he has acquired a taste for Asian food and an interest in

martial arts.
When Withrowleft the neo-Nazi movement he did so publicly and suffered severe retribution includ-

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Coalitions key to passage of voting rights act

By KAREN NARASAKI Washington D.C., representative

The Senate and the House of Representatives both recently passed by overwhelming margins, th Voting Rights Improvement Act of 1992, a law which reauthorizes on 1952, a law which reauthorizes and expands the coverage of Sec-tion 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Section 203 requires counties to provide bilingual vot-ing materials and assistance to spanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans in communi ties which meet certain threshold tests. For the past 10 years no Asian Pacific American commu-nity has been covered outside of Hawaii.

The expanded coverage pro-vided by the bill means that bilin-gual voting materials must be pro-vided, in many cases for the first time, to approximately 200,000 Asian Americans in nine counties. Japanese Americans will be covered in Honolulu and in Los Angeles. Chinese Americans are covered in three counties in New York (Kings, Queens and New York) and in three counties in York) and in three counties in California (Los Angeles, Alameda and San Francisco). Filipino Americans will be covered in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Maui and Kauai. Vietnamese Americans will be covered in Los Angeles and Orange County, California. Without the explined coverage, only Chinese Americans in San Francisco and Fulinion Americans in cisco and Filipino Americans in Maui and Kauai would be covered.

A coalition of Asian Pacific American organizations began working on this legislation over 18 months ago. The coalition in-



cludes the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Organi-zation of Chinese Americans (OCA), Chinese American Citi-zens Alliance (CACA), Asian Law Caucus (ALC), Asian Pacific American Legal Center of South-ern California (APALOSC), Asian, American Legal Defense and Edu-cation Fund (AALDEF), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), Asian Americans for Equality Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

These Asian Pacific American organizations worked in a broad voting rights coalition with the voting rights coalition with the Lendership Conference on Civil Rights, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Council of La Raza, Na-tive American Rights Fund and the National Puerto Rican Coalition. Without their strong sup-port, the expanded coverage which greatly benefits the Asian Amerimunity would not have become a reality.

The bill was viewed by r members of Congress as an "His-panic" bill and simple extension of the bill for 15 years was seen as relatively easy to win. Expansion of coverage in a political climate that has been increasingly antiimmigrant, was seen by some as a risky move. The original formula required that the language mi-nority group have limited English proficient citizens of voting age equal to at least 5% of a county. This meant that Asian Americans and Hispanics in large urban ar-eas such as Los Angeles, Chicago and New York were not being cov-ered, despite their large absolute numbers. The new alternative standard requires coverage once the relevant population numbers

10,000 in a county.

The Washington, D.C. offices of JACL and OCA helped to represent the Asian Pacific American organizations within the broader voting rights coalition in D.C. Our presence was one of the keys to preserving coverage for Asian Americans. The natural tendency was to compromise on the new formula whenever the bill was threatened. However, any com-promise would have had a disproportionate effect in reducing coverage for the Asian American com-munities and would have meant

that there would be no coverage for Japanese Americans. The organizations based out-side of Washington, D.C. successside of Washington, D.C. successfully mounted intense grassroots lobbying efforts to support the expanded coverage. They were successful in obtaining usually conservative Senators and Represenservative Senators and Represenses See COALITIONS/page 4

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countries can do a lot to improve perceptions and deflate miscon-ceptions. The media can really play an important role by trying toremove the mythsandlet people know what the facts are: I think ironically, the recent economic slowdown in Japan has some people saying this has attenuated the superman image of Japan; afterall Japan is human."

Media can convey a balanced, objective view. In the Japanese media as well, if one keeps report-ing only on drugs and urban problems then everyone (in Japan) will think America is bad."

Discussing Japan's gradual emergence as an international power the ambassador likened the nation to a man who has worked himself up from poverty to be-come wealthy, but still does not behave like a successful man. "Since he has reached his goal, things have to change—his whole outlook has to change and this is the big challenge for the Japa-

se," said Kuriyama. "We have had a great deal of difficulty readjusting ourselves. for example, during the Gulf War, the world expected Japan to act together with other countries in defending peace in the Middle East and many in Japan had dif-ficulties understanding the kind of responsibilities Japan had with the United States and the United

But the ambassador also noted that Japan eventually did give \$13 billion to the allied forces and

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also sent minesweepers into the Gulf after the war. While Japan en hesitant in entering the has been hemtant in entering the world political arena, it has be-gun to do so. "Now we are moving from passivity to a more active role, but change is not easy for Japan," said Kuriyama.

Other international issues Japan has become involved include, peacekeeping efforts in Cambo-dia and helping monitor the nuclear power program in North Korea. "We have enacted a bill which will allow our self defense forces, for the first time in postwar history, to go abroad to par-ticipate in U.N. peacekeeping op-erations. So the mission is limited; nevertheless, it's a signifi-cant departure from what I would call Janen's call Japan's passive posture to-Kuriyama

Discussing Japan's sometimes aggressive past as it tries to move to a peaceful future, Kuriyama said, "I think the Japanese people's commitment to th war constitution itself is a demonstration of the Japanese people's belief that we should never make that mistake again. Unfortunately during the war, particularly dur-ing the period leading up to World War II through our colonialism, our militarism, through our ag gression we caused havoc in the Asian world.

Looking inward to Japane society, Kuriyama talked of a year plan" in Japan to reduce the average number of working hours from 2,100 hours currently down to 1,800 hours. In the United States, the average worker puts in 1,900 hours per year. "People argue that this may not be realistic, but that's the goal,

My argument is (working long hours is) different from work eth ics. To work hard, to produce s thing which is of high quality is one thing. It's something else to work long hours. Nobody wants to ork long hours anywhere in the

Like many in America, Kuriyama and the Japanese government are looking with antici-pation to the U.S. presidential elections. While familiar with the policies of the Reagan/Bush era, Kuriyama insists that the Japanese are not hesitant about Demo-cratic nominee Bill Clinton. "Gov Clinton has been in Japan several times as governor of Arkansas. He tried to invite Japanese business to his states, so he knows Japan," said Kuriyama.

"From what he's been saying in public, he's a well-balanced interonalist, he's not a protectionist. What we are most concerned about is the possibility of America becoming protectionist. So whocomes president, whether he be Democratic or Republican, we would like to see that president continue to oppose protec-tionism both in this country and internationally.

"We don't think Governor Clinton is a protectionist, he's an internationalist with a good understanding of the world in which we live. So we are comfortable with him as we have been with the Republicans," said Kuriyama.

States, the average worker puts CA), Don Edwards (D-CA), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Lane Evans (D-IL), Eni Falsomavega (D-AS), Dante Fascoll (D-FL), Vic Faris (D-CA), Edward Feighan (D-OH), Hamilton Fish (R-NY), Richard Gephard (D-MO), Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), Newt Gingrich (R-GA), Henry Gonzalen (D-TX), Frank Guarini (D-N), Charles Hayes (D-IL), George Hochhuvechen (D-NY), Joan Kelly Horn (D-MO), Frank Horton (D-NY), William Hughes (D-N), Henry Hyde (R-IL), Andrew Jacobs (D-IN), Jim Jontt (D-IN), Andrew Jacobs (D-IN), Jim Jontt (D-IN), Andrew Jacobs (D-IN), Jim Jontt (D-IN), Peter Kostmaper (D-PA), Tom Lantos (D-CA), Richard Lehman (D-CA), William Lehman (D-TL), Mel Levine (D-EN)

already, and to pass the legislation as soon as Congress reconvenes September 8. Following is a list of the House co-sponsors.

Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Chester Akins (D-MA), Les AuCoim-DoR), Richard Baker (R-LA), Howard Berman (D-CA), Ben Blar (R-Guam), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Albert Butsamathe (D-TX), Tom Campbell (R-CA), William Clay (D-MO), John Copyers (D-CA), Ronald Dellums (D-CA), Peter DeFazio (D-D-R), Julian Dixon (D-CA), Mervyn Dymally (D-CA), Mervyn liam Lehman (D-FL), Mel Levine (D-CA), Tom Manton (D-NY), Nick

COALITIONS (Continued from page 3)

tatives to support the legislation and defeat weakening amend-mehts. Senators Seymour (R-CA), D'Amato (R-NY) and Spec-ter (R-NY) all voted for final pas-

sage.
These organizations also worked with county and state officials to allay their concerns about costs and implementation. Los Angeles posed a particular problem since the new standard meant that the county would be required to provide assistance in 5 languages, 4 of them Asian. Kathy Imahara of APALCSC and Rathy Imahara of APALCSC and Steve Lizardo of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund worked together with the County to come up with a cost-effective plan. Yvonne Lee of CACA and Doreena Wong of ALC worked with the Secretary of State's office on registration assistance issues and with the registrars for San Francisco and a on implementation is-AALDEF and AAFE orked with the county and city officials in New York.

The Asian Pacific American membersof Congress played their usual key roles. Representatives Norman Mineta (D-CA) and Patay Mink (D-HI) made moving Patsy Mink (D-HI) made moving statements during the House debate in support of the bill and against amendments offered by conservatives which would have reduced assessment reduced coverage for Asian Americansorgutted the bill. Con-gressman Mineta worked par-ticularly hard to help defeat an

amendment that lost in the end by only two votes. Congress-woman Mink was part of a del-egation who met with Majority eader George Mitchell to urge him to overcome Senator Simpson's stalling tactics and move the bill in the Senate. Connan Robert Matsui (D-CA) gressman Robert Matsun (D-A) also was a strong supporter of the bill. Senators Inouye (D-HI) and Akaka (D-HI) provided strong statements in the record, helping to defeat Senator Simpson's (R-WY) crippling amendments.

As often asked question these is whether the various Asian Pacific American communities can work together to achieve com-mon goals. This is an example of coalition work at its best. As Den-nis Hayashi, JACL national director, stated, "This is one of the first important steps in ensuring that the growing political force of the Asian Pacific American com-munity will be realized." The next step is to make sure that the Asian Pacific Americans take advantage of the language assistance and

vote.
The legislation was introduced in the House by Congressman Jose Serrano (D-NY) and cosponsored by other members of the Hispanic Caucus and Congressman Don Edwards (D-CA). Republican support was led by Congressman Hamilton Fish (R-NY) and Steven Schiff (R-NM). The legislation was introduced in the Senate by Senator Simon (P-IL). Other leading Senate components include in Senate by Senator Simon (P-IL). ing Senate cosponsors include Senators Hatch (R-UT) and Kennedy (D-MA).

Mavroules (D-MA), Matthew Martinez (D-CA), Alm McDermott (D-WA), Michael McNuty (D-CA), John McDermott (D-WA), Michael McNuty (D-NY), George Miller (D-CA), John Miller (R-WA), Norman Mineta (D-CA), Patsy Mink(D-HD), John Moakloy (D-MA), Jim Moody (D-WI), Sid Morrison (R-WA), Robert Mrazek (D-MA), Eleasor (D-MA), George Miller (D-CA), Agbro Owens (D-NY), Eleanor (D-DC), Major Owens (D-NY), Wayne Owens (D-UT), Leon Panetta (D-CA), Edrastor (D-AZ), Nancy Pelesi (D-CA), Edrastor (D-MA), Edrastor (D-MA), Robert Roc (D-MI), Edrastor (D-NM), Fourtiney (D-NY), David Staggs (D-CO), Stephen Solarz (D-NY), Fourtiney Pete Stark (D-CA), Louis Stokes (D-OH), Gerry Studds (D-MA), Al Swift (D-WA), Esteban Torres (D-CA), Edoiphus Towns (D-NY), Johen Loncold (D-WA), Bruce Ventco (Mass (D-NY), Pat Williams (D-MT), Howard Wolpe (D-MI), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Sidney Ystes (D-ID), On Wyden (D-OR), Sidney Ystes (D-ID), Sidn IL) (S)

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ing having his throat slit, nails driven through his hands and his jaw broken in four places. The only reason I am here, (is the) guy that had the gun to my head couldn't do it. Ironically, a black couple saved me, said Withrow. Withrow estimated that the white supremacist movement has become more sophisticated since he left, with recruiting increasing among women and young people. Asked about helping others get out of the neo-Nazi movement, Withrow said, "Most of them are beyond redemption. The younger ones, quite possibly can be educated. Intellectually trying to reach a raciet is a waste of time," said Withrow.

Hirschault recounted how he met Withrow, who had publicly disavowed the white supremacist movement and had been aswagely beaten for his defection. "Ores putts a human face on what it is him to wage a battle against the time to wage a battle against the said of how Withrow asked for his help to "rub out a few swaatkas that were tatooed on his body. Bigotty, racism, prejudice are indivisible. We must stand together, said Hirschault thoworks with Withrow against nec-Nazism 29

JACL conference seminars

It's getting tougher for JA students

By RICHARD SUENAGA

They're not quite dropping out or dropping back yet but there are some signs of fading. The seminar speakers at the JACL Conference Saturday, Aug. 8, told members that Japanese American students are facing increasing problems and pressures at all levels of edu-

The first session, moderated by Russell Endo, a sociologist with the University of Colorado, was titled "Educational Issues for Asians". Just how well are Japanese Americans and Asian Americans doing as students, faculty and administrators. According to Warren Furutani of the Los Angeles County Board of Education and Dale Shimazaki, chairman of JACL's National Education Com mittee and a director of research at San Francisco City College, the concerns are very real and impos

ing.
The competition to get on University of California campuses is intense, Shimazaki said. Japanense, Shimazaki said. Japanense, Shimazaki said. Japanense, Shimazaki said. can students will increasingly have a more difficult time getting into colleges and staying there. But it's not just the students

who may be experiencing prob-lems. Speaking on tenure issues, Shimazaki talked about a number of faculty rights cases that have been litigated in the past few

He said that in three cases faculty members won in settlements, that another member received tenure elsewhere, and that one other case is still pending.

The educational consultant, however, pointed out that while justice has been served for some in some cases, it was the political system—not the educational system that was instrumental in these cases. In many of the cases, it was phone call campaigns that helped to bring the issue to light. "We need political support to be successful," Shimazaki said.

As far as diversity in education As far as diversity in education is concerned, the speaker said the situation is improved but that more focus is needed. At San Francisco City College, he reported that some 30 gay-lesbian students are enrolled but that handicapped students are under-represented. "It takes commitment at the top ranks of higher education institu-tions to create diversity," tions to create diversity," Shimazaki said. Furutani addressed the educa-

tion situation at the elementary level as it relates to Japane Americans.

Americans.

The educator pointed out that years ago in Los Angeles and elsewhere, Japanese American students were frequently labeled those most likely to succeed. "It was a reality even if a stereotype," he said.



DALE SHIMASAKI

Now, in Los Angeles, Japanese American students rarely receive that kind of acknowledgement, he said. They face stiffer competition; they frequently get lost in the numbers.

the numbers.

Japanese American students
must be more well-rounded to deal
with this kind of competition. They
can often compete academically
with the very best but they must
also be skilled in articulating
themselves in interview. themselves in interview sessions writing, personal experiences, and community activities

"These are all part of the admis-sions process," Furutani said. "We can assist as Japanese American parents. We can examine what to do. (Our children) need to be challenged in other parts of the educa-tion process. They need to develop character and personality, and this applies whether it's for a uni-versity or for a job."



WARREN FURUTANI

Furutani also talked about some of the social and cultural factors in Japanese American develop-

"In the past, the Japanese American experience in curricu-lum had been integrated into Asian American Studies", he said.
"A separate component has its place, but that component has to

place, but that component has to be able to plug into a concept." For young Japanese American students, the problem is often one ofidentity—or lack of it. Furutani said that they are usually not bi-lingual as many students are today, and further, while they are identified as "not being from Japan they are white but not white. We have to define our position."

In terms of curriculum, "Jana nese Americans can have a real impact, and can relate to other Asian American groups as well, he added 🖾

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Need for more assertiveness

In the question and answer decline in achievement among Jananese American students. At the University of Colorado he tracked a number of Yonse Japanese American students and most of them had dropped out, he said.

One member of the audience asked Furutani about the "glass ceiling" phenomenon in business and education. Furutani acknowledged that it does exist but told the audi-

ence that Japanese Americans are not often assertive enough are not often assertive enough in both areas. "I definitely think so. We need advocacy in politics, we must be more ac-tive. We must be more aggressive; we must speak well on our behalf; we must organize.

'I'm very concerned that we on't communicate better verbally. Women are better than men. We don't look people in the eye; we sometimes even have a feeble handshake." He said that in his experi-

ence, Japaneses American women were more aggressive than men. They spoke more clearly, they made a better appearance before people. Shimazaki added his recent

Democratic convention. He said in the call for fund-raising effort for the party, many believed that Asian Americans were not assertive enough. There's a tough perception that Asian Am

ception that Asian Americans can't deliver," he said. Teresa Maebori, EDC gov-ernor, said that Asian American experiences need to be brought into the curriculum. We have to be proud of our heritage, we need to get more people to be more aggressive, to be proud of themselves." Another JACL member

Another JACL member pointed out that one of the biggest problems in education is the salary schedule limits that forces the best teachers to find work in higher paying administrative positions

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in black and white, in photo-graphs, in videos, and in other educational materials:

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Speaking at a seminar session of JACL 32nd Biennial Conven of JACL 32nd Bisnnial Conven-tion in Denver were members of JACL's Education committee: Carol Kawamoto, PSW governor; Teresa Maebori, EDC governor; Sharon lishi Jordan, newly name MPD governor; and Greg Marutani, member of the San Francisco Chapter who talked about the guide's potential use at

the chapter level.

Dale Shimazaki, who chaired the session, said that the guide, 'The Japanese American Wartime Experience, 1941-45, will be available to all chapters. He said that at this point it is intended for téachers and for use in workshops. The next step, he said, is to work with the publishing industry for inclusion in textbooks or as teacher resource guidebooks.

Maebori, who emphasized the guide in its current form is still considered a draft subject to modification, talked about the guide's lesson plans that dealt with discrimination and prejudice.

Kawamoto pointed out that in primary education in Calfornia, K-6, there is only one textbook, at the fourth words level that con-

there is only one textbook, at fourth grade level, that con-

tains a brief mention of Japanese mericans in it.

lishi Jordan talked briefly of

the intermediate-high school por-tion of the guide, designed to help students identify with experi-ences that camp internees underwent and by experiencing and getting a sense of discrimination

nemselves. Marutani talked about the San Marutani talked about the San Francisco Chapter's involvement in the project for several years, and another video project that is currently being reviewed at the JACL district level. The guide, he said, 'is an ongo-ing process. It has to be updated. We need to monitor legislation related to curriculum.'

-RICHARD SUENAGA

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Hiroshima remembered

old anniversaries have a way of A sold anniversaries have a way of doing, the anniversary in early August of the first nuclear bomb detonated in gust of the first nuclear bomb devoluted in anger slipped by this year before I could acknowledge it. But I would be remiss if I did not tell you this story.

Läst spring, we took three of the grand-children to explore their roots in Japan. They were Steve and Stephanie Boatright and Tiffany Harveson, youngsters who by their names would not be identified easily as of Japanese origin. Not to mind. They enjoyed their experience immensely.

On the itinerary was one day in Hiroshima, all that could be spared on a hurried trip. The first half of the day was spent at the atomic bomb museum which is the centerpiece of Peace Memorial Park. The museum was redone a few years ago, and it is still a vivid reminder of the horror of a city reduced to a radioactive waste.

In the afternoon some of the younger members of the Fukeda family drove us out to their home in a peaceful little valley inland from Hiroshima proper. Michizume Fukeda, the patriarch, is my cousin and I get to see him about once every five years

On my first visit to the Fukeda home many years ago Mrs. ukeda told me what happened the day the bomb fell. Now, I repeated that story to the grandkids as we stood in the Fukedas' front yard looking toward the low hills that separ ate the hom from the city.

That August morning, I said, Mrs. Fukeda was working in a rice field near her home when she was startled by an enormous thundering sound, louder than anything she had ever heard. Presently a huge black she had ever heard. Presently a luge black cloud boiled into the sky on the other side of the hills and a harsh, hot wind swept up the valley. The sky darkened. Frightened, she valies. The sky darkened. Figurened, she hurried home where she found most of the glass broken. Even more distressing, the roof had been lifted off the walls and dropped

Hours later a stream of horribly burned people, blackened skin hanging from their arms, their eyes glazed, staggered up the dirt road in front of her home. Many begged for water. She helped them as best she

Next day she knew what she had to do. She took her two-wheeled hand cart and went into Hiroshima in search of relatives. Miraculously she found them all, dazed but not seriously injured, and led them all back to the farmhouse where we now stood.

The grandkids listened attentively and gazed in awe at the hills that had protected the farmhouse and at Mrs. Fukeda who is now a smiling, wrinkled grandmother, her back bent like so many elderly Japanese

When we returned home to the States I asked the grandkids what they remem bered most about their 10 days in Japan Was it the astonishing hustle and bustle of Tokyo, the friendliness of folks in Yamagata, the ancient splendor of Kyoto, the speedy comfort of the Bullet Train? Osaka Castle? The shabu-shabu dinner or the hot springs bath? The subway rides, kamikaze taxis of getting lost in Tokyo Station?

There was no hesitation. It was the visit to Hiroshima and learning about what hap-pened the day the bomb fell.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

The Fugu Plan

Like MANY OTHERS, I've read bits here and there of a 1940 episode in Kovno, Lithuania, involving a Japanese consular official, Senpo Sugihara, who, on the eve of being ousted by Soviet, forces which had taken over Lithuania, issued in the control of the control IKE MANY OTHERS, I've read bits which had taken over Lithuania, issued in a period of 19 days some 6,000 Japanese visas to religee Jews, thereby making it possible for them to escape the on-going pogroms of both the Nazis and the Soviets. It is an intriguing saga of an official who apparently acted very much on his own, thereby risking severe reprimand if not punishment upon returning to Nippon. Indeed, somewhere I recall reading an item that Consul Sugihara was relegated to some nondescript position in Japan, although subsequently restored to a higher level. I believe I saw a brief obituary about the Consul.

Consul.

What a story he had to tell!

BEFORE THE 1940'S Japanese governmental officials, with the military's endorsement, had created a plan aiming to settle and develop Manchuko with the talent and capabilities of Jews. It will be remembered that by the mid-1930's, Japan had assumed control of Manchuria and had

installed a puppet emperor, Henry Pu Yi— whose story Hollywood produced under the title "The Last Emperor." And although Japan was able to colonize Manchuko with Japan was able to colonize snanchuko with a number of Nippon-jins, the primitive frontier conditions and the bone-numbing cold were not conductive to large colonies of Japanese making the place "home." And so the need to attract others to develop this frontier. This Jewish resettlement program was

the "Fugu Plan."

JAPANESE AWARENESS of the Jewish people was limited, due in large part to its prolonged isolation from the Western world, pried open only by the arrival of Commodore Matthew Perry's black ships in 1853. An early highwater mark was reached when the Vice-Governor of the Peached when the vice-Governor of the Bank of Japan (Baron Korekiyo Takahashi, who was doomed to be subsequently assas-sinated by military hotheads) was in the United States during the 1904 period. Re-lations between Japan and Czarist Russia were somewhat strained, each engaged in staring down the other and eventually go-ing to war. In order to stockpile needed ing to war. In order to stockpile needed resources for such a struggle, Baron Takahashi came to the United States to

raise funds, but without much success. Until he happened to be seated at a dinner next to Mr. Jacob Schiff, a Jewish partner in the New York investment firm of Kuhn-Loeb. It was the start of a close and long-lasting relationship, with the Baron's daughter reanonsnip, with the Baron's daughter spending three years' with the Schiff family. Ultimately, loans totalling \$100 million were realized, with Mr. Schiff becoming such a hero in Japan that Emperor Meiji took the unprecedented step of inviting this gai_jin (foreigner) for lunch at the Imperial Palace.

Imperial Palace.

AND THUS in the early fall of 1940, in an out-of-the-way place in Lithuania, we find a lower cehelon Japanese diplomat frantically stamping and signing 6,000 visas for Jewish refugese. Following the end of the Pacific War in 1945, boatloads of hikinge-sha's (repatriates to Japan) arrived in Japan, largely to Hario (Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture) then Maisuru (Kyoto-fu). Every so often among them would be a Jewish Cauchasian.

One wonders whether some of them re-ceived one of those 6,000 visas which had been issued by Consul Sugihara in Kovno, Lithuania.

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A delegate's thoughts on the '92 convention

Denver may indeed be the turning point for JACL. For the first time, the national officers of the JACL are almost entirely composed of the younger generation. We heard it remarked that the average age of the group was 32 years. The only "older" neard it remarked that the average age to the group was 32 years. The only "older" person is Lillian Kimura, our new presi-dent who is age 62. Lillian is the obasian, and she said that she did not mind obasan, but please do not call her obassan.

but please do not call her obassan.

Lillian will bring the strength of her
maturity to the young group. We will wait
and see how the actions of the new officers
carry out the promises of their campaign
literature. We older Nisei have passed the
torch and the destiny of the Organization is

in their hands

in their hands.

We hope that they will never forget the
pioneers who, with their personal sacrifices and unselfish deeds, made JACL possible: among them in the earliest years—
Dr. Thomas Yatabe, the first elected national JACL president (1934-36); Saburo tional JACL president (1934-36); Saburo Kido, wartime president (1940-46); Sim Togasaki, our national treasurer in those early years; Walter Tsukamoto, our legal counsel; Jimmy Sakamoto, blind editor of the Japanese American Courier; and Clarence Arni of Seattle. Later came George Inagaki, Hito Okada, Min Yasui and Mike Masaoka.

Along the way, JACL has made mistakes in judgment, but these were honest mis-takes in the sincere belief that they were for the ultimate good of all Japanese Ameri-

We have confidence that our new officers will, by their actions, carry on the tradi-tions and principles of JACL for the ulti-mate good of all Japanese Americans.

Fred U. Hirasuna

sno, Calif.

Mr. Hirasuna was introduced during the convention as a delegate to the first national JACL Convention held in Seattle in 1930.

Have Nisei forgotten the other internees?

I read with concern Karen Narasaki's article which appeared in the June 19th issue of Pacific Citizen... Redress stalls in Committee." Since Congressman Levine Committee. Since Congressman before had been so attentive to responding to an earlier request for his support, I thought I would write him again to provide us with some insight into the situation and where the Redress program is headed. I have enclosed a copy of my letter to the Con-

enclosed a copy of my letter to the Con-gressman.

It appears that the third and final age group for consideration under the original Redress program might not receive their entitlement. I have not seen much support from the media or from fellow concerned lasie and Nisei internees, who by now have received their Redress payments as the first and second age groups. It seems as if they have turned their backs on the young-est group, now that they have purchased their luxury cars and gone on their once-in-a-lifetime vacations. Please excuse my sarcasm, but we in the younger group are the ones who were robbed of our infancy, toddier and childhood years behind barbed wires.

wires.

Can we once again push more aggressively to emphasize the importance of the support and passage of HR 4551? It would not be fair to discontinue the Redress payments before ALL internees have been reconstituted.

Darleen A. Fujita Los Angeles, Calif.

Report of the national president

Life after redress

A quest to define JACL's future

By CRESSEY H. NAKAGAWA

The following article is a review and "State of the Organization" message from outgoing President Cressey Nahagawa, presented at the 32nd JACL Biennial Conven-tion. Nahagawa characterized his four years in office as a new foun-dation for the future of JACL," and called upon the organization to reshape American attitudes to-wards algonese and other Asian. Americans & people . and to improve person-to-person relations within the circle of people of color and outside of that color circle." Here are key nextinus of the four years in office as a new "foun Here are key portions of his report.

The theme of this convention The theme of this convention—
"JACL—Solid as the Rockies"—
succinctly provides what I believe
is a good snapshot of the current
condition of our organization.
To understand why this description of the organizational con-

dition is sound, we must under-stand that at our National Con-vention in Seattle in 1988, HR 442 became reality. Redress legislation was signed by President Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988, the day our convention adjourned. Thus after our 30th Biennial National onvention, the question that ap-sered in the minds and vocalized peared in the minds and vocalized from the lips of many JACLers was: What is there after redress?

was: What is there after redress?

My responses were several:
that we still have redress appropriations to accomplish before the redress program can be finally completed; that human relations problems in America for Japanese Americans will not disappear automatically with the enactment of redress legislation; that our education system and textbooks need revamping in order to create an understanding of the American constitutional crisis that occurred with the Japanese that occurred with the Japanese American internment camp experience 50 years ago; that the rise rience 50 years ago; that the rise of economic power in Asia, particularly in Japan, will exacerbate tensions in human relations for Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans with other segments of the American popula-

The organizational challenges

The organizational challenges for the past four years have been:
(1) what should be the relevant goals and objectives for the future of JACL; (2) what financial base can we build for the future of JACL; (3) what can we do to im-prove our national working rela-tionship on mutually agreed is-sues with other national civil and human rights organizations: (4) human rights organizations; (4) what can we do to proactively improve the dialogue between JACL, Japanese Americans and Japan so as to avoid American backlash against Japanese Ameri-cans and other Asian Americans from trade tensions or otherwise, and (5) what should be done to improve the organizational link-age between chapters and na-tional

This State of the Organization anis open of the Organization report is presented to set forth the highlights of the organizational and personial responses to the organizational concerns that have been the focus of JACL for the st four years during my two

Long Range Planning: **Program for Action**

Frogram for Action
For too long, the organization
had operated without a prescribed
set of goals and objectives. To accomplish the task of identifying
these goals and objectives and, as
well, to reassess our organizational mission and purposes, a
process was needed to be estab-



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lished whereby the Long Range Planning Committee could ad-dress some very fundamental con-cerns of the organization. The effort to achieve this stra-tegic plan for the JACL was long

and arduous, spanning the entire 1988-1990 biennium. In the process, every JACL District Council participated in formulating rec-ommendations. Finally, the JACL mission, goals and objectives rec-ommended by the Long Range Planning Committee were reviewed, accepted and prioritized by the National Council in San

During the 1990-1992 bien-nium, the Program for Action pro-vided the blueprint which guided the work of the National Board and the staff. Great credit is due Henry Tanaka and his committee eir efforts and for the quality of its final product.

The development of the Pro-gram for Action has addressed the question of what it is that the organization does on a program-matic basis during each biennium. What remains is the manner, or how, the organization effectively and efficiently carries out the Pro-gram for Action. It is for this reason that we put into place the Select Committee on Organiza-tion Structure. The National Board directed the committee to review JACL's governing and op-erating structures and to submit findings and recommendations which would strengthen all seg-ments of the JACL. In undertakments of the JACL. In undertak-ing this task, the committee, chaired by Lillian Kimura, has submitted a set of recommenda-tions on organization structure which have been approved by the National Board. The recommen-dations reflect structural changes that will better enable the JACL

to achieve its vision and implement its Program for Action.
(Editor's note: the reorganization proposal was defeated at the convention but will be reexamined and reworked for discussion and review by membership).

Long Range Funding: JACL Legacy Fund

One of the most important JACL projects initiated in the 1988-1990 projects initiated in the 1988-1990 biennium . . was the ultimate creation of the JACL Légacy Fund which was adopted by the National Council at San Diego in 1990. With a goal of reising at least \$10 million council beautiful the same than t 1990. With a goal of raising an east \$10 million over three years, asofJune \$0, 1992, approximately \$3.5 million have been raised. Even though we are still below the original goal it is important to continue our fund-raising efforts so that the JACL has reliable. ources of future incom

Long Range Coalition Work:

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organization must extend beyond our own community and beyond our own interests. The divisiveness in our society tells us that we must reach out to create undermust reach out to create under-standing about our community and about Asian Americans . . . The following is a sampling of some of the coalitional work accomplished during the past four

• During the 1988-1990 biennium, we made a concerted effort to gain a seat on the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. We ma this effort because the LCCR is the premier civil rights coalition organization in the United States and because our effectiveness would be greatly enhanced in this position. In May, 1990, JACL was invited to serve on the Executive nmittee, a position we still

 In June, 1991, members of the JACL National Board hosted a meeting with the national lead-ership of both the American Jewish Committee and the Organiza-tion of Chinese Americans. This unique meeting culminated a year long effort of planning . . . The value of this meeting was in what we were able to learn about each other and the opportunity it pro-vided to establish a solid working relationship among our leaders. We have since joined with the American Jewish Committee in their national newspaper cam-paigns which appear in the New York Times and elsewhere de-

ouncing racism.

In August, 19 • In August, 1991, I traveled to New York prior to attending the Tri-district meeting in Philadel-In-district meeting in Philadelphia. My purpose in New York was to meet with national representatives of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League at their respective national headquarters. This was yet another opportunity to estab-lish organizational working rela-tionships and to possible joint programming between our organiza-

with tions.

In July, 1990, I was invited to attend and participate in the national convention of the Organization of Chinese Americans. This was followed by an appearance to deliver a keynote address at the 1991 Och Convention in Housman. ton. Texas.

· Beginning in August, 1990, we publicly began denouncing acts of anti-Arab American sentiment following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. We continued to admon-ish against anti-Arab American ent during the Persian Gulf

● In October, 1991, our Na-tional Board took action to urge the repeal of United Nations Gen-eral Assembly Resolution 3379, a the repeal of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379, a resolution adopted in 1975 which equates Zionism with racism. In doing so, we joined in and supported the position of the United States government. This position was also supported by Japan shortly thereafter.

© On September 19, 1991, at the request of the Organization of Chinese Americans, we urged the Postmaster General to issue a stamp commemorating the 50th

Postmaster General to issue a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act in the be-lief that such a stamp would pro-vide important educational value on the experience of Chinese Americans. The commemorative stamp has been approved.

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ong Range Concerns: About U.S.-Japan Relations

At the 1982 Gardena Conven-ion, the National Council adopted resolution mandating that the JACL "become involved in mat-ters of concern in the Japanese American partnership" so long as the involvement, either in image or in fact, does not become "a front or propaganda for Japan." This was reaffirmed as a priority pro-gram of JACL at the 1984 convention in Honolulu through the adop-tion of Resolution 9 introduced by the Sacramento Chapter.

At the 1986 Chicago Conven-tion, the National Council adopted Resolution 6 introduced by the Resolution 6 introduced by the South Bay Chapter. That resolu-tion charged the National Council gathered there to create a plan for our involvement in U.S. Japan tions. No such plan was enacted at the convention.

In 1988, at our Seattle Conven-tion, the National Council adopted four resolutions bearing upon U.S. - Japan relations.

solution 1 introduced by the Midwest District Council was adopted to direct JACL's involvement in U.S. - Japan relations to protect the human and civil rights Americans of Japanese and

of Americans of Japanese ances-try and of all people. Resolution 8 introduced by the Pacific Northwest District Council was adopted to create the U.S.
- Japan Educational Committee. The committee was empowered to recommend educational programs and activities to the National pard. Since 1988, this committee has acted to present educational workshops on understand-ing the U.S. - Japan relationship our national convention

Resolution 17 introduced by the Nikkei Leadership Association expressed the concerns of JACL on allegations regarding Japanese violations of civil and human rights towards Korean residents in Japan. Direct communication of our concerns regarding this in-ternational civil rights matter was presented to the government of

Japan.
Emergency Resolution 12 introduced by the Washington, D.C.
Chapter resolved that JACL should urge and help the Japa-nese Government and Japanese people to understand and b people bunderstand and become more sensitive to human and civil rights as understood by Americans. The relevant por-tion of ER12 reads as follows:

"And be it further resolved that the Japanese American Citizens League call upon the Japanese Government and people, and es-pecially its Ministry of Education, to develop a program to promote sensitivity to human and civil rights as understood by Ameri-cans; that various quasi-govern-mental trade, industry and comercial associations be constantly and continuously warned by the Ministries of International Trade and Industry, Finance, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and others involved in such oversight opera-tions about not humiliating minority Americans, for instaproducing, exporting, displaying and promoting articles and mer-chandise offensive to good taste and human values;

During the past four years, the During the past four years, the following steps have been taken to advance our interest in U.S.—
Japan relations as set forth within the policy guidelihes of JACL:

In February, 1989, I participated in a live interview on CNN with Patrick Buchanan, as mod-

with Patrick Buchanan, as mod-erator. The focus of the program was on the question of whether the President should attend the funeral of Emperor Hirohito. Bi-cause Howard Garber, an outspo-ken foe of redress was on the same program, I appeared to defend the redress program while concurring

with Patrick Buchanan that the President should attend the Emperor's funeral.

• In October, 1989, I visited Japan. The purpose was to develop a better understanding of the Japanese perspective of U.S. ese perspective of U.S. -Japan relations through close per son-to-person relationships. As a part of the trip, I met with the Japan Chapter at the Foreign Press Club. I urged the chapter to help create a better program of education on U.S.-Japan for Na-tional JACL. A visit then to NHK created an opportunity to show our redress videotape in Japan. A visit then to the Japan Times gave us the opportunity to enjoy a re-duced subscription rate to the International Edition of the Japan Times. A visit then to the rabbi of Japan clarified what appeared to be an upsurge of anti-Semitism through popular publications.

 In December, 1989, after several meetings with Consul General Shunji Yanai in San Francisco to open a dialogue on U.S. Japan issues, I participated in a meeting between the Consul General and the Greenline Coalition The purpose of doing so was to foster a better dialogue between the parties where the coalition was desirous of pushing Japanese banks to invest within low income urban communities.

• In February, 1990, I was invited to speak in Atlanta, Georgia before the annual meeting of Japa-Consul Generals, the ar ador and selected Japane business representatives from the 14 regions where offices are situated. The subject matter of my speech was "Why Japanese Ameri-cans Are Not Involved in U.S. -Japan Relations." As I was told by the Ambassador, this was the first time in 27 years of such mee that anyone from outside of that circle of Japanese government and business interests had been in-

vited to speak to them.

• In Mayand June, 1990, ing with the offices of the Consul General and our U.S.-Japan Edùcational Committee, we had the Honorable Michio Mizoguchi, Japanese Ambassador Extraordi nary and Plenipotentiary to the Pacific Rim participate in our U.S. - Japan workshop at the San Di-ego Convention. In an extraordinary and frank presentation. Ambassador Mizoguchi described how JACL can contribute to the betterment of relations. The work shop dialogue summary which was printed in an edition of the Pacific Citizen in July, 1990, sets forth Ambassador Mizoguchi's conclusions as follows:

"The JACL should continue to be good and useful citizens of the USA. In line with the competitive Western society, the JACL should speak out both publicly and pri-vately and express their views. You should not be an advocate of Japan for you are not Japanese but Americans. You should be well-informed and give honest opinions includ-ing criticisms of Japan's short-comings. Do not criticize Japan just to demonstrate you are loyal just to demonstrate you are loyal Americans but give good balanced views; talk of U.S. - Japan relations not only to Americans but also to the Japanese here in the U.S.*

 In October, 1990, I was it
 Washington, D.C., for the redress washington, D.C., for the redress ceremony at the Department of Justice. On that occasion I visited Ambassador Ryohei Murata to convey to him the serious concern that the JACL had about the nega-tive remarks of Justice Minister Kajiyama towards African Ameri-cans. He asked me to present any proposals that could help avoid such problems in the future. I did so in a letter dated November 13,

 In January, 1991, I was in Washington, D.C., to review the redress program with the Department of Justice. On that trip, I received a telephone call from

Ambassador Noboru Mat former Ambassador to the United States, about American reactions to the increase of Japan's finan-cial contributions to the Gulf War. Encouraged by Ambassador Matsunaga to do so I visited Am-bassador Murata.

That visit and discussion with Ambassador Murata involved the question of what Japan might do, ifanything about improving Japa-nese understanding of diversity and race relations. We also dised the impending 50th anniversary commemors surrounding Pearl Harbor. I sug-gested that a timely apology by Japan could decrease the build up nsion that v ould surely aris as December 7th drew near. Al-though Ambassador Murata did not believe such an apology would be possible, several newspaper articles shortly thereafter conspaper tained news "te sers" about such sibility. a po

 In August, 1991, I was invited to address a forum in Tokyo which sought an explanation of how our redress program differs from the German program of payment for Nazi victims of war. D cussions with Japanese histori-ans, lawyers and other people at the forum provided a great deal of insight into Japanese wartime

• In November, 1991, after a meeting at the White House on the concerns that we may have about Pearl Harbor activities, I had a meeting at the National Press Club with representatives of the Japanese news media. I explained the nature of the meeting at the White House. The pur-pose of doing so was to educate the Japanese press about our concerns American reactions Pearl Harbor ceremonies, Lasked them to be careful about how they portrayed Americans and Ameri lings as December 7th drew near: the concern being that Japanese news media have the same habit as American news media in creating sensational news. A copy of the JACL press packet on Pearl

Harbor was given to them.

◆ In January, 1992, at the invitation of Consul General Hirai in Seattle, I attended a dinner at his residence with the District Governor of the Pacific Northwest District and other JACLers to proote a better working relation-

• In early May, 1992, on a speaking engagement in Chicago, our Regional Director, Bill Yoshino, Ross Harano and I met with Consul General Takeshi Nakamura to discuss the potensuch problems in Chicago as such problems surfaced in the Los Angeles riots.

● In late May, 1992, on a speaking engagement in Kansas City, Kansas, I met with Consul Genersi Wada to discuss urban prob-lems and race relations in his re-

• In June, 1992, I met Ambe sador Takakazu Kuriyama in Washington, D.C., to share JACL's concerns on U.S. - Japan relaconcerns on U.S. - Japan rela-tions. Shortly after this meeting, Ambassador Kuriyama agreed to deliver the keynote speech at our U.S. - Japan Educational Com-mittee workshop in Denver. • In July, 1992, I had the op-

portunity to visit with the newly appointed Consul General Koich appointed Consul General Koichi Haraguchi in Los Angeles. Our discussions touched upon the Los Angeles riots, and the recent re-sponse by the Japanese Govern-ment to the surfacing of anti-Semitic articles in Large. itic articles in Japan.

50th Commemoration of Pearl Harbor: A Continuing Historic Concern

The potential for negative American sentiments surr and-ing the 50th commemorat an of Pearl Harbor concerned me after

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the 1990 convention in San Diego I raised this subject before the National Board and we decided to potential for adverse reaction. During the latter part of 1990 and the first half of 1991 Board devoted considerable energy to outline a campaign. Our objectives were to enlist the support of public officials and organions to promote our concern that the anniversary not be used to exploit racism; request their assistance in condemning nega tive incidents should they occur; to launch a challenge to the media to refrain from negative coverage that could cause harm to Japa Americans and instead to offer stories concerning the expe-riences of Japanese Americans, and particularly the internment rience; and to provide oppor tunities to increase awareness and understanding of the Japanese American and Asian American communities.

The result was that we gained a great deal of support for our con-cerns from organizations and pub-lic officials in the form of resolus and public statements. We dled numerous media requests at all of our offices, and many of our chapters have responded that they also fulfilled many media ests. Because the comme ration activities were focused in lulu, National JACL had to rely on the groundwork of our aii Chapt

In this campaign, special recog-nition must be extended to our Vice President of Planning, Bill Kaneko (now Vice President, Pub-lic Affairs), and the Honolulu Chapter for all that they accom-plished and endured in cultivating and fulfilling demands from the media and many other quar-tersincluding National JACL. The groundwork they did in prepar-ing the organization for the com-

emoration was outstanding.
In addition to the preparation of a news media defense to American negativism towards Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans because of the 50th com memoration activities, we needed a proactive message to Americans from the President. We were forate in that our early efforts to publicize our concerns led to a White House meeting on Nov. 15, 1992. I was in Washington, D.C., at the time that Grayce Uyehara reached me by telephone about the meeting. JACLers from the East Coast, two from the West Coast, Pentagon personnel, Haiian representatives, mer inistration and others of the ad of the administration and others attended this meeting. Several Nisei veterans spoke about their concern that many other Ameri-cans do not know about nor appre-ciate the contributions of Niseis veterans, including the Military Intelligence Service veterans dur-ing World War II. After Adminis-tration speke preprops stated that tration spokespersons stated that the President's speeches had not yet been written, I offered an outyet been written, I offered an out-line of this address broken into three parts; the first covering the horrors of the attack on Pearl horrors of the attack on Pearl Harbor; the second being an ad-monition to Americans, that this country failed its own people by interning Japanese Americans in the hysteria of war conditions and that Japanese Americans val-iantly fought the war in Europe-and in the Pacific; and the third part being that 50 years after that event, the two countries of Japan and the United States are now friends not foss. iends not foes. After the meeting, Gra

After the meeting, Grayce Uyehara presented our JACL press packet to an assistant for the speechwriter for the Presi-dent. Tom Kometani separately caused additional information about Jananess Arcetions to about Japanese Americans to be delivered to the administration representatives present at the meeting. I communicated information about the MIS and the 442nd RCT to Pentagon reprentatives after my return to San Francisco.

On Dec. 5: 1992. I received neall at our media center in Honolulu from the Pentagon. Bill Yoshino, Bill Kaneko and I learned about the content of Secretary Cheney's speech to be delivered in Hono-lulu on Dec. 7. It contained a significant paragraph on the contri-butions of Japanese American veterans of World War II.

On Dec. 6, 1991, we received word that Japan had expressed its apology for the attack on Pearl Harbor. We also reviewed a UPI dispatch that President Bush w going to express a public apology for the evacuation and internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the wake of the attack on

On Dec. 7, 1991, President Bush on Dec. 7, 1991, President Bush delivered three speeches. One at the National Cemetery of the Pa-cific. A second at the U.S.S. Ari-zona Memorial. The third was delivered at Kilo Pier 8 next to the U.S.S. Missouri. In all three speeches, he recognized and praised the wartime contributi of Japanese Americans. He fur-ther expressed his hope that notwithstanding the memory of our losses as a nation 50 years ago that rancor towards Japan will subside if not disappear

Visibility Of National JACL: Linkage to Chapters and Beyond

During the past four years I have tried to accommodate as many requests to appear at chap-ter installation dinners or other events. District events and community events so long as my sched ule was open and appropriate travel arrangements could be made. All of the trips related to chapter or district activities we scheduled by me upon receipt of an invitation from a chapter or district to appear.

In addition to direct org tional activities, members of JACL around the country have asked me to speak before other organizations on subjects ranging from foreign policy to U.S. Japan relations to concerns about race relations. The same conditions were imposed by me on accepting such outside invitations and where there were competing JACL events on the same day, JACL

events on the same day, or the events took priority. The reason for accepting such invitations is simple. During my travels among the Districts in early 1988, I heard from many members, especially outside of California, that there was no local visibility of the connection be-tween the Chapter and National JACL. Thus, I decided that Chap-ter visits were necessary and that a degree of visibility with other organizations would also produce salutary benefits for National JACL. (Editor's note; 19 trips are mentioned in the full presidential text)

. Some of these trip expenses, either airfare or lodging, were cov-ered by a chapter or District Council. Because the requests for ap-pearances grew, I caused charitable contributions from private foundations to be made to JACL to cover these additional travel ses. All other incidental travel expenses were absorbed by me over the past four years.

Our Legislative Activities

Activities

During the last two bienniums, other than redress appropriations, one of the major legislative priorities was to gain passage of the ties was to gain passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. First Civil Rights Act of 1991. First introduced in 1990, the act was designed to overturn the effects of six Supreme Court decisions that sharply limited the rights of victims of employment discrimination. Through our Washington office, we worked closely with the Leadership. Conference on Civil Rights participating in the delib-

eration of strategy and utilizing our network of regional offices and chapters to assist in lobbying for its eventual passage in the fall of 1991. Other issues that were advocated by JACL during the 1988-1990 biennium included Immigration Reform where JACL actively promoted the family reunification provisions of the legislation. We also advocated for the repeal of the Employer Sanctions provisions of the 1986 Immigration Act. The JACL was involved in the Vietnamese Fisherman's case in which Vietnamese Americans were being prosecuted under a 200 year old law barring non-citizens from owning or operating fishing vesses in coastal waters. The case resembled that of Takohashi v. Fish & Game Cammission of an earlier era that used similar state provision against Japanese Americans

We have maintained an involvement in other issues which are highlighted by the following:

- During 1990 and 1991 we ande appeals to the Commerce Department to proceed with an adjustment of the census to correct an undercount in the Asian American community concerns that the 1990 census is the first to be less accurate than the previous census, that the overall undercount was nearly 6 million and because the 1980 undercount of Asian Americans was placed at more than 3%
- Advocating in 1991 for the emoval of the "Alien Terrorist" removal of the provision in the Administration's crime bill. The provision, strongly opposed by Senator Inouye, would have allowed for the deportation of aliens utilizing secret proceed-ings and evidence, thus ignoring due process.
- On May 21, 1991, we testified before the House Subcommit-tee on National Parks and Public Lands in support of HR 2351 the Japanese American National Historic Landmark Theme Study Act" which would authorize a which would authorize a study to identify important sites, buildings and structures in Japanese American history during the period 1941-46 for the purpose of their evaluation and nomination national historic sites. During this hearing, we also testified in support of HR 543 which would establish Manzanar as a national
- historic site.

 In the fall of 1991 our National Board took action to oppose the nomination of Clarence Thomas based on his demonstrated lack of sensitivity to civil rights issues and his opposition to affin mative action programs. Our opposition to the nomination transmitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee prior to their recendation to the Senate
- In 1991, we urged the re-authorization of the bilingual provisions of the Voting Rights Act and we supported S.1264, a bill viding re-authorization of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In addition to the long range activities highlighted above which cover the past 4 years, we also dealt with the issues presented by Resolution 7 introduced at the 1988 Seattle Convention. We also worked with our Legislative Education Committee to successfully achieve what is now the initial appropriations process to implement the redress program. Both activities were reported to the National Council at our 1990 Con-vention in San Diego.

Conclusion

I believe that the foundation for the future of JACL has been poured over the past four years. Where we were once an organiza-Where we were once an organiza-tion that fought for survival of the Japanese American community, survival is no longer the challenge. Our challenges for our fu-ture are to become an organiza-tion that reshapes American atti-

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Failure to pay attention to the economic arena and to understand that pocketbook concerns always creates tension or friction between "those who have and those who want to get" shall result in failure to attack one of the causes for anti-Asian sentiment in this country. Kenichi Ohmae has written that free trade among nations in the absence of war is leading to a borderless economy." If true, our ultimate challenge is to under-stand that we shall then have to deal with a potential "borderless

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Reaction to the killing was quick throughout the Asian American community. Speaking from Florida, the Asian American Fed-eration of Florida said, "This deadly and unforgivable act of racial hatred underscores the ran-cor and blind hatred within our own communities that must be own communities that must be properly addressed and solved by not only our elected officials and law enforcement agencies, but the Asian American communities and general public of South Florida as

The Federason also com-ended the Coral Springs Police Department for its quick action and asked for any people with information related to the crime to step forward. The National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence joined the Federation in asking for a full investigation of the killing as a hate motivated crime. In addition, the Network has notified John Dunne, assistant attorney general in charge of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division of the killing and has also sent letters to Florida Senators Connie Mack and Rob Graham.

In San Francisco, Doreen Wong, Korematsu civil rights attorney at the Asian Law Caucus, con-demned the act saying, "This kill-ing is another blatant example of racism at its worst. It comes at a time of rising anti-Asian senti-ment, Japan-bashing rhetoric, immigrant scapegoating, and rac-ist comments which have been all

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place anywhere in America. It is the vital responsibility of the po-lice, prosecutors and the courts to see that justice is done," said

Mineta praised the quick re-sponse of police, prosecutors and Mayor Jeanne Mills of Coral Springs. "Too often, the first hurdle to be overcome in these cases is the reluctance of law enforcement and political lead recognize the seriousness of these crimes for what they are. Fortunately, given the way this investi-gation is being conducted at this early stage, other areas of the country could learn a lot from the way Mayor Mills, the local police and prosecutors have responded to this outrage," said Mineta

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Hamada, Ben, 71, Anaheim, March 22 Hollywood-born, survived by wife Masako. ons Ron, Kent, daughters Keiko Crane, oanne, 3 grandchildren, brother George, ister Namie Okada.

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Honde, Mitsuo, 70, Oceanside, March
20; Torrance-born gardener, survived by
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lijima, Rev. Kanjitsu, 78, Granada Hilis, March 22: Tokyo-born minister of Dharma Yoga Church Institute (over 50 years), survived by sons Byron, Bryan, daughtiers Rumiko Nakatani, Sum Gulickson (Wyo-ming), Nancy Fotick, 9 grandchildren.

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Memorial service was held on August 13, at the Charles G. Schmitt Funeral Home, Sealord, New York, officiated by Rev. Hiroyssu weabuch of New York Japanese American United Church.

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les. April 19: Hono les, April 19; Honoliuli-born Sainsen, sur-vived by wile Michie, sons Norman (Se-attle), Douglas, Randy, 1 grandchild, mother Sakuyo Suzuki (Hawaii), brothers George, Herbert, Edward, Alvin, sister Edna Seo (all Hawaii), sister-in-law Iris Uyemura.

Suzumoto, Thomas; 71, Las Vegas, March 11 (funeral); Hawaii-born WWII vet-eran, survived by wife Jean, trottleir Minoru (Hawaii), sister's Leatrice Gima, Mary DeAngelo (both Hawaii).

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