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Working together

A program to create leadership and better relations among ethnic minorities has been established in the Los Angeles area. Participants in the Leadership Development in Interethnic Relations program, the creation of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the Martin Luther King Dispute Resolution Center, and the West San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, met March 6 to announce the nine-month training program that will train 25 ethnically diverse individuals to be more effective in preventing and addressing inter-ethnic tensions in their communities. Participating were, from left, Stewart Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Judy Chu, Monterey Park, Calif. city councilwoman; Alicia Rodriguez, president of West San Gabriel Valley League of United Latin American Citizens; Kathleen Hiyake, director of the Leadership Development in Interethnic Relations program; and Dennis Westbrook, project director of Martin Luther King Dispute Resolution Center. Information: Jan Armstrong, 213/290-4131.

Furutani back in election

After a surprise disqualification from the Los Angeles City Council race, Warren Furutani, Los Angeles Unified School District board member, was reinstated March 9 into the election.

Making the ruling, Superior Court Judge Diane Wayne said, "It looks like Mr. Furutani will be on the (April) ballot."

Furutani was disqualified Feb. 25 after the Los Angeles City Clerk's office stated that he had not received the required 500 voter signatures which would place his

name on the ballot. According to the city clerk's office, Furutani fell just 67 signatures short. After resubmitting signatures to the clerk's office for review and many hours of negotiating, Furutani came up with exactly 500 valid signatures.

Furutani, speaking to the *Rafu Shimpo*, said, "This is the result of a 10-day effort. We fought them signature by signature and didn't lay down. We're making change and we're going to make change in the 15th district." ☐



WARREN FURUTANI
Gets needed signatures

Arizona police handling of assault criticized

Charging insensitivity to Asian Americans, Arizona State University students met with Tempe, Ariz., police to discuss the handling of the Feb. 26 beating of Chinese graduate student, Lang-Sheng Yun, according to a report in the university's *State Press*.

Yun was allegedly attacked by three assailants as he was biking home from campus. The student was recently released from the hospital after two operations to close cuts above his eyes and repair broken bones in his nose and cheekbones.

Originally, the police listed the crime as a misdemeanor, but have since upgraded the assault to a felony because Yun suffered broken bones. Asian Americans have criticized the police for failing to contact Yun until a

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Get involved in issues, law professor says

Harold Koh, the Yale law professor who recently represented Haitian refugees before the U.S. Supreme Court, said the experience has taught him what it means to be a "discreet and insular minority."

Speaking before 21st anniversary celebration of the Asian Law Caucus March 6 in San Francisco, Koh said Asian Americans have to become more involved in social issues like the Haitian refugees. "I think what I've also learned is the truth of what my father said, that it's time for us to be more than just good students and 'model minorities.' And it's time for us to remember that the Haitians are not 'somebody else,'" said Koh.

The law professor represented Haitian refugees, currently incarcerated at Guantanamo Naval Base, who face expulsion by the United

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California hate crime is upheld

A California state appeal court recently upheld for the first time that California's hate crime law does not violate the constitutional right to free speech, according to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*.

The state Court of Appeal in San Jose ruled that the law, which provides strong punishments for people who commit bias crimes, is aimed at punishing behavior and does not constitute a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

"One is free to think, speak, publish or even advocate racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, anti-gay or other bigoted ideas without running afoul of the (state)," wrote Christopher Cottle, appellate justice, in an opinion. "The law targets discriminatory conduct, not speech."

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Minnesota hate crimes municipal ordinance ban on symbols was unconstitutional. In making the ruling, the court noted that hate crimes in California are at an all time rise, citing a 22 percent increase in the number of bias-related crimes in Los Angeles County.

Teen gets 49 years for murder of Issei woman

Staff reports

Jeremy Brinkley, 19, who confessed to the July 26, 1990, murder and rape of 87-year-old Chiyoko Kono of Selma, Calif., was sentenced Mar. 12 in nearby Fresno Superior Court to more than 49 years in prison.

Specifically, Brinkley was sentenced to 24 years, 8 months for the crime of rape and 25 years for the crime of murder.

At the hearing, Sandra Osaki, Alerie Nobusada-Flynn and Dr. Gary Kono, three of Chiyoko Kono's 15 grandchildren, and her son-in-law, K. Nobusada, spoke to the court about the suffering of the family during the two-and-a-half years following the murder and the necessity to protect the community from future attacks.

Elisa Kamimoto, JACL regional director for the Central California District, who was in attendance at the sentencing and spoke to members of the Kono family, said, "The family is very tired, it's going to take a couple of days to sink in."

The regional director, however added that some members of the family were not happy with the verdict. "They're not totally satisfied," said Kamimoto. "But they're glad it's over." Tim Kamme, deputy district attorney, had recommended life without the possibility of parole.

Karen Johnston, whose mother was also raped by Brinkley, also

urged the court to issue a stricter sentence.

The lighter sentence, according to Kamimoto, was part of a plea bargain which came in exchange for Brinkley's confession. However, the sentence was heavier than it would have been if the 19-year-old Brinkley was tried as a minor said Kamimoto. Kamme explained that Brinkley must serve the full period of his first sentence and at least one-third of his second sentence before becoming eligible for a parole hearing. Additionally, as a part of the plea bargain, he may not appeal his conviction. At minimum, he will serve 30 years. Judge Gene Gomes also gave Brinkley a credit of 1,532 days (more than four years) for time served since his confession.

Truman McClure, Brinkley's grandfather, speaking before the court, said that the Kono family was understandably upset and frustrated, but that they were not forgiving Brinkley's mother, who was in tears, was also in attendance.

"His mother came up and apologized to me," said Kamimoto, who described the whole ordeal as emotionally wrenching.

In addition to members of the family, 60 Japanese Americans from the community came to offer their support. The court, which seats 40 people, couldn't accom-

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Undercount of Asian Americans stands

Despite the undercount of Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities in the 1990 census, Dr. Barbara Bryant, census director, recently said the figures will not be adjusted.

In the *Census 2000 Alert*, the Chinese for Affirmative Action newsletter, Bryant said, "This decision was difficult to make; however because the 1990 total undercount is so small (less than 2 percent) it is impossible to accurately adjust for the 44,055 substate areas for which population estimates are produced."

Census 2000 Alert estimated that the

bureau's decision means that 4.7 million individuals will not be counted. According to the Post Enumeration Survey (PES), the undercounts were 3.1% for Asian Pacific Americans; 4.8% African for Americans; 5.2% for Hispanics; and 5% for Native Americans.

Henry Der, spokesman for the National Coalition for an Accurate Count of Asian Pacific Americans, had suggested that the PES figures be incorporated into the base figures at the national, state and substate levels. ☐

Legacy Fund

Grants available to chapters

A total of \$12,000 in Legacy Fund grants is available to chapter this year, according to Trisha Murakawa, JACL vice president for planning and development.

Ten percent of the Legacy Fund's earnings each year are allocated for chapter grants. In 1992, Legacy Fund grants were awarded to the following nine chapters:

- The Philadelphia Chapter co-hosted a two-day conference on anti-Asian violence at the University of Pennsylvania.
- The Contra Costa Chapter in California assisted the Richmond Unified School District to incorporate the Japanese American experience accurately in its school curriculum.

- The Asian Pacific American Network Chapter in Los Angeles sponsored "The Future of the Nikkei Community Conference" locally, addressing the direction of the Japanese American community into the 21st century and featuring numerous workshops.
- The SELANOCO Chapter hosted Chihono-Gakko, an eight-day program for Japa-

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How to apply

Contact chapter presidents or National JACL headquarters at 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Applications must be postmarked by June 1. Grant recipients for 1993 will be announced in July.

Seattle top fund-raiser

The Seattle Chapter, JACL, was the top fund-raiser for the Legacy Fund with \$278,515 raised as of Jan. 20, 1993. That figure represents 138.7% of the chapter's goal.

The Seattle Legacy Fund Committee members are: Helen Akita, Hiram Akita, Haruo Fujino, Ayako Hurd, Miyo Kiba,

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Calendar

Washington, D.C.

Saturday, March 27—Washington D.C. Chapter, JACL, is hosting an evening of music and political satire with the Capitol Steps, Chelsea's, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. Information: John Nakahata, 703/685-0214.

New York

Through May 30—The Chinatown History Museum's photographic exhibitions, "From Canton to New York: The Broken Tradition," and "The People of Tong Yeh Gai," 70 Mulberry St., 2nd floor, Sun-Wed., noon-5 p.m. Information: 212/619-4785.

Wisconsin

La Crosse

Thurs.-Sat., March 25-27—University of Wisconsin-La Crosse sponsors the conference, "Asian Americans: probing the past, living the present, shaping the future." Registration and information: Penny Tiedt, Continuing Education and Extension, 227 Main Hall, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601; 608/785-6503.

Illinois

Chicago

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singers Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Washington

Seattle

Friday, March 26—The Seattle Chapter, JACL, and the Japan American Society sponsor Glenn Fukushima, AT&T Japan, speaking on "The Clinton Administration and U.S. Japan relations: A view from Tokyo." Columbia Seafirst Center, 75th floor, 701 Fifth Ave., 9 a.m. Cost: \$12, members; \$17, non-members. Information: Marie Sauter, 206/623-7900.

Through Sunday, April 4—Asian New Year traditions and Dean Wong's International District photos, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Cost: \$2.50, adults; \$1.50, seniors; \$0.75, children under 12; Thurs-

days free. Information: 206/623-5124. Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—The 18th annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, Seattle Center, Fri.-Sat., 9 a.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. Admission: free. Music, dance, martial arts, and food. Information: 206/426-4140.

Nevada

Reno-Sparks

Sat.-Sun., May 22-23—Asian Pacific Americans of Northern Nevada are among the sponsors for Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, centered in downtown Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artists. Cost: free. Sat. evening: Dance of the Dragons through Victorian Square in downtown Sparks. Information: John Asagawa's Nugget, 800/648-1177.

Arizona

Phoenix

Sunday, May 2—Arizona Chapter, JACL, hosts the 32nd annual Sara Hutchings Clardy scholarship awards and graduates' banquet, 2532 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by April 26 to: Peggy Matsui, 4320 W. Camelback Rd., Glendale, AZ 85302; 602/934-3340; or Kathy Inoshita, 5332 W. Golden Ln., Glendale, AZ 85302; 602/937-5434.

California

San Francisco area

Sunday, April 4—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 55616th Ave., San Francisco, 2 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Ueda, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriaki, 510/482-3280.

Saturday, April 10—The East Bay Nikkei Singles' 4th annual "Fun and friendly" golf tournament for single men and women, Alameda's Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Jack Clark Golf Course, 1 Club House Memorial Rd., Alameda, 11 a.m. Entry fee: \$25. Dinner at Bay Fairway Hall, next to golf course, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Sign up deadline: Mar. 20. Information: Toshi Yoshida, 510/525-0205, or Miki Nakano, 510/227-5619.

Monday-Wednesday, May 3-5—San Mateo JACL Community Center's trip to Yosemite National Park. Cost: \$295, per person, includes 2 nights 3 days at Yosemite Lodge, lunches and tours.

Arts calendar

Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Through Sunday, April 25—Crossroads Theatre Company presents "Mother, I'm a story of the lives of two women and their mixed-race daughters, 7 Livingston Ave. Tues.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 3 p.m. Additional performances: Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 8, noon. Preview: Mar. 12, cost: \$20, Sun.-Thurs.; \$24, Fri. Regular run: \$22, Sun., Tues.-Thurs.; \$30, Fri.-Sat.; \$26, Sat.-Sun., matinees, and \$18, weekday matinees. Information: 908/248-5560. Commissioned by Bill Cosby; performers include: Jeanne Mori and Takayo Fischer.

Dance

OAKLAND, Calif.—Friday-Sunday, March 26-27—The 1993 Bay Area Dance Series presents Kulintang Arts, a Pilipino performance group, in Alleluia Panis' Diwata, Laney College, 900 Fallon St. Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets: \$14 at door; \$12 in advance; \$10, students and seniors. Information: 510/889-9500.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Saturday, April 10—Ohana Cultural Center and Asian Heritage Council present the 1993 Asian Pacific Performing Arts Festival, Luis Valdez Performing Arts Center, Inde-

pendence High School, N. Jackson between McKee and Mabury Sts., 3 p.m. Performers include: San Jose Taiko and the Leianuea Polynesian Dance. Cost: \$15, at door; \$12, in advance. Information: City Box Office, 141 Kearny St., San Francisco, CA 94108; 415/392-4400.

Film

LOS ANGELES—Tuesday, March 30—Japan America Society of Southern California and the National Association of Japanese Americans present a screening and discussion of the film, "Dream Window/Reflections on the Japanese Garden," with filmmaker and author Peter Grill, Laemmle's Grande 4-Plex, 349 S. Figueroa St., 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5, general; \$2 students with ID. Information: 213/627-6217 x11.

Music

PASADENA, Calif.—Wednesday, March 24—Pacific Asia Museum presents "World of Sangeet," a concert of Japanese music, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., 8 p.m. Cost: \$5, members; \$7, non-members. Information: 818/449-2742. LOS ANGELES—Friday, April 16—The Japan American Symphony Orchestra with 13-year-old violinist Tamaki Kawakubo, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Information and reservations: San Mateo JACL, 415/343-2793. Final payment: Mar. 4.

San Jose area

Sunday, April 18—Yu Ai-Kai's 14th annual benefit luncheon and fashion show, Red Lion Inn, San Jose. Tickets: \$35. Tickets available now at the Yu Ai-Kai office, 505 N. 5th St. Information: 408/294-2505.

Saturday, May 1—The Women's Ministry of the Northern California Japanese Evangelical Society's 4th annual luncheon, San Lorenzo-Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd., San Leandro, 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Lillian Omi. Cost: \$10. Information: Teru Kawaye, 408/376-6914. Deadline for registration: Apr. 17.

Fresno

Saturday, March 20—Fresno Chapter, JACL, will be honored at the dedication ceremony for the Shin Zen New Entrance and Glass Shin Zen Friendship Garden, Woodward Park, Fresno, 10 a.m. Cost: Free.

Los Angeles area

Monday, March 22—Assistance League's Newport-Mesa presents Ken Kashiwara, ABC News' 25th Town Hall Celebrity Series, Edwards Theater, Newport Center, Newport Beach, 10:30 a.m. Information: 714/645-6929.

Thursday, March 25—The Asian Business League's first quarter business networking reception, Biltmore Hotel (Emerald Room), downtown Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Cost: \$8, members; \$12, non-members. Information: Jacqueline Phung Quach, 818/405-7802 or Naomi Kuramoto, 213/626-5837.

Saturday, March 27—Multicultural Bar Alliance's seminar on the working of the GPC, Search to Involve Filipino Americans Conference Center, 3200A W. Temple St., Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. Information: Greer Bosworth, 310/840-8264 or Robert Lee, 213/368-0104.

Wednesday, March 31—Japan America Society hosts a luncheon with Kai Hoshi, president, Canon Trading USA, speaking on "U.S.-Japan strategic business and technological partnership: then and now." Westin South Coast Plaza, 666 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$30, members;

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of the Music Center, 8 p.m. Selections include: Brahms' Symphony No. 4. Tickets: \$30, \$25, \$20, available at Music Center box office, Ticketmaster outlets, call: 213/480-3232 or 714/740-2000.

Comedy

LOS ANGELES—Through Sunday, April 4—Cold Tofu's first annual "Comedy One Act Festival," Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St. Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets: \$14; \$12, students and seniors. Reservations: 213/739-4142.

Television

Tuesday, April 13—PBS airs "Mini Dragons II," a three-part sequel to Mini Dragons profiling the economies of Pacific Rim countries, 10 p.m., check local listings. Mini Dragons II will profile Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

Installations

Philadelphia Chapter, JACL—Saturday, March 27, Coastline Restaurant in Cherry Hill, N.J. Graduates will also be recognized. Main speaker: Lillian Kimura, JACL national president. Guest speaker: Joseph Horiye, Mike Masaoka congressional intern.

Gwen Muranaka

Small kid time



Short takes

Nevada university rejects Japan gift

The University of Nevada Board of Regents has turned down a \$2 million gift from a Japanese engineering manufacturer, ACE Denki Co., Ltd., to UNLV's College of Hotel Administration with a 5-1 tie vote March 5.

According to the *Las Vegas Sun*, Regent Dorothy Gallagher explained she opposed the endowment because it has "too many loopholes." The rebuff angered the college, which had negotiated the contract to establish a Ph.D. program that has eluded them since 1989.

Denver vets open 'engraving fund'

Names of deceased Rocky Mountain area Nisei veterans are engraved on the back of the Nisei War Memorial, which was dedicated in 1963 at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, Colo. The front

features the names of GIs killed in action. To continue the service, help is needed because cost of stone-engraving has risen. Send tax-deductible contributions earmarked for the "engraving fund" to:

American Legion Nisei Post 185, 2015 Market St., Denver, CO, 80205.

Information: Tom Masamori (303/237-3041), John Wada (740-7858) or Kent Yoritomo (936-1292).

Newspaper helps with citizenship

With a newspaper-reading habit and by enrolling in the *Patriot Ledger* New Americans literacy program, hundreds of Quincy, Mass.-area Asian immigrants have become citizens since 1989. "We suspect this is the first newspaper literacy program to combine English as a second language with citizenship," according to William Ketter, editor.

He also credited the leadership of Asian American journalists on staff who also speak and write the immigrant tongues of China, Hong Kong and South East Asia.

MIS to plant trees in Minnesota

Thirty Japanese cherry trees were scheduled to be planted and dedicated in Minnesota by former Nisei military intelligence service language school (MISLS) veterans on Saturday, May 15, as a gesture of appreciation to the people of Minneapolis-St. Paul for their wartime hospitality.

Five each will be planted at Camp Savage, Fort Snelling, the Japanese garden at Normandale Community College, and at park sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul, it was announced by Jim Mita, president of MIS Club of Southern California, and Shig Iba, project co-leaders.

The two cities will hold separate dedications at a later date, it was added.

Asian Americans asked to remember King's message of non-violence, equality

LOS ANGELES—With Martin Luther King Jr. in mind, people of all ethnic backgrounds are asked to remember his message of non-violence and racial equality on the 25th anniversary of the civil rights leader's assassination.

Among those participating in this commemoration is the Asian Pacific Americans for a New Los Angeles—Community Relations Committee (APANLA-CRC), which is asking members of the Japanese American and Asian Pacific Islander communities to remember King's civil rights messages.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles and the APANLA-CRC

are asking representatives of churches, temples and synagogues to conduct sermons on the theme of non-violence and social justice on Sunday, April 4, the anniversary date of the assassination.

Jimmy Tokeshi, JACL regional director, Pacific Southwest District, said the request is also being made in light of the escalating tension and anxiety in Los Angeles with the trial of the four officers involved in the beating of Rodney King. "We have a responsibility to participate in a calling toward the madman," Tokeshi said.

"This is a call to those who are generally complacent to engage in some activity—to address the violence in our communities," he

said. The regional director credited SCLC leader Joe Hicks with coordinating the multi-ethnic commemoration. Speaking about the responsibilities of Japanese Americans following last year's riots, Tokeshi said, "I think this issue certainly is a lot larger than the Japanese American community itself. We're just one part of the issue. It becomes an understanding of whether the Japanese American community can take a leadership position and some have come forward."

Information: Candice Kim, APANLA coordinator, 213/746-7705. ☐

Filipino Amerasian children sue U.S. government

Four children born of American servicemen and Filipino women, most of them alleged to be prostitutes, in Olongapo, Philippines, the city next to the now-closed Subic Bay naval base, flew to the U.S. on March 1 to file a class-action suit seeking U.S. admission of responsibility and child support, according to the *Washington Post*.

The suit, filed March 4 in the U.S. Court of Claims in Washing-

ton, D.C., seeks \$68 million for 8,600 children who were said to be abandoned by fathers serving with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

The number of children, however, is being questioned. A comprehensive count has not been made. A social agency official in Manila, Delia Jimenez, whose office is planning a study on Amerasian children, said the best estimate to date of children under

age 20 in Olongapo and at Angeles, next to the former Clark Air Base, ranges between 3,000 and 4,000.

A Navy spokesman, Cmdr. Steve Pietropawli, said the Navy had no comment on the case. Olongapo Mayor Richard Gordon, also an Amerasian, said, "Making the children eligible for U.S. citizenship and the chance to meet their fathers was more important than giving them money." ☐

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Corporate boards

Final frontier for Asian minorities

At the District of Columbia Bar winter convention held Feb. 22, the same week the UCLA Asian American Studies Center and LEAP Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute was released, William H. (Mo) Marumoto was a panelist on "Corporate Boards: The Final Frontier for Women and Minorities," discussing the presence of Asian Americans with corporate boards of publicly-held companies.



WILLIAM MARUMOTO
 Compiling Asian American list

By no means complete, he provided an informal survey of Asian Pacific Americans listed on the Fortune 1000 companies. Further additions are welcome. Marumoto is founder, chairman of the board of The Interface Group, Ltd., Boyden, consultants to management for executive recruitment and selection, 1025 Thomas Jefferson St. NW, Suite 410 East Lobby, Washington, DC 20007. He was special assistant to President Richard M. Nixon.

Here is the report.

Overview—Fortune 1000 publicly-held firms

Board of director demographics, according to *Directorship Magazine*.

(Of the 7,303 boardships, 421 (5.76%) are women; 126 (1.73%) are blacks; 51 (0.7%) are Hispanics, and 32 (0.4%) are Asian Pacifics.)

Asian Americans serving on major financial services institutions

(as of Feb. 22, 1993)

Alexander and Baldwin, Inc., Honolulu — Michael J. Chun.
 Bancorp of Hawaii, Inc., Honolulu — Sidney Hashimoto, Stuart T.K. Ito, K. Tim Yee.
 Federal Reserve Board, San Francisco — Togo W. Tanaka, 1978-1989 (chairman of the board, Grumery Enterprises, Los Angeles).
 NationsBank, Charlotte, N.C. — Anna C. Chennault (NationsBank of D.C., N.A.)
 Manufacturers Bank, Los Angeles, subsidiary of Sakura Bank Ltd. — Jenson Paik, v.e. of the board.
 New York Stock Exchange — Shirley Young (former member, executive v.p. for market planning and strategic development, Grey Advertising, New York, former vice chair, nomination committee).
 Primerica Corp., New York — Gerald Tsai Jr.
 Seafirst Corp., Seattle (acquired by Bank of America in 1992) — Tomio Moriguchi (pres., Uwajimaya, Seattle).
 Security-Pacific Corp., Los Angeles (acquired by Bank of America in 1992) — Toshiaki Ogasawara* (chairman of the board, *Japan Times*).
 Sumitomo Bank of California, San Francisco — Sakaye Aratani.
 Bank of Tokyo, New York — Mike Masosaka, H. William Tanaka (both deceased).
 Union Bank, San Francisco — Tosh Terasaka (formerly on board).
 * Japanese nationals

Asian Americans serving on a Fortune 1000 company board of directors (as of Feb. 22, 1993)

American Presidents Companies, Ltd., Oakland — George J. Hayashi, vice chair.
 Bell Atlantic Corp., Philadelphia — Shirley Young (v.p. for consumer market, General Motors Corp., Detroit).
 Computer Associates Int'l, Garden City, N.Y. — Charles B. Wang, chair and CEO.
 Dayton Hudson Corp., Minneapolis — Shirley Young (served 12-year term).
 Grumman Corp., Bethpage, N.Y. — Victor H. Li.
 Intel Corp., Santa Clara, Calif. — David S. Lee (founder-chair, president and CEO, QUMC Corp., Milpitas, Calif.).
 A.D. Little, Cambridge, Mass. — Masamoto Yashiro*.
 Polaroid Corp., Cambridge, Mass. — Yen-Tai Peng.
 Promus Companies Inc., Memphis, Tenn. — Shirley Young (v.p. for consumer market, GMC, Detroit).
 Sony Corp. of America, New York — Sadami (Chris) Wada, sr. v.p., government relations.
 Staples Inc., Newton, Mass. — Robert C. Nakasone (v.e. and pres., Toys "R" Us).
 Tang Industries, Elk Grove Village, Ill. — Cyrus Tan, chair, pres. and CEO; Michael Tang, exec. v.p.
 Times-Mirror, Los Angeles — Toshiaki Ogasawara* (chmn. of board, *Japan Times*).
 Toys "R" Us, Paramus, N.J. — Robert C. Nakasone, v.e., (pres., Worldwide Toy Stores).
 United Air Lines, Elk Grove, Ill. — Fujio Matsuda.
 Wang Laboratories, Inc., Lowell, Mass. — Horace Tsiang, exec. v.p., R&D; Courtney S. Wang, Frederick K. Wang, Lorraine C. Wang.
 Washington Energy Co., Seattle — Tomio Moriguchi (pres., Uwajimaya, Seattle).
 Washington Water Power Co., Spokane — Duane B. Hagadone.
 Xerox, Stamford, Conn. — Yataro Kobayashi.
 * Japanese national

Senior Level Asian Americans in Fortune 1000 and Major Financial Institutions (as of Feb. 22, 1993):

Minori (Sam) Araki, exec. v.p., plans & programs, Missiles & Space Systems Group, Lockheed Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif.
 Pei-Yuan Chia, sr. exec. v.p., Citicorp, New York.
 Phyllis Takisaki Campbell, pres., U.S. Bank of Washington, Seattle.
 George J. Hayashi, v.e., American President Companies, Oakland.
 Ken Hoshikawa, v.p. and treas., Sony Corp. of America, New York.
 Marilyn Kawakami, pres., Anne Klein II, New York.
 Lilly K. Lai, Ph.D., sr. exec./corporate planning and development, Pitney Bowes, Stamford, Conn.
 Robert Lee, exec. v.p., Statewide Markets Group, Pacific Bell, San Francisco.
 Nancy Li, sr. v.p., Computer Associates, Garden City, N.Y.
 Robert C. Nakasone, v.p. and pres./Worldwide Toy Stores, Toys "R" Us, Paramus, N.J.
 Scott Oki, sr. v.p./U.S. Stores and Marketing, Microsoft Corp., Redmond, Wash., [retired in 1992].
 Jenson Paik, v.e. of the board, Manufacturers Bank, a subsidiary of Sakura Bank Ltd., Los Angeles.
 Dennis Uyemura, exec. v.p. & CEO, First Interstate Bank of Washington, Seattle.
 Sadami (Chris) Wada, sr. v.p./government relations, Sony Corp. of America, New York.
 Anthony W. Wang, pres. & CEO, Computer Associates Int'l, Inc., Garden City, N.Y.
 Charles B. Wang, chair & CEO, Computer Associates Int'l, Inc., Garden City, N.Y.
 Theodore W. Wong, pres., Hughes Systems and Missile Group; and sr. v.p., Hughes Aircraft Co., Canoga Park, Calif., [retired in 1992].
 Shirley Young, v.p./Consumer Marketing Development, General Motors Corp., Detroit.

Summary—Asian Pacific Americans (63 APAs).

- Eighteen companies in 9 states.
- 22 individuals serving on 18 company boards:
 15 serve on 15 companies,
 2 serve on 1 company,
 4 serve on 1 company;
 7 at 54 companies are officers: chairman 2; vice-chairman 1; executive vice presidents 2; senior vice president 1, woman who serves on two company boards, 1.
- 10 serve on eight financial services institution in 5 states boards:
 3 on 1 company board; vice chairman, 1; women, 2.

Vancouver, B.C., to host 7th PANA conference

For the first time, Japanese Canadians are hosting the 7th Pan-American Nikkei Association (PANA) convention, July 1-4, at the Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel in Vancouver, B.C.

A rich workshop program pointing to the international aspects of Japanese in North and South America is expected to highlight North-South trade relations, comparative social histories, human relations, youth network and the "dekasegi" problem. Traditional PANA convention events remain: a reception hosted by the Japanese consul general, tours of the local area, Sayonara banquet, a major karaoke concert and the golf tournament.

Nikkei delegates from nine Latin American member nations—Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay—and the United States are expected. Conference hosts are the National Association of Japanese Canadians and Pan American Nikkei Canada.

The host team includes Art Miki, past NAJCC president; Dr. Henry Shimizu (international), and Fred Kamibayashi (national), vice president; Mark Ando, general secretary; Roy Inouye, convention chair; Tony Tamayose, coordinator; Randy Enomoto, public relations, and Peter Kubotani, program coordinator.

Registration forms: PANA Canada, P.O. Box 2123, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3T5, (604/873-1663; fax 874/4500). All fees are due May 31. If remitted by April 30; fees are conference \$150 US, \$175 thereafter; student-youth (18-25), \$67 by April 30, \$84 by May 31. Karaoke concert admission and golf tournament entry fee are separate.

Rooms are \$125 Cdn per single or double twin and may be reserved by (800)937-1515 in U.S. or (604)663-1515 in Canada. Preferred travel rate on Canadian Airlines International for PANA Convention is numbered CV 4500. Information: 604/873-1663; fax: 604/874-4500 or 604/872-0116.

Fresno Chapter helps fund Japanese garden project

At the March 20 opening of the Shin Zen Garden's new entrance and gate in Fresno, Calif., the local JACL chapter will be acknowledged for its efforts in funding the project.

"The (Fresno) chapter has donated a portion of the proceeds from the annual Shin Zen Run to the garden for its projects," said Bob Ishikawa, chapter president. "We're glad to have the opportunity to broaden the community's awareness of this aspect of Japanese culture through the Shin Zen Garden."

The new entrance to the Japanese garden is a 32-foot diameter circle of colored stamped concrete with an inlaid floral design. The double gate is made of wrought iron, with a black finish.

Over the past seven years the Fresno Chapter has donated more than \$16,000 to the project.

The Shin Zen Run is an annual fall event. In 1992, more than 800 people participated.

The president also credited the success of the run to Ken Takeuchi, JACL director, and past committee chairs Randy Asai, Glenn Hamamoto, Debbie Ikeda, Roger Morimoto, Nadine Nishio, and Bob Shintaku.

"This year, the run is worth more points in the Runner of the Year series, so we are projecting 1,000 runners and walkers," said Ikeda, chairwoman of the 1992 and 1993 run committees.

The JACL's Central California District Council will serve as a co-sponsor of the 1993 event. ☐

Corporate boards

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Summary—By Organizations

(Note: Each firm has one Asian American each, except as noted. Officer * Woman-w)

AEROSPACE-Grumman, N.Y.
CASINO GAMING & HOTELS-Promus Companies, Tenn. [w].
COMMUNICATIONS-Times-Mirror, Calif.
COMPUTER-Computer Associates Int'l, N.Y. [*]; Intel, Calif.; Tang Industries, Ill. [2, **]; Wang Laboratories, Mass. [4, *]; Xerox, Conn.
ENERGY-Washington Energy, Wash.; Washington Water Power Co., Wash.
MANAGEMENT CONSULTING-A.D. Little, Mass.
MANUFACTURING-Sony Corp. of America, N.Y. [*].
OFFICE PRODUCTS-Staples, Inc., Mass.
PHOTOGRAPHY-Polaroid Corp., Mass.
RETAIL-Toys "R" Us, N.J. [*].
TELECOMMUNICATIONS-Bell Atlantic, Pa. [w].
TRANSPORTATION-American Presidents Companies, Calif. [*]; UAL, Ill.
FINANCIAL SERVICES-Alexander & Baldwin, Hawaii; Bankcorp Hawaii, Hawaii; NationsBank, D.C. [2, w]; Manufacturers Bank, Calif. [*]; Primerica, N.Y.; Seafirst, Wash.; Security-Pacific, Calif.; Sumitomo Bank of California [w].

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- Be a senior-level officer, i.e., vice president and general counsel as an inside director.
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- Be a part of a group that takes over acquired and/or merges a company.
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Personally speaking

Moving up

Illinois Cook County state attorney Jack O'Malley promoted 14-year veteran Paul Tsukano as supervisor of 175 attorneys appearing in city and suburban, juvenile and traffic courts.

Betty Kozasa of Manhattan Beach, Calif., was installed as the new chair of the 25-member Calif. State Commission on Aging. Well-known in local and statewide PTA circles and for her commitment to older Californians as well, she is in her second term on the commission, which meets monthly at Sacramento or other parts of the state. Information: CCA, 1020-9th St., #260, Sacramento, CA, 95814; (916) 322-5630.

Honors and awards

Longtime volunteers with a remarkable run of contribution and years were recently inducted into the Salt Lake Council of Women Hall of Fame—a recognition made every five years. Among the seven was Alice F. Kasai, who began some 55 years ago (1938) with JACL from chapter through national levels. PTA, serving as a West High School-Kennecott Copper coordinator for years, chairing the citizenship and international relations committee of the Utah Council of Parents and Teachers. She shared time with the Asian Association of Utah, Salt Lake County aging services, Utah Department of Health ethnic minority program and United Nations Association of Utah. She also is vice president and coordinator for KRCL radio station's "Asian Chimes," interpreter for Japanese elderly in hospitals and nursing homes and presently assisting a group of 55 Tibetans.

Catharine K. Oshita, administrative assistant in the sheriff's department crime laboratory, was commended as the Los Angeles County Employee of the Month for February. Her extensive experience includes working in personnel, court services, employee relations, contract law enforcement and scientific services.

New York University's Asian Pride Week (Feb. 6-12) culminated with six Asian Americans being honored: Cyril Nishimoto, director, Japanese American Social Services Inc. (JASSI); Mayor John Abraham of Teaneck, N.J., the first South Asian-born mayor in the tri-state area; Paula Lee, senior counselor, NYU Office of Career Services; Dr. Alice S. Huang, dean of science, NYU; Sudipto Chatterjee, evening supervisor, Lehigh Student Center; and Dr. Richard Schechner, professor, NYU-Tisch School of Arts.

Theater wrap-up

Playwright Velina Hasu Houston, Santa Monica, has been commissioned to write "The Puzzle Factory," a PBS series for young audiences to begin airing in 1995.



VELINA HASU HOUSTON

Her play, "The Matsuyama Mirror," will be included at the young audiences festival, "New Voices, New Visions," due at the Kennedy Center in May, 1993. A story adapted from a Japanese fairy tale set in the 1600s, "Matsuyama Mirror" was nominated for the international competition by the East West Players. "Houston's critically acclaimed play, 'Ten,' is being produced at Horizons Theater, Washington; and her play, 'Necessities,' is being staged by actor Jeff Daniels at the Purple Rose Theater, Chelsea, Mich."

Music corner

Japanese violinist Reiko

Watanabe, 25, was introduced by the Fort Worth Symphony, dazzling *Dallas Morning News* music critic John Arden. He noted that her poised rendition of the thorny Concerto No. 1 of Paganini sparked an otherwise flat concert. The New York Juilliard School of Music student made her first solo appearance last November at Tarrant County (Texas) Convention Center Theater.

In the courts

Ten years ago, Glenn Iwasaki, University of Utah law school graduate ('71) of Salt Lake City, applied for a circuit court judgeship. He was in private practice, became a county prosecutor in 1974, public defender for two years and returned for another stint as a prosecutor. "I wanted to experience both sides, the prosecution and the defense," he recalled in a Feb. 25-26 *Deseret News* story upon finally becoming Utah's second Japanese American jurist. He is the son of Iwao and Haruyo Iwasaki. The first Nisei judge in Utah is the now retired Judge Raymond Uno.

Health

International Association for Orthodontics awarded Dr. Wynn Matsumura of San Francisco a diplomate in general orthodontics at its 1992 annual meeting in New Orleans. The recognition includes 600 hours of continuing education, dissertation and presentation. He graduated in biology from UC, Berkeley, (1965), master's in biology from Oregon (1966), taught at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, received his dental degree from University of Detroit (1972), and returned to San Francisco to open his practice. He won honors and fellowships in dental organizations; is active in San Francisco Chapter, JACL, Boy Scouts, Japanese Cultural Community Center, an expert examiner for the State Board of Dentistry and member of the UC, Berkeley, scholarship committee. His hobby is magic, having

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Books

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Hosokawa, Bill. *Nisei: The Quiet Americans*. with a new afterword. University Press of Colorado, P.O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544; (1992), 6x9, 550 pp, \$19.95 soft.

By HARRY K HONDA
Editor emeritus

If you have a dog-eared copy of Bill Hosokawa's first book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans," which was published 20 years ago, loaned yours to someone who has forgotten to return it, or you want to include a popular Japanese American history with 1990 census figures, down to the redress payments (1992), unfettered by footnotes, this purple-cover paperback will be a welcome sight on the home library shelf or serve as a gift to a neighbor, school or library.

In the new "afterword" covering the past two decades, Hosokawa recalls the early years, such as the weeks of turmoil over the title of this book that stirred within the JACL, which had commissioned the publication. But more importantly, the times called for Sansei to question their parents about Evacuation, why they didn't resist. Hosokawa supplies one answer: "It is difficult to stand up for principle when a loaded gun in very nervous hands is pointed at your head." Many others have said: "We had to accompany our parents to camp, who had to go. They were classified enemy aliens."

The matter of redress covers about half of the 27-page afterword. The campaign spurs at the outset (in 1978 when Sen. Hayakawa of California

Off the press

Acknowledged here are the latest titles received from the publishers and authors.

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called the plan "ridiculous", and then came Sen. Inouye's strategy to have Congress investigate the injustices of Evacuation and make its own recommendations through a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Our readers will know the rest of the story, but the target population is beyond the 75,000 who read the P.C. and it is to them this timely reprint is directed.

P.S. to Yoshinao Nakada: A correction has been in this edition about your family being from

Arusa, Calif. A good friend of the late Vince Tajiri, he had reminded us last Feb. 28 at Vince's memorial of a request he had made for the change the next time Bill came up with a second edition. It so happened a *New York Times* story appearing Dec. 7, had quoted from "Nisei, the Quiet American," reporting the Nakada family was from Long Beach ... Incidentally, Yoshinao's encounter generated an interesting "Fryer" column about rest of the Nakada family in the P.C. ☐

Book shows
Canadian Nikkei
redress struggles

Omatsu, Maryka. *Bittersweet Passage: Redress and the Japanese Canadian Experience*. Between the Lines, 394 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6G 2S9, Canada; (1992), 200 pp / 6x9, fn, index, Cn\$16.95 paper, \$34.95 cloth.

By STANLEY KANZAKI

Many books have been written by Japanese Americans about what happened during World War II and the struggle for redress. Now comes a book about the experience of 22,000 Japanese Canadians, written by Maryka Omatsu, a Sansei attorney in Toronto. It is a winning brief, a "Canadian *mogatari*," making the case for redress without the legalese, well-researched and with many references to our past to explain our present.

The author was a leading member of the National Association of Japanese Canadians who negotiated with the Canadian government for redress. The victory was a remarkable accomplishment when the beginnings indicated a Mission Impossible assignment.

She shows how badly the Japanese Canadians were treated by the power structure, from Prime Minister MacKenzie King through Pierre Trudeau. President FDR's E.O. 9066 was a weak cousin to Canada's War Measures Act,



RELOCATED—Farmers and children from British Columbia stand among sugar beets in Ste. Agathe, Manitoba, in a 1942 picture. Young boy in front center is Art Miki, immediate past president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, a signatory with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to the redress agreement.

which had the power and did remove and restrict individuals, intern them in inhumane camps, confiscate private property outright and expatriated 20% of the Japanese Canadians to Japan. This happened despite the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the military finding that "Japanese Canadians were no threat to security." Sound familiar?

There is a sad story in the book—about a Nisei teenager destined to be expatriated through Vancouver and who failed to secure passage. Passing himself as a Chinese, Akihide Otsuji remained in Vancouver (then closed to all Japanese), was arrested, tried in a kangaroo court manner and imprisoned. His young mind traumatized by the system, he was institutionalized, later released with disability pay but warned not to contact his relatives. Shunned by his own, he died in 1987, alone in a cheap hotel. What is ironic is that this

was just a year before the signing of the redress agreement. Otsuji was a tragic resistor; not a folk-hero to be revered as a Fred Korematsu.

That agreement, signed Sept. 22, 1988, in Ottawa at the Parliament acknowledged and apologized for the injustice, provided a \$21,000 payment to some 14,000 survivors and a \$12 million fund to be administered by the NAJC for educational, social and cultural activities and another \$24 million fund from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

There are many things to learn from what's written. One which comes to mind is the "shikatanagai" syndrome that seems to infect the Nikkei.

Stanley Kanzaki, a member of the New York Chapter, JACL, is a social worker and an occasional P.C. contributor.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Call for Asian American cooperation

In the prewar Japantowns the dominant organization was the *Nihonjin Kai*, or Japanese Association. The elders of each community ran the association. Mostly they were conservative and not very innovative. Their agenda seemed to consist of a banquet to celebrate the new year and a community picnic each summer. Usually they were better at discussing problems after they arose rather than anticipating them.

They also had a role as the unofficial local extension of the strictly consular function of the understaffed Japanese consulates which had offices only in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. The Japanese Associations looked after the welfare of their fellow Japanese nationals which of course was necessary and proper since the laws prohibited them from becoming naturalized American citizens.

In a very important sense the Japanese Associations were also mutual assistance organizations. They quietly assisted those unfortunate enough to run into economic difficulties. They helped make arrangements for funerals and saw that those with serious health problems could go back to the old country if they couldn't get help here.

In their time the Japanese Associations served a valuable if specialized function. Unfortunately some members felt threatened by the entry of Nisei into community roles. The more short-sighted saw the emergence of the Japanese American Citizens League as dangerous rivalry rather than a new vehicle for promoting their rights.

The war changed that situation abruptly. The Justice Department roundup decimated Issei community leadership overnight. Stigmatized as enemy aliens, those remaining were only too glad to yield to the Nisei. The Japanese Associations never regained their leadership roles.

I witnessed another transitional change recently at the annual banquet of what used to be called the Colorado Japanese Association. Several years ago, in recognition of changing times, it had modified its name to Colorado Japanese American Association (Colorado Nikkeijin Kai).

This year the new president is Tom Masamori, whose mother is a Nisei. He succeeded Nobuo Furui, who pioneered change as the first Nisei president of the Association. Masamori has taken leadership roles in JACL and veterans groups. And now he is charting a new course away

from the *Nihonjin Kai*'s inward-looking past.

Masamori told the membership the Association will reach out into the Asian American community and seek cooperation with other ethnic Asian groups in facing up to mutual problems. More recent immigrant groups from Asia can learn from the Japanese American experience, Masamori said, just as Japanese Americans have much to learn from other Asian Americans.

Of course it remains to be seen how warmly Masamori's proposal will be received by the various ethnic groups, including the Japanese Americans. There are many old prejudices and egos to be overcome. But in a society where the majority group has great difficulty in distinguishing between the various elements within the Asian American minority, it would make sense for the minorities to consider cooperation. ☐

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the *Denver Post*. His column appears weekly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

Letters

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Wants more Marutani columns in PC

I would like to see Judge William Marutani's column appear more often in *Pacific Citizen*.

It is one of the most meaningful columns that appeals to thinking people and it is the first they regularly read.

Violet K. de Cristofano
Salinas, Calif.

Time to show support for Yamashita

As a rather long time JACL member of more than 20 years I have appeared as a witness in your behalf and have also been a supporter of Iva Toguri.

I remember the Bruce Yamashita case several years ago and regret to say that I failed him at a time when he needed my help. It seems as though I waited for others to carry the ball. Perhaps they did.

As *Pacific Citizen* and/or JACL finally did for Ma. Toguri, why can't we see similar results in favor of our young man? If his case was not adjudicated on grounds of social discrimination, then what was it? To think that the OCS carried him for nearly the duration of the training period and then booted him out just two days short of graduation—(that) should be treated in the same manner as the Dreyfus case in France. A cause celebre.

Now that we have a president of the caliber of Bill Clinton, it is time that attorney Clayton Ikel, with the support of JACL and *Pacific Citizen*, to make an appeal to the president, suggesting that he appoint another panel to look into the matter.

If it wasn't skin pigmentation, then what was it?

In my opinion, Yamashita is entitled to immediate enrollment, back pay and emoluments plus advancement on a 50 percent basis until he equals the others of his age and rank.

Gunnar Olsborg
Seattle, Wash.

Wants to develop exchange students

I am preparing my lectures at the Minak Pedagogical Institute. For my American minorities class, I am using (Roger) Daniel's "Asian America" and (Ronald) Takaki's "Strangers from a Different Shore." I've agreed to leave these books, along with many others, at the Institute's library upon my return to America.

There are many able teachers at the Institute. I wish there were some ways I could help to develop exchange opportunities for them in America. Students here would benefit (knowing) the Asian American perspectives. I hope one day they will have the opportunity to hear an Asian American teacher. Would the *Pacific Citizen* like to mention the opportunity to its readers? Interested parties could contact me at the address below.

Three young professors from America (have come) over for dinner. They are part of a team of consultants invited by the government of Belarus (Byelorussia) and selected by the American Bar Association to help politicians here draft their new constitution.

In general, Americans are made to feel very welcome here. There are still remnants of the totalitarian past, but the changes going on are quite profound. To witness them is an education in itself.

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Chikara-udon

WHAT WILL THEY come up with next? In Japan they have a machine that makes nigiri-zushi—those thumb-sized sushi smeared with a pat of wasabi (the "wild mustard" of all horse-radishes) topped by a slice of sashimi (usually raw seafood) then blanketed with savory nori (dried sea laver). Speaking of food, my favorite in this category is ika (raw squid) preceded only by kani-ko (herring roe) when available, and if my wallet can stand the gaff. Each of us has our own favorite nigiri-zushi.

But eating one made mechanically by a robot?

THIS DEVICE reportedly (1) washes the rice, (2) cooks the rice—by steaming? (3) shapes the cooked rice into nigiri and (4) neatly places the pieces into boxes, ready for sale. However, the one step they haven't yet licked is placing the seafood, such as sliced maguro (tuna) atop these little buggers. But they're working on it and confidently predict success. I remain a bit skeptical when I ponder how in the world a conglomeration of stainless steel arms can deftly position a clump of ikura (salmon

roe) or, an even tougher challenge, a blob of uni (sea urchin) atop a small, oblong ball of rice.

ONCE MADE mention here about the lady-of-the-house trotting out her mochi (rice cake) machine. Particularly during the cold winter months when she gets a hankering for some chikara-udon (noodles backed up with chunks of toasted mochi floating in the broth). "Chikara" as you know, translates into "strength" in *Nihongo*. Anyway, I'm awed by that mochi-making machine. The thing cooks (steams?) the mochi-gome (glutinous rice), shifts into a seeming low growl, shudders a bit and voila! Mochi. You can understand my being thoroughly impressed because when I think of mochi-making, my mind's eye reverts back to my youthful days.

IN THOSE DAYS old came the usu (wooden mortar carved out of log), wooden mallets, bucket of water, and so on. The steaming rice was dumped into the usu and the process started with kneading the rice with the wooden mallets. Thereafter the pounding commenced, two men with mallets pounding in synchronized beat. Just as

at a carnival a young buck—the Issei's term was "waka-shi" (young men) or "yong-gu"—will take a wooden mallet to demonstrate power by trying to ring the bell, so in mochi-tsuki (mochi pounding) youthful exuberance lures the yong-gu to take up a mallet. It isn't long before exuberance turns into red faces with heavy breathing and the pounding pace perceptibly slows up. But when that rice becomes a sticky clump of mucilage, those wooden mallets are difficult to get unstuck.

I'VE WITNESSED a few women spirited enough to take a whack with those wooden mallets. Spirited as they may be, *iji* (determination) cannot replace muscle. However, more often than not, these ladies undertake the most dangerous phase of mochi pounding. To maintain even consistency in the batch, someone has to keep shifting and turning over the huge mass in the usu—in between a pounder raising up his mallet for the next blow. Now that requires not only *iji* but plain guts.

AND SO, today, when the misbegotten out that little mochi-making device that

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Crossroads

For youth, cultural identity is key

By KIMI YOSHINO

As I was thinking about what to write this column about, I remembered the column's title—Crossroads. And it occurred to me that one of the greatest challenges and crossroads that Japanese American youth face today is coming to grips with our identity.

Sure, it sounds like a cliché overdone topic you might attend at one of those Asian American Awareness Weeks, but nevertheless, identity is definitely a key issue.

I recently read David Mura's *Turning Japanese: Memoirs of A Sonsei* and he summed it up best when he wrote, "And yet I also know that when white Americans look at Japanese Americans today, they still see us through the gauze of stereotypes they possess about the Japanese; we too are still somehow Other."

He continues, "Japan helped me balance a conversation which had been taking place before I was born, a conversation... which, by my generation, had become very one-sided, so that the Japanese side was virtu-

ally silenced... Either I was American or I was one of the homeless, one of the searchers for what John Berger calls a world culture. But I was not Japanese."

Finding that balance is possible—so is maintaining it, but only after you decide whether you want to.

For me, I attended a middle-upper class predominantly white high school. Going to UC, Davis, where Asians made up almost one quarter of the student population was like culture shock.

I suddenly found myself surrounded by other people with black hair and brown eyes—and not only were they Asian, they were Japanese, too.

It was a change I welcomed and I immersed myself in cultural activities, cultural clubs, Asian friends, ethnic studies classes, etc.

But part of finding a balance is doing just that—balancing. Drawing the line before going overboard. It's a compromise.

I have experienced the extremes of try-

ing to be both all-white and all-Japanese. "Discovering" who you are means more than just changing the superficial things like hanging out with the right people or joining the right clubs.

It means being comfortable no matter who you're with. It means knowing who you are and why you want to be that way.

I know Japanese Americans and Asian Americans who often look down on other Asians who join white fraternities, have white friends or may not be active in the community. And while I often feel frustrated with apathetic people, deciding who to become is a personal choice.

In the search for an identity, I strongly encourage youth to take as many Asian American studies classes as possible. While on the surface, they may seem like endless discussions on Affirmative Action, interracial dating and Exclusion Acts, they're so much more.

It's an evaluation and discussion of our history and how it shapes our future. Who

we are today is a direct result of our life experiences and the experiences of our parents and grandparents.

Just as the JACL has been devoted to redress and holding our country accountable for its past wrongs, so must we—the youth of JACL—hold ourselves responsible for continuing our rich culture.

I have often asked "Am I Japanese? Am I American? Where do I find the balance?" But I realized that there are no easy answers and there is no simple equation. Half Japanese plus half American may not necessarily equal Japanese American.

As Japanese Americans are approaching and defining this critical crossroads, we must all evaluate who we are and what lies ahead for our future. ☐

Crossroads is a column featuring youth perspectives. Kimi Yoshino is a student at the University of California, Davis.

Moshi Moshi



Abe Jiji is the popular writer of the picaresque fiction who draws his characters and story situations from life which he has experienced in full measure. He is an ex-yakuza. While serving a prison term he discovered his talent as a writer. He sought an audience with the oyabun (the big chief), and told him he wanted out so that he could pursue writing as a new career. His wish was granted, and that was that. There was no hassle, and still maintain a cordial relationship with his former boss.

As far as the yakuza code is concerned, dropping out from organizations does not seem too difficult. There are any number of ex-yakuza in Japan who have severed their former connection, and are living as respectable members of normal society. For many of them, however, a constant social disaster lurks at every turn of the straight and narrow path of respectability: the exposure of their yakuza past.

The tipoff is the missing little finger of the left hand. By the yakuza code, a member must pay for his blunder or failure to carry out an assignment by cutting off the

little finger, a phalanx per offense. Some of these ex-yakuza, otherwise solid citizens, had lost the whole of the little finger. And in the life of an ordinary citizen, there are situations where the left hand can not be kept hidden always. When grandchildren ask: "Grandpa, why don't you have the little finger?" the old would throb with the renewed pain of remorse for their foolish past.

Recently, a prosthetic surgeon in Fukui City began to specialize in the restoration of lost fingers. He opens the old wound; he severs the first toe of the left foot, which corresponds to the index finger, and joins it to the stump of the lost little finger; he splices the tendons, nerves, veins and arteries of the toe to what have remained of their corresponding tissues in the hand. The operation takes about four hours. The new little finger does not have the flexibility of the original little finger, but it is hardly distinguishable from the real thing, except for stubbiness.

After decades of shilly-shallying the Japanese government finally enacted a law, the *Boryokudan Taisaku Ho* (The Act For the

JIN KONOMI

Erasing the mark of the Yakuza

Control of Gangster Organizations.) Immediately following, the Kanagawa Prefecture Police set up the 24 hour, toll free, telephone consultation service, offering counseling to members of yakuza organizations who want to get out. The service, nicknamed *Ashinuke* (Pull your feet out.) received more than three hundred calls in the following four months. One third of them were from men who had lost their little fingers. They would like to go straight, but without job skills, and especially with missing little fingers, the unmistakable mark of the yakuza, their chance in the straight world would be nil.

Dr. Yoshimura, the prosthetic surgeon, when he learned about the predicament of the yakuza who would, but could not make up their minds to get out of the extra-legal career, offered to the Kanagawa police that he would perform the surgical restoration of the lost finger. Immediately he was deluged with inquiries from ex-yakuza. Most of the prospective clients have been men in their forties and fifties who had rehabilitated themselves and been solidly established in the straight world. Since the

loss of the finger is caused in anti-social activities, health insurance does not cover the operation whose cost runs to hundreds of thousands of yen. And though the result of the operation leaves somewhat to be desired, most of the clients are happy just to have a new little finger. "I can't believe this is my hand!" they say, as they leave the hospital.

Now the success of the little finger restoration surgery creates a new worry for the police. What if active members of the yakuza organizations resorted to this means of throwing off the police? The Kanagawa police performs a thorough security check before referring a client to Dr. Yoshimura. On the other hand, to balance such a worry, there is the possibility that it will be such a powerful inducement for active gang members to renounce their career, thus weakening the yakuza organizations by decimation. ☐

Columnist Konomi is a pre-war newspaper man who lives in Albany, Calif. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

Voices



Leadership: A lesson from the Nov. 3 elections

By DENNY T. YASUHARA

If there is any lesson to be learned regarding leadership from the Nov. 3, 1992, general elections, it is that leaders must be perceived by their constituents as caring and having their needs understood and addressed by their parent organization and their leaders.

It is a lesson that organizations, such as JACL and people aspiring to positions of leadership, ought never forget. Too often, like President Bush, they are so absorbed in what they, themselves, think they are that they forget who they are representing and WHOSE NEEDS ARE TO BE MET.

Today, JACL stands at a critical juncture in its existence, just having completed one of the greatest achievements any national organization of its size could have attained...the vindication of its own people and their worth.

Yet in the midst of this monumental moment in our history, when the parent organization, National JACL, should be basking in the glow of its accomplishments and at the pinnacle of its influence and support, it finds itself, instead, in self-doubt and disarray with declining membership and support, even in the face of \$3.5 million in its Legacy Fund account.

Some say that we must refocus our ener-

gies. Others say that we need a greater funding base. Still others insist that we need to restructure our organization. Others simply feel that it is a sign of the times and a period of transition from one generation to the next.

Most Nisei have supported JACL out of a sense of duty, responsibility and obligation—not because JACL was a "high powered" organization. The organization, with its numbers declining and with today's generation asking, "What's in it for me?", is presented with the very real challenge for JACL's future.

For whatever reason, given such an atmosphere, it is crucial to the success and vitality of any grass roots membership organization that its member chapters and individual members feel that its leadership and parent organization truly care about them and that their needs and desires do receive top priority in organizational policy and decision-making.

Too often, however, in national organizations procedures are undertaken or activities and programs are developed and implemented from the "top down"...with members, chapters and districts the last to be consulted.

Nothing can be more damaging to grass

roots support than this mode of operation.

The implications are very clear: "We know what's best for you," a damning indictment of the leadership and parent organization's elitism.

Two of the more recent examples of this in JACL—one necessary and laudable and the other questionable—were the Legacy Fund development and implementation; and the other, the recent reorganization proposal that has been remanded back to the districts and chapters for input and recommendations.

Even worse, than the manner in which both were implemented, are the salient features of both.

In one, the bulk of the earnings and all of the principal remained in control of and the use by the parent organization and at the same time, requesting the chapters and districts to do all of the "grunt" work in raising the monies.

In the case of the reorganization proposal, the effort to reduce and dilute the influence of the districts and chapters in organizational management—or conversely, centralizing control—under the guise of making the organization more responsive, simply reinforced the feelings of many that National JACL and its leader-

ship are elitist and that local, chapter and district needs and views were of secondary importance.

The greater the centralization of control and decision-making, the greater the chances are for the estrangement of its grass roots members and the abuse of power and position. Only when such members feel that they have a genuine say in their organization's destiny will JACL begin to realize its full potential and effectiveness.

The membership and, for that matter, the *Pacific Citizen* cannot only become important when elections are being held or an issue of the paper is about to be cancelled.

If National JACL and its leadership are to lead this organization into the 21st century as a vibrant, responsive organization with a future as an outstanding civil rights and education organization, it must change not only its priorities and operating style, but the manner in which it deals with the most important reason for its existence—its individual constituent chapters and members. ☐

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HAITIAN

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States government and a threat of persecution once they returned to Haiti.

Finding parallels between the Haitian refugee case and cases against Asian Americans, Koh said, "I heard cited (during the Supreme Court argument) the need for sovereignty and the exclusivity of the United States to control its borders, and the Chinese Exclusion case seriously cited against the Haitians by a President who had said he would eliminate these policies."

During his campaign, Clinton had vowed to lift the policy of returning Haitian refugees back to Haiti, but has since changed his mind.

"When I ended the argument last Tuesday, I decided to say, 'Your honors, Ours is a nation of refugees. Most of our ancestors came to America by boat. If they can do this to the Haitians, they can do this to any of us.' Because I wanted the justices for what a second to remember, that the Haitians are us," said Koh.

In support of the refugees, David Ignaski, executive director, Asian Law Caucus, wrote an amicus brief saying, "Haitian immigrants are among the latest victims of the racial double standard in American immigration policy. We salute Harold Koh's important work and stand by Haitian refugees."

Ignaski was also critical of Clinton saying, "When anti-immigrant forces sought to build upon the national reaction to the nomination of Zoe Baird, I was waiting for my President to stand up and say, 'No, we cannot blame immigrants for our economic problems. Scampering is the easy way out. But there was just so much silence. We expect more of this administration.'"

TEEN

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moderate all of the people and many stayed outside in the halls. Kamimoto said that a reporter covering the case said that he had never seen so many people come out for a sentencing.

The regional director credited the Fresno and Selma Chapters of JACL as well as other organizations such as the Selma Fujinkai

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"People really rallied around (the Kono family) because it was an Issei woman," said Kamimoto. She said that many could empathize with Chiyo Kono who was elderly and lived alone. "People really relate because they have parents or grandparents who are in that situation. The family really appreciates all of the support."

Brinkley was also convicted for the rape of Viola Alves, 68, of Selma, Calif., on July 4, 1990, three days after the rape and murder of Chiyo Kono, according to the Fresno Bee.

ARIZONA

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week after the attack.

"It's physically obvious that (Yun) wasn't just struck, but struck violently," said Tao Jin, president of the Chinese Students and Scholar Friendship Organization.

While students are urging the police to look into the incident as a possible hate crime, Carol Scheetz, Tempe police public information officer at a recent meeting with ASU students and community leaders said that the attack doesn't appear to have been racially motivated.

"It doesn't meet hate crime criteria because there were no racial slurs," said Scheetz.

Citing the lack of evidence and witnesses, Scheetz also said that "in all honesty, this type of crime with the little information we have—would not have been followed up on."

GRANTS

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nese American children to learn about Japanese American culture.

• The Seattle Chapter used grant money to offer a six-week seminar series covering topics related to JACL's Program for Action goals.

• The Detroit Chapter established an educational program available to local schools and organizations to increase the awareness of the Japanese American internment experience.

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• The Olympia Chapter is printing 1,000 copies of the book, "This Was Minidoka," co-authored by former internees Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi.

Speaking on SELANOCO Chapter's program, B.J. Watanabe said, "This was a wonderful program for JACL to fund, especially since it truly has a positive impact on the children that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Many good things will come from this program!"

SEATTLE

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Bob Sato, Sam Shoji, Fred Takagi, Takake Yoda, and Cherry Koshino, chairwoman. All of these committee members contributed \$1,000 or more to the Legacy Fund.

As a result of its fund-raising efforts, the Seattle Chapter will receive \$1,651.44 for its 1992 share of revenue.

EAST WIND

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