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Asian Pacific group criticizes withdrawal of Guinier nomination

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, joined other civil rights organizations June 4 in expressing outrage at Clinton's withdrawal of the nomination of Lani Guinier to serve as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

"Asian Pacific Americans are negatively affected by this withdrawal in three ways," said Phil Tajitsu Nash, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based organization. "On the most personal level, we are losing someone with a deep understanding of our issues and a proven commitment to equality under law for all Americans. Second, we are losing a chance to educate the American public about the important details about voting rights and civil rights law,

comparable to the education we all got to the dangers of sexual harassment in the Thomas-Hill hearings. Finally, we will be seeing a chilling effect on a generation of minority scholars and others who want to think expansively about the entrenched problems currently facing this country. This final problem is potentially the most profound and troubling."

Margaret Fung, member of the consortium and executive director of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, also criticized the decision. "It has been a great honor to work with professor Guinier over the past decade, and we want to reaffirm our support for her and our respect for her path-breaking work."



PAYING THEIR RESPECTS—From left, Rep. Norman Mineta, Turner Kobayashi, and Patrick Okura attend Memorial Day services in Washington, D.C.

JACL members attend Memorial Day service

Story and photo: LILY A. OKURA
Washington, D.C., Chapter JACL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Approximately 100 JACL members and friends attended the May 30 memorial services at Arlington Cemetery. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) was the principal speaker. Serving as chairman was Turner Kobayashi of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL. K. Patrick Okura, past national president, introduced Mineta, and along with the congressman, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Many out-of-state Nikkei came to the event, including Carol Misumi, Sonoma, Calif.; Ruth Tanaka, Denver, Colo.; David and Wilma Warren and their daughter Jennifer of Margate, N.J.; William Marutani, national president of the Go For Broke, a Japanese American veterans association, and his wife Vicky; George Ikeda of Erasmus, Pa.; Peter Suzuki of Summit, N.J.; and Rear Admiral Mel Chigiogji of Silver Spring, Md., the highest ranking Japanese American Navy officer.

MORE ON MEMORIAL DAY—Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, reflects on this moving ceremony. Page 9

JACL CONFERENCES

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AT WORK—Members prepare for bi-district meeting in Spokane. From left are Kelly Wicker, Hisami Yoshida, Hero Shiosaki, Karen Yoshitomi and Randy Harano.

IDC-PNW members have ...

Reorganization on their minds

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Friendly and intimate. While it didn't have workshops or elaborate receptions, the IDC-PNW bi-district June 5-6 in Spokane, Wash., was a time for old and new friends to get together, to get down to business. Among the participants were the familiar faces of Hid Hasegawa, Alice Kasai, Seiichi and Chiekie

Hayashida and Hero Shiosaki, long-time stalwarts of Intermountain, and the new faces of Kelly Wicker and others who will be future leaders in these districts and beyond.

Sponsored by the Spokane Chapter, JACL, the bi-district covered issues such as reorganization, the search for a new national director and membership development—issues critical to the organization as a whole as well as to the districts and chapters. Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, was there to field questions on these matters.

In between roll-up-your-sleeves sessions, members enjoyed golf, a shopping tour and a banquet. Warm, low-key, and down-to-earth—the IDC-PNW bi-district was about getting down to the business of JACL but also about recognizing that members are the heart of the organization ...

SPOKANE, Wash.—With the future direction of JACL at stake, will reorganization become a showdown between national and local power? While the JACL reorganization proposal is meant to streamline the organization and maximize its effectiveness, there is concern that it will be done at the expense of the local chapters and districts. At the IDC-PNW bi-district meeting June 5, both of the districts went

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Tri-district conference set for Aug. 19-21 in Cleveland



IRENE NATAVIDAD
Keynote speaker

The tri-district conference of the Mountain Plains, Midwest and Eastern District Councils of the Japanese American Citizens League will be held Aug. 19-21 in Cleveland, Ohio.

With the theme, "The Real World of Asian Americans," the event features a number of workshop, council meetings, a speech contest, social events, and guest speakers Irene Natavidad of Natavidad & Associates and Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

The conference will be held at the Cleveland Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 777 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH, 44114.

Registration fee is \$90 before July 15, \$125 thereafter. Information: Henry Tanaka, 2192 Grandview Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH, 44106; 216/229-2491.

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MIS schedules 50th anniversary July 7-10 in Honolulu

More than 600 veterans from Hawaii and the mainland have already registered for the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) 50th Anniversary Reunion July 7-10, 1993, at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. The event will include two banquets, a golf tournament, teahouse party, and memorial service.

The achievements of the MIS have not been recognized as much as those of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. During

the war, MIS soldiers played key roles in virtually every aspect of the Pacific War—from the Aleutian Islands, to the South Pacific, to Asia and to Australia.

MIS soldiers served as interpreters, translators, and intelligence specialists. They monitored radio transmissions, translated documents, interrogated prisoners and fought in the field. MIS personnel were attached to the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, OSS and CIC, as well as

forces from Great Britain, Australia, Canada and China.

Not only were they entrusted with the highest levels of American military security, but their efforts saved thousands of American lives and were instrumental in changing the course of the war.

Information: Hakobu Kumagai, re-union chairperson, 808/536-4339. Schedule of events is on page 2.

'Comfort women' seek compensation from Japan

Five elderly women in Tokyo recently related their experiences as "comfort women" and criticized the Japanese government for refusing to pay compensation, according to a report in the *Rafu Shimpo*.

The women are among a group of 60 from South Korea and the Philippines suing the government for a total of \$3.1 million. Historians estimate that 200,000 women, mostly Korean, were forced to work as prostitutes by the Japanese army during World War II.

"I bear scars as proof of my ordeal to this day, yet still the Japanese government will not accept responsibility for what happened," said Kimiko Kaneda.

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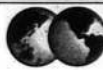
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Calendar

Illinois Chicago

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 Arakawa, anchor WBBM-TV. Cost: \$125 before July 1; \$145 after July 1. Sat. banquet and dance: \$50 before July 1; \$55 after July 1. Information: Elise Ogawa, registrar, 708/679-4710.

Ohio Cleveland

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 19-22—EDC-MDC-MPOC JACL Tri-District meeting, Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel, 777 St. Claire Ave. NE, Cleveland. Cost: \$90, register before July 14. Joyce Asamoto-Thues, Treasurer, 216/582-5443; 10053 Hawley Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133. Hotel: \$75/night, single or double; \$85/night, triple or quad. Workshops include: membership development, JA retirees and women in the workplace. Information: Hank Tanaka, 216/229-2491.

Michigan Detroit

Saturday, June 19—The American Citizens for Justice's 10th annual dinner, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Speakers: Rep. Robert Matsui and Doris Matsui. Information: ACJ, 313/577-2772. Fri.-Sun., Aug. 20-22—Detroit Chapter, JACL, sponsors a weekend trip to the annual Ginja Holiday at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, Chicago. Trip includes lodging in downtown Chicago.

Examinations set for atomic bomb survivors

A team of doctors from Japan is scheduled to come to America to examine survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Dr. Teruaki Fukuhara, president of the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association recently announced that Dr. Chikako Ito and a team of doctors and assistants will examine survivors in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Hawaii.

There are an estimated 100 atomic bomb survivors (*hibakusha*) living in the United States and Western Canada. The examinations have been held every other year, with five Hiroshima and two Nagasaki survivors invited for treatment annually in Japan.

The dates for the medical examination are:

• **Los Angeles:** June 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23—Japanese Community Health Inc., 420 E. 3rd St., Room 607, L.A. Information: Keichu Teranishi, 714/594-4255.

• **San Francisco:** June 26 and 27—UCSF Ambulatory Care Center, 400 Parnassus St., S.F. Information: Seiko Chiyo, 415/346-1657.

• **Seattle:** July 3 and 4—Pacific Medical Center, 1200 12th St., Seattle. Information: Ken Nakano, 206/622-2701.

• **Hawaii:** July 7—Dr. Moser's office, 1883 Mill St., Wailuku, Honolulu; July 9, 10, and 11—Kuakini Geriatric Care Inc., 347 Kuakini St., Honolulu. Information: Izumi Hirano, 808/422-1489.

and transportation. Cost: \$100, members; \$110 non-members. Information: Toshi Shimoura, 313/356-3089.

Washington Auburn

Saturday, July 24—White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival, temple's front parking lot, 3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn, 5 p.m. Free. Food, dance, fresh produce and ikabana and bonsai displays. Dance practice: from early July, 7:30 p.m. Information: June Nakano, 206/633-1442.

Seattle

Sunday, July 25—Seattle Chapter JACL and 1000 Club annual golf tournament, Jefferson Golf Course, 1:30 p.m. Tee-off times limited to first 40 golfers to sign up. Entry fee: \$25, including dinner at South China Restaurant. Dinner only: \$15. Information: Kiyo Sakahara, 206/526-5009 or Mas Kinoshita, 206/721-0717.

Arizona Tempe

Friday, June 18—Asian American studies public forum, Arizona State University, Memorial Union, Mohave, Rm. 122, 1 p.m. Keynote speaker: Prof. Elaine Kim, AA studies, UC Berkeley. Free. Information: Prof. Joykpa Chaudhuri, 602/965-9321; or Jo Rita DeFrancesco, 602/965-7184.

California San Francisco area

Sunday, June 27—Berkeley, Contra Costa, and Diablo Valley JACL Chapters are sponsoring a tri-chapter family

picnic, Pleasant Hill Community Park, Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, 10 a.m. Softball, volleyball and games. Cost: \$8, adults; \$4, children. Information: Steve Enco, Diablo Valley, 510/276-1424; Scott Yokoi, Berkeley, 510/685-4225; or Jim Oshima, Contra Costa, 510/237-0323.

Sunday, July 11—Nikkei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2 p.m. New members, men and women, welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0266 or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.

Saturday, July 17—Lake Park United Methodist Church presents, "Summer Serenade," a benefit dance, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Ln., 8 p.m. Cost: \$12.50. Information: George Oyama, 510/525-5784 or Leo Saso, 510/893-7092.

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.

Los Angeles area

Thursday, June 17—Japan America Society presents, "U.S.-Japan relations and the new administration," Mitsubishi Motors Credit of America, 6363 Katella Ave., Cypress, Orange County, 5:30 p.m. Free. Information: 714/850-4335.

Saturday, June 19—Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, JACL, hosts its annual scholarship and fundraising dinner, Ken Nakakita Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$12. In advance; \$14, at door. Information: Bea Fujimoto, 213/935-8648 or Naomi Sessano, 818/576-8434.

PC announces summer schedule

Pacific Citizen will begin its summer schedule in July and August. Issues will appear July 9-16, July 23-30, and Aug. 6-13. We will resume a weekly schedule Aug. 20. Editorial deadlines and advertising deadlines, as always, Friday, one week prior to publication.

MIS 50th anniversary

Schedule of events

Event will be held at the Pagoda Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 7-12. Information: Hakobu Kumagai, 808/536-4339.

Wednesday, July 7

12 noon-5 p.m.—Registration, Pagoda Hotel lobby
12 noon-10 p.m.—Hospitality Room, Pagoda Hotel penthouse

Thursday, July 8

7:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—City Tour, sites include Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Punchbowl, Chinatown, Downtown Honolulu, Nuuanu Pali, Hanalei Bay, Blow Hole, Hawaii Kai and Kahala areas.
8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Registration Desk, Pagoda Hotel lobby
8 a.m.-10 p.m.—Hospitality Room, Pagoda Hotel penthouse
10 a.m.—Golf Tournament, Ala Wai Golf Course
6 p.m.—Aloha Banquet, International Ballroom, Pagoda Hotel

Friday, July 9

7 a.m.—Golf Tournament, Navy Marine Golf Course, Moanalua
8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Registration Desk, Pagoda Hotel lobby
8 a.m.-10 p.m.—Hospitality Room, Pagoda Hotel penthouse
8 a.m.-3 p.m.—Circle Island Tour, sites include Kualoa Ranch, the Botanical Garden and Aquaculture Farm, Matsumoto's in Haleiwa, and time permitting, Kukui Nut Factory in Waiolua.
6 p.m.-9 p.m.—Natsunoya Tea House

Saturday, July 10

10 a.m.—Memorial Service, National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl
12 noon-10 p.m.—Hospitality Room, Pagoda Hotel penthouse
2 p.m.-5 p.m.—Registration Desk, Pagoda Hotel lobby
6 p.m.—Reunion Banquet, C'est Si Bon Banquet Hall, 2nd floor, Pagoda Hotel. The reunion concludes at the end of this event.

Small kid time.

Gwen Muranaka



Spokane bi-district conference

Grassroot voices: What would you look for in new national director?

With the appointment of Dennis Hayashi to a position in government and a vacancy in the position of JACL national director, *Pacific Citizen* asked a number of participants at the June 5-6 IDC-PAW bi-district meeting this question: "As JACL begins its search for a new national director, what qualities and/or directions should we be looking for?"

Arlene Oki
Seattle Chapter
Administrator, City of Seattle,
Housing Human Services

I would want a national director who would represent the perspective of the local chapters. Someone who would be able to capture the perspectives of local JACL



activists and package it nationally. Local chapters are hoping to participate in a stronger way in the formation of national JACL policy and program development.

He or she should also have a broad variety of skills to fulfill our mission and should care about our community and be willing to give back to the community to make it strong.

June Arima Schumann
President, Portland Chapter
Social worker

I think you want to look for someone who has people skills to work with a wide variety of people

within JACL as well as outreach to other groups. Should have real strong political skills to help JACL become a viable force in the American scene and needs to have good management skills to direct the staff of the organization.

There has to be commitment and dedication to the mission of JACL and attention to the membership-base of the organization.

Doug Heyamoto
President, Spokane Chapter
Architect

I don't think the next national director necessarily has to be a man. He or she should have experience with people and the JACL ranks. The next national director should be hard-working and dedicated to the ideals of JACL, namely the further development of Asian American heritage and civil rights.



Denny Yasuhara
Board member, Spokane Chapter
Retired schoolteacher

Probably should have experience dealing with different groups and broad sensitivities in terms of dealing with a diverse organization, because that's what JACL is. The other thing is, be attuned to the grassroots. We really need to have a guy who is prepared to delegate authority to the staff,

giving regional directors greater respect and authority. If you don't have a good associate director, then he's going to have to have good administrative ability. If you don't have good relations between the national director and associate director, then you'll have problems.

Kelly Wicker
Secretary, Olympia Chapter
College student

It should be someone who intends to do good for Japanese Americans as well as other ethnic Americans. Also, the next national director should be someone who is a good speaker and can speak effectively on behalf of Japanese American opinions and viewpoints.

Larry Grant
President, Salt Lake Chapter
Computer security,
Internal Revenue Service

It should be someone like Karen Suzuki-Okabe (director, Department of Human Resource Management, State of Utah). She originally was appointed by a Republican governor, and then reappointed by a Democrat. She is a very good administrator and has excellent management skills.

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Thursday, August 19

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Lunch.....On your own
2-hour Historic City Tour.....1:30 p.m.
Registration.....3 p.m.
Dinner.....On your own
Hospitality.....7 p.m.

Friday, August 20

Aerobics.....	.....6:00 a.m.
Registration.....	.....8:30 a.m.
Opening Session (Speaker: Lillian Kimura, National JACL President).....	.....9:00 a.m.
Concurrent Workshops (Membership Development; Training New Leaders; School Curriculums/Internment).....	.....10:45 a.m.
Luncheon.....	.....12:30 p.m.
Separate Council meetings.....	.....2:30 p.m.
2 hour Historic City Tour.....	.....2:30 p.m.
Dinner.....	.....On your own
Midwest Bash.....	.....7 p.m.

Saturday, August 21

Aerobics.....	.....6 a.m.
Registration.....	.....8:30 a.m.
Separate Council meetings.....	.....9 a.m.
Rain Forest and Zoo.....	.....9:30 a.m.
Lunch.....	.....On your own
Concurrent workshops (Retirees, Young Adults, Women in the Workplace).....	.....1:30 p.m.
Chicago Taiko performance.....	.....3:30 p.m.
Oratorical contest.....	.....4:30 p.m.
Banquet (Speaker: Irene Natividad, Natividad & Associates).....	.....7 p.m.

Panoramic photo collages of internment camps by Masumi Hayashi, art professor, Cleveland State University, will be on exhibit

Sunday, August 22

Closing Session (Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative).....	.....9 a.m.
Chicago Taiko public performance (Harkness Chapel, Case Western Reserve University).....	.....2 p.m.

WORKSHOP LINEUP

FRIDAY

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: The workshop will focus how to increase and retain membership. Team methods will be explored.

Leader: Alan Nishi, loan officer, Union Bank of California, and national JACL vice president/membership services. **Co-Leader:** To be assigned. **Moderator:** Alan Hida, former director, Japan America Society of Wisconsin, and governor, Midwest District Council, JACL.

TRAINING NEW LEADERS: The workshop will provide opportunities to build skills and knowledge in leadership, especially for emerging younger generations.

Leader: Lillian Kimura, national JACL president, and associate director of the YWCA of USA (retired). **Moderator:** Patricia Ikeda Carper, director, community relations and home office operations, Federated Department Stores, and president, Cincinnati Chapter, JACL.

SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS: The workshop will focus on implementation of a teacher's resource guide about WWJl experiences of Japanese Americans into local school curricula.

Leaders: Teresa Maebori, teacher, Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, and governor, Eastern District Council, JACL; Sharon Ishii Jordan, Ph.D., professor of special education, University of Nebraska, and governor, Mountain Plains District Council, JACL. **Moderator:** John Fuyumae, vice president, Gotsa-Larson Shipping Corporation of Bermuda (retired), and director, Seabrook Education and Cultural Center, New Jersey.

SATURDAY

ASIAN AMERICAN RETIREES: This workshop will focus on cultural values which impact on housing, socialization, intergenerational and health issues and concerns.

Leaders: Barbara Iwanaga King, Ph.D., professor of social work, Case Western Reserve University; retirees of CARP (Cleveland Association of Retired Persons). **Moderator:** Shig Okada, executive director, Cleveland Golden Age Centers (retired).

YOUNG ADULTS: The workshop will address such issues as drug abuse, discrimination in education, glass ceiling, and search for ethnic identity.

Leaders: Sharon Ishii Jordan, Ph.D., professor of special education, University of Nebraska, and governor, Mountain Plains District Council, JACL; Emily Durham, student, College of Wooster, and youth representative, Midwest District Council, JACL. **Moderator:** Russell Matsunami, firefighter, city of Omaha; president, Omaha Chapter, JACL; vice governor, Mountain Plains District Council, JACL.

WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE: The workshop will address the trend toward diversity and a multicultural workforce as well as stereotyping of Asian women.

Leader: Karen Suzuki Okabe, director, Department of Human Resource Management, State of Utah. **Moderator:** Joy Yamasaki, Community Relations Coordinator, WTTW-Chicago, and vice governor, Midwest District Council, JACL.

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Redress report

Latest information on cases, appeals and education fund presented

By CHERRY KINOSHITA
PNWD redress chairwoman

Here are the latest redress statistics as reported by Paul Suddes, Office of Redress Administration (ORA) administrator:

A total of 4,082 letters of potential eligibility have been mailed out for the fourth and final fiscal year 1994 disbursement of redress payments for those born after Dec. 31, 1943. Of this total 3,807 have received confirmation of eligibility and are in a ready-to-be-paid status, while 275 cases remain outstanding.

By October of this year, approximately 4,500 additional cases are anticipated by Suddes to be added to the present total of 75,000 recipients, bringing the grand total to approximately 79,500.

No-response individuals

From a list of 46 names received from the ORA, the PNWD Redress Chair located and reported on 30 names to the ORA in March. Similar efforts by JACL volunteers across the nation were successful in reducing a total of approximately 1,000 no-response cases to the present 275. A current list of 19 individuals in Washington state who have still not responded or are unable to be located include the following names: Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of any of these persons is requested to contact the PNWD Redress Chair as soon as possible: Cherry Kinoshita: (206) 721-0717

Seattle: Carol F. Anderson, John Barlow, Iro G. Hamamoto, Tokio Tamura, Juro J. Okamoto, George Hiroshi Shinko.
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Des Moines: Irumi Burg, Kurtis Nobu Kurita.
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Appeal cases

Currently a total of 2,150 cases have been determined as ineligible by the ORA and are under appeal in the following categories:

664 Cases: Born after parents were evacuated or born after parents left camp on a permanent basis.

339: Hawaii — dealing with evacuations in three areas where all persons (not only of Japanese ancestry) were subject to evacuation order.

307: No permanent residency status — not U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens retroactive to internment period.

190: Voluntary evacuees who left residences on West Coast prior to Public Proclamation No. 1, 3/2/42, or who did not leave as a result of federal government action.

171: Repatriates (relocated) to Japan during the war.

125: Losses/Liberty — JA's outside prohibited zone who had personal property seized from them (Trading with Enemy Act); who claimed businesses suffered losses as result of anti-Japanese hysteria; who claimed parent was fired from mining companies as result of federal government action; a few claimants from Japanese citizens who were U.S. prisoners of war; claims of inability to travel into prohibited areas, etc.

86: Railroad Workers — fired from employment.

65: Military — who were in the military but not eligible under the Civil Liberties Act; who did not claim a loss of property or inability to visit interned family; who lived outside the prohibited zone;

or claim deprivation of liberty such as transfer to another base, or separation from service, etc.

70: In Japan prior to outbreak of war and remained in Japan throughout war.

48: Race — claims from Filipinos who were prisoners of war of the Japanese, claims from Italian, Germans, Aleutians, or Caucasians who suffered a loss during the war, etc.

39: Curfew/Travel — claims by JAs that they were subject to curfew and travel restrictions pursuant to Trading with Enemy Act.

33: Children born in camp to Voluntary Entry Mothers — who "voluntarily" entered or reentered camp from non-prohibited area.

(JACL and other organizations have strongly protested this interpretation by the ORA and because of the many protests, this denial of eligibility is being reviewed by Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.)

12: Ineligible heirs who do not meet statutory criteria of heir as defined in the Act.

1: Died before Aug. 10, 1988.

Claims in court

Four lawsuits have been filed for redress claims: (1) 14 minor children who accompanied parents to Japan during war; (2) a woman who had returned to Japan; (3) a person who was born in Utah after parents' evacuation; (4) a person who was conceived after parents' move to Ohio.

Education fund

The budget presentation for the allocation of \$5 million for the Civil Liberties Education Fund in the President's budget was submitted by ORA. During hearings held before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Com-

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PC board outlines financial, administrative, editorial goals

Staff report

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen board of directors and staff met May 22 to discuss a number of issues and directions affecting the operation as well as the newspaper itself.

Among the key items discussed were financial and administrative concerns and editorial guidelines. Here are highlights:

● In financial concerns, board members moved and approved a request to headquarters to approve a revolving account in which Pacific Citizen could receive its allocation from membership dues in a more timely fashion. This more direct means of receiving funds would help with the newspaper's constant cash flow problems over the past few years.

● To serve on a finance committee to assist PC will be Paul Shinkawa, PC board chair, and Ron Shibata, board member, and Richard Suenaga, editor/general manager.

● In administration, the board rejected the national headquarters' personnel manual as inapplicable to PC and contrary to national bylaws. The board then approved a motion to draft a separate PC personnel manual since its operation and staff are different from those at national headquarters. Shinkawa, board member Peggy Liggett of the Central California District Council, and Suenaga will form a committee to prepare the manual, in consultation with Karen Suzuki Okabe, a human resources expert, and Alan Kato, JACL national counsel.

● To receive records of membership lists in a more timely fashion, the board recommended that PC acquire the ability to directly access the national staff's computer in San Francisco. This would apprise the PC staff of current members and allocations.

● In budget matters, the board directed the PC staff to submit a cost revision of the 1993 budget to a part-time clerical staff person, and for additional travel budget funds to cover more organization meetings and conferences.

In response to the need for a permanent clerical staff support person, the board directed the PC staff to propose a revision of the 1994 budget to allow for this addition.

● In editorial matters, a PC editorial board was formed to establish guidelines and to assist and advise the staff on the writing of opinion articles affecting JACL and the Japanese American community.

The board would be comprised of Shinkawa, board members Cathy Yasuda of the Intermountain District and Lee Hata of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council, and Suenaga. PC board members would rotate and serve on a yearly basis.

Other editorial concerns include:

—Inference to the recent PC story on gays in the military, it was agreed that staff should present opposing views within the same article, and not in a later

publication. The need and role for PC to address controversial issues, however, was reaffirmed.

—Board members and staff also discussed the need to carefully monitor PC cartoons that may carry messages contrary to the organization's civil rights position. Suenaga said that he and the staff will review cartoons carefully with this in mind.

—Presenting a greater variety and diversity of opinion in PC's columns was another topic of discussion. Board members encouraged the staff to seek and include more columnists, either on a regular or one-time basis.

Suenaga said that Gwen Murnahan, assistant editor, has made a strong and consistent effort to contact new writers for the newspaper, with only moderate success. Efforts will continue.

—The PC staff presented its proposal for a magazine supplement that would be funded separate and apart from the membership dues through grants from major corporations and subsequent advertising.

The magazine's concept, as conceived by Cresson Nickagawa, immediate past JACL president, would present in-depth articles focusing on the Japanese American community and beyond, written by staff and by recognized writers and experts in a variety of fields.

One of the articles for the proposed publication is a revealing look at the Japanese American

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Snapshots

Spokane bi-district conference

JACL members from the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest District Councils met June 5-6, for their joint get-together.

Photos: GWEN MURANAKA

ABOVE, RIGHT—From left, top row, Marc Takeshita, Ted Takeshita, Cheryl Vaughn and Rev. Samuel Vaughn. Bottom row, Yumiko Takeshita, Sumi Okamoto and Rose Takeshita. **AT RIGHT—**From left, George Minata, Sumio Matsumoto, Aiko Minata, Sue Ehama and George Ehama.



Kelly Wicker, and Roger Shimizu were among attendees.



HISAMI YOSHIDA, above, chairs meeting, as does Randy Harano, below.



ABOVE—From left, Hero Shiosaki, Chickie Hayashida, Seichi Hayashida, Saige Aramaki and Hid Hasegawa. **AT LEFT—**Spokane Chapter President Doug Heyamoto addressing June 5 banquet.



IDC—From left, Chickie and Seichi Hayashida, Margaret and Hid Hasegawa, Floyd Mori, Jeff Itami, Larry Grant, Linda Itami, Janet Grant, Saige Aramaki, Randy Harano, Alice Kasai and Robie Harano.



PNW—From left, Ken Nakano, Bob Sato, Robert Mizukami, Hisami Yoshida, Terence Yamada, June Arima Schumann, Kelly Wicker, Doug Heyamoto, Lillian Kimura, Karen Yoshitomi, Denny Yasuhara and Roger Shimizu.

Kimura briefs members on JACL activities

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

SPOKANE, Wash.—The JACL personnel committee has begun the search for a new national director succeeding Dennis Hayashi, Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, told attendees of the June 5 Intermountain-Pacific Northwest conference held here.

"Our major concern is to find a new national director," said Kimura. "Dennis Hayashi has only been here for a year-and-a-half, but he has really raised the visibility of JACL," praising the outgoing national director who received an appointment in the Clinton administration.

"The personnel committee met by phone. We reviewed the job description and qualifications. We want you to help us find the most qualified person to help JACL face the challenges



LILLIAN KIMURA
Updating JACL activities

of the 21st century," said Kimura.

Speaking before an audience of approximately 65, Kimura updated the joint meeting of national JACL activity, both internal and external. Some of the issues Kimura covered include:

• Lani Guinier—While Guinier's nomination to become

the assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights was withdrawn, the JACL president said the organization feels she should have had a chance to a Senate hearing. "We thought she had a right to a hearing and JACL said so before Clinton withdrew her name."

• Justice for Wards Cove Act—Kimura told the districts that Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) is one of the co-sponsors on the Senate version of the act. Calling the conditions at the Wards Cove Packing Co. an "unbearable situation" for the Asian Pacific and native Alaskan workers who filed a discriminatory action suit, the president asked for local support. "We're counting on people in the Pacific Northwest to help us," said Kimura. "Hisami Yoshida (PNW

The environment

Are you preventing waste?

As the summer season nears, memories of the 1992 JACL National Convention return. It seems to be a perfect time to reinforce the resolution that was passed regarding the need to become more environmentally conscious—of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

By
**JOY
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- If I used rechargeable batteries, how many disposables would I save from the landfill in one year's time?
- How many different ways can I reuse grocery sacks and plastic bags? Why not bring a durable bag to the store?
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per clips and rubberbands when I discard papers?

- Before discarding an item, do I ask if someone else can use it?

Recycling

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St. Germain, a former president of the Seattle Chapter, JACL, is manager of the Washington State Department of Ecology.

ALC gets grant for immigration education

The Asian Law Caucus (ALC) of San Francisco was awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Hiring Practices (OSCI) to conduct educational outreach on immigration related employment discrimination to the Asian Pacific community in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Focusing on the discrimination resulting from the enactment of Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, the aim of ALC's educational outreach project is to provide the diverse Asian Pacific communities with a better understanding of IRCA law. To accomplish these established goals, the ALC will be conducting presentations to inform potential victims of IRCA-related discrimination of their rights under the provisions of IRCA law. In addition, the ALC will also be conducting presentations to employers to help them better understand IRCA law, and to help them keep in compliance with the law.

In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act in an attempt to stem the flow of illegal immigration into the United States. The employer sanctions provisions of the law

mandated that all employers had to verify the employment eligibility of workers, and that any employer found guilty of hiring unauthorized workers would be subject to criminal and civil penalties.

According to the ALC, some employers have overreacted to the IRCA law, and rather than face possible penalties they play it safe by refusing to hire persons who look or sound "foreign." A 1990 government report stated that an estimated 526,000 employers began or increased unfair employment practices after IRCA was enacted. Moreover, the report estimated that Asians and Latinos were the ones most affected by the discriminatory practices.

In a survey of San Francisco businesses conducted by the Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Services, about 50% of the employers interviewed said that the IRCA sanctions made it riskier for them to hire people who spoke limited English. 40% of those employers interviewed also stated that the IRCA law made it riskier for them to hire Latinos, while 39% of them said that the IRCA law made it riskier for them to hire Asians.

The recent controversy surrounding attorney general nomi-

nee Zoe Baird's hiring of undocumented workers has fueled the misunderstanding of the IRCA law. Subsequently, this increased misunderstanding has caused and will cause employers to further discriminate against "risky" job applicants, i.e. "foreign" looking or sounding individuals.

In 1990, Congress enacted the anti-discrimination provisions of the IRCA law in order to outlaw employment discrimination based on national origin, citizenship and document abuse.

The OSC has stated that it will actively enforce the anti-discrimination provisions of the IRCA law and that it will actively investigate any employer charged with IRCA-related discrimination. Employers found guilty of committing unfair hiring practices will be subject to fines and disciplinary action.

The Asian Law Caucus, Inc. is a non-profit, community-based law organization that provides direct legal services and community education to the low income, limited English-speaking Asian Pacific American communities in the Bay Area. Established in 1972, the organization provides legal services and advocates on matters involving civil rights, immigrant rights, employment/labor law, housing, hate violence, and voting rights.

KIMURA

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governor) noted that that Alaska is part of your district although there is no chapter there."

● **Rising Sun**—The JACL national president raised organizational concerns about the upcoming movie starring Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes. "In the book, the author (Michael Crichton) makes no distinction between Japanese companies and the Japanese people," noted Kimura. "It portrays Japanese people as inscrutable and untrustworthy."

Kimura said that JACL has particular concerns over the casting of Snipes, an African Ameri-

can, as one of the leads. Saying that in the book the character was originally white, Kimura said, "His character becomes a target of Japanese attempts to silence him. We feel this could increase tensions between African Americans and Asian Americans." The president said JACL is reserving judgment on the movie until after its release. "They (20th Century Fox) haven't allowed anyone to view the film. We'll just have to wait and see as it begins to be distributed in theaters."

● **Membership**—Kimura said JACL membership has increased to 25,000 from 24,000. "I hope we continue to grow. I see more young people active in JACL and I'm heartened by that." The na-

tional president also reported that contributions to the Legacy Fund are a little slow at the moment, but new strategies are being devised to target corporate grants, and this year \$12,000 in grants will be distributed to chapters.

In other internal matters, she said that a new membership brochure is available at national headquarters and a proposed annual budget is behind schedule, pending the completion of the financial audit of the organization. She also said the 1992 national convention minutes are also behind schedule.

"I've been pushing to get the minutes out so we know what we voted on. I hope they're out by summer's end."

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

In flight, service is the difference

In not distant times I have flown from the West Coast to Japan on three different airlines. Two were American, one Japanese.

The insignia on the equipment, the color schemes and the personnel were different, but the aircraft were the product of the same manufacturer, Boeing. In fact, with one notable exception which will be addressed later, and despite widely advertised claims to the contrary, there was a stifling uniformity among the three airlines.

For example, the food dished up to a captive clientele was uniformly indifferent—except perhaps in the hallowed precincts of first class, about which I must confess ignorance. The movie entertainment was produced in Hollywood, which says it all. The seats in the coach sections seemed to have been designed for midjets.

Before proceeding further, let me say a few words about the aircraft, Boeing 747s. What marvelously willing beasts of burden they are. They fly unerringly across 5,000 miles of trackless ocean at nearly three-

quarters the speed of sound, and deliver hundreds of travelers at once to Narita or Nagoya or Osaka. Two hours later, the time it takes to take aboard new supplies of fuel and provisions, they are airborne once again to race tirelessly to other distant destinations—Beijing, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Australia or back to the States—while their erstwhile passengers, being mortal, stagger off to bed to sleep off jetlag.

But let me get back to the exception, mentioned above, which distinguished one airline above the others.

That would be service. Attentiveness. Caring service, provided graciously not only because it's good business or because it was the customer's due, but because the passenger is a guest deserving of the best the host has to offer.

Undoubtedly, all airline cabin crews are trained to be attentive, cheerful, pleasant, solicitous, sensitive to the wishes of passengers beyond serving up a round of beverages and a tray of food. But what is produced by the training is not the same,

and the difference becomes apparent in the course of a very boring, weary 10- or 12-hour sentence served inside a cramped aluminum prison.

I will not court disapproval by identifying the airlines involved except to say that perhaps cultural traditions, which are not always politically correct in these times, may be exerting an influence on what happens high above ground in the jet age.

To put it another way, let us ponder the possibility that the Japanese, who have been so successful in improving on and marketing Western technology such as the automobile, the transistor and semi-conductors, are doing the same with something as low tech as airline cabin service.

You might want to think about that sometime when you are serving time encased in a crowded aluminum cell hurtling through the skies. ☹

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

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Needed, and still needs help to fight racism in Texas

I corresponded with (JACL national director) Dennis Hayashi requesting involvement of the national JACL to help bring about the name changes. Dennis wrote back on Sept. 28 and replied that he would contact me to discuss what he thought would be the best strategy to use, but I did not receive any response until after publication of the Nov. 25 issue of the *Hokubei Mainichi*. That issue contained an article describing my effort to get the names of Jap Lane and Jap Road changed and the fact that I had not gotten any response, up to then, from the JACL. I believe that a letter from Dennis to Mark Domingue, the Jefferson County (Texas) commissioner, in the early stages of this effort would have helped tremendously in moving the issue forward. Domingue and other members of the local power establishment continue to be of the persuasion that I am the only one who believes that these changes are necessary, and a letter from Dennis early on would have quickly corrected this misperception.

The Dec. 4-11, 1992 PC article refers to a long term program, initiated by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, to educate the Beaumont area residents about the derogatory nature of the term "Jap." To my knowledge, this program has yet to be initiated. Mr. Domingue is obligated, I believe, to advise us all as to the board's plans to educate the local citizenry. The only educating that's been done to date has been through my letters to the Beaumont *Enterprise*.

It goes without saying that I am grateful to Dennis Hayashi, as I know that all Americans of Japanese ancestry are, for all that he has done to advance our collective welfare by his tireless fight against racism, on all fronts. I wrote a letter to Dennis recently, offering an apology for any comment in the *Hokubei Mainichi* article which might have offended him. The *Hokubei Mainichi* did, however, contact Dennis, before publishing their Nov. 25 article, for his thoughts.

It would be nice if we remembered that we all share a common interest at heart. The underlying issue in all of this is that the use of a racially derogatory term in any manner, whether through ignorance or by intent, is morally wrong. I realize that getting the names of Jap Road and Jap Lane changed will be a long, slow process, requiring the reeducation of the citizens here.

I have come "under fire" and life has not been pleasant since I took my stand, but I accept the consequences of my action. At least when my time comes, I will have a clear conscience, knowing that I did my best to do the right thing in honor of our courageous Issei and Nisei and for the Nikkei generations still to come. For these reasons, I could not follow the others and remain silent, ignoring the existence of Jap Road and Jap Lane.

Consider yourself fortunate to be living in California where an extensive Nikkei support network is available. There is strength in numbers. The situation is entirely different here in Southeast Texas.

Sandra Tanamachi
Nakata

Beaumont, Texas

Louisiana verdict shows need for JACL

I would like to commend the JACL for asking the Justice Department to investigate whether the federal civil rights law was violated in the death of Yoshitomi Hattori and the subsequent not-guilty verdict.

Several years ago, when I spoke to the national convention of the JACL, there was a good deal of controversy about whether



Voices

JONATHAN KAJI

Clinton's unfulfilled promise

As we bring a close to Asian Pacific American Heritage month it's hard to believe that almost seven months have passed since the presidential election. Seven months. Whatever happened to all those campaign promises? Well, folks, it's time to pull out your score cards as we rate the Clinton-White House performance of "Carter Revisited," or "Wanted—APA Appointees."

All Asian Americans congratulate Mr. Dennis Hayashi for his recent appointment as director of civil rights in the Health and Human Services Department. However, there is a growing frustration within the Asian Pacific American community, particularly with our Democratic counterparts about the Clinton Administration's apparent failure to keep its core campaign promise to the community—to appoint qualified Asian Americans to key roles in Washington. It's a good time to remember those campaign promises and the great expectations they generated.

In an open letter to Asian American Democrats dated July 13, 1992, candidate Bill Clinton stated, "Upon our victory in November, I will make appointments of

Asian Pacific Americans in my administration."

To further highlight that promise, the Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee of the Democratic National Committee, adopted as their 1992 Democratic platform the following, "In order for Asian Pacific Americans to participate in and benefit from the democratic process, efforts must be made to involve the group in policy formation and administration... To garner the full political strength of the Asian Pacific American community the Democratic Party should: Appoint Asian Pacific Americans to the executive and judicial branches, and to other high government and party positions..."

Mr. Ben Q. Limb, Chair of the DNC's Asian Pacific American Advisory Council, went still further. In a Chairman's Message dated July, 1992, Mr. Limb wrote.... "there gradually emerged a vision of future America waving its true colors as the land of opportunity for all people; a nation where increasing number of Asian Pacific Americans sharing the power and responsibility in the legislative halls of Capitol Hill would be too numerous to count with

our 10 fingers; where a qualified Asian American would be appointed as a cabinet member by the White House for the first time in history; where the disparity in the number of Asian Americans in the judiciary would become a thing of the past... We now hold this vision close to our hearts and we will continue to work until it is transformed into a realistic expectation..."

Melinda C. Yee, who at the time served as director of constituencies for the Democratic National Committee, penned an article for the convention entitled "Building National Political Power for Asian Pacific Americans." She made some rather interesting comments which we will quote for our reader's edification.

"...It is also important that both political players and community activists are actively engaged in the political appointments process... to push for appointments of Asian Pacific Americans to top positions at the local, state, and national levels. At the national level, it is important to target top-level positions, such as cabinet-level posi-

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Crossroads

BY KOJI UESUGI

A racist movie message?

I don't think that most people would argue that going to the movies is one of their more favorable things to do. Although ticket prices are not what they used to be, (\$4 to \$5 for an evening show), many of us still flock to the box offices, willing to wait in line and pay the current \$7, to see the latest blockbuster hit. Well, as the summer season looms just around the corner, the film industry is getting itself into high gear to appease the appetites of all movie-goers. This summer's movie menu features everything from Schwarzenegger and Stallone to the new *Super Mario Bros.* film "coming soon to a theater near you." There will also be another film in particular which will undoubtedly receive a great amount of hype because it stars two of Hollywood's biggest names. If you haven't heard by now, Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes have contrib-

uted their names and talents to the controversial film, *Rising Sun*. This film, based on the phenomenally successful novel by Michael Crichton, has been on the minds of many concerned Asian Americans for the past year because of the negative backlash that may result from this movie.

My own concern with the media, and its usual portrayal of Asian Americans based on negative stereotypes, prompted me to keep a close eye on this particular film. What concerns me most about films such as *Rising Sun* is that many people may actually buy into the negative messages given off by the film. No, I have not yet seen the film, (I believe it is slated for a July release), but having read the novel and having spoken with various people who share similar concerns with the release of the film, has given me a good idea as to how the

film has the potential to hurt the Asian American community. I have heard proponents for *Rising Sun* arguing that it is not a Japan-bashing novel, and that the novel is more of a "slap in the face" to the United States if anything, because it criticizes the U.S. government and its business for "allowing" Japan to become such a world economic power. However, what these people fail to realize and address, is that many people may buy into the blatant derogatory languages and the very negative undertones that are aimed at the Japanese throughout the course of the novel. The feelings by the characters, the language they use, and the whole atmosphere of paranoia about Japan taking over the U.S. is highly visible and easily stands out as a major focal point of *Rising Sun*. There are many instances in the novel where Japa-

nese people are referred as "enemies," or "f--- Japs" or "sneaky and cowardly." This kind of language is not only very derogatory, but also clearly delineates the line between "us" (Americans) and "them" (Japanese). Add to this, the highly visual aspect that films bring forth, and together, you've got one very powerful film which can add to the already existing anti-Asian climate in our society.

Unfortunately, the Asian American community may undoubtedly be forced to bear the potential backlash from *Rising Sun*. Because of our country's continuing economic woes and the constant scape-goating

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Uesugi is a student at the University of California, Davis.



Voices

BY KIP TOKUDA

In the grip of violence

I have addressed issues that I have thought relevant to our community in hope that it would initiate organizational action. I recently attended a press conference organized by Seattle City Council member Martha Choe in response to the tragic shooting death of an African American child, Loretta Coston, by an Asian American youth. The shooting was senseless and frightening. Asian and African American leaders expressed their collective concerns and discussed possible solutions, from gun control to gang prevention. I applaud City Council members Martha

Choe and Cheryl Chow for their committed efforts. I also applaud the work of others who are valiantly attempting to get a grasp on the pervasive problem of violence in our society. According to experts, there are growing numbers of Asian and Pacific Americans committing violent crimes, in battered women shelters, and an increasing rate of reported child abuse. I have spoken to professionals in the field who express frustration with the lack of data to support these observations. I have contacted agencies such as King County Rape Relief, Children's Protective Services (CPS),

the Seattle Police Department, and Juvenile Court. All agree that for various reasons—whether community pressure, fear, or cultural factors—Asians are reluctant to acknowledge and report violence that occurs in our homes, schools, and community.

I feel that this violence touches us all in very personal ways. In a recent report published by the Leadership, Education for Asian Americans Public Policy Institute and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, projections indicate a growth in Asian Pacific population in the U.S. from 7.3 million to 20 million between 1990 and

2020. We face critical and profound needs in the areas of health care education, workforce training, cultural relevance, trade and economy, and political influence. Violence is also, in part, a product of growth. I challenge each of us to become involved in this issue, so we can begin a dialogue and be a partner in the solution to violence. ☐

Kip Tokuda, president of the Seattle Chapter, JACL, is executive director of the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.



DC notes

BY KAREN NARASAKI

Renewal and rededication

This year's memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery had a special poignancy. It was organized by Turner Kobayashi, the son of Key Kobayashi who passed away last year. Key had organized the event for over 20 years. Many eyes were wet with tears as Turner described the importance of this annual tradition to his father. D.C. Chapter President John Nakahata recounted how at Key's funeral, Turner had volunteered to carry on his father's work in organizing the annual service.

Toh Hoshide read the JACL creed after the invocation. I have heard and read the creed many times. Somehow, hearing it

read at Arlington surrounded by those who had given their lives to build a greater America, was especially moving. As we sat under the bright sun, with the breeze gently blowing, I looked around at the intent faces of the Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei who had gathered together, and felt as if many were silently rededicating themselves to fulfill that creed as Key had done in his lifetime.

The creed also took on new meaning as I considered the courage and dedication of Bruce Yamashita who continues to pursue justice in his case against the Marine Corps. Bruce was also at the memorial service. He had come to thank the many members of

the D.C. chapter who have supported him in his fight for redress from the racial harassment he faced in the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. JACL has been introducing Bruce to members of Congress and to minority and civil rights organizations to build support for his case.

Bruce had the opportunity to accept a recent offer of a Reserve Commission by the Marine Corps. After almost four years of fighting and of being in the uncomfortable role of "victim," it would have been easy for Bruce to accept and claim victory. He did not. He has gotten many calls from other victims of discrimination by the Marine Corps. He felt he could not accept this offer

since it would have done nothing to ensure that the Marine Corps would prevent such harassment from being repeated or that the Marine Corps would institute a better grievance process to ensure that victims of discrimination would be able to be made whole.

As I listened to the JACL creed, I was struck by its relevance to Bruce's efforts.

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Narasaki is the JACL Washington, D.C. representative.

Voices from Japan

BY IKUO HIRATA

Yes sir, we mean 'No!'

Many Japanese were offended by President Clinton's recent tip to Russia's Boris Yeltsin that he shouldn't always take "yes" for an answer from Tokyo. The advice may have been accurate, says journalist Ikuo Hirata of Nihon Keizai Shimbun, but why single out Japan? In hardball negotiations, people of all nationalities have a way of saying whatever's convenient at the time, he retorts. And it would only be counterproductive for members of the Group of Seven major industrialized nations to accuse each other of duplicity.

U.S. President Bill Clinton was absolutely right when he told Russian leader Boris Yeltsin that when Japanese say "yes" they sometimes mean "No."

But he apparently forgets the American talent for lip service.

Let's take a look at the U.S. record. In

1990, during bilateral talks on barriers to trade, the Bush administration promised Japan it would reduce the federal budget deficit. But it did next to nothing, and the United States sank deeper into the red.

When the negotiations began, some Japanese critics said Washington was interested only in creating a new lever to pry open Japanese markets and had no intention of grappling with its own structural problems. Now it seems their suspicions were justified.

Although the new president appears more serious about raising revenues and cutting expenditures, it remains to be seen if Congress will cooperate.

There's been a lot of talk about amending the U.S. law on product liability, an albatross around the necks of American manufacturers. But the idea has fallen by the wayside because of opposition from Con-

gress. Proposals for adopting the metric system, which would also help to make American goods more competitive in Japan, have been scuppered by some state governments.

Clinton says he is committed to multilateral negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. But even some American experts have criticized his administration for using anti-dumping levies too aggressively against Japan and other nations. In one case, the Department of Commerce imposed provisional tariffs on steel shipments from 19 countries it accused of unfairly subsidizing producers.

That's no way to pursue multilateral negotiations.

In another affront to the GATT, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor has said he's thinking of setting specific targets for certain categories of American exports

to Japan. The model would be the 20-percent share the United States insists its manufacturers should have in Japan's semiconductor market.

The new administration seems to have adopted Bush's old trick of propounding free trade while resorting to increasingly detailed management of international commerce to appease mounting protectionist sentiment at home. If there has been any change at all, it's only that Clinton is more brazen in his duplicity.

I wish he would tell us once and for all if he wants free trade or not.

And what about taxes? As a foreigner,

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Aoki, Barbara S., 70, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 25; Clearfield, Utah-born outdoorswoman, enjoyed skiing, bowling and golf. Mt. Olympus JACLer, survived by husband Huch, daughters Paula, Dawn, and Bruce, 2 gcs, sisters Amy Yamane, Kaye Aoki, brothers Hiroshi, Tabbar and Masao Otsuka.

Eguchi, Toshi, 69, Gardena, May 10; Kanagawa-born, survived by daughters Frances Tokimoto, Ellen Eguchi, 2 gcs.

Eneeki, Hiroshi, 60, Santa Fe Springs, April 10; Hiro-born, survived by wife L. Jeanne, daughters Robert Enoki-Hancock, Patricia, Carol Enoki-Miller, son Joseph, 2 gcs.

Fuji, Akemi, 42; Las Vegas, April 27; Chiba-born raised in restaurant owner, Nevada resident of 24 years, survived by her husband Hiroshi, son William, daughter Anne.

Fujii, George Hideo, 73, Gardena, May 9; Seattle-born, survived by wife Hatsuiko, brother Robert (Carpenter), Dr. Tom K. (Jpn), sister Thelma Suyama.

Fukunaga, Elsie Y., 80, Los Angeles, April 21; elevated by brother Tom Nakamoto, 5 sisters May Fukuiwa (Cincinnati), Millie Miura (Hawail), Susie Matsuo, Leona Inamasu, Gladys Inoue.

Hara, Teruhide Ted, 76, Gardena, May 4; Seattle-born, survived by daughter Julianne Nakamura, 1 g, sister Tokiko Hagihara (Jpn).

Harada, Yoshitaka A., 84, Los Angeles, April 17; Kaul-born WWII 232nd Engineer veteran, survived by wife Nancy Chiyoko, son Bob, daughter Christina Hara, 5 gcs, 6 great-gcs.

Hayashida, Morio, 68, Los Angeles, April 23; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Mitsue, daughters Miko, Suzuki, 6 gcs, 3 great-gcs, brother Harry.

Higashi, Yoshio, 66, Gardena, April 26; Hiro-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Edith, daughter Wynne Yonamine, sons Michael, Mitchell, 3

gc, brothers Rikio, Joseph, Itsumo (all Hawaii), sisters Toki Okamura (Hawaii), Eva Inouye, Doris Sukita (Hawaii), Lois Hilt (Lichtenstein).

Hirakawa, George J., 78, Los Angeles, May 3; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sumiko, sons John, Paul, brother Keizo, sisters Sumie Sasahara, Emiko Matsui.

Ito, Benko Nogiku, 94, Seattle, March 5; Tochi-born, freelance writer for Japanese vernacular newspapers and international magazines, survived by son Henry, daughters Monica Kazuko Sano (Canton, Ohio), Sumiko Brinsfield (Edgewater, NJ), 7 gcs, 3 great-gcs.

Kakita, Nelson K., 49, Gardena, April 7; Poston-born, survived by father George, mother Helen, brother Roger, sister Georgine Jeffries.

Kaneko, Mine, 69, Los Angeles, May 12; Fukushima-born, survived by sons Akira, Masao, Tony, Dan, daughters Kimie Falcey (Mass.), May Hamada, Betty K. Inouye, 14 gcs, 5 great-gcs.

Kazahaya, Shizume, 88, Los Angeles, April 21; Osaka-born holder of Order of Sacred Treasure Gold & Silver Rays, survived by son Larry T., 5 gcs, 7 great-gcs.

Kishaba, Chosel, 82, Los Angeles, May 4; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Tsunoko, son Richard, David, Lester, daughters Doris, Edith, Sakamoto, Betty Komatani, 10 gcs, brothers Jimmy, George (Hawaii), Susumu, Minoru, sisters Carol Tamahara, Jean Matsuda.

Kiya, Huru, 92, Los Angeles, April 21; Okinawa-born, survived by son Yoshio Kiyah, daughter Misako Ono, 1 g.

Kobayashi, Ethel T., 82, Los Angeles, April 15; community leader with JAGCC, LTSC, SC Japanese Women's Society, Montebello JWC, JA Republicans, Friends of Japanese Retirement Home, Japanese Philharmonic Ladies Auxiliary, Tuesday Nites, Honolulu-born, survived by niece Puanani Kondo (Hawaii).

wall) and nephews Ronald and Glenn Akimura (both Hawaii). "She was the quintessential volunteer. She had no children. In a sense, these community groups were her children."—Katsumi Kunitaga, JAGCC executive secretary.

Kono, Kenji, 63, Venice, April 24; THW Aerospace metallurgical engineer, Newcastle-born Korean War veteran, survived by brother Satoru, sisters Yukiko (Sims Valley), Sumiko Fujimoto (Jpn), Sumiko Kono.

Lee, Kay Fukui, 69, Los Angeles, May 8; Oakland-born, survived by husband Bill R., sisters Marie Ito (Hawaii), Collie (San Francisco).

Masushige, Penny J., 46, Rosemead, May 1; Pasadena-born Sanel, survived by her son Ryan Campbell, daughters Cynthia, Julie, parents Tom & Kay Suechika, brother Ken.

Nakanishi, Ronald, 34, Las Vegas, April 6; Las Vegas-born, restaurant proprietor, survived by wife Kaie, father Sam, mother Aiko (Jpn), brother Gene, sister Joy Fae.

Nishida, Yurie M., 68, La Palma, May 6; Kagoshima-born, survived by husband Yoshio, daughter Linda Ann Williams (Oklahoma), 2 gcs, brothers Hajime Matsumoto, Kaoru Goto (both Jpn).

Sato, May, 80, Hesperia, May 10; Riverside-born, survived by husband Tatsuo, son William, daughter Ruth O., 5 gcs, brothers Tom Ito, James, Bill S., sisters Tomiye Nagai, Dorothy Shunds.

Sato, Yoshio Henry, 79, Pasadena, May 7; Lodi-born, survived by wife Hanako, son David, brothers Kenji Higashiyama, Akira, sisters Minaye Yamashita, Suyoko Sakamoto, Chiyoko Kimura.

Tsunoda, Michiko, 66, San Diego, April 14, survived by Akira Kondo, brothers Hisami and George Morita.

FYI

● **Call from Peace Corps** — The U.S. Peace Corps is calling Asian Americans "to see the world" as a Peace Corps volunteer as it expands to promote diversity within its ranks. About 12% of all volunteers are minorities and a third of them are Asian Americans.

Health care, nutrition, agriculture, education, business and engineering are some of the areas in which specialists are most sought, according to Peace Corps recruiters (800-551-2214). A volunteer need only bring the expertise and the corps will provide training in the assigned country's language and culture. Those interested in applying should be healthy U.S. citizens with a bachelor's degree and/or extensive field experience in a skilled trade. The overseas program is a two-year commitment in addition to three months of culture-language training.

● **Recycling newspapers** — A newspaper bin, in the rear of the

San Jose JACL parking lot at 565 N. 5th St., will accept newspapers which will be flattened and rolled by over 20 volunteers weekly and sold to flower growers as a fundraiser for Yu Ai-Kai. Moe Hagihara, in charge of the recycling program, said the hours of the newspaper rolling are from 12 m.—but the location for rolling them has been changed to the new community center site, 588 N. 4th St. The bin is still at the same spot.

● **A large-print cookbook** — *Ohana Cookbook* by Lisa Yamashiro, R.D., of San Francisco, and Stephen Young from Hawaii, features culturally diverse recipes in a large-print format, step-by-step directions and illustrations. Young explains that "Ohana" in Hawaiian means family and that brings memories of family and friends celebrating through good food, fun times and togetherness. Yamashiro, born in Minnesota and raised in Redkey,

is a community nutritionist for Kimochi, Inc., and created the *Kimochi Cookbook Ohana Cookbook* (\$12.95 plus \$3.50 postage/handling, 8.25% California sales tax) is available at Status Enterprises, 327 - 23rd Ave., #2, San Francisco, CA 94121.

● **Update on Japanese Canadian artists** — A resource guide to Japanese Canadian culture is being prepared for release in spring 1994, according to Aiko Suzuki, 359 Howland Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada (M5R 3C1). Practicing or emerging artists in the contemporary fields: visual, craft, performance, theater, film-video, photography, graphics, architecture, design, literary, music; the traditional Japanese arts and those in arts administration, art historian, curator, etc., have a Dec. 15, 1993, deadline for submission of an up-to-date curriculum vitae. "There is a small population of Japanese Canadian artists practicing in the United States," Suzuki pointed out. ☐

LETTERS

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the JACL should get involved in "Japanese" issues or stick exclusively to "Japanese-American" issues. At the time Cressey Nakagawa and I, and many others, argued that the two are closely related and that tensions and negative stereotypes in Japan and America often lead to the "beating" of Japanese Americans.

Now we have a case of a Japanese exchange student who lost his life because of fear and race prejudice in the U.S. Everyone who lives in this country must be deeply ashamed and outraged by this act. But the JACL is the right group to ask the federal government to investigate. Not only does it serve to notify Japan that in this pluralistic society miscarriages of justice in one state can be (and I hope will be) redressed at the national level. But it also reminds all of us, and Japanese Americans in particular, that we cannot tolerate in silence such miscarriages of justice.

Japanese Americans may not have rioted after the Louisiana verdict, as African Americans in Los Angeles did after the first Rodney King verdict, but they are assuredly—and justifiably—every bit as angry.

Sheila K. Johnson
 Cardiff, Calif.

Says understanding needed for resistors

When juxtaposing two recent events, the joyous 442nd CT Reunion (Honolulu; 3-24-93) and the aching draft resistors' meetings (Los Angeles; 2-21-93) the unlikely but shared conjunction, takes on a surreal sheen in the last act in the theatre of the absurd which began in 1942. Then most of us internalized anger, frustration, and pain but viewing through a different lens, we shunned or condemned the 6000 or more individuals who renounced citizenship, repatriated, were exiled to Tule Lake, or resisted the draft. By their protests the pressures

were partially relieved for the rest of us, "freeing" us to examine and choose other options and choices, however restrictive and segregative. By their actions many lives were wasted and we who wasted only a few years, should accept, appreciate, and love them. Transformed by collective experiences during that unstable and unhappy era, we should recognize the primacy of understanding and the observation of Hannah Arendt (Banality of Evil) that "forgiveness is an essential human freedom so man can remain free."

Yo no naku uzo (If pressed to compare)
 nani ni taometu (this brief life, I might declare:)
 asabake (It's like the boat):
 hagi yuku fune no (that crossed this morning's harbor
 ato shiro nani (leaving no mark on the world.)

—Mansei
 circa 1930

Eji Suyama
 Ellsworth, Me.

REDRESS

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merce, Justice, State & Judiciary, Congress Norman Mineta testified on May 12 and submitted a letter from JACL Washington, D.C., representative Karen Narasaki outlining the importance of the Education Fund.

Congressman Harold Rogers (R-Ky.) asked what the monies would be used for and questioned the need for education about the internment commenting that the funds could be better used for hiring more attorneys at the Department of Justice, according to a news release.

Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights James Turner testified that Congress had committed to provide an Education Fund so that the causes of the internment could be understood and that the specific use of the Fund would be determined by a 9-member board of directors as provided by the Civil Liberties Act.

KAJI

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Ms. Yee had a parting-shot for the Bush Administration. "...The current (Bush) Administration, thus far, has been negligent in appointing Asian Pacific Americans to the cabinet and to top ranking political positions..."

Okay folks, if Mr. Bush had indeed been so negligent then why did he appoint more Asian Americans than any other president in history? More than 130 Asian Americans were appointed to top level advisory and management positions, headed by Elaine Chao as deputy secretary of a Cabinet agency, Patricia Sakai as the head of the Small Business Administration and Julia Chang Bloch as the first Asian American ambassador (all women).

This remains the standard and the goal for the Clinton Administration.

tration. Anything less would be unacceptable, we would think, although by now, all Cabinet positions and many subcabinet spots have been filled. We congratulate Doris Matsui, the wife of Congressman Robert Matsui, for her appointment as presidential liaison and Yee who now works as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce. But, we emphasize, these are not the high-level, high-profile, policy-making positions that were promised to our community.

So, we'll wait for the announcements, along with the rest of the Asian Pacific American community. Mr. Clinton has had a number of Asian names to scrutinize these past seven months, but as time goes by, the hopes of any significant appointments grows increasingly faint. So, much for the Cabinet. Just what is left? Perhaps an Asian American Supreme Court Justice?

Maybe, to add lib Mr. Limb's comments, 10 fingers might serve as the Clinton Administration's new revised goal. We hope not. ☺

Kaji, national JACL treasurer and a member of the Gardena Chapter, is a Bush appointee as president of the Export Council.

D.C.

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"Although some individuals may discriminate against me I shall never become bitter or lose faith..."

True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself worthy of equal treatment and consideration." Bruce exemplifies that sentiment.

Congressman Mineta was the keynote speaker at this year's memorial service. He spoke passionately about the Japanese Americans who fought during

World War II to prove that, "as Americans, we are defined by our shared commitment to the principles of equality and justice, not by the color of our skin, or by the national origin of our ancestors." He reminded us that the "Constitution of the United States is a living, breathing contract that resides, not under glass in the National Archives, but in the hearts of all Americans...It is a message that, as a Nation, we can never allow ourselves to forget again."

As we listened to Tape being played at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and watched Congressman Mineta and past JACL National President Patrick Pkura present the JACL wreath, I thought again about the JACL creed, Congressman Mineta's words and the many in our community who have fought and are fighting in the belief of a "greater America." With Sensei such as Bruce Yamashita, John Nakahata and Turner Kobayashi, I think the creed and the Constitution will be in good hands.

MOVIE

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aimed particularly at Japan and newly arriving Asian immigrants, this film may further ingrain into the minds of many people that Asians are to blame for many of our societal and economic problems. Therefore, as Asian Americans, I believe that it is our responsibility to do whatever necessary in order to educate the public about Asian American issues so they will not be too quick to make judgments about Asian Americans based on the negative images of Asians that run rampant in films and in the media. As many of you may know, Hollywood is notorious for its negative portrayals of Asians and other racial groups in films and television, so please keep your eyes and ears peeled to the kinds of images that you are exposed to day in and day out. I feel that we must strive

towards becoming more aware and vocal about issues such as negative film and media images of Asians, because we are the ones who are most affected by such images. If we don't stand up for ourselves, no one else will.

SPOKANE

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through the current draft circulated by the Select Committee on Organizational Structure with special attention to the impact of the proposal on chapters and districts.

Both districts recommended elimination of the proposed two at-large members to the national board. PNW originally recommended that the two at-large board members be ex-officio, non-voting members.

"Part of the PNW discussion was how to maintain a balance of power by structuring the voting of the national board to focus on membership. An equal number of votes for districts and elected officers," said June Arima Schumann, president, Portland Chapter.

Arguing that additional votes would diminish district representation, Yoshida said, "One of the things to keep in mind is that governors are on the board to represent the interests of the district. Sometimes people seem to be caught up in a corporate mentality, then it seems like the interests of membership aren't represented—that's why we're (the district governors) there."

Jeff Itami, Salt Lake Chapter, argued that the two at-large members should have a vote. "The two outside board members need to have votes. We need a non-biased outside view, they should have a legitimate vote," said Itami.

Lillian Kimura, JACL national president and chairwoman of the Select Committee on Organizational Structure, said that the Midwest District had similar concerns of balance on the board. "In

the latest recommendation that's going to come from MDC, they are suggesting that the two at-large members are nominated on the basis of gender-district balance. I think that's important."

While there was concern that the at-large members would be outsiders who would have undue influence on JACL, it was also felt, if they were JACL members then the positions should be eliminated. The latest proposal on reorganization makes JACL membership a requirement for the at-large members.

Leslie Grant, president, Salt Lake Chapter, said, "They're not going to be outsiders, because of that I don't have a problem letting them vote; however, I don't see how that's going to accomplish balance."

Randy Harano, IDC governor, recommending the elimination of the two at-large members, said, "If they're not outsiders for fundraising purposes we should just drop them. It's just making board meetings more expensive."

Participants at the joint session were also concerned about district representation and continuity on major committees. On the recommendation that district representatives, not necessarily the governor, be elected prior to the national convention, Harano voiced his concerns brought on.

"If all are elected at the same time, there is a possibility of having eight new governors. It throws continuity all to heck," said Harano. "I don't see a problem with orienting new people every year. If you have eight new people, you lose that experience."

Kimura said, "The revolving door of board members has become a problem, but this recommendation also hinged on the recommendation that board members be committee chairs. We need continuity on important committees."

Denny Yasuhara, board member, Spokane Chapter, commended.

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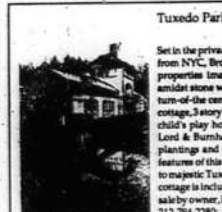
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JAPAN

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perhaps I shouldn't criticize U.S. domestic policy, but didn't Clinton promise to cut taxes for the middle class?

When the media found out about the president's advice to Yeltsin, former Communications Director George Stephanopoulos tried to explain it away as a passing comment about Japanese customs. Does he really believe we so often say the opposite of what we mean?

True, our political and business leaders are sometimes guilty of giving irresponsibly ambiguous answers when they are in a tight corner. But so are Americans.

The German government, urges Tokyo to boost public spending to stimulate the world economy but sticks to a very cautious policy of its own, raising taxes and keeping interest rates high in a recession. Then there's Yeltsin himself.

who seems to have as much trouble distinguishing between the affirmative and negative as any Japanese politician. After frequently saying he would visit Tokyo last year, he suddenly canceled the trip only two weeks before he was due to arrive. Did he ever really mean to come?

We can expect a symphony of platitudes when Yeltsin comes to Tokyo to meet the leaders of the Group of Seven major industrial democracies in July, but not much of substance. All eight presidents and prime ministers are in dire straits for one reason or another; none can afford to be completely honest.

Nevertheless, they have extremely important work to do—to ensure Russia's peaceful transition to a free-market system and to get global business growing again.

This is no time to start calling each other liars, even in whispers. Let's all be perfectly clear about that.

SPOKANE

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plained that the current committee structure isn't productive. "The problem is there's no continuity on committees, we reinvent the committee every two years. Change it every time a new president comes in and that's a problem. They have to be there awhile, now, it's a waste of time."

Bob Mizukami, member, Puyallup Valley Chapter, questioned why have a district representative who is not the governor. "It's done because governors are so busy in the districts," said Floyd Mori, Mt. Olympus Chapter.

Yoshida said that the decision of district representative is left up to the districts.

"It provides greater flexibility when it's needed and doesn't affect current operation as a whole," said Arima Schumann.

Both districts recommended that district representatives be elected to two-year terms starting Sept. 1 and that half be elected on the odd year and half on the even year.

On the issue of committees, both districts recommended with one abstention that districts nominate district committee representatives with confirmation done by the national board. IDC and PNW also recommended that committee members serve five-year terms instead of the current two-year terms.

Harano questioned why there is a standing committee on fund development.

"It sounds more like a staff position," said Harano.

Kimura responded, "Somebody has to direct staff. The problem is the national board is not active in fund-raising. We have to provide direction to staff on fundraising."

Harano disagreed, "I think the function of our board is difficult. We need a fund developer, that's the most effective way to carry on. A committee works like a committee—a lot of recommendations and no action."

The national president said the committee would direct the staff on strategies for fund-raising. Harano informed the districts that Gail Ideno, JACL fund developer, recently resigned.

"We need to hire somebody," said Yoshida, "We need to quit playing around and get somebody professional."

Harano recommended Liane Yamamoto for the national education committee, saying that at this point IDC and PNW don't have representation on that committee. Kimura said, contrary to the perception that the national president unilaterally changes all the members of national committees, that many committee members are hold-overs from previous administrations. She also said that there is no district representation on each committee, because some committees are geographically localized so that they can meet.

"Committee members are brought in so they can come down and meet locally, that's not to say we can't have district representation and communicate by phone," said Kimura.

PC BOARD

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identity, from generation to generation, the factors and events that have shaped their lives, thinking and character.

The board supported the concept of the magazine but urged that JACL members be told that they nor the organization would not have to fund the project.

A proposed 1994 date of publication is being considered.

● In another administrative matter, the staff related the ongoing problems with the current PC facility in Los Angeles.

Suenaga reported that staff members have experienced many problems, including theft, damage to cars and potential threats to personal safety.

Liggett, an attorney, will review PC's documentation of these problems for future action.

● In a report on circulation problems, Frances Okuno, circulation manager, reviewed the current system to board members.

Okuno said that many members mistakenly believe that the newspapers are sent directly from PC offices to subscribers.

In the current system, she said, chapters send renewals or new subscriptions to national headquarters in San Francisco where they are entered into a computer database. From that a PC mem-

ber subscriber list is sent to PC's mailing firm in Los Angeles. After printing is completed, that company produces the labels which are affixed to the newspapers, then sends them to the post office.

Okuno emphasized that PC staff members do not have direct control over the process, and that many times problems can occur at local subscriber post offices.

Attending the meeting were Shinkawa, Liggett, Yasuda, Shibata, Hata, Kim Tachiki of the Pacific Southwest District Council, and Lillian Kimura, JACL national president. PC staff participants included Harry Honda, editor emeritus; Joyce Kato, business manager, Muranaka, Okuno, and Isao Andy Enomoto, production manager.

Board members Terence Yamada of the Pacific Northwest District Council, John Nakahata of the Eastern District Council, and Sherrie Shimamoto Pratt of the Midwest District Council were not able to attend. Shinkawa said he would invite them to attend a PC briefing to be held at the Aug. 20-22 tri-district conference in Cleveland.

Shinkawa also announced that communication to all board members, as well as the JACL national board, would be implemented through a monthly newsletter produced by staff. ☐