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## Back to the drawing board: Fox says it will change 'Fuji'

LOS ANGELES—"Fuji," the cartoon character on the "Super Dave Show," will be revised after numerous complaints that the character was racially stereotypical, according to a Nov. 10 *Los Angeles Times* story.

The *Times* article said that it was criticism by Kenyon S. Chan, chairman of Asian American studies at Cal State Northridge and member of the Fox Children's Network advisory board, that led to the changes.

Originally DIC Enterprises, the company that produces "Super Dave," said that there wouldn't be any changes in the character.

In a Nov. 4 letter to Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, Robby London, executive producer of "Super Dave," said, "In considering this issue (and we did at length), we ultimately concluded and continue to believe that the appropriate choice is to ensure that the audience does realize that this very popular, likable, positive and important character is indeed Asian."

Hayashi said the apparent change of heart is a "good sign." "It's really good. They're being responsive to people's concerns. I hope when they modify the character they take the comments (made by

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## Asian American attacked in S.F.

An Asian American college student was beaten Oct. 27 by five African American teenagers as he was riding a Muni bus in San Francisco in what the victim is calling a racially motivated incident, according to an *Asian Week* report.

Anthony Kung, 18-years-old, said that as he was being beaten he heard his assailants say, "Get that Chinaman" and "Chink." Kung was treated for facial cuts and bruises at San Francisco General Hospital.

Another Asian American on the bus, 19-year-old Rodexis Mandapat, suffered cuts and bruises on his arms and face. No criminal charges have been filed against the subject, but the law firm of Wong, Jiang and Wong is considering filing a civil suit against the suspects and possibly the bus company. ☐

## Illinois Nikkei found drowned near home

Jeffrey Tanaka, 34, a University of Illinois professor, was found drowned in pond near his home just outside Champaign, Ill., according to a Nov. 11 story in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Tanaka, an educational psychology professor who had been reported missing since Nov. 3, had apparently drove off a dark, country road and into the pond, police theorized.

He was reportedly on his way to an election night party at a home about 100 yards from the pond. Two days later, friends became concerned when he did not show up for a speaking engagement at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Police officials at first suspected foul play when they found Tanaka's plane ticket to Virginia in his Champaign apartment, but have since dismissed the suspicion. ☐

## REORGANIZATION

# 'Let's be major players,' says Kimura

JACL needs recognition, clout before government agencies and organizations, president tells Southern California chapters

By GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—Change. Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, spoke about reorganization and moving JACL

## All aboard

The following officers were installed Nov. 15 (Photos on page 4):

**West L.A., JACL, chapter**  
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2nd Vice President, Membership—Kiyo Teramaye  
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KAMIMOTO

**Kamimoto is CCDC regional director**

Elisa Kamimoto, most recently collections manager and curator with the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, succeeds Sachu Kuwamoto as Central California, JACL, regional director effective Nov. 23. It was announced by CCDC Gov. Ken Yokota.

A CSU, Fresno, graduate with a specialty in art history, Kamimoto's community involvement, besides being a Fresno JACL board member, a 1991 Washington D.C., Leadership Conference alumna, and 1992

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**MAKING A POINT**—JACL National President Lillian Kimura addresses West L.A., APAN and SCAN Chapters.

forward before members of the West L.A., SCAN, and APAN Chapters at a Nov. 15 tri-chapter installation dinner.

Asked to speak about the future of JACL, Kimura explained the rationale behind the controversial restructuring plan. "It's about how we (in JACL) can be players. We want to be at the table when the president signs major legislation and get one of those pens he gives out. At this time, none of us are there," said Kimura.

According to Kimura, strengthening the internal structure of JACL is key to fulfilling the organization's plan for action. "We have to get our house in order to become players. That's why I'm concentrating on infrastructure," said Kimura.

Praising the work of PSW's reorganization review committee, called the "Phoenix Team," Kimura noted that the reorganization plan is currently being reviewed by districts and chapters. The president asked JACL members to consider change, real change that will bring the organization to the forefront. The reorganization structure proposal is about how we can become a more effective organization. I'm often asked, "Why change? The question to ask is why not?"

"We have been operating the same way for many years. We should see if we can do it better," said Kimura.

Beyond restructuring, Kimura revealed other plans and programs for the coming biennium including:

● **The continuation of the Legacy Fund campaign**—Kimura pledged renewed commitment to its successful completion.

● **A greater emphasis on the solicitation of outside funding to finance JACL programs.**

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## Hearing scheduled in Yamashita case

A public hearing was scheduled Nov. 19 before a naval administrative board in Arlington, Va., to hear new evidence of alleged widespread, long-term racial discrimination within the U.S. Marine Corps.

According to William Kaneko, JACL vice president for public affairs and Honolulu Chapter president, and Steve Okino, chapter member, the hearing was scheduled in light of the case of Bruce Yamashita, who charged that racial bias led to his "disenrollment" from USMC Officer Candidate School two

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**BRUCE YAMASHITA**  
Harassment began early

## Recounting the discrimination...

From the first day he was enrolled in the Marine Corps nine-week Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va., in 1989, Bruce Yamashita says he was subjected to racial harassment.

In his lawsuit against the U.S. Marine Corps, Yamashita describes remarks directed at him by OCS officers, including: "We don't want your kind around here. You go back to your own country!" and "You know, during World War II, we whipped your Japanese ass."

Yamashita was "disenrolled" two days before he was to graduate from OCS for "unsatisfactory leadership."

In talking of his experiences at OCS, Yamashita said, "It tainted the way I was viewed and evaluated by the staff and fellow candidates and thereby prevented fair judgment of my leadership ability." Despite all that has happened, I still want to be an officer of the Marines. ☐

## Clinton names Doris Matsui to transition team

Doris Matsui, wife of U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui, was named to President-elect Bill Clinton's transition team Nov. 12.

Matsui, who played an active role in the Clinton presidential campaign, will serve on the transition board headed up by Warren Christopher.

Her areas of jurisdiction will be determined in the near future, according to a spokesman for Rep. Matsui. She attended a scheduled meeting of the transition board Nov. 17 in Little Rock, Ark.

In the presidential campaign, Matsui helped organize

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## JACL praises Matsui, Clinton

JACL praised President-elect Bill Clinton for his appointment of Doris Matsui to his transition board.

"The appointment of Doris Matsui is a dramatic first step by President-elect Clinton to fulfill a commitment to make Asian Pacific Americans visible in his administration," said Dennis Hayashi, JACL

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## PROFILE: Doris O. Matsui

**BACKGROUND:** Raised in California farm community, Dinuba. Married to Rep. Robert T. Matsui; son Brian, 20, attends Stanford University.

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## Calendar

### Pennsylvania Philadelphia

Ongoing—National Archives-Mid Atlantic Region's "The Internment of Japanese Americans, Photographs by Dorothea Lange." Lobby William Penn Post Office Annex, 9th and Market Streets, Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 215/593-3000.

### Washington Seattle

Wednesday, Nov. 25—First Hill Lions Club's Las Vegas night, Bush Garden Restaurant, 534 Maynard Ave. S., 5 p.m. Blackjack, craps, and wheel games. Information: Gary Matsuda, 206/325-6555.

Through Sunday, Dec. 13—Wing Luke Asian Museum presents works by local Asian American artists, 407 7th Ave. Artists include: Silk designer Laihong Tran and graphic designer Frank Fuji. Information: 206/623-5124.

### Idaho

### Lewiston

Through Wed., Nov. 25—"An Artists View of the Japanese American Internment," by Kenjiro Nomura, Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History. Exhibit or catalog information: June McKivik, Nomura project director, museum information: Leslie Esselburn, 208/799-2243.

### California

### San Francisco Area

Through Monday, Nov. 30—Photo exhibit honoring UC Berkeley class of '42 Nikkei, Dwinelle Hall main lobby, UC Berkeley. Information: 510/237-5436.  
Saturday, Dec. 5—Diallo and Berkeley Chapters, JACL joint installation and awards dinner, Maiko's Restaurant, 1629 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 5 p.m. Guest: Lane Nishikawa. Cost: \$25. Information: Jon Kubokawa, 2620 Biscay Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, 510/798-6016.

Sunday, Dec. 6—The Nisei Widowed Group's Christmas party and monthly meeting, at the home of Yuri Moriwaki, 2 p.m. Potluck and gift exchange. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Yulie Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.

### San Jose

Friday, Dec. 11—Yu-Ai Kai's Christmas party, Yu-Ai Kai office, 565 N. Fifth St., San Jose, 7 p.m. Cookie exchange, entertainment and surprises. RSVP by Dec. 10. Information: 408/294-2505.

### Los Angeles Area

Saturday, Nov. 28—Gerald Ishigashi's Great Saneel Reunion, Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Featuring The Stonebridge Band and the Shirelles. Cost: \$25. Information: 714/639-1007.

Saturday, Nov. 28—Hawaiian Community Center Assn.'s 1st annual "Ho'oulu Lahui Festival." Carson Community Center, 801 F. Carson St., Carson, 10 a.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: Clarence W. Nuhn 310/549-5573 or Randy K. Chang 310/788-3032.

Saturday, Nov. 28—Ryoko Shibata teaches how to make original Christmas cards, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., 1 p.m. Cost: \$5, members: \$7.50, non-members, pre-registration required. Information: 213/625-0414.

Wednesday, Dec. 2—The Japanese American Democratic Club sponsors an Asian Pacific American community reception in support of mayoral candidate Mike Woo, Empress Pavilion Restaurant, 988 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: David Langor or Diane Sherman, 213/626-5573.

Thursday, Dec. 3—Marina Chapter, JACL's Christmas potluck, Burton Chase Park, Marina Del Rey, 7 p.m. Bring main dish and a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Information: Alice, 310/324-0582.

Sunday, Dec. 6—Pacific American Ballet Theatre presents, "The Nutcracker." Performance Theatre, Gardens High School, 1301 W. 182nd St., Gardena, 2 p.m. Cost: \$10, youth: \$20, adults: Information: Susan Roe, 4032 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 409 Los Angeles, CA 90010, 213/381-1555.  
Sunday, Dec. 6—Radio Lili Tokyo's 40th anniversary celebration, New Won Kok, 2411 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, noon. Cost: \$25. Tickets available at: Radio Lili Tokyo, 320 E. 2nd St., Ste. 313, L.A., CA 90012. Information: 213/628-4668 between 10 a.m. to noon, Mon.-Fri.

Sunday, Dec. 6—The Nikkei Widowed Group's Christmas party, New Ocean Hotel, Cost: \$23, breast of chicken, salad and dessert. Send checks to: Tak Shibuya, treasurer, 12432 Allin St., L.A.

CA 90066, as soon as possible. Information: Karl Okey 310/837-7662, or June Ichinohe, 818/286-7169.

Thurs., Dec. 3—Sun., Dec. 6—Nobuko Miyamoto premieres "A Grain of Sand." Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Tickets: 1 A 213/660-8587.

Through Sun., Dec. 6—"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, Dec. 12—Bud Dry presents B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddha Heads performing at the Roxy, 9009 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 11 p.m. Tickets and information: Chris, 818/909-9663.

Through Saturday, Dec. 19—"The SPARC Gallery presents "Confrontation 1992," an exhibit on race, color and racism, 685 Venice Blvd. Artists include: video artist Alan Nakagawa and performer Amy Hill. Information: Eric Gordon or Lucia Aguayo 310/822-9560.

Through 1993—"Isle Pioneers: Hawaii and the Mainland, 1885-1924." Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles. Hours: Tues.-Thurs and Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. General admission, \$4; seniors, students, children 6-17, \$3; disabled access. Artifacts, photographs, 3-screen video, audio tours in English, Japanese, Spanish. Information: 213/625-0414.

### Riverside

Through 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. to 5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Mondays. Admission: \$2. Information: 714/784-3686.

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## Reunion reports

### 1,400 attend Topaz 50th

BURLINGAME, Calif.—More than 1,400 frolicked over the Labor Day week at the Hyatt Regency to attend the 50th Year Topaz Reunion. John Hada, the main speaker, related what To-

paz meant to all and the character-building of camp life. The exhibit of forgotten memories, curated by Mitzie Furuya Tarver, Jean Kashima Nakao and Eiko Honda Sugihara, was cited by the Yonsei viewers as outstanding.

The forum on EO 9066 featured Fred Korematsu, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Prof. Harry H.L. Kitano, Jerry Enomoto, Judge Taketsugu Takei and Jane Beckwith (Delta High School teacher, who is seeking involvement on the Topaz Memorial Building Restoration project).

Bill Mizono and Sumi Sugihara, co-chair, and the reunion committee made sure everyone had a good time. Some had not seen each other since camp days as they spent the three-day with chatter about family, friends, relatives, kids and grandkids.

The sushi-Jaden platters and delectables in the hospitality room were augmented by a buffet brunch.

Chizu Iiyama emceed the banquet, chaired by Jiro Nakaso, Ki Tanamachi and Helen Mori Ushijima; camp songs were led by Yo Kasai with Sadie Towata Tajima at the piano and the Friday mixer, chaired by George Yamamura and Hada, featured a Polynesian floor show, music by the Reefs.

A traveling exhibit of water-color paintings of Tanforan and Topaz, shown at the reunion, is planned by Joe Kawakami. Dave Tatsuno presented his home movies of Topaz; TV documentaries were being shown continuously.

Orders for the Topaz Reunion '92 T-shirts, reunion video, a video of the forum (chaired by Chuck Kubokawa on the "Past, Present and Future Effects of EO 9066") and other mementos may be ordered from Tomi Goyotoku, 826-

38th Ave., San Francisco CA, 94121 (415/386-5607).

### Gila Camp I event at Fresno draws 700

FRESNO—An August weekend, no guest speakers and wonderful attractions spelled success for the planners and 700 participants of the Gila Camp I reunion July 30-Aug. 2. Activities included bowling, golf, trip to Yosemite, visiting the Fresno Metropolitan Museum exhibit on three generations of Japanese Americans and the banquet.

Canal High school graduates from the classes of '43-'45 decided to meet again for their respective 50th anniversary, open the festivities to all with each class handling the arrangements. The class of '43 plans to host their reunion in 1993 in Reno.

A video of the reunion, centered at Fresno Holiday Inn, has been distributed to those who ordered it and those wishing a tape now might ask a friend to have it copied, it was suggested.

Information: Yo Misaki (209/896-2605).

### Holiday Issue reminder

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# Sentence due for murderer, rapist of Issei woman, 87

Staff report

FRESNO, Calif.—The sentencing of Jeremy Brinkley, who pleaded guilty to all charges in the brutal rape-murder and burglary of Chiyoko Kono, 87, of Selma on July 26, 1990, as well as other charges of burglary and rape of other victims, is due to be heard shortly in the superior court of Judge Gene Gomes, Dept. 13, Fresno County Court-house, Fresno 93721, it was reported by the Fresno JACL Newsletter for November.

Now that he is up for sentencing, the victim's grandson, Dr. Gary Kono of Berkeley, requested letters be addressed

to Judge Gomes urging the sentence of "life without parole" be meted.

To show the community is concerned, Central California JACL district governor Ken Yokota, Selma chapter president Tad Araki and Fresno chapter president Robert Ishikawa co-signed a letter to Judge Gomes, pointing out that the due process rights of the victim's family need to be recognized as well as the emotional costs that the Kono family has paid because of Brinkley's crimes, "and that this family will continue to pay if they feel that justice is not served by your sentence (of life without parole)." ☐

## KAMIMOTO

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delegate to the Denver national convention, includes board membership with the Central California Nikkei Foundation, Foundation of St. John's Cathedral, co-chair of the Day of Remembrance/Dedication of the Fresno Assembly Center Memorial.

Kuwamoto served as regional director since 1978 and assisted in the office move to the old Southern Pacific Depot, 1713 Tulare St., #126, Fresno, CA 93706/209/486-6815. In the latter years she developed the Nikkei Service Center and its hot meal nutrition program, which is now under auspices of the Central California Nikkei Foundation as of July.

Kathleen S. Omachi of Reedley has assumed this phase of community work as the new director of the center, as of Aug. 31. A CSU Fresno graduate with a Masters of Social Work from Berkeley, she served as a national VISTA volunteer (1972-1974) in South Carolina and Georgia. ☐

—Report from Fred Hirasuna

## NCWNPDC gives \$5000 for Yamashita case

The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council of JACL voted unanimously to contribute \$5,000 in support of Hawaii Sansei Bruce Yamashita's discrimination suit against the U.S. Marine Corps.

Since his "disenrollment" from Officers Candidate School the Honolulu Chapter, JACL, has provided legal services for Yamashita, with chapter legal counsel Clayton

Ikei offering his services pro bono.

Appeals to the Board for the Correction of Naval Records and the Naval Review Board have been pending for nearly two years.

"We felt it was crucial to support this case," said Lucy Kishine, NCWNP district governor. To challenge the U.S. Marine Corps takes not only courage but money, and we want to lend whatever support we can to assist Bruce

Yamashita in his quest for justice.

JACL chapters or districts may also support Yamashita's case by sending donations to the JACL Legal Defense and Education Fund, Honolulu Chapter, JACL, P.O. Box 1291, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96807.

Information: William Kaneko, Honolulu chapter president, 808/988-3884. ☐

## YAMASHITA

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days before he was to graduate in 1989. Kaneko and Okino said that evidence was scheduled to be presented showing institutional racial bias against minority candidates in 25 Officer Candidate School classes from 1982-1990, and that race was a primary

factor in Yamashita's disenrollment from the 140th OCS class.

Kaneko and chapter legal counsel Clayton Ikei were also scheduled to lead a JACL team at Yamashita's hearing before the Naval Discharge Review Board. The hearing was the first opportunity for Yamashita to publicly present testimony and evidence in his appeal of his

disenrollment.

Two years after Yamashita was dropped from OCS the Marine Corps verified most of the major incidents of discrimination and harassment, apologized for them, but did nothing to strengthen its anti-discrimination policies or to offer Yamashita the commission he had earned, according to Kaneko and Okino. ☐

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**SWEARING IN**—Lillian Kimura (left), JACL national president, installs Susan Roe and Johnny Gushiken at the Nov. 15 combined meeting of West L.A., APAN, and SCAN chapters. Story page 1.



**WEST L.A. OFFICERS**—Satoshi Nitta, Ayako Tagashira, and Virginia Tominaga take the oath.



**APAN CHAPTER**—Kay Gamo and Craig Minami take the oath.



**PRESIDENTS' CLUB**—from left, Carol Kawamoto, PSW governor; Danny Goto, APAN president; Linda Hara, SCAN co-president; Galen Murakawa, SCAN co-president; Johnny Gushiken, West L.A. president; and Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

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## Short takes

## Photos sought for 70th anniversary

The San Jose Chapter, JACL, 70th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, at the Hyatt House with greetings from public figures, presence of hundreds of community leaders and original charter members (They joined in 1923 as members of the American Loyalty League. Contact the chapter if you know any of these individuals) and a slide presentation.

To commemorate and share this history, help is needed for the slide presentation. Individuals who can lend photos of past chapter events can send them by Dec. 5, 1992, to the San Jose Chapter, JACL, office, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112; or call Kay Ono (408) 295-1250. Chapter guarantees their return and will pay for expenses associated with duplicating the photos.

## Sayonara for JA story at museum

SACRAMENTO—Impressive closing rites this past Labor Day marked the successful six-month Sacramento History Museum exhibit of "Japanese Americans: Story of a People, 1869-1992." Museum officials reported some 40,000 people passed through and viewed the most comprehensive historical exhibit of the region ever.

The exhibit was opened Feb. 15 before 850 invited guests in the roundhouse of the California State Railroad Museum, next door to the History Museum building. During the run, there were 10 public presentations on Japanese

American history.

The National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco, Japanese American National Museum at Los Angeles and Sacramento History Museum assisted. Nisei support groups participating were Sacramento, Florin, Placer County, and Marysville Chapters, JACL, the Nisei VFW Post 8985, and the Delta Japanese Association.

Major underwriters included Sally Taketa, Dr. Richard Taketa, Dr. David Taketa, May Shirai, Peter and Jean Hamatani, Rieko Inaba, Eddie and Matsie Inaba, Fly and Missao Inaba, Hiroshi and June Nishikawa, Yutaka and Sakaye Nishikawa, Rep. Robert T. Matsui.

—Report: Toko Fujii.

## Fund-raisers honored in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—More than 600 well-wishers crowded into the Lincoln Plaza atrium recently to honor four community activists, chiefly for their fund-raising skills: Nancy Akabori, Toko Fujii, Peggy Lim and Frances Lee, whose "touch" helped the Asian Community Center and the Asian Community Nursing Home over the past several years.

The honorees were introduced respectively by their peers: Joan Ichimura-Hoffman, ACC board member; Tom Fujimoto, Sacramento JACL senior adviser; Dr. William Wong, Nursing Home medical director; and Gloria Imagine, ACC board member.

Ralph Sugimoto emceed the program, which opened with a 30-minute taiko concert conducted by Tiffany Tamaribuchi and the

Sacramento Taiko Dan.

## Multicultural center blooms in Biloxi

BILLOXI, Miss.—The youth of the Vietnamese community, comprised of refugees who arrived here since the mid-1970s, have added the Asian Lions to the Center for Cultural and Community Development this past summer, according to Wen-Ti Tsien of the Boston-based Asian American Resource Workshop.

The center serves students in the mixed racial neighborhood. Four artists, representing the African American, Jewish, Hispanic, Asian American and Tennessean backgrounds, were involved with intercultural arts program launching the summer program.

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## Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Keeping up the good word

Kids may hate to compose English papers, but when they grow up many feel compelled to write. Publishers, whose solvency depends on manufacturing books that have a chance to make money, can afford to take on only a small fraction of the manuscripts offered them.

Inevitably, that means that some excellent material of limited interest will never be published unless the authors undertake near-heroic measures.

Some determined authors find small, specialized publishing houses where profit is not the primary objective and succeed in getting their writing between book covers. Others will pay a printer to manufacture their books. Never mind that sales seldom are large enough to pay the printer's bill. Thanks to this kind of determination material of limited interest is preserved in type.

Four publications of this kind have come to my attention recently and I'd like to mention them briefly:

*Behind Barbed Wire* is made up of excerpts from the diary of Velma Berryman Kessel, an impressionable young registered nurse at the Heart Mountain WRA camp. There is nothing profound about her ac-

count from the viewpoint of the camp hospital, but it has a naive charm. Her address is Box 66, Powell, WY, 82435.

*Lest We Forget*, by Joyce L. Williams and Alice M. Coleman. This paperback booklet of approximately 180 pages is made up of two sections. First is a review by Williams of the Evacuation with emphasis on the Amache WRA camp in southeastern Colorado. Williams is chairperson of the department of sociology and social work at Texas Woman's University in Denton. The latter half consists of some powerful poems by Coleman, a former federal employee who lives in Denver's Tamai Tower, a retirement complex sponsored by the Buddhist temple.

The poems are worth the list price of \$14.95 (plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling). The authors are turning profits over to a fund for maintaining and preserving the memorial at the Amache campsite. Coleman's address is 1909 Sakura Square, 1255 19th St., Denver, CO, 80202.

*Ten Visits* by Frank and Joanne Iritani. This is the newest and by far the best version of their guide to the 10 wartime evacuation campsites. Simplified maps tell

how to get there and color photographs show what visitors will see. But this is more than a simple guidebook. The Iritanis have added their own comments, quotations and the observations of others. You can reach the Iritanis at 3401 Oro Vista Ave., Bakersfield, CA, 93309.

*Floating Candles* by Mari Shimasaki. Bill Shimasaki's work as an engineer for the U.S. AID program took him and his family (wife Mari and four children) to the world's far corners—Jordan and other parts of the Middle East, West Africa, Tunisia, Laos, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Thailand. Each Christmas Mari would write a letter as a greeting to friends. Her Christmas letters from 1959 to 1990 have been collected in a slim booklet published a year ago by Carlton Press of New York. This is fascinating reading. The Shimasakis are retired in Sequim, WA, 98382.

Finally, I have been privileged to read parts of an unfinished manuscript by Dr. Frank Inouye of Honolulu who had a key role in discussions at the Heart Mountain camp about the segregation and army recruitment programs. I hope he will polish it and seek publication. He has strong views, well-expressed. ☐

## KIMURA

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● **Strengthening and supporting leaders at the chapter level**—Kimura said that there would be public affairs workshops on dealing with the media using the successful Pearl Harbor campaign as a model. Kimura also said there are plans for producing a new president's handbook for all chapters, using the PSW president's handbook as a model.

● **Continued support of the leadership program in Washington, D.C.**—Kimura praised the program for fostering young JACL leaders, saying that many national board members are alumni of the program, and also acknowledged the alumni present at the luncheon.

● **Further implementation of the automated membership renewal program**—Kimura explained that the automated system once fully implemented will allow chapter membership chairs to focus on new member recruitment.

● **Networking with other ethnic civil rights organizations including, NAACP, American Jewish Committee, and La Raza**—Kimura singled out the APAN chapter, whose primarily young membership sponsored many amendments at the Denver convention, for their interest and commitment to JACL. APAN had 10 to 12 people attend the convention in Denver. It was good for us, and good for them. APAN pushes us toward focusing on broader issues, not just Japanese Americans," said Kimura.

The president also praised the tri-chapter installation idea, calling it the "wave of the future" because of its cost efficiency and the fact that it brings members of different chapters together.

Noting the many problems in society, from racism and poverty to AIDS and hunger, Kimura said, "There may be a time when an ethnic specific organization is not needed, but that time is not now."

"Our concern is how these problems affect civil rights. We need to bring our perspective to the table—visibly so," said Kimura. ☐

## MATSUI

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women's groups for Clinton, and publicized his initiatives for women's health care, in addition to assisting her husband in his role as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.

"I am honored and pleased to be a part of such a distinguished team and to have the opportunity to play a part in making staff recommendations to President-elect Clinton," Doris Matsui said. "I intend to put all of my efforts into bringing to the new administration the best and the brightest Americans who have a wholehearted commitment to public service." ☐

## JACL

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national director. Karen Nakasaki, JACL, Washington, D.C., representative, said that Ms. Matsui is highly regarded and will provide an important perspective to the transition board. Her appointment also underscores President-elect Clinton's commitment to making women an integral part of his administration.

In early October, JACL submitted to President-elect Clinton a questionnaire, which included a query about future appointments. In response, President-elect Clinton stated, "I want Asian Pacific Americans involved in a Clinton-Gore administration. I am not simply asking for the Asian Pacific American community's help during this election, but I want you to be part of the governance of America..." ☐

## BACKGROUND

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EDUCATION: University of California, Berkeley.

CAUSES: Art, education, international affairs, national breast cancer education initiative, Project Awareness, and other social issues.

AFFILIATIONS: president, Sacramento Symphony League; president, board of directors, KVIE, Sacramento public TV station; member of the boards of the Science Center, Junior League; leader of Peace Links; member of Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry; participant in conference in Helsinki Accords; participant in Congressional Families for Drug Free Youth; member, board of directors, House of Representatives Childcare Center; chair, Sidwell Friends Parents' Association; member, national board of directors, Christmas in April Foundation; participant in Child Mental Health Interest group. ☐

## Moshi moshi

BY JIN KONOMI

## The Age of the Woman: Hanako-san

In the bubbly prosperity years in Japan, circa mid- to late-1980s, young women of 23-24 to 29-30 age bracket suddenly developed a conspicuous lifestyle which was a radical departure from the lifestyles of their older sisters and mothers. The newly started women's magazine *Hanako* was their guide and mentor as to what were fashionable in clothes and accessories, what plays and concerts to attend, best restaurants and resorts, where to find the fashionable shops and boutiques, what cities and sights to visit abroad, and so on. The media latched onto the new subculture and called it the Hanako Phenomenon. The public took to calling individual women *Hanako-san* if they were seen to belong to the subculture.

Here is the simplified description of *Hanako-san* as to her attributes and behavior:

She is a college graduate and has a job in a corporation with a reputable sounding name. Living at home where she gets room and board, and even laundry, free, she has ample time and disposable income to in-

dulge in all her hobbies—the theater, concerts, movies, dates with young men with "my car" (private car for personal use is called that), dining at ritzy restaurants, and above all, shopping. The world is her bowl of ramen, and man is just another *gu* which she can, but does not care, to add to it as yet.

It is not that she is not interested. But the husband she will consent to accept must be a man of three highs (*sanko*): high income; high stature, higher the better, but at the least 170 cm. (5 ft. 6 in.); high level of schooling, that is, he must be a college graduate, never mind the standing at graduation. And here is where her ramen bowl threatens to crack. Half the Japanese males are not quite 170 cm tall. Even less have a college degree. What of high income?

*Hanako-san* is, say, 23-24. The pool of young men from which she picks will be about 25-26, and at these ages their salaries won't be 200,000 yen per month as yet. If she marries one of them she no longer will be able to continue her lavish lifestyle,

least of all, her reckless shopping. Neither will she have the time to gallivant around any more. No wonder she is not ready to commit herself to such a future.

Speaking of future, what sort of future does she have at her work place? There she does not have a career but just a job. She is a glorified go-for, a factotum with euphonious job classification but no prospect of rising much higher. Regrettably (according to my mentor, an exceptionally talented young lady out of the Tsuda College who manages the American branch of a Japanese company) *Hanako-san* and not a few of her cohorts think it is just fine. They are not burdened with responsibility.

So *Hanako-san* lives in perpetual today. As far as she is concerned the age of the woman has arrived in Japan. ☐

Konomi, an Albany, Calif., writer, contributes regularly to the Pacific Citizen.





## Agenda

Agenda reports on activities of JACL chapters and other organizations. In this edition, PC extracts excerpts from chapter news letters focusing on views of the recently held JACL national convention in Denver.

### Salt Lake

By LARRY GRANT, president/delegate

Let me start by thanking you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the chapter at the National Convention. It was exciting to say the least!

Jeff Itami and I were not shy about voicing our opinions about the important issues. Many of our chapter concerns were heard and considered by the convention body.

The Legacy Fund Committee presented our chapter with a certificate for the great progress we have made toward reaching our goal. I encourage your contributions to the Legacy Fund. Whatever we donate will come back to us in many forms.

### San Diego

By KAREN TANI, delegate

The schedule was grueling and intense with four days of meetings, district caucuses, workshops, special meetings, a few relaxing hours for social functions, and then more meetings...

The controversial resolution this year concerned the proposed restructuring of the organization. After lengthy discussions on the convention floor and in district caucuses, a resolution was submitted to recommit the proposal for further enhancement and suggestions from districts and chapters... More input is being solicited from the districts and chapters and it will be discussed at all Tri-Bi-District Meetings held in 1993.

Another emergency resolution, which was submitted by Mas Hironaka (San Diego official delegate), and adopted was the extension of the \$500 Life membership. So those of you who didn't get a chance to sign up for this great bargain have another chance to do so.

Other resolutions and amendments that were adopted at the convention were listed in detail in the Pacific Citizen so they won't be discussed here.

### Berkeley

By KEN & ANN YABUSAKI, delegates

We're often asked, "What is the mission of JACL?" Between Aug. 5-8, we attended working sessions, luncheons, emergency district meetings, workshops and banquets from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and found the answers to our questions. JACL is committed to protect the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and strives to secure and uphold the civil and human rights for all people. JACL is committed to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

We learned about JACL's commitment via the numerous resolutions... as controversial as the question of choice for women is, the JACL delegates endorsed a pro-choice stand. People were not afraid to debate the reorganization of the National Board or to take stands to help people who were denied jobs because of racial discrimination.

It is refreshing to know that the JACL is still politically viable and is willing to intervene on behalf of human and civil rights and dignity of not only Americans of Japanese ancestry, but people of all color.



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Kitamura, Leslie Morinaga, 64, Ontario, Ont., Oct. 24; Seattle-born, survived by husband George, sons Grant, Rick, Larry, daughter Sherr (Portland), 2 gcs, mother Satsu Morinaga, 5 brothers Kaz, Frank, Jim, George, Benny Morinaga (Carson City, Nev.), 3 sisters Marian Ota (Gresham), Momoko Kido (Seattle), Violet Yagi (San Francisco).

Kojima, Masamune, 60, Los Angeles, Nov. 4 suddenly of liver cancer; Placer County Nov. 6 veteran of Korean War, Los Angeles County senior public defender since 1961, PSWOC JACL legal counsel in the '70s, National JACL vice-president for membership services (1976-78), survived by wife Rumiko, son Masayoshi, daughter Keiko, brothers Takasumi (Berkeley), Mooney (Williamstown, Mass.), sister Chiharu (Sacramento). "The PSWOC is indebted to him for he drafted the Trust Fund incorporation papers." Dr. Roy Nishikawa, trust fund chair.

Oda, Sumire Morishita, 89, Tokyo, Oct. 23 from complications after being hospitalized for a broken hip; prewar Nisei youth worker with Rev. Suzukioka Kato in the YWCA movement, while organist at Berkeley

Japanese Christian Church had married Rev. Nobundo Oda, pastor, in the 1920s, survivors include son Nobuo, Jpn representative at the U.N. (New York), son Nobuyoshi (Yonkers, Shunbun), and niece Betty Machiko Nomura (Albany, Calif.). "She was known to most of her friends by the name of Sumie, but deeded recently to change the spelling to Sumire name of a Japanese violet flower." Tad Fujita, Memorial gift to Kato Memorial Scholarship Fund for seminary students and camp counselors, 1440 California St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

Takeguchi, Chikata "Charley", 71, Hilo, Sept. 21, retired Big Island fire chief (1972-1990), first fire chief of Japanese ancestry for county, joined force in 1941, survived by wife Aki, sons Milton (Kansas), Sidney, daughters Joyce Inaba, Amy Kekaho, 9 gcs, three brothers and two sisters.

Tamura, Hanako, 90, Gardena, Oct. 7; Koshi-born, survived by husband Toshiyuki, 4 daughters Ruby, Kimiko Shionaka, Toshiko Muraoka, June Shimizu, 9 gcs, 3 great-gcs.

Tanabe, Keiichi, 79, Los Angeles, Sept. 24; Seattle-born, survived by husband

Ryotaaro, sons Clarence, Roy, Richard, daughter Hisako Kamei, 7 gcs, sisters Yoshie Higashida and Midge Takeda (both Jpn).

Toji, Hatsuyo, 73, Wiser, Idaho, Oct. 22; Rexburg, Idaho-born, survived by brothers Yoneo Shigihara (Ruger, Idaho), Taseo (Salt Lake City), sister Chiyoko Kato (Paul, Idaho); predeceased by husbands George Sakanashi, 1948, and Hideo Toji, 1962, daughter, parents and one brother.

Tomita, Tad T. 71, Monterey Park, Oct. 1; Yokohama-born, survived by wife Sue, son Glenn, daughter Gayle, brother Louie, sister Eiko Funa (Hawaii).

Tsukimura, Edward H. 67, Danville, Sept. 28; Hiroshima-born prewar Fresno resident, survived by wife Alice, sons Ray, Hiro, daughter Aileen, 6 gcs, brother Yoshio, sisters Ayuko, Sumie (all Jpn).

Ukita, James T. 71, Alhambra, Sept. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughters Ruth Ann Hackenbach (McVern, Wash.), Robin, 3 gcs, brothers Charles T., Hiroshi.

Ushijima, Charles, 59, Honolulu, July 27; Hilo-born Army veteran, state legislator (1968-80), Univ. of Hawaii baseball, Rainbow Stadium booster, First Hawaiian Bank v.p., international division.

Watanabe, Nobuo, 82, Los Angeles, Sept. 14 in Hiroshima; A-bomb activist in L.A., survived by wife Tomi, brother Kiyoshi, 2 sisters in Japan.

Yamaoka, Natsue, 65, Fresno, Sept. 21; Fresno-born, survived by husband Noboru, sons Douglas, Alan, Dale, daughter Elaine Swartz (4 gcs), brothers Kiyoshi and Tadashi Okahata, 5 sisters Chiyoko Yamakata, Mary Okahata, Yoshiko Nishikawa, Kimiko Takeshima, Yomiko Nishikawa, in-laws brother Bishop Seigen Yamaoka, sister Shizue Honda.

Yano, Roy Y. 72, Sacramento, Sept. 26; Marysville-born, survived by wife Margaret, sons Sadao, Ray, daughters Shizuko, Patricia (San Francisco), father Hayao, sister Rose Fukumitsu (all of San Francisco), brothers Carl (San Francisco), Albert (Redwood City).

Toshimasa, Brig. Gen. Edward M. (ret), 78, Honolulu, Oct. 7; Maui-born 100th military veteran who was acting commander of Hawaii Army National Guard (1968-69) when the Guard's 29th Brigade was activated for Vietnam duty, promoted general in 1971, served in No. 2 post with Hawaii Guards (1974-76), retired in 1976, was commissioned 2nd Lt. upon graduation from Univ. of Hawaii (1939), Hawaii director of U.S. Savings Bond division (1976-82); survived by wife Fusano, son Leslie, sister Janice, brothers Lincoln, Masao (Mich.), Masa (Hilo), 2 gcs.

Yasuehachi, Heihachi, 84, San Francisco, Sept. 27; Oakland-born, survived by wife Hisano, son Tom, daughters Sandra Libby, Terry Tekawa, 10 gcs, 4 great-gcs, brothers Mitsuo Yasuehachi, Sachiko Kaneko, sister George.

Yuzuki, George S. 81, Los Angeles, Sept. 13; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Ken-ichi, daughters Junko Tajima, Yukiko Tanaka, 3 gcs, 1 great-gc, brother Frank H.

## CARTOON

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JACL and other organizations) into account and take it into consideration," said Hayashi.

While the article gives credit to Chan for bringing about the changes, Hayashi said he felt complaints from the public also played a role in bringing about the change.

"My only assumption is that other people were sending in letters protesting. I can only surmise, even though the L.A. Times focused on Chan's letter, that they were probably basically concerned about the number of protest letters coming to Fox," said Hayashi.

George Johnston, co-founder of the Media Action Network for Asian Americans, concurred. "MANAA had everything to do with what happened," said Johnston. "MANAA took the lead on this issue." Pacific Citizen first learned about the issue after MANAA sent a letter protesting the character to Fox and DIC Enterprises (see Oct. 30 issue).

As to what happens next, Johnston said MANAA is adopting a "wait and see" attitude. "We're very encouraged to hear about the changes. We're waiting for formal word from Fox on specifics." At press time, MANAA and JACL had not received official word from Fox or DIC.

Hayashi said the only thing to do now is wait until next season and see what the newly revised "Fuji" looks like. "People will be watching to see what the character is like then and make their opinion," said Hayashi.

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