



It's official

President Clinton, seated, signs proclamation declaring month of May Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Standing, from left, are Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), Rep. Jay Kim (R-Calif.), and Eni F.H. Faleomavaega and Robert Underwood, both delegates. See story on page 3, Lillian Kimura column on page 7.

Some JACL members concerned over cost of D.C. board meeting

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Members of the Mountain Plains District, in their district meeting May 1 in San Antonio, Texas, expressed concern over what they believe to be overruns on expenses for the JACL national board meeting in Washington, D.C., held Mar. 19-21.

Just what the overrun figure is not clear at this point. Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, said that the cost of the D.C. national board meeting was approximately \$15,000, although this number could go higher. At the board meeting March 21, Jonathan Kaji, JACL secretary/treasurer, announced an estimate cost of \$17,000-\$18,000 based on airfare and hotel expenses. According to the 1993 budget from national headquarters, the allotment for all national board meetings for the year is \$19,000.

Pointing out that the district is not trying to assign blame, Sharon Ishii Jordan, MPDC district governor, said, "There was a lot of concern about how much the cost of the board meeting was looked into and whether it was

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U.S. Civil Rights agency needs agenda, report says

A bipartisan, independent, private sector organization is calling for revitalization of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the appointment by President Bill Clinton of a cabinet-level task force to develop a new "action agenda" on civil rights.

In its report, highlighted in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' newsletter, the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights said, in part, that "The nation faces a civil rights crisis that is as severe as the economic crisis that impelled the president-elect to convene an economic summit."

That was the statement from William L. Taylor, former staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who added that "large numbers of minorities and the poor are located in racial isolation and systematically deprived of the housing opportunities and education, training, health and social services that would enable them to escape their plight. Unless these conditions are addressed directly and unless the racial fears that have plagued us for so long are confronted and surmounted, we will continue to be a divided and troubled nation."

The group calls for the federal commission to "again become a significant voice in identifying and seeking solutions to the critical problems confront our nation in the field of civil rights."

The report is critical of the Reagan administration's effect on the commission and calls for a "strong, independent, bipartisan United States Commission on Civil Rights."

JACL meets with ORA on eligibility issues

Redress eligibility issues continue to be discussed between officials of JACL and the Office of Redress Administration (ORA).

Recently, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, met with Paul Suddes, ORA administrator, to discuss specific issues.

JACL has received numerous calls regarding confusion about the ineligibility determinations. In response, the ORA is preparing a series of articles explaining some of these issues. Narasaki, however, has asked Attorney General Janet Reno to hold off on a final redress ineligibility policy determinations until Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights designate Lami Guinier has an opportunity to be briefed on the issues and review the current policies.

Suddes and ORA general counsel Tink Cooper briefed Narasaki on ORA's rationale for its various ineligibility determinations. The JACL representative reaffirmed the organization's position on the ineligibility determinations of the children born in internment camps after their mothers had reentered the camps. She also requested further information about some of the other determination issues.

The ORA has also invited JACL to review the ineligibility letters now used by the agency. JACL has in turn suggested some clarifying changes, and has also proposed some potential approaches to address the Japanese Peruvian cases in which individuals were deported to the United States from

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Meetings set

WHAT: Community forums to discuss eligibility for redress.

WHO: Conducted by ORA administrator Paul Suddes
WHEN, WHERE: Saturday, May 22, 1-3 p.m., JACL headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco; Sunday, May 23, 2-4 p.m., Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles.

Hayashi to head civil rights office of U.S. health agency

As Health and Human Services official, JACL director will be highest ranking Asian American in government

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, was named to head the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services in a May 5, 1993, White House press release.

In his role, Hayashi reports to Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala. His office of 350 employees nationwide with a \$100 million budget, oversees the enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, challenges hospitals for "redline" practices and works to improve access to benefits and medical services for women and minorities, according to a JACL press release.

In naming Hayashi the highest ranking Asian American government official to date, President Bill Clinton said, "Dennis Hayashi has had a distinguished career of both legal and public advocacy for equal rights. I am counting on him to continue his good work as part of Secretary Shalala's team at HHS. We need to continue to work for fair treatment for all Americans."

Prior to joining JACL in late 1991, Hayashi was a staff attorney with the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco. He has been active in the area of combating hate crimes in both organizations.



DENNIS HAYASHI

Work begins to find new national director

The process to find a replacement for Dennis Hayashi, who has been named director of the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services, has begun, according to Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

In a press release to the JACL national board, Kimura said, "According to JACL's personnel manual, the Personnel Committee is to spearhead this activity. I am going to augment the committee with additional people and we hope to meet in the near future to outline our task. I will keep you informed."

Kimura added that a board meeting may be convened earlier than the previously scheduled Sept. 25-26 date. The JACL president said she hopes to arrange for a meeting of the Personnel Committee May 28-29. "Every effort will be made to make the transition period a smooth one," she said.

Commenting on Hayashi's appointment, Kimura said, "We are very proud that the president has selected Dennis to be part of his team. We know he will serve the president and this country with distinction as he has served JACL."

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Mineta, Matsui praise Hayashi appointment

Responding to the naming of Dennis Hayashi as director of the Civil Rights Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) congratulated the Clinton administration in its choice.

The naming of Hayashi, who becomes the highest ranking Asian American official in government, comes after criticism by some that such appointments had been lacking on

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Asian Pacific groups seek more positions in Justice Department

A coalition of national Asian Pacific American leaders, including representatives of JACL, met with Attorney General Janet Reno in Washington, D.C., to discuss the need for Asian American appointments to policy positions within the Department of Justice, to federal judgeships, and U.S. attorney positions.

The group pointed out that former President George Bush had made no appointments of Asian Pacific Americans to the District Court or Circuit Courts of Appeals and that there were currently no Asian Pacific American U.S. attorneys.

Reno noted that the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association had provided her department with several strong candidates for presidential appointments and welcomed the coalition's assistance in identifying equally strong candidates for judgeships and U.S. attorney positions. The attorney general also spoke of her commitment to increasing the diversity of the Department of Justice through appointments and also, where possible, in hiring career attorneys and staff.

Reno also emphasized that for judges-

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Washington, D.C.

Sunday, May 30—Annual JACL memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery, Columbian Courtyard, 10:30 a.m. Speaker: Rep. Norman Mineta. Wreathlaying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, noon. Information: Lily Okura, 301/530-0945.

Illinois Chicago

Saturday, May 22—Chicago Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual scholarship luncheon, Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette Golf Course, Lake Ave. and Harms Rd., Wilmette, noon. Cost: \$12. Information: Joyce Honda, 312/784-2669, c/o JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640, RSVP by May 17.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Banquet and dance on Sat. night to feature Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, and emcee Adele Nakagawa, anchor WBBM-TV. Cost: \$125 before July 1-1145 after July 1. Sat. banquet and dance: \$55 before July 1; \$55 after July 1. Information: Elsie Ogawa, registrar, 708/679-4710.

Michigan Detroit

Saturday, June 19—The American Citizens for Justice's 10th annual dinner, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Speakers: Rep. Robert Matsui and Dore Matsui. Information: ACJ, 313/577-2772.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 20-22—Detroit Chapter, JACL, sponsors a weekend trip to Chicago to participate in the annual Ginza Holiday at the Midwest Buddhist Temple. Trip includes lodging in downtown Chicago and transportation. Cost: \$100, members; \$110 non-members. Information: Toshi Shimura, 313/356-3089.

Wisconsin Milwaukee

Sunday, May 23—Wisconsin Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual recognition dinner, Hunan-Peking Restaurant, 4323 N. 60th St., 3:30 p.m. Speaker: Madeline Ureack, international education consultant, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction. Cost: \$13, JACL; \$7, JAYS. Information: 414/672-5544.

Nevada Reno-Sparks

Saturday, May 22—The Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune's Polynesian Luau, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Rose Ballroom, 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, special JACL member rate. Information: 800/648-1177.
Sat.-Sun., May 22-23—Reno Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a booth at the Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, centered in downtown Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artisans. Free. Sat. evening: Dance of the Dragons through Victorian Square in downtown Sparks. Information: John Ascuaga's Nugget, 800/648-1177.

Arizona Phoenix

Sunday, May 23—Arizona Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a leiokai dinner honoring the elders, JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glen Dr., Glendale, 4 p.m. People who are 70, 75, and 80 plus years old will receive complimentary dinners. Deadline: May 17. Information: Joyce Shiota, 602/934-5856 or Toshiko Chavers, 602/934-3125.
Sunday, June 6—America-Japan Week opening ceremony and festival, Phoenix Symphony Hall, 225 E. Adams St., 5 p.m. Dragon dance, koto music and a festival with fireworks. Tickets required. Information: 602/262-4430, America-Japan Week '93 Tickets, 4310 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85018. Part of a week-long celebration, June 4-13.

California Sacramento area

Wednesday, May 19—Asian-Filipino Pacific Islander Donor Day, Sacramento Blood Center, 1625 Stockton Blvd., 10 a.m. Information: Sacramento Blood Center, 916/456-1500.

San Francisco area

Sunday, May 25—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.
Thursday, May 27—San Francisco Chapter, JACL, and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center present, "An Evening with Yuri Kichiyama," 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, 6 p.m. Reflections on her experiences with Malcolm X. Free. Information: Marjorie Sato, 415/777-7736, or Jeff Adachi, 415/553-9318.

San Jose area

Thursday, June 17—San Jose Chapter, JACL, fishing challenge, a one-day trip out of Monterey through Chris' Fishing Trips, 6 a.m. Cost: \$35, not including rod, reel and tackle. Fishing license additional. Space limited. Information: San Jose Chapter, JACL, 408/295-1250.
Wednesday, Oct. 13—Saturday, Oct. 23—Yu Ai Kai's Fall trip. Trip includes stops in New York City, Pennsylvania, Montreal, Ottawa and Niagara Falls. Non-members welcome. Information: 408/294-2505.
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—Yu Ai Kai sponsors Byung Jun, who will teach the game of "Go" to those interested. Yu Ai Kai community center, 588 N. 4th St., senior lounge, 3rd floor, 1 p.m. Information: 408/294-2505.

Los Angeles area

Wednesday, May 19—15th annual Asian Pacific Heritage Month Dinner, Westin Bonaventure, California Ballroom, 404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Honorees include: Patricia Kinaga, Stewart Kwoh and the Ratu Shingo. Keynote speaker: Velina Hsu Houston. Cost: \$50. Information: 213/485-3404.
Fri.-Sat., May 21-22—Asian Pacific Planning Council presents "Planning and Funding—An insight on proposals and budgets." New Otani Hotel and Gardens, 120 S. Los Angeles St., L.A. Cost: \$10. Information: Dean Minemura, 213/682-6545 ext. 246, 213/253-0887 ext. 248 voice mail, or 213/680-0787 fax.
Saturday, May 23—Orange County Senior Singles "Square Dance." Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale, Anaheim, 8 a.m. Cost: \$7, members; \$10, non-members. RSVP: 213/685-7328, 213/723-5955.
Saturday, May 23—L.A. County Office of Education's conference on careers and opportunities for Asian American youth, Alhambra High School, 101 S. 2nd St., Alhambra, 8 a.m. Information: Alhambra High School, 818/308-2342.
Sunday, May 30—Japanese American National Museum sponsors a book party for Dr. Masazazu Hasei's new book, "Rising in Good Soil," 369 E. First St., L.A., 1 p.m. Co-host: Shig Wakamatsu, past JACL national president. Information: 213/625-0414.
Through July—Japanese American National Museum presents "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japanese American Farming." JANN Legacy Center, 369 E. First St., L.A. Information: 213/625-0414.

CALENDAR ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE DAY OF THE EVENT. INCLUDE DAY OR NIGHT PHONE NUMBER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

For the record

The list of JACL committees and their members, as submitted to Pacific Citizen, contained two errors, according to Jonathan Kaji, JACL secretary/treasurer. (April 30, P.C.)

Mr. Crensey Nakagawa is listed as the Legacy Fund co-chairperson and as a consultant on the U.S.-Japan Relations committee. The minutes of the Oct. 24, 1992, national board meeting clearly notes that Mr. Nakagawa's appointment had been postponed. Additionally, Mr. Nakagawa's name has not been submitted to the board for approval as consultant," Kaji said.

Arts calendar

Music pick Rhythm and harmony

SAN FRANCISCO
Saturday, May 22—Percussionist Anthony Brown and his African EurAsian Ensemble and the Jones Choir present "Kazoku," Pine United Methodist Church, 426 33rd Ave., San Francisco, 8 p.m. Brown, of Japanese, African and Native American heritage, brings together African American rhythms and Asian classical and folk forms in this celebration of the family. Cost: \$10 at door, \$8 in advance. Information: 415/221-2608.

Theatre

LOS ANGELES—Wednesday, May 26—East West Players presents the L.A. premiere of David Henry Hwang's "House of Sleeping Beauties," 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A. Performers include: Diane Taki and Nelson Mashita. Information: 213/650-0366.

LOS ANGELES—Sat.-Sun., June 5-6—The Cactus Foundation showcases performance artist Dan Kwong in "Monkhood in Three Easy Lessons," Japan America Theater, Little Tokyo, Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Cost: \$16, orchestra; \$14, balcony. Information: Japan America Theater box office, 213/680-3700.

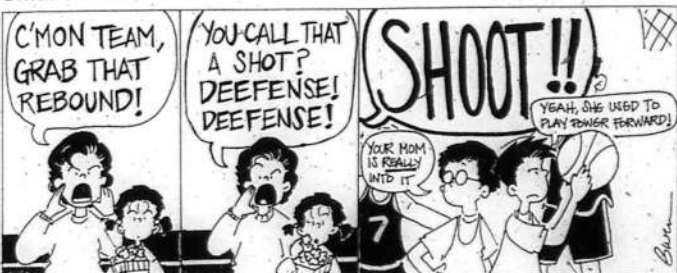
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Television

SAN FRANCISCO—Sunday, May 16—KOED presents, "Down the Spine of Japan," 3 p.m. The 1,600 mile trek of explorer Stephen Parn walking from one end of Japan to the other.

SAN FRANCISCO—Sunday, May 30—KOED shows "The Japanese American War Bride Experience," 3 p.m. Archival photographs, film-footage and interviews tell the story of war brides in the Midwest. 3 p.m.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

May proclaimed in honor of Asian Pacific Americans

President Clinton officially proclaimed May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in ceremonies held May 8.

Speaking before more than 200 Asian Americans, he cited their many achievements and contributions that have helped to develop the United States.

While noting their early pioneering efforts, the president also pointed out that from the beginning "immigrants from the Asian-Pacific region also were victims of

discrimination. Some were denied the right to buy land or become naturalized citizens solely because of their ethnic origin."

In his official proclamation, Clinton said, "I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. I also call upon all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of inclusion, mutual respect, and social justice."

Manzanar meetings scheduled

Public meetings to discuss ideas and suggestions for the Manzanar National Historic Site are scheduled for Saturday, May 22, at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima, Calif., from 1:30-4 p.m. (sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL), and on Sunday, May 23, at the Japanese American Cultural and

Community Center, 244 South San Pedro St., Conference Room C, Los Angeles (sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District, JACL, and the Manzanar Committee).

Manzanar, the former World War II concentration camp designated a national historic site in 1992, is now in the design stage.

Information: 213/662-5102.

JACL coming events

● MDC-EDC-MPDC workshops

Leaders for the six workshops of the Midwest-hosted JACL Tri-District Conference Aug. 19-21 at the Cleveland (Ohio) Sheraton were announced by conference chair Henry Tanaka. They are: "Asian American Retirees"; Barbara Iwanaga King, professor of social work, Case Western Reserve.

—Young Adult Issues: Drug Abuse, Discrimination in Education, Glass Ceiling — Sharon Ishii-Jordan, professor of special education, University of Nebraska.

—Women in the Workplace: Employment Problems, Stereotyping of Asian Women — Karen Suzuki-Okabe, executive director, Utah Department of Human Resource Management.

—Multicultural Education: Developing a Comprehensive Teacher's Curriculum Guide on Japanese American Internment — Teresa Maeorbi, elementary school teacher, Philadelphia; and Ishii-Jordan.

—JACL Membership Development: Especially of Our Younger Generations — Alan Nishi, Sacramento, JACL, national vice president, membership and services.

—Training of New Leaders — Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

Two periods are planned: Friday, 10:45 a.m.-noon, and Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m. Admittance to the workshops is included in the \$90 registration fee. Information: Henry Tanaka (212/229-2491).

Whereabouts

● WWII Cincinnati Relocates: To the 546 Nisei who passed through the Winslow Street Hostels operated by American Friends Service Committee between 1943-46, your name and experiences of these years will be appreciated for a 50th anniversary celebration of the hostels, being planned for June, 1993. Photos are appreciated and will be returned. Contact Gordon Yoshikawa, 7761 Gwendyn Dr., Cincinnati, OH, 45236-3003.

● Allie Adachi (of Ceres Elementary School): Your prewar classmate Velma Simms Sparks, 1318 Forham Ave., Modesto, CA, 95350, (209) 522-0832, wants to get in touch.

● Karen Hirasuna: Looking for long, lost friend (perhaps a sister of Fred Hirasuna of Fresno?) Contact Shiz Nakatsu, 1549 W. 2nd St., Mesa, AZ, 85201; (602)

696-6455.

● Toshiko Kakishita (7) (maiden name): I met you in Tokyo (1947-48) when you were there with your parents, and working for a U.S. Army officer, Lt. Beatty (spelling ?), hoping to return to the states. I also heard you had married a Nisei soldier and had returned. Anyone who can help will be assured of a copy of what I have written about Toshiko. Contact Melvin E. Smith, 3112 Camelot, Bartlesville, OK, 74006; (918) 333-9061.

● Betty Sako (maiden name): The Cherokee Class of 1944, Manual Arts High, Los Angeles, is planning its 50th year reunion, and "you are strongly desired by many dear friends." Contact George W. Stearns, 2510 Bridger Rd., Pasadena, CA, 91104; (818) 798-6864.

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- Jennifer Chang**—special assistant to Assistant Secretary for the Administration of Children and Families, Health and Human Services
- Nanda Chitre**—administrative manager, Office of Presidential Personnel
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- Kathy S. Chung**—special assistant, Environmental Protection Agency
- David Dam**—confidential assistant, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Commerce
- Neil Dhillon**—Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Transportation
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- Atul Gawande**—policy adviser, Department of Health and Human Services
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CONCERNS

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worth (the cost of two-and-a-half board meetings.)

The suggestion to hold the spring board meeting in Washington, D.C., came up at the October, 1992, board meeting in San Francisco. Kimura suggested that the next meeting be held in conjunction with the JACL, Washington, D.C., Leadership Program. To cut costs, the suggestion was also made to hold only two board meetings in 1993 instead of the usual three. (The JACL Bylaws, in Article VI, Section 4, states that the national board must meet at least twice a year.)

Kimura defended the decision, saying, "We had thought we could cover the costs of the Washington, D.C., meeting by eliminating one board meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting costs exceeded the usual expenditure for board meetings."

"Every effort is being made to adjust future expenditures so that we will not exceed our budget's bottom line. While members are rightly concerned about the budget, they have to understand that hotel and travel costs to Washington, D.C., and New York City are among the highest in the nation. In addition, during this term there are more board members who live on the West Coast which increases travel costs."

When members were told of the estimated cost of the meeting by Kaji on the final day of the Washington, D.C., meeting, a number of recommendations were made, including having individual board members help defray costs for the next board meeting.

Kaji, careful to point out that the exact costs had not all come in yet, said that as treasurer he intends to hold the board to its initial budget.

"I'm waiting for actual expense

reimbursements from officers and board members," said Kaji. Offering a way to offset the D.C. costs, the national secretary/treasurer said, "If (board members) are willing to absorb half their hotel expenses in D.C., it may provide enough money for the next board meeting in September. But once again I plan to hold the line on 1993 expenses to the budget."

"When the president made the suggestion to have the board meeting in D.C., no budget was submitted at that time so the board had no idea about what costs would be. No budget has arrived in the interim. For myself, I for one didn't see a need to go to D.C. to hold the board meeting," said Kaji.

At its district meeting, MPDC objected to the suggestion that the district help pay for the governor's expenses at the next board meeting. The group agreed to finance Ishii Jordan's expenses if they had to, but at the same time intends to register their disapproval to the national board.

"MPDC will subsidize Sharon's cost to the next board meeting," said Randy Shibata, New Mexico Chapter, JACL, member and former MPDC governor. "The national organization needs to make a full accounting of what happened."

Steve Hasegawa, a member of the Omaha Chapter, JACL, and director of operating budget within Union Pacific, who attended the MPDC council meeting, said that the national board has to set a realistic budget and follow it. "We need to have two board meetings a year. The basic direction for us is to find another place to cut some money."

"I think at times JACL has a mom and pop mentality and that's fine. It's pretty much the way the organization has been run. That's well and good but we need to un-

derstand the realities of the organization, we need to have guidelines on what can be spent."

In the controversy, it still remains somewhat unclear as to the process by which the D.C. trip was evaluated and communicated. Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, was contacted several times by phone by PC but was unavailable for comment.

Beyond the issue of how much money was spent, many Mountain Plains District members asked whether the D.C. meeting was worth the expense.

"The concern still is how (the figure) is so far off and (what about the) accountability to the membership. Was it worth it—because it's the members' money," said Ishii Jordan. The district governor said she is unsure whether the benefits in contact made with people in Washington justified the expense.

About the benefits of holding the meeting in Washington, D.C., Kimura said, "The other alternative was to meet in San Francisco which then would have prevented the board from making its presence felt in the nation's capital. Because the meeting was held in conjunction with the Washington, D.C., leadership seminar, board and staff members were able to meet and honor civil rights leaders who provided valuable support for our redress efforts. In addition we were able to view the Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian and to interact with participants in the seminar and EDC members while they saw their national leaders in action. It is my hope that we will be able to take future meetings to other parts of the country for the purpose of meeting with our members."

In his view of the D.C. meeting, Randy Harano, Intermountain District governor, said that perhaps the board members could

have spent more time meeting with government officials. "It's nice to be in D.C., no doubt about it, but for that much we probably should have had more meetings with politicians. The leadership conference people met a lot of people, maybe we should have got a chance to meet them too."

Teresa Maebori, Eastern District governor, said that there are pluses coming to D.C. that can't be counted on a ledger. "The main idea of bringing the board out is to see how the organization is viewed nationally. You can't get that unless you go to D.C."

PRAISE

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the part of the administration.

"This is a great day for all Asian Pacific Americans," Mineta said. "I have known Dennis Hayashi for many years as a tireless advocate for the civil rights of all Americans. I can think of no one more qualified to step into such an important position within the Clinton Administration."

Matsui agreed. "For too long we have been shut out of positions of real authority in presidential

administrations. With Dennis, we instantly have a high profile member of Bill Clinton's team."

"President Clinton is to be commended on such a fine choice," Mineta, however, added that "there are many more talented Asian Pacific Americans all over the country who are well qualified and ready to serve. It's my hope that we will have many more announcements soon. It would be a fitting tribute in this month of May, which we officially recognize as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month."

ORA

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Latin America at the request of the U.S. government and held in internment camps without citizenship or permanent resident status. Research work to support these possible approaches in its initial stages, according to Narasaku.

JACL continues to press the ORA on the Hawaii cases. At issue is extent of evidence to support the claims. At JACL's request, Suddes traveled to Hawaii to pursue further investigation.

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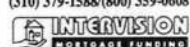
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

A telling moment in history

Mike Mackey, a graduate student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, recently was rummaging through documents at the school's American Heritage Center when he came across a Department of Justice press release dated May 20, 1959. That would be 34 years ago this month, a generation in time as we mark the years.

The release had to do with a ceremony in the office of William P. Rogers who was attorney general in the second Eisenhower administration. The occasion was the completion of hearings for Japanese Americans who had sought restitution of U.S. citizenship after having renounced it during the war. Mackey sent me a copy.

This episode of Japanese American history was widely reported in the Nikkei press at the time, but largely has been overlooked by history. In view of Nisei fragmentation—JACL supporters and foes, vets and non-vets, those who volunteered for military service and those who refused to comply with draft laws—it may be instructive to review the release.

"In 1945," says the release, "after nearly three years of confinement in the camps, 5,766 (Japanese Americans) renounced

their American citizenship. Over 5,300 of these renunciations were signed in January and February, 1945, at the Tule Lake Camp as a result of a wave of bitterness and hysteria."

Of the 5,766 renunciants, the release continues, 3,735 chose to remain in the U.S., and all but 78 regained their status as citizens.

Of the 2,031 who went to Japan at war's end, 1,674 later applied for restoration of U.S. citizenship, and 1,327 were successful.

In other words, at the time of the release all but 78 of the renunciants who stayed in the U.S. and all but 347 of those who went to Japan and then applied for change of status had their American citizenship restored.

Rogers gave unstinting praise to Assistant Attorney General George Cochran Doub under whose leadership the restoration process was expedited. Doub said at the ceremony:

"We acted upon the assumption that the United States was under an imperative moral obligation to restore citizenship in every case where there was no substantial evidence of disloyalty...The lesson of the

wartime Japanese-American Evacuation Program is that Americans must discipline themselves to resist hysteria and emotional stress in times of alarms and danger in order that American ideals of justice may not yield but be protected and successfully maintained.

"It is a remarkable tribute to the fortitude of the Nisei that comparatively few surrendered their American citizenship under the prevailing hysterical conditions in the WRA camps. They were indeed so loyal that from them came the soldiers of the 442nd Battalion whose casualty notices were delivered to parents behind the barbed wire of the camps..."

Also speaking at the ceremony were Dean Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale Law School and Edward J. Ennis, head of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice at the time of the Evacuation.

What they had to say deserves remembering, and we'll get to that in next week's column. ☐

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

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Hosokawa right to Legacy Fund view

The vehemence with which William Hohi attacked Hosokawa's gentle prodding to loosen our purse strings for the Legacy Fund was rather unseemly. If I recall correctly, Hohi stated that the redress should have been more like \$200,000 than \$20,000. No one is going to argue that the actual damages were far greater than \$20,000 but this was a realistic sum that Congress was willing to appropriate from my understanding of the process.

In our judicial system the monetary award is the added emphasis of the justification of the suit. This was an acknowledgment of the injustice done to Japanese Americans. It was symbolic. It was large enough to make an impact on those unaware of our plight during WWII. Hohi should not try to denigrate JACL's role in the redress movement by raising this point. It's a non-sequitur. Minimizing JACL's role is to rewrite history.

If Hohi carries a grudge against JACL for past actions, perceived or actual, his anger should have dissipated by this time. The fact there was a JACL before Pearl Harbor was a miracle in itself. The Nisei at that time were young and extremely politically naive and inept. Looking back from this vantage point is 20/20 hindsight. Like it or not, JACL is the only national organization for the Japanese American that Washington or anyone else for that matter, recognizes. We may not agree with all its policies but that's life.

He also deplores the fact that JACL requests donations for the Fund. It is more than likely that most recipients of redress award are unaware that this Fund exists. If I hadn't read the PC, I would have been just as ignorant. Therefore, I would categorize their publicity attempts for donations as extremely low-keyed. Actually, it should be more aggressive seeking donations. Hohi should know that with exceptions of well-endowed foundations. Most nonprofit organizations depend on donations for their existence. Whether Hohi supports JACL or not, his attitude towards the Fund should not be tainted by it.

I do not recall any of his other blasts.

*Shigeo Nuge
Los Angeles*

Has clarification on redress eligibility

I have been helping a few persons who are having trouble establishing their eligibility for redress with the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), U.S. Department of Justice. The recent reports of 2,048 denials of eligibility need elucidation. The ORA has classified these by reason for ineligibility. Thus, 603 persons were born in "free America" after their parents had left the West Coast exclusion zones or had left camp. Also, 291 were denied because they were not permanent resident aliens. Another 170 went to Japan while the war was still hot. There are 12 ineligible heirs. One died before the August 10, 1948 deadline. Another 189 left the West Coast before the exclusion orders were issued; 59 were in Japan; 48 were not of Japanese ancestry; 84 were railroad workers for whom no Federal orders have been located that affected their status; and 39 were subject to restrictions of Trading with the Enemy Act. These total 1,496 or 73%. In addition, there are 339 cases still under review by the ORA or 17%. This leaves 213 or 10% that may be debatable.

Of the 213, I think there are 180 requiring case-by-case scrutiny. The only group that I think are being denied because of the ORA's interpretation of the law and regulations are the 33 offspring of "voluntary internees." These persons are not ineligible because of anything written into the law or the regulations; their ineligibility results from the ORA's interpretation. I believe these persons are eligible because they were, on the basis of documents, confined as a result of E.O. 9066.

I have found one part of the regulations

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Among the top ten

Among the top 10 foreign films to earn more than \$1 billion in Japan, nine are U.S. productions. With the income, in billions, following each film, the nine are: (1) "Terminator 2," 5.6; (2) "Home Alone," 3.4; (3) "Pretty Woman," 3.1; (4) "Total Recall," 2.4; (5) "Dances with Wolves," 1.5; (6) "Godfather III," 1.27; (7) "Backdraft," 1.13; (8) "Rocky V," 1.055; and (9) "Never Ending Story," 1.05. Now, out of this lot, I don't know how many you've seen and what you thought of them. I saw No. 2 (on videotape) and No. 5 (at the theater), but none beyond that although I did see one of the early "Rocky" series. Figured see one "Rocky" fight film and you've seen 'em all. I enjoyed Kevin Costner in "Dances with Wolves." Before that we enjoyed "The Last Emperor." Although by no means a discerning critic of films, I know a "bomb" when I see one, and I've walked out on a picture or two. It's bad enough to have paid the admission price, without exacerbating things by hanging around.

In these parts, which is to say, outside of New York City with its Japanese television programming, unless we get hooked up to a circle of videotape-swapping, we see pre-

cious little Japanese programming. There are few *kaisha* folks in this area (and beyond) and feeling for their isolation, whenever we come across a reasonably good tape (or even some not-so-good ones) we try to share them. There is one isolated soul located in Pennsylvania's boondocks in the northwest part of the state, who's been up there about seven years. I travelled up there once and while its rustic beauty cannot be gainsaid, it is isolated: the town is so small it does not support a movie theater. The *kaisha* fellow's spouse could not bear the isolation and eventually returned to Nippon taking the two children so that their educational development would not be stunted. The family does visit at vacation time, but it must get mighty lonesome between times. So we do our best to see that Japanese videotapes get up there to ally some of the boredom.

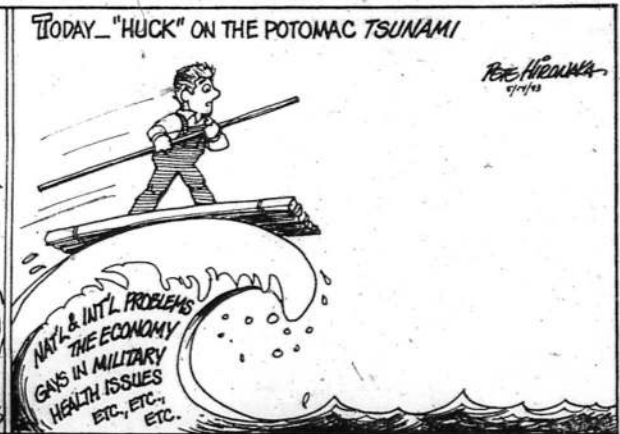
As a lad residing in the White River Valley (Washington)—the then "Lettuce Capital of the World" (this was long before Central California attained its current prominence)—when a *katsudo-sha-shin* (moving pictures) as they were then called, came into our farming community, families

all around gathered upstairs at "Kadomata's Barn" for an evening of tear-jerkers and sometimes *chan-bara* (sword play). The latter, we boys craved. And I suppose if today's top nine in Japan were then available to us youngsters back in that era, we'd be inhabiting the theater house (as we only had one movie theater in town).

We'd be inhabiting, provided we had the spare change—which we didn't always have. Among the top 10 films that the Nippon movie-goers would most like to see, no less than seven are U.S. productions. These seven are (in order of preference): (1) "Hot Shot," (2) "Dying Young," (3) "Heaven," (4) "Curly Sue," (5) "The Last Boy Scout," (6) "Cape Fear," and (7) "Crazy People." What about the other three? Well, the two were Japanese films—"Confessions of Torajiro" and "Diary of a Fishing Freak," both comedies—and other a French love story entitled "Don't Stop Loving."

I haven't seen any of them, but I don't think I'm missing much. ☐

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.



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Aoki, Jeanne E, 68, Gardena, March 17; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Frank, son Don, mother Haruyo Hamada, brothers William, David, James, 5 sisters Aiko Kuranaga, Sachiko, Dorothy, Eiko Mayeda, Charlotte Ochoa, sister-in-law Teri Hissatomi. Arranged, Tom, 84, Glendale, March 18, San Francisco-born, survived by daughter Faye Ogawa, 2 g.c., brothers Sato Saito (Santa Barbara), Frank M. James, sisters Emi Katayama, Fumi Saito, Dorothy S. Tanabe, Joyce T. Mori. Bebe, Asa, 89, Los Angeles, March 4; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Nancy. Fujimori, Yelasku, 92, Los Angeles, March 15, Shizuoka-born natural-

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ships, U.S. marshals and U.S. attorney positions, it was also important to work with senators and state governments.
Attending the meeting were Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans; Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative; William Hou, president, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Emily Woo, president, Organization of Pan Asian American Women; Gloria Canole, officer, Philippine Heritage Federation; Irene Natividad, representative, National Commission on Working Women; and Gene Lum and Norm Lum, chairpersons, APAC-Vote.
These groups also recently met with senior officials in the Department of Commerce and the Department of Education to discuss the need for more Asian Pacific American appointments in their departments.