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Asian American women speakers:

'Still a long way to go'



Gwen Munoz

FIGHTING BACK—At a recent L.A. conference, Meko Yoshihama (left) explains the emotional effect of sexual harassment, while Nancy Herbert looks on.

Sexual harassment: Asian American women vulnerable, speakers say

How many of you have suffered sexual harassment? As almost half the women attending the workshop on sexual harassment raised their hands, the panelists explained what sexual harassment is and what are the specific hazards for Asian Pacific American women.

Panelists included: Patricia Kinaga, deputy city attorney, City of Los Angeles; Meko Yoshihama, coordinator, Asian Pacific Outreach Project, Doh Hirach Community Center; and Nancy Herbert, senior human resources consultant, Digital Equipment.

Kinaga, who specializes in sexual harassment cases, explained two types of sexual harassment: "quid pro quo," which equates sexual favors to

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Asian Pacific Women's conference notes progress but focuses on work ahead

By GWEN MURANAKA

Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—Post-Anita Hill, more women are running for political office than ever before, achieving power and positions once held exclusively for men. But where do Asian Pacific American women fit into the women's movement? At the Asian Pacific Women's Network's national conference Oct. 2-3, women agreed, we've come far, but we've still got a long way to go.

The conference, entitled "Shaping Our Future," was attended by approximately 200 women from students to businesswomen, and a small smattering of men.

Keynote speaker, Irene Natividad, past president of the National Women's Political Caucus and former deputy vice chairwoman of the Democratic Party, set the tone, hailing women's achieve-

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Care of elderly subject of workshop

By FRANCES OKUNO

PC staff

As the Nisei and Issei approach old age, the question of taking care of the elderly is increasingly important to the Japanese American community. The workshop entitled, "Caring for our Parents and Ourselves," dealt with issues such as home care options, creating a durable power of attorney and financing long term care.

Speakers included Carol Kubota, licensed clinical social worker, Senior Care Network, Huntington Memorial Hospital; Norma Kato, who has a bachelor's in social work and is director of social services, Keiro Nursing Home; and Cayleen Nakamura, who has a master of sciences degree in social work and a master of sciences degree in gerontology and is project manager, KCET chan-

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Internees deported to Japan in WWII sue for redress

Challenging government policy denying redress to children of families deported to Japan during World War II, 14 former internees and relocatees recently filed a lawsuit in federal court in San Jose. Filed by the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco (ALC) and the firm Morrison and Foerster, the suit seeks to overturn a policy excluding redress from internees who went to Japan during the war, even if the trip was involuntary.

"These Japanese Americans had no option but to go to Japan," said Gen Fujioka of the Asian Law Caucus. "They were

interned or relocated as children. When one of their parents, often under pressure from the War Relocation Authority (WRA), decided to go to Japan the children had no place else to go.

Plaintiffs in the suit include Japanese Americans from both Northern and Southern California as well as Missouri. According to the ALC, if successful, the lawsuit could provide the basis for the eventual inclusion in the redress program of more than 100 Japanese Americans who were sent to Japan as part of a prisoner exchange.

"While it is a great victory that Congress recently approved full redress funding," said Fujioka, "full justice will still be denied until every Japanese American interned receives redress. The denial of redress in these cases continues the racist presumption of guilt and disloyalty of internees without any factual foundation."

ORA begins final round of redress

Redress payments for 25,000 Japanese American internees born on or before Dec. 31, 1943, began Oct. 1, according to the Office of Redress Administration.

The action follows the Sept. 27 signing by President Bush of the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992 that authorized an additional \$400 million in funding for the program, with \$350 million used to complete payments to all remaining eligible recipients, and \$50 million used to create a public education program on Japanese American internment during World War II.

"This action fulfills our nation's commitment to members of the Japanese American community who were the victims of a sad chapter in our nation's history," said John R. Dunne,

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JACL protests slur on 'Northern Exposure'

The Japanese American Citizens League wrote a letter to the producers of the popular television show, *Northern Exposure*, to object to the use of the racial slur, "Japs," in the CBS show's premiere episode Sept. 28.

One of the show's character, retired astronaut Maurice Minnifield, makes the remark while discussing a small tape recorder with another character. JACL, responding to a number of protests by members, called the remark inappropriate and insensitive—and called for a public apology.

The term "Japs" is both racially derogatory and defamatory, wrote Dennis Hayashi, JACL national executive director. "Historically, the term was used to justify widespread discrimination against Japanese Americans, including the internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Presently, we are seeing a disturbing increase in anti-Asian violence across the nation fueled by anti-Asian sentiment. In February, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued a report on prejudice against Asian Americans, and declared that racially biased statements uttered by political leaders

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TV show's producer responds

Dear Mr. Hayashi,

We are sorry if the Asian American community took offense to the words spoke by one of our characters, Maurice Minnifield, during the *Northern Exposure* episode which aired Sept. 28th. However, the character of Maurice is an equal opportunity bigot—his attacks have been launched on Women, Blacks, Jews, Koreans, Russians, Communists, Gaye... Every-body.

The staff of *Northern Exposure* does not condone these attitudes or behaviors in people, but we also feel that it is difficult to illustrate racial, sexual or ethnic intolerance by being "politically correct." Ignoring these prejudices may only exacerbate them.

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In person presentation

JACL National President Lillian Kimura recently presented the Edison Uno Award to Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) during a trip to Washington, D.C. The award, announced at the national biennial convention in Denver, Colo., went to the congressman for his longtime support of the Japanese American community, including his role in the redress bill and its appropriations and the bill making Manzanar a national historic site. He was co-recipient of the award along with McGeehee, Ark., Mayor Rosalie Gould who was honored for her support in the restoration of the monument at Rohwer and the monument marker at Jerome, Ark.

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Pacific Citizen is preparing its annual Holiday Issue. This year our goal is to provide as much chapter news and other editorial material throughout the edition.

We are asking chapters to submit suitable material for consideration—significant activities during the year, projects, achievements, features, etc. Include photos but make sure they are sharp—in focus—and that all people in the photos are identified with titles included.

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Calendar

Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Oct. 28—The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-46; slide lecture by Karin Hips, 7:30 p.m., Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Constitution Avenue and 14th St., NW. More than 100 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures on exhibit. Free. Museum open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Arizona

Thursday, Oct. 22—National Society of Fundraising Executives' "From Ideas to Action... the Basics of Fund Raising," a minority outreach workshop, ASU Mercado location (5th and Monroe), 8 a.m. Registration: \$50. Information: Mark Trujillo, Central Arizona Shelter Services, 1209 W. Madison, Phoenix AZ 85007, 602/256-6945.

California

San Francisco Area

Thursday, Oct. 15—The Mineta for Congress Committee's reelection reception, Japanese Cultural and Community Center, San Francisco, 5:30 p.m. Open to the public. Tickets: \$50. Information: 415/221-8295.

Mon., Oct. 19-Mon. Nov. 30—Asian American Theatre Center's "Intensive Theatre Workshop with Leno Nishikawa, Mon., Tues. eve and Sat. and Sun. afternoons. Cost: \$300. Information: Sharon Omi 415/751-2600.

Sat., Oct. 24-Sun. Oct. 25—The 11th annual International Taiko Festival, Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Cost: \$20, \$17, and \$13. Information and tickets: Cal Performances Box Office 415/824-9988 and all BASS/Ticketmaster outlets.

Sunday, Oct. 25—Japanese American Services of the East Bay's 4th annual awards dinner, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel, 6 p.m. Honorees include: Natsuko Irie, Grace Shibus, Charles Phinney, Tomo Morodomi, and the Henri and

Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation. Tickets: \$50. Information: 510/848-3593.

Sunday, Nov. 1—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268, or Yuni Moriwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

San Jose

Wednesday, Oct. 14—Yu-Ai Kai's annual flu shot program, San Jose Buddhist Church, 800 N. 5th St., San Jose, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Seniors 60 and older. Donation: \$3. Information: Yu-Ai Kai JA Community Senior Service, 408/294-2505.

Los Angeles Area

Tues., Oct. 13-Sun., Dec. 13—"The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-1945," UCLA's Wright Art Gallery. Free to the public. Parking: \$5. Information: Wright Art Gallery, 310/825-9345 or JANM, 213/625-0414.

Saturday, Oct. 17—Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library annual auction luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$12. Century National United Methodist Church, 3rd and Central, Los Angeles. Reservations: Richard, 213/462-8798; Mas, 213/245-3360.

Saturday, Oct. 17—The Western Region Asian Pacific Agency's "A Night of WRA Pure at Design House '92," 4657 Encino Ave., Encino, 6 p.m. Dinner and tour of Design House. Cost: \$45. Information: Stephanie Yamada-Mitsuuchi 310/337-1553.

Mon., Oct. 26-Nov. 22—The George J. Doizaki Gallery of the JACC's "Kiyoshi Awazu: Artist and Designer," 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues.-Fri., noon-5 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, closed. Information: 213/628-2725.

Fri. Oct. 30-Sun., Nov. 1—New Otani Hotel's 6th annual East West Orchid Show, 120 S. Los Angeles. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Orchid Show package: Fri. night, double occupancy, tickets to awards banquet and reception: \$175.

Saturday, Oct. 31—Little Tokyo Community Health Fair. Union Church, Los Angeles, 401 E. Third St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health services for blood pressure, oral cancer/dental, vision, podiatry, and health and nutrition counseling, and flu shots. Information: Bill Watanabe, Little Tokyo Service Center, 213/680-3729, or Judy Nakashima, 213/491-0065.

Through Sun., Nov. 22—East West Players' production of Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sun. Cost: \$20-\$22. Information: 213/660-0366.

Placer

Saturday, Oct. 17—Placer County Chapter, JACL, 52nd annual goodwill dinner, Placer Buddhist Church hall in Penryn on Boyington Road. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Gordon Tokumatsu, KGRA-TV, Sacramento. Tickets: Tada Grocery, Auburn, 916/823-9115; Main Drug, Loomis, 916/852-7265.

Riverside

Wed., Nov. 11-Sat., Jan. 30—The California Museum of Photography presents "Bearing Witness: Memories of Japanese American Internment," 3824 Main St. on the Pedestrian Mall in downtown Riverside. Wed.-Sat., 11 a.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m.; Mon. and Tues., closed. Admission: \$2. Information: 714/784-3686.

Ventura County

Monday, Oct. 12—1st annual Japanese American National Museum Golf Tournament, Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; golf clinic, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$500. Limited to 144 spots. Reservations: Fuy Kuroaka, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012, 213/625-0414, ext. 222.

Friday, Oct. 30—Ventura County Chapter, JACL, annual potluck dinner and bingo night, Camarillo Public Library, 3100 E. Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo, Calif. 7 p.m. Information: Rudy Sumino, 805/499-0470, or Emi Kodama, 805/492-5912.

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House passes increase in hates crimes penalty

The House of Representatives approved legislation Oct. 3 that would increase penalties for crimes motivated by hatred and bigotry.

Under the act, the United States Sentencing Commission would be directed to develop regulations increasing recommended sentences by three offense levels for crimes of hatred or bias.

Bias crimes are defined in the legislation as those motivated by hatred or bigotry towards the race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin of the victim.

According to Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.), a sponsor of the act, "The need for this legislation has never been clearer, or more timely. The House has now gone

on record on behalf of the American people and said that hate crimes must be punished."

In commenting on the act, Mineta also noted the

murder of Luyen Nguyen, a Vietnamese American teenager beaten to death in Coral Springs, Fla., in August of this year because he had objected to the use of a racial slur directed at him.

The Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act (HR 4797) now goes before the Senate. ☐



MINETA

House oks bill making May Asian American Heritage month

If the act goes all the way, Asian and Pacific American Heritage month will be celebrated in May of every year from now on, according to a report from Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.).

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation that would make the designation permanent. Prior to this act, the House has supported similar legislation on a year-to-year basis.

The measure was passed by unanimous voice vote on the floor of the House.

"This obviously brings a sense

of permanence to the official recognition of the fastest growing ethnic segment of American society," said Matsui. "In addition, a permanent commemoration of our heritage will give all Americans the opportunity to learn more about our history and our background."

There is as much diversity within the Asian American community as there is outside of it. I hope Americans of all walks of life will take some time in May to learn a little about Asian and Pacific Island Americans. ☐

PROTEST

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have contributed directly to the alarming growth of prejudice against Asian Americans.

Joe Allman, vice president of the Arizona Chapter, JACL, also protested the offending word in a letter to Jeff Sagansky, president of CBS Entertainment.

The term "Japs" is considered to be of a derogatory nature by most Americans, including Japanese Americans," Allman wrote. "A check of Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary lists 'Jap' for Japanese, usually used disparagingly."

"The use of 'Japanese' is preferred and proper. The term of Japanese could have been easily utilized in the script instead of the derogatory term. This is not an old World War II movie or program...."

In the episode, the egotistical ex-astronaut is dictating his memoirs into a tape recorder, much to the consternation of the show's other characters. In fact, after making the "Japs" remark, a store clerk smashes the recorder.

JACL said, however, that "although the character is purportedly generally intolerant, we question whether certain ethnic groups such as Asian Americans are targeted for his abuse whereas others, such as African Americans or Hispanics, are not, for obvious political reasons. As you know, television programs such as *North- ern Exposure* have the power to influence an audience's perceptions and attitudes toward Asian Americans. Truly, we feel it is your responsibility as responsible producers to curb, not accelerate, this trend." ☐

SHOW

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Clearly, we do not set out to offend anyone, but without conflict there is no drama, and by depicting a fictional character with prejudiced attitudes, we hope the viewing public will evaluate their own attitudes and prejudices.

Sincerely,
Josh Brand
(co-producer of the show)

REDRESS

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assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division. "The Office of Redress Administration has worked diligently to prepare cases for payment, and we expect that virtually all funds available for this fiscal year's payments will be disbursed by the end of October."

The ORA will notify by mail individuals expected to receive payment during fiscal 1993. Anyone who receives an official notification and does not receive a redress payment on or before Oct. 21, 1992, should contact the organization at its toll-free help line number: 1/800/395-4672, or 1/800/727-1886, for the hearing impaired. The lines operate Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., eastern standard time.

Since the program's inception in October, 1980, \$1 billion in redress payments have been made to 50,000 individuals, the agency reported. ☐

CONFERENCE

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ments in the past and present.

"I call the past three decades the 'wonder years.' From the growing pains of entering the work force, women have come of age," said Nativity.

Nativity called law professor Anita Hill the "Rosa Parks of the women's movement," noting how the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings proved to be a flash point for women's empowerment. "Anita Hill showed what happens when a woman's fate is not decided by those who represent her."

Although clearly favoring Democratic candidates, Nativity also acknowledged the accomplishments of Republican women and urged the gathering to get out and vote Nov. 3. "Women's votes are the most powerful tool for social change," said Nativity.

Other highlights of the two day conference included:

● The annual Woman Warrior Awards dinner acknowledged the

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JACL gives mixed reaction to law school investigation

The Japanese American Citizens League expressed mixed reactions to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) recently concluded investigation of Boalt Hall, U.C., Berkeley's School of Law. JACL said that it believes that the OCR upheld the principle of diversity in admissions policies but is concerned over the use of the findings by some to attack affirmative action programs.

OCR said that Boalt's admissions procedures were "inconsistent" with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but maintained that race could still be considered a major factor in admissions programs.

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achievements of women in various facets of society. Awardees included: entrepreneur award-Sudha Pennathu, president, the House of Pennathu; corporate award-MS. Magazine, accepted by Helen Zia, executive editor; community award-New York Asian Women's Shelter, accepted by Patricia Eng, executive director; and media award-KSCI-TV channel 18.

Exhibitors and vendors displayed everything from cosmetics and children's toys to job and networking opportunities. The exhibits ran concurrently with the conference.

The APWN film "About Love," a movie on domestic violence in the Asian Pacific American community was shown. A discussion following the movie included Im Kwon, a survivor of domestic violence.

HARASSMENT (Continued from page 1)

professional advancement; and hostile environment, which can be a hostile, verbal, physical, or visual that impedes the victim's ability to work.

"The major challenge I'm facing now is trying to make remedial measures—trying to explain what sexual harassment is," said Kinaga.

"There's a huge divergence of views, not only between men and women, but also between women, as well."

Yoshihama warned that sexual harassment is a big problem for Asian Pacific American women. "Asian women are really vulnerable to sexual harassment," said

Yoshihama. "Asian women are viewed by men often as submissive and compliant—sexual objects. He may think she won't report him."

Yoshihama said another danger for women who have suffered sexual harassment is "second injury," in which a woman may seek help from a male or female friend or professional who turns out to be non-supportive. "What is important is that we, even if we are not the victim of sexual harassment, are sensitive to the victim. You have to tell them, you're not alone. Our awareness can prevent second injury from happening."

ELDERLY (Continued from page 1)

Kubota noted that no one program can meet all the needs of the elderly. She stressed that the primary caregiver needs to look into all resources available to care for elderly parents and custom tailor a plan.

In order to determine what kind of care is needed for the elderly, Kubota said, "It should be someone who the parent trusts, who will support her and not be judgmental, like a doctor or minister. It needs to be a third party who will be objective."

Kato discussed the Keiro system and how to start looking for an adequate nursing home. She said it is important to know the level of care needed and what sort of cultural, social needs must be met by the home. Highlighting the Keiro nursing home, Kato described the three-tiered system which includes a retirement home for aged elderly, an intermediate care facility for those who need some assistance and a nursing home for those who require 24 hour attention.



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Book reviews . . . by Harry Honda

Book focuses on Japanese Canadian redress effort

Justice in Our Time: The Japanese Canadian Redress Settlement. Roy Miki and Cassandra Kobayashi. Talon Books, 201-1019 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6A 1M6, 160 pp., over 100 photos and illustrations, \$29.95 Can., cloth (1991).

The many Nikkei leaders, volunteers and supporters who toiled for redress in the U.S. will literally drool with envy over this particular book. Not so much for the story since there are similarities, but it is in the radiance of the publication and a refined literary style recounting the history of the Japanese in Canada, of the 22,000 (75% were either naturalized or born in Canada) who were forcibly moved from their west coast homes to camps and ghost towns for the duration of WWII, and of their campaign in the '80s for redress and crediting the U.S. Nisei for this.

One only wonders whether the U.S. redress campaign story can be similarly told.

Discovering the way of tai chi

Ai Imawa: Harmony Now. Lawrence K. Kishiyama, Go Ju Kido Publications, 2888 Bluff #493, Boulder, Colo., 80302, soft,

75 pp., illus. \$14.75 postpaid (1991).

A prewar P.C. editor and San Francisco newspaperwoman, Evelyn Kiriura Okamoto of Cheyenne, Wyo., always wanted to take up tai chi because, she said, "I felt that it would calm me." She found Kishiyama's book and related, "I have found my answer." Such a testimonial has to be reported for the good reason of re-introducing a prewar JACLer and this introduction of a Wyoming Sane's book of exercises toward attainment of a peaceful and relaxed state of mind.

Title is Japanese for "harmony now," and Kishiyama's postures, contained and illustrated in the book, are intended "to promote in the universe" and to share a legacy of his ancestors. The author was into martial arts at the age of 3, learning from his late father.

Books in brief

Fort Snelling, Minn.: Military Intelligence Service Language School. photographs by Stone S. Ishimaru. TecCom Productions, P.O. Box 39841, Los Angeles, Calif., 90039; 126 pp., \$29.95 soft (1991).

A continuing series of TecCom Production's albums of WWII-era photographs from the archives, and in this case the 1945 pictures of MISLS in operation at Fort Snelling and the Pacific Theater

of Operations by Stone Ishimaru, then an official U.S. Army photographer, is a graphic record of MISLS, which is marking its 50th anniversary in November, 1992. "Although the identity of each individual soldier is lost in eternity, their images reflect our history. . . which means there are no names with the pictures. Ishimaru's album begs for help here. As a proxy, the text of the Oct. 22, 1945 War Department news release of the Nisei linguists and MISLS takes up the first 22 pages and it is loaded with names. An addendum of names by each picture will be a fitting honor roll for years to come.

• Other albums on the 1942 assembly centers (2 vols.), Manzanar, Tule Lake, Rohwer and Heart Mountain are available at \$29.95 each, plus 8.25% Calif. sales tax, handling of \$2.57 on first book, \$1 per additional book.

• Excerpts of a teacher's curriculum guide to the "Japanese American Wartime Experience 1941-1945," prepared by the Sonoma County JACL and used in classrooms in Sonoma County, San Francisco Unified School District and the Sacramento Unified School District, were shown at the recent National JACL Convention in Denver. The National JACL Education Committee was inviting comments from delegates and is also interested in adding a regional resources section.

he earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan. He then served two years with the Army Corps of Engineers in Europe, joined General Mills where he worked for more than 40 years. As principal mechanical engineer at the James Ford Bell Technical Center, he proved himself to be one of the most prolific inventors for General Mills. His daughter, Lani Kawamura of Minneapolis, proudly remarked: "His numerous inventions and developments help to feed people throughout the world."

BUSINESS

• Ruby Okada of Seattle's Seafirst Bank and its diversity manager recently won the inaugural Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith "A Workplace of Difference" Award in New York for including more than 2,500 employees in developing and implementing diversity programs. The Seafirst vice president is also on the board of Providence Medical Center and the faculty of the Pacific Coast Banking School. She joined Seafirst in June as part of Seafirst's acquisition of much of Security Pacific Bank Washington, where she worked for 19 years.

• Canon USA Inc., based at Lake Success, N.Y., has appointed 22-year administrative veteran Nobuo Koshimura as director of its western regional headquarters at Irvine, Calif. He had been general manager of its general affairs division in Japan at Nagahama.

ethnic groups. More than 180 Ellis Island Medals have been awarded, and recipients have included Presidents of the United States, government, business and community leaders, artists, musicians and authors. . . . More recently, Lederer appeared for senior citizens at a congressional committee hearing on the aging. She testified that "language and cultural support (by the Social Security Administration) has become increasingly critical as people age." She cited the case of a 93-year-old Issei woman who encountered difficulties, but successfully entered a nursing facility where no one spoke Japanese and she knew no English.

INVENTORS

• Seattle-born Takuzo Teuchiya, 74, a retired General Mills engineer of St. Louis Park, Minn., was inducted into the Minnesota Inventors Hall of Fame this year, joining 36 other distinguished Minnesotans whose achievements are commemorated at the Redwood County Historical Society Museum. Teuchiya's major contributions to the technologies of cereal puffing, protein texturization, food conveying and food processing were instrumental in the automation of systems used for preparing ready-to-eat breakfast cereals today. Teuchiya graduated in economics from University of Washington, was a 3rd dan judoist before the war and during the war, the family had resettled in the Midwest, where

AWARDS

• Seattle's annual Matrix Table honorees who were cited for achievement this year by the Professional Chapter of Women in Communications included two Nikkei: Phyllis (Takasaki) Campbell, executive vice president of U.S. Bank of Washington, and Akiko Kurose, educator. Campbell who oversees operations of the bank's 140 branches, is the youngest member of the Washington State University board of regents, board of trustees for Whitworth College and a member of the Governor's Growth Strategies Commission. Kurose, a first-grade teacher at Laurelhurst Elementary, won a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and is a member of the President's Advisory Council on Education for Underprivileged children.

• Tomio Moriguchi, president of Seattle's Uwajimaya, received the 1992 International Citizen Award from the Rotary Club.

• Midori Shimanouchi Lederer, president of Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI), New York City, was chosen by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations for one of the "Ellis Island Medals of Honor" for 1992. Established by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and the New York State Statue of Liberty Centennial Commission in 1986, the medal recognizes contributions made by Americans from various

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Memories

The program offered little more than a mixer, a banquet and buffet brunch but 1,040 showed up for the fourth Heart Mountain camp reunion in Seattle early in September. Instead of listening to speeches, they indulged in a lot of yakking and picture-taking.

Most of the throng, predictably, was from California. They were drawn partly by the opportunity to see the Northwest, still green and lovely despite a summer-long drought.

But they were also from diverse points across the nation—Chicago and other Illinois cities, Hawaii, Minneapolis and waikes. Jack Hayano came from Fukuoka, Japan, and Ray Shimizu from Antwerp, Belgium. Ruth Hashimoto came from Albuquerque, N.M., and Sam and Betty Hirabayashi from Arlington, Texas. Ted and Alice Hirabayashi hailed from Florissant, Mo., and Ken and Chiyo Hirata from Lowell, Ind. There was a substantial delegation from Ohio—Paul and Mitzie Matsumoto and George Taketa from Mentor, Hideo and Paul Okubo from Dayton, Harlan and Lin Takahashi from North Olmsted, Harry and Sally Taketa from

Cleveland. Frank and Daisy Mouri came from New Market, Va., and Joe and Irma Yokota from Hazelwood, Mo.

How did these people scatter from the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming to these distant communities? What kinds of experiences did they have? How have they fared? Each must have fascinating stories to tell about their part in the Great Exodus of 1942 inspired by Franklin D. Roosevelt and executed by John L. DeWitt.

And equally interesting, what moved so many of them to return as though for a gathering of the clan after nearly 50 years? In a word, memories.

Memories of shared experiences. Memories of dust storms and mess hall chow, numbing cold and the friendliness of neighbors among whom there were no rich nor poor nor socially elite, memories of simple pleasures and making do and trying together to overcome the depression of being rejected by one's own country.

Seeking to recapture some of the feeling of the times, I looked up the *Heart Mountain Sentinel* dated Jan. 1, 1943. It was a 16-page issue observing the first New Year's

day in camp. It had a literary section and I'd like to share several poems from that issue that captured the feeling of the times so poignantly. The first was by Kay Masuda and is titled "Evacuee."

*Father, you have wronged me grievously,
I know not why you punish me,
For sins not done nor reasons known—You have caused me misery.*

But through this all I look on you/As child would look on his parents true,

With tenderness commingling in/ The anguish and bitter tears;

My heart still beats with loyalty/ For you are my father, I know no other.

*Miyuki Aoyama wrote "Absence Makes—"
Freedom is a part of life/as vital as good air;*

Taken quite for granted / 'til it's no longer there.

And finally, "Memories" by Miwako Oana:
All the things I ever was / they're gone now... Just memories.

All the things I ever did / they're gone, too... Just memories.

All the things I do today / they'll soon be... Just memories. ☐

IN-SIGHT

Making the Colorado connection

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA
JACL National President

One of the satisfactions of participating in JACL is the opportunity to meet other members from across the country. While one comes into contact mainly with the leadership at district and national meetings, it is at chapter gatherings that one meets the real JACLers.

My first such visit since assuming the presidency this past weekend to the Fort Lupton JACL's 50th anniversary celebration. It came about because President Alfred Watada waylaid me immediately after the election results in Denver to tell me of this event and he hoped I might attend. Followed by a formal invitation from Sam Koshio, chair of the dinner, plans were made for me to participate.

When Alfred and Nob Furuya picked me up at Denver's Stapleton Airport, I kidded them by saying I could not find Fort Lupton on my map. When Ray Uno visited during his term in the early '70s, he wrote that there were 100 Nikkei in town which had a total population of 2,500. Al said there were about 5,500 people but not many more Japanese Americans. As in many, small rural communities, the children go away to school and don't come back.

Spending the afternoon at Sam and Katy Koshio's, I learned about the history of the Japanese settlement of Fort Lupton and the organization of JACL. Al's father, who is now 93 and still living alone on the farm, called together in 1941 young Nisei to form one consolidated group among the second generation to serve the Japanese community. In 1942, the dues were \$2.50, \$1.00 going to national. At the dinner I met the first treasurer, Saburo Tanaka, and Lee Murata who was the second president. Fifty years later, they are still young-looking, vigorous men.

Fort Lupton is an active chapter bringing the Nikkei community together. It is famous for its potluck dinners and the annual chow mein dinner fund-raiser. The first chow mein dinner was held on Feb. 18, 1956 with dinners selling at \$1.25. They sold 300 tickets and made a profit of \$401.21. The 1992 dinner cost \$6.00 and 1,700 dinners were served. The program did not say how much profit was made but I heard from a good source, it was \$6,000 or thereabouts. More than 200 people were involved in this effort. Al Watada told me they ran out of chow mein and had to refund money. (This is the reason, he thought he shouldn't be president again. Incidentally, he has served as president four times, once for three years.)

Most of the time when you meet Nisei of a certain age, you make instant contact by asking, "What camp were you in?" You couldn't ask that question here since most of the Nikkei are natives of Colorado and, in fact, of Fort Lupton.

The Fort Lupton JACLers are warm, friendly, unpretentious people. They worry what will happen to the organization as the members grow older. (I did meet several Sansei, one being the president of the bank and another couple who had lived in Reston, Virginia and now operate the health club in town.) There does not seem to be other Asians in town so I guess their growth needs to be toward recruiting from nearby towns such as Brighton.

I was impressed with the regard and support of the chapters in the district for each other. A number of members from Denver came to the dinner as well as Sei Tokuda and Harry Watson from New Mexico and George Ushiyama from Arkansas Valley. Apparently, in the wild west people think nothing of driving five to seven hours to attend functions. Denwerites included Jim and Tillie Taguchi, Bob Sakaguchi, Roy and Yoshiko Inouye and Ruth Yamaguchi. Of course, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, the new governor of Mountain Plains, was also there.

The next day I met a group from the Mile Hi Chapter for breakfast. We met early since the Broncos were playing that afternoon. More of that visit later.

I want to thank all the members of the Fort Chapter for their invitation and for the magnificent clock I received. Special thanks to Alfred Watada, Sam and Katy Koshio, Fuzzy Hisamoto and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tochihara for their hospitality. ☐



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

'Yakuza': an update

OF ALL THINGS, the marked increase in the surgical practice of a Japanese doctor specializing in skin transplants, provides clues as to the impact upon the yakuza (gangster organizations) of the "Organized Crime Group Countermeasure Law" which went into effect in March of this year. The doctor has been flooded with requests to restore the tips of yakuza underlings' pinky finger which its owner had once chopped off to demonstrate his fealty to his oyabun (boss). The replacement tip is taken from one of the toes; measured in U.S. dollars, the restorative procedure is said to run between \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Both coming and going, so to speak, it's all rather repulsive to contemplate.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED in this column, the yakuza gangs have changed their names to respectable-sounding business names, but of course no one is being fooled by such tactics, especially the constabulary. Out of some estimated 3,500 gangs in Japan, the police have targeted ten major gangs as *boryoku-dan* (*boryoku* = violence, *dan* = group, gang). The three largest ones by themselves are said to have

half of the total number of gang members; these three are: Yamaguchi-gumi (Kobe based), Sumiyoshi-kai (Tokyo) and Inagawa-kai (Yokohama).

JAPANESE LAW ENFORCEMENT officials have identified some eleven racketeering offenses as a medium to strike at the yakuza, criminal offenses such as extortion, blackmail, protection shakedowns, narcotics, etc.—activities with which violence is associated. Interestingly enough, gambling and prostitution are not on this particular "hit list." The yakuza having tidy-sized treasuries (more on that to follow) and by no means being dull-witted, have retained counsel and challenged police tactics in handing out labels such as "boryoku-dan," contending such impinges upon the right of free association as well as denial of occupational choice protected under the *kempō* (constitution).

Talk about *chutzpa*. The "take" of these gangs (hold on to your seats) comes to something around \$10.1 billion U.S. dollars. Some one-fifth is said to come from legitimate enterprises into which they invested their initially ill-got-

ten gains. Ten billion! Why, that's more than the national budget in many third-world countries. It is also said that narcotics account for over one-third of the yakuza income. So when you see the customs inspectors at Narita sigh, you can surmise what they're searching for. Narcotics and guns.

ARE THE YAKUZA in their twilight year? In the mid-60's it was thought that they were then on the way to practical extinction. But today, some quarter century later, they're not only raking in billions but their membership reaches over 90,000. But the Japanese constabulary is not giving up: a hill is demolished one shovelful at a time. Some gang members seeking to cut away from their gang, have taken advantage of a police "hotline" set up to assist defectors, and in one four-month period, one telephone line reportedly received some 327 calls, including many wishing not only to restore their stumped pinky finger but also a few who also wished to have body tattoos eliminated.

Pinky finger and now the skin: ouch. ☐

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Obituaries

Akahoishi, Mary I., 88, Upland, Sept. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband George Tish, sons Bruce (Salinas), Randy, Greg, daughter Tammy Tsuyuki, 7 cc.
Saba, Kunita J., 72, Long Beach, Sept. 6; Los Angeles-born, survived by mother Ishi, brother Katsuni, sisters Umeko Iwamoto, Sugie Asari, Kazuo Toyoshima.

Funkawase, Masano, 83, Los Angeles, Sept. 10; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Paul (Abuquerque), Sai (New Jersey), daughter Miyoko, 6 cc., 1 great-gc.
Kato, Robert K., 86, Huntington Beach, Aug. 26; Seattle-born, survived by wife Merry Sum, sons Dr. Masayuki, James Nishimura, 5 cc., brothers Roy, Jiro (Jpn).
Henry, George T., 88, Gardena, Aug. 15; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughter Helen Urakaki, 2 cc.
Katsumura, Tetsuko, 75, Alhambra, Aug. 27; Garden Grove-born, survived by husband Henry, son Kim, daughters Mitsu Kozaka, Kimi Fukumoto, 6 cc., brother Ryo, Jerry Shiroishi, sister Tsutako Takimoto (Monteary).

Kimoto, Shigeno, 90, Los Angeles, Sept. 9; Wakayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Jack, daughters Juko Sato, Mariko Ono, Barbara Kaino, 10 cc., 12 great-gc.
Kozawa, Rose A., 88, Long Beach, Aug. 27; Salinas-born, survived by husband Mac, daughters Susan Murakami, Karen, 2 cc., brother George Fukuda, sisters Helen Tabuchi, Sue Yoshiyama, Joan Onodera, Kay Ochiai, Clara Sanematsu, Joan Yamada, in-laws Minor Kozawa, Mutsu Kozawa.
Murakami, Isuko, 86, Culver City, Aug. 30; San Diego-born, survived by daughters Dr. Susan Murakami-Fisher, Elaine Murakami-Brown (Seattle), 2 cc., sister Masako Kamekura Nakagaki, Cherrie S. 75, Gardena, Sept. 3; Berkeley-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Wayne, Kenneth, daughter Etsuko Tani, 3 cc., brothers Shiochi Wada (Jpn), Dick and Shig Nakagaki, sister Ino Doornik, in-laws Hiroaki Sato, Sumiko Kato, Mag Sato, Tsuyoko Iwamoto, Toshiko Mizuno.

MAY SUMIKO NISHIMI
Mrs. May Sumiko Nishimi, 66 of Alhambra, passed away September 25, 1992. She is survived by her husband, Kyoshi Nishimi, and her children, Dr. Leslie Nishimi of Santa Maria, Lyle Nishimi of Berkeley, and Lisa Nishimi of Los Gatos. She also is survived by her brother, Roy Ashizawa of San Francisco, and grandchildren, Craig and Megan Lowthorp of Santa Maria. Private funeral services were to be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, and interment at East Lawn Memorial Park, Sacramento.

Noda, Arthur, 66, Los Alamitos, Sept. 5; businessman and Long Beach JACL president (1961), survived by wife Mitz, daughter Susan Stallen, son Wayne, 3 cc., brothers Joe, Bob, sisters Rose Okamoto, Julia Kuroda, Eunice Sato.

Ogata, Katsuyoshi, 85, Los Angeles, Aug. 29; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Shizue, sons Roy, John, daughters Frances Matsuda, Joyce, 10 cc., 9 cc., brothers Frank, George, 1 cc., 1 cc., sister Teruko Okawama, in-law Sotomi Kawanishi.
Ono, Frank T., 77, Monterey Park, Aug. 27; Seattle-born, survived by wife Chiyoko, sons Allen, Dennis, Richard, daughter Francine Kimura, 9 cc., brother Ernest, sisters June Mori, May Shindo, in-laws Frisco Yamasaki, Tomiko Nakayama, Amy Ono.
Oishi, Koima, 96, Gardena, Sept. 5; Meiborn, survived by daughters Kay Sei, Emi Matsumoto, Michie Esaki (Monteary), 4 cc.
Oyayama, Ota, 79, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Japan-born, survived by husband Yoshiharu, sons Kenichi, Keiji, daughters Mituko Iwasaki, Tami, 2 cc., 1 great-gc.

KARL TAKEISHI OZIMA
75, Chicago, July 29 - Seattle born, survived by wife: Kazuo, sons: Roger & Terry, sisters: Kazuko Yamamoto & Patricia Andow (Sacramento), brother: Shigenobu, brother-in-law: Rinzoo Andow, sisters-in-law: Kazuo Ozima & Frances I. Ojima (Bremerton, WA).

Seki, Mitsue Hanks, 78, Torrance, Aug. 27; Kashi-born, survived by son Neil, daughter Jane Azuma (Virginia), Kathryn Kaneshiro (Hawaii), 5 cc., brothers Gary Hank (Hawaii), Fumio, Judge Richard, Edward, sisters Yoshiko Hank (Jpn), Margaret Shirota (Hawaii).

Seki, Masano, 88, Santa Maria, Sept. 6; Wakayama-born, survived by son Norikazu, daughter Ellen Konishi, Yoshiko Taketa (Los Angeles), Mary Koga, 6 cc., 1 great-gc.
Sumida, Yoshiko, 86, Gardena, Aug. 25; Okayama-born, survived by sons George K (Idaho), daughters Miyo Ota (Idaho), Sue Okimoto, 7 cc., 11 great-gc, son-in-law Yoshio Shimamoto.

Takano, Miyo, 83, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Hawaii-born, survived by son Theodore, daughter Chieko Shimoda, 11 cc., 26 great-gc.

Yoshimi, Shigeno, 104, Stockton, June 22; Yamaguchi-born, survived by son Henry, Fred, George, daughters Clara Hara (Santa Clara), Masako Sakai (Idaho), Sachiko Matsuyama, Jane Yamamoto, Barbara Morimoto (San Jose), Marion Shimasaki, 16 cc., 11 great-gc.

Yoshi, Masao, 83, Hayward (El Cerrito), survived by sons Kyoshi, Tadashi (El Cerrito), 7 cc., 6 great-gc.

Yuguchi, Seiichi, 73, Montebello, Aug. 11; Riverside-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Aiko, son David, daughter Jane Gates, 2 cc., sister Sakaya Hirabayashi.

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