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Asian Pacific Americans join March on Washington, D.C.

South America (P.C. July 2-

Miki, as past president of the National

ociation of

Japanese, Ca-nadians, led

negotiations to achieve a suc-

settlement m the C

dian govern-ment in in 1988. TheWinnipeg

Free Press last year com-mented: He had the personal-ity, the tenacity and the abil-

bring people together, whether it was the Prime Minister or an 85-year-old lady who had been interned."

He is also a contributor to

federal Canadian legislative and standing committees re-garding broadcasting, immi-gration, justice and the consti-

without confrontation to

More than 250,000 people of all races, ethnicities and religions were scheduled to converge on Washington, D.C., Aug. 27-28 for the March on Washington.

The march commemorates the 30th anniversary of the 1963 March for Givil Rights led by Dr. Martin Luther King. This year's theme is "A New Coalition of Conscience for Jobs, Justice and Peace." A coalition of conscience for Jobs, Justice and Peace." Jobs, Justice and Peace. A coantion of more 20 Asian Pacific American organizations in Washington, D.C., will be hosting a special kick-off program for Asian Pacific Americans joining the march. The program will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Federal Room at the

Capitol Hilton, 16th and K Streets, N.W. Featured will be community activists Gloria Caoile, Reverend Kiyul Chung, Yuri Kochiyama and entertainers such as the Yellow Peril. Participants will walk to the Washington Monument where the march was scheduled to begin.

was scheduled to begin.
At the completion of the march to the
Lincoln Memorial, JACL National President Lillian Kimura, Organization of Chinese Americans National President Ginny
Gong and Asian Pacific American Labor
Alliance/AFL-CIO President Kent Wongare scheduled to participate in a special two

1st Nisel bids for Ottawa seat

hour program featuring civil rights, religious and labor leaders, including Coretts Scott King (King Center), Ben Chavis (NAACP), Patricis Ireland (NOW) and Lane Kirkland (AFL-CIO). Stevie Wonder and B.B. King are scheduled to entertain at the

program.
The march is to urge Congress to sup-port a legislative agenda that includes the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, the op civil rights legislative issue for the Asian acific American community," said Kimura. 'It is an important opportunity for the com munity to mobilize in support of Asian Pa cific American civil rights issues and to join in coalition with all of the other major civil rights organizations.

The march organizers are also planning a "People's University on the Mail" for Friday, Aug. 27, at the corher of 4th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. There will be workshops on employment, health, educa-tion and civil rights issues. Youth are

tion and civil rights issues. Youth are particularly encouraged to attend.
Ginny Gong stated, "The march and the People's University on the Mall provide a great opportunity to involve our youth." It is exciting to see so many different commu-

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Wilson stand on illegal immigration criticized

The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) on Aug. Americans, Inc. (OCA) on Aug.
10 sharply criticized California
Gov.Pete Wilson's proposal to curb
illegal immigration. This proposal, set forth in an open letterede
President Clinton that was published as a full-page advertisement in the Aug. 10 edition of
several major newspapers, calls
for such measures as the elimination of health, education, and other
herefit to undocumented immibenefits to undocumented immi-grants, and the denial of citizen-ship to their U.S.-born children.

OCA National President Ginny Gong expressed indignation at Wilson's proposal, calling it "a nar-row-minded plan that would conrow-minded plan that would con-veniently pin the state's economic troubles on immigrants without proposing visable solutions." Al-though California is suffering a severe fiscal crisis, she continued, severe fiscal crists, she continued, "there is no reason to expect that the situation will significantly improve if undocumented immi-grants and their children are cal-lously denied educational and medical services."

Daphne Kwok, GCA's executive director, said, "The potential to receive government-funded social services is not what is drawing people to this country; rather, the promise of finding work, no matter in what conditions or for what pay, is bringing undocumented immigrants over the border in search of the American dream. search of the American dream. We favor measures that will discourage people from attempting to enter the U.S. illegally over those that simply punish undocumented workers once they are here."

On July 17, 1993, the OCA gen-eral membership passed a resolu-tion condemning those involved in smuggling and indenturing people for profit, and calling for the full enforcement of labor laws in order to eliminate the condi-tions which foster an underground market for undocumented work-

PSW recommends restrictions placed on Pacific Citizen

Council (PSWDC), JACL, met Aug. 1 in Oxnard, Calif., and passed the following recommen-dations to restrict Pacific Citizen's publishing policies.

That no article regarding

personnel matters be printed in Pacific Citizen." The PSWDC rec-Pacific Citizen. The result re-commendation defined personnel matters, all matter that have to do with the individual conduc-performance and/or evalutation of a JACL national employee.

The motion was made by Ed Shiba of the SELANOCO Chapter, JACL, and seconded by Deni Uejims of the San Gabriel Chap-ter, JACL. PSWDC said such matters

should be directed to the nation president, national director, and national personnel committee for review and if necessary, action.

• *Pacific Citizen shall develop

a formal editorial review policy to ensure that the publication shall not contradict the mandate of the National Program for Action or

any policy position of the national

organization."

The motion was made by John

Saito, East Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, and seconded by Uejima.

The PSWDC requested that a policy decision of the official structure of the Pacific Citizen (indexedual). (independent newspaper or a

RESPONSE—Pacific Citizen presents its views in editorials on these and other matters-page 7.

house organ) be recommended to the National Council for ap-

The motion was made by Uejims and seconded by Galen Murakawa, SCAN Chapter, JACL.

The recommendations, according to the PSW DistrictCouncil, will "be adopted by the appropriate body."

Redress granted to children of voluntary internees

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA), after an Aug. 2 meeting which included James Turner, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, Paul Suddes, administrator, ORA, and representatives from JACI and NCRR, decided to grant redress to the children born to women classified as voluntary entrants into the intern-ment camps. These cases had previously been classified as ineligible.

Art Miki of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, has stepped up his campaign as a Federal Liberal candidate from

Federal Liberal candidate from the Winnipeg-Transcona riding (district) for the upcom-ing fall election for a seat at the House of Commons, Ot-tawa. The first Japanese Ca-nadian seeking a federal seat, he recently presided as presi-dent of PAN-Canada, which hosted the successful interme-

hosted the successful interna-tional gathering of Nikkei from

been classified as ineligible. Confirmed by Suddes, the number of people this is expected to affect is approximately 70-people. He said that the decision would also grant eligibility to the children born outside of the internment camps to women classified, as voluntary entrants and that those who qualify would receive notice in a few cample.

Beyond the voluntary entrants, there are approximately 2,100 people who have been

denied redress for other reasons. Suddes said that the other case

Suddes said that the other cases are cur-rently being reviewed, including the plight of Japanese Peruvians sent to American in-ternment camps. He said that they were denied redress because the Civil Liberties Actof 1988 limited eligible recipients to those who were permanent resident aliens during

the war period.

The ORA administrator said the ORA is looking into adjusting the status of the Peru-

While Suddes said the ORA thinks it has identified all of those affected by the recent decision and would be contacting them, he said those who think they fit into the cat-egory of children of voluntary entrants and have not heard from the ORA should should write to: ORA, P.O. Box 65310, Washington,

Redress help

How to help those who have been denied redress will be the topic at a community forum in San Francisco, Aug. 28, 1-4 p.m. at the Japanese Gultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Speakers include Tsuyako "Sox"
Kitashima and John Ota of NCRR, and Grace Shimizu and Art Shibayama of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History

A report on the Washington, D.C. meeting with Justice Department offi-cials and the status of other redress denial cases will be presented. Admis-sion is free Information: 415/922-1534.

The Japanese American Citizens League
(JACL) applauded the decision of the House
Judiciary Committee to approve the Hate
Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act of 1993
(H.R. 1152). The act, introduced by Congressmen Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and
James. Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), is now
awaiting a vote before the full House. A
Senate version of the act is expected to be
introduced to the
Currently, 47 states and the District of
Cullmbia have statutes addressing hate
violence. According to the act time of violence, vandalism, harass,
ment and intimidation continues to occur
across the nation, A study released by
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rimes that are judged to be hate crimes.
The Hate Crime Revise, is now
across the nation, A study released by
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Carole Hayashino, "This legislation sends a message that our society will not tolerate these heinous crimes."

We are extremely pleased that the House "We are extremely pleased that the House Judiciary Committee acted on the Hate Crime Penalty Enhancement Act," added JACL Washington, D.C. Representative Karen K. Narasaki. "We commend the commitment of Congressmen Schumer and Sensenbrenner in quickly moving this leg-islation through conimittee." islation through conimitt

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Calendar

Dist. of Columbia Washington

Set. Aug. 26—"March on Washington," 30th Anniversary rally, 8:30-10:30 a.m., starting point to be announced (call Asn Pac Amer Political Affairs, 202/863-8085), march from noon, Lincocress-suss), march from noon, Lin-coln Memorial assembly, 2-5 p.m. Con-tributions in support: "Washington DC Chapter - March in Washington," Jde Ichiuji, treas., 6544 Windermere Circle, Rodville, MD 20852.

Sun. Aug. 29—JACL membership ap-Sun. Aug. 29—34.Ct. membership ap-preciation picnic, Cabin John Group area,7701 Tuckerman Lane, Rockville, Md., noon-6 p.m. Volunteer RSVP: John Nakahata 703/683-0274, Lily/Pat Okura 301/530-0945, Joe Ichiuji 301/0336 Brian Kobashigawa 301/916-9071 Doug Ishio 301/890-2525

Missouri St. Louis

Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-5—japa-nese Festival, opening 11 a.m. Sat., Sept. 4, Missouri Botanical Gardon, St. Louis, admission free before Saturday noon; San Francisco Taiko Dojo Sept. 4-5 only. Information: Joe Yokota 314/ 921-7933.

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 6-7-Internationa Folklest of 60 ethnic and international groups, Webster University, St. Louis. Information: International Institute, 314/

Minois Chicago

Fir.-Sun. Sept. 3-5—JACL Sixth National Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotal, 540 N, Michigan Ave., Chicago. SAT.: banquet and dance, Lillian Kimura, speaker; Adele Arakawa, WBBM-TV news anchor, emore. Information: Elsie Ogawa 708/679-4710.

Washington Seattle

Seattle
Aug. 30-Sept. 6—Bumbleshoot Festival, three-dimensional art display: 'A
Room of One's Own, 'Rainier Room,
Seattle Center, Information: Mayumi
Tatsußawa, curator, '206/329-1225.
Through Sun Dec. 12—Wing Like
Asian Museum exhibit. 'Snapshot: Our
World, Our Childron; 'Permanent exhibit: 'One Song, Many Voices' on history of Asian communities in state, 4077th Awe. S., Admission: '250, adults,'
\$1.50, students/seniors; '75c children
under 12, closed Mondays. Information: '206/623-5124.

Oregon Portland

Portland
Through Jan, 16—JANMexhibit: 'Japanese Pioneers of Oregon,' Oregon Historical Society, 1230 SW Park Ave, portland. 503222-1741. Monthly lecturers, all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.: Sept. 16—"Oregon Issel Poetry". Lawson Inada; Oct. 14—"Issel Pioneers in Hawaii and the Mainland." Dr. Akemi Kikumura and George Katagiri; Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realites," To Linda Tamura; Dos. — "Spacious Dreams," Dr. Lauren Kessler, Dr. Homer Yasui; Jan. 13—"Between Camp and Home, 'Dr. Robert Sims.

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Salt Lake City

33rd Biennial National JACL Con-vention: Aug. 2-5, 1994—Downtown Marriott Hotel, Information: Floyd Mori, conv. chair, 801/572-2287.

Nevada Reno

Fall Dates-Sun. Sept. 19-JACL fish fry, Knights of Pythias Hall; Sun., Oct.

17- JACL potluck, noon, Knights of,

Pythias Hall. Las Vegas

Sun. Oct. 10—JACL Luau, St. Viator's Comm. Ctr. Information: Marie Stapleton 702/648-3894.

Fri-Sun, Nov. 5-7-JACL PSWDC Conrence, Boardwalk Hotel, 3750 Las tigas Blvd South (btwn Flamingo and opicana), 702/735-1167; SAT: dinner. Information: PSW JACL Office 21 626-4471, Bill Endow 702/878-1589

California San Francisco

Sun. Sept. 12--Nikkei Widowed Group meeting. 2-4 p.m. Information: Elsie Chung 4l5/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki Chung 45 510/3280

Eastbay

Sun. Sept. 26—J.A. Diablo Valley Club old-timers get-together, 3105 Treat Blvd., Concord, 12-30 plm. Information: Shoji Tamori 510/680-4571, 834 Tamori Ln, Concord, CA 94518.

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Mon. Sept. 27—E.B., Nikkei Singles pottuck dinner, Towier Club, 3600 Hillview Dr., Richmond, 6:30 p.m.; Mei Nakano, speaker, "Issei parents and their wirtings." Information: Millie Nakano 510/223-5619.

Peninsula area

Sun. Aug. 29—JACI. San Mateo Yosh Kojimoto memorial golf tournament. San Mateo Muni Golf Course, Coyote Point, 10:30 a.m.; \$42 with cart; \$35 without cart. Sign-up deadline: Aug. 8. Informa-tion: Vince Asal, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, 415/349-3590.

San Jose area

Sat. Aug. 28—JACL West Valley Däruma Festival, Information: JACL 408/ Dăruma Fr 253-0458

Sat. Sept. 25—JACL San Jose scholarship benefit Casino Night, Italian Gar-dens, \$30 chicken dinner and play money. Information: JACL Office 408/

295-1250 Sat.-Sun. Oct. 9-10-BCA Federation Sat. Sun. Oct. 9-10—BCA Federation
Buddhist Women's Association
League conference, Red Lion Inn Hotel,
San Jose. Speakers include Rev. Kobun
Torosu, Osaka; and Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno, Registration dead

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Fresno-Central Cal

Set. Aug. 28—JACL Fresno 70th anniversary celebration, Bill Hosokawa, keynote speaker, Belmont Country Club. ation: JACk 209/486-6815 Information: JACL: 209/486-6915.
Sun. Sept. 18—JACL: FresnorCCDC
8th annual Shin Zen Run, Woodward
Park. 10-Krun, 2-mile run*, 2-mile r

Los Angeles-Orange

Set. Aug. 28—JACL West L.A. scholar-ship fund benefit steak-chicken bake, Japanese Institute, 2110 Conrinth, 5p. m. \$15 for meal and bingo play money. Information: George Kanegai, 310/820-Tue, Aug. 31-Asri Amer Adv and Pub

Rel Aliance summer social, Mondrian Hotel, 8440 Sunset Blvd., West Holly-wood, 6:30-9 p.m., Information: 213/ 939-9088.

Sas-sob.
Fri-Sat. Aug., 27-28—JACCC Fresh
Track Series: Karen Yamashita, Glenn
Horiuchi and Shizuko Hoshi's "Noh
Bozos," Fri-Sat. 8 p.m., Sat. 2 p.m.,
Dolzaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St.,
L.A., Tiokets: 213/680-3700 noon-5 p.m. Sun. Aug. 29-JACCC Fresh Track

Series: "Sansel Cabaret" of Yellow Pages jazz quintet and the Kimiko Cazanov and Scott Nagatani Band, 2 p.m., Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A., Tickets: 213/580-3700 noon-5

Through Apg. 31—UC-Irvine Library Noma Collection exhibit, 7,000 volumes Through Apg. 31—UC-Irvine Library Noma Collection exhibit, 7,000 volumes of Japanese and English-language works on Japanese studies. Informa-

of Japanese and Cingman anguage works on Japanese studies. Informa-tion: William Wong, 714/858-8147. Through Oct. 17—Japanese Ameri-can National Museum Jack M. Iwata photo exhibit, One More Shot: Docu-menting Changing U.S. Japan Rela-tions, "369E. First St., L.A. Information 213/625-0414

Sat. Sept. 11—Church Faire, food-ba-zaar, Union Church of L.A., 401 E. 3rd

zaar, Union Church of L.A., 401 E. 3rd St., 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 12—Jazz pianis/composer Glern Horiuch's Quarteconcend 17 secision' and other new works with saxo-phonist Francis Wong, percussionist Jeanette Wrate and bassist Anders Swanson, 7 p.m., Harbor College Re-cital Hall, 1111 Figueroa P., Wilmington. Information: 213/913-0817. Admission

- \$6. Sun. Sept. 19—O.C. Sansel Singles picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Liberty Park, Studebaker Rd. couth of South St. and north of 195th St., Cernitos. RSVP by Sept. 10 to save \$3, call Dis: 310/516-8762. Cost - \$7 members, \$5 children, \$10 non-members.

Thu. Sept. 23—Asn Amer Adv and P

Thu. Sept. 23—Asn. Amer Adv and Put Rel Alliance mixer-semina." Target:
The U.S. Asian Market, "Ms. Angi Ma
Wong, speaker; Information: Lynne
Choy Uyeda, 213/039-9088.
Sat. Sept. 28—Japanese American
Historical Society of Southern California awards dinner-Nobuko Miyamoto,
Harold Muraoka, Helen Nakann, Gienn
Omatsu, Visual Communications, honones; Torrance Holiday Inn, Del Amo,
\$35 dinner, Information: TSSVP by Sept.
10, Ru Kiriyama \$10/326-0680. 10, lku Kiriyama 310/326-0608

10, iku knyama 310/326-0609.
Fri.-Sat. Oct. 8-9—Japanese American National Museum annual conference, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angèles; SAT—Fundraising dinner, Century Plaza Home Information: JANM 213/ 625-0414

625-0414.

Frl.-Sun, Dec, 3-5—International Asian
Expo business conference, Anaheim
Convention Center, 800 W. Katella Ave.,
Anaheim./714/999-8950. Registration nd information: 800/621-5002

San Diego

Sun. Sep. 19—JACL San Diego / Union of Pan Asian Communities film classic series: "Autumn Alternoon" by Ozu; Kiku Gardens Senior Housing Project, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 2 p.m. Informa-Trird Ave., Chula Vista, 2 p.m. Informa-tion: Kiku Gardens 619/422-4951, free to seniors, others \$2 donations, Com-ing: Oct. 17—"Kwaidan", Nov. 21— "Kagemusha" by Kurosawa: Sat. Sept. 25—San Diego Buddhist

sst. sept. 25—San Diego Buddhist Temple fund-raising fashion show, 2929 Market St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring Kanojo's "Fall Kollection." Information: Ben Honda 610/277-76982, Tsune Hashiguchi 619/278-7630, free.

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

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Surgeon General nominee gains support

By JOY Y. NAKAMURA JACL assistant to the

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JACL assistant to the
Washington, D.C. representative
President Clinton's nomination
of Dr. Jocolyn Elders to the position of U.S. Surgeon General won
approval by the Senate Labor and
Human Resources Committee
July 30. A native of Arkansas and
the eldest of eight children,
Dr. Elders currently serves as director of the Arkansas Department of Health. Throughout her
five and a half years as director,
Dr. Elders helped raise the immunization rates of pre-school
children and successfully encouraged more health professionals to
practice in rural areas, She has aged more nearth protessionals to practice in rural areas, She has served on several blue ribbon pan-els, such as the national Advisory Committee on Rural Health and is a former president of the Asso-ciation of State and Territorial Health Officers

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights is one of many na-tional civil rights and health ortional civil rights and nearm or-ganizations supporting the nomi-nation of Dr. Elders. Her sup-porters also include the People,

can Nurses Association, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Public Health Associa-American Public Health Associa-tion, the Association of Reproduc-tive Health Professionals, the American Congress of Obstetri-cians and Gynecologists, and the National Association of County Health Officials. Supporters of Dr. Elders are urged to place calls or send letters to their congressional represen-tatives to offset the vocal opposi-tion from religious right organi-

tatives to offset the vocal opposi-tion from religious right organi-zations, such as Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition and Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum. The reli-gious right opposes the nomina-tion of Dr. Elders because of her outspoken efforts in attacking the problems of teen pregnancy, AIDS and child abuse.

and child shuse.
Antoll-free number (1-800-372-2626) has been established by the People for the American Way's Action Fund for those who would like to generate a Western Union mailgram to their senators in support of her nomination. Each call costs \$6.70.

Discrimination by national origin defined

Many employers, not having the full knowledge of the law, have intentionally or unintentionally resorted to unfair and illegal em-ployment practices, according to the Asian Law Caucus (ALC) of San Francisco.

San Francisco.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) was signed into law on Nov. 6, 1986. IRCA makes it illegal to hire undocumented workers and requires employers to check the work papers of their new employees and keep proper paperwork on every new hire.

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Discrimination based on na-tional origin is illegal and pro-tected under the IRCA anti-discrimination provisions, the ALC

National origin discrimination is unequal treatment of an indi-vidual in the workplace because of his/her ancestor's country of origin, or because an individual has physical, cultural or linguis-tic characteristics of a certain

national origin group.

Some employers will not hire worker who looks "foreign" or if he/she-spasks with a "foreign accent," according to the ALC. If an employer lies and asys that "the positionic already filled," this may be a form of national origin discrimination. imination.
IRCA's national origin discrimi-

action provision covers people working for employers who hire at least four people at the time of the discriminatory action.
Discriminatory practices in hiring, firing, recruitment, referral

for a fee, and retaliation are ille-gal under IRCA's citizenship dis-

rimination provision.

If anyone believes he or she is a victim of national origin discrimination, call the Office of Special Coursel at 1/800/255-7688 to file a charge.

For more information on citizenship discrimination, call Richard Lu at the Asian Law Caucus at 415/391-1655.

Chapter news

PLANNERS-Ralph PLANNERS—Raiph Sugimoto (left) was emcee and Tom Fuljimoto was chair-man of the recent Sacramento Chapter, JACL, senior ap preciation dinner.



Sacramento Chapter

Ву ТОКО ГИЛІ

By TOKO FUJII
Sacramento Chapter, JACL
More than a thousand members, friends and families of Sacramento JACL gathered at William Land Park recently to take part in the 43rd Annual Community Picnic.
The beautiful day was filled with activities designed to satisfy both the young and old. Featured were races and games for children and adults, with valuable prizes being given to the winners. Bingo, with donated prizes, was enjoyed by over 300 participants.
Co-chairs Norman Tanaka, Dick Fukushima, and Richard Sawamura thanked the volunteers, Boy Scouts and the participating mer-

chants for making this the most successful of all chapter picnics.

The contest winners were grand prize—Mike and Janet Quan; first prize—Joe Nishisaki; other winners—James Kitabayashi, Shizue Nagoshi, Hon. Robert T. Matsui, Amber Takahashi, Vivian Lem, June Sunahara, Min Okada, S. Sugiyama, M. Tokunaga, Isamu Kobata, Yosh Ishihara, Jim Hironska, Kazuo Ninomiya, Roy Hiramatsu, Toraji Suwa, Yae Hiramatsu, Toraji Suwa, Tokunaga and N. Yamauchi

More than 350 people jammed the social hall of the Sacramento the social hall of the Sacramento Japanese United Church recently for the chapter's Senior Apprecia-tion buffet. In addition to the many dishes brought by JACL members

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A Case Of Secondhand Smoke Victim

Mary. Six Years Old. Pneumonia.



Mary has become quiet. Breathing difficulty, coughing, and fever all have taken away her innocent and lovely smile. When will she recover?

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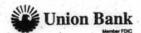
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NCWNP gives financial aid to woman in harassment case

At its Aug. 1 quarterly session in San Pablo, Calif., the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pa-cific District Council of the Japa-nese Affecian Citizens League (JACL) voted two contribute \$3,500 to support Jean Ishibashi in her orts for a fair trial.

Ishibashi, a former staff mem-ber of the American Friends Ser-vice Committee, has sued the ce and human rights group. xual and racial de it impossible ssment mad

harassment made it impossible for her to work there. In her presentation before the District Council, Ishibashi stated she was not asking the district to take sides in the case, but to en-dorse and support a fair trial.

"Unfortunately, the financial burdens brought on by a legal trial are major obstacles to those who seek remedies through our judicial system," said NCWNP District Gov. Lucy Kishiue. "Our district voted to support Jean in her efforts to have her day in

Chizu Iiyama, a supporter of Ishibashi and a member of the Ishibashi and a member of the District's Women's Concerns Com-mittee, commented, "It's a diffi-cult issue, but I feel it's really important to support a fair trial for Jean. She's done so much good work in curriculum development and working for peace. Our sup-port will help ensure she obtains due process.

Jon Kubokawa, president of the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL; made the motion to endorse Ishibashi's efforts, and Les Hata, president of the San Francisco Chapter JACL, seconded the

when the vote, Ishibashi remarked, I am overwhelmed by the support. I was especially appreciative of the men who initially ated the motion to grant me aid for my trial, and to the Women's Concerns Committee, which has supported me from the begin-

ning."
Ishibashi's trial is scheduled for
Aug. 23 in San Francisco Supe-rior Court.

JACL roundup

Here are a number of announce-ents from the Japanese Amerian Citizens League:

 Japanese American Citizens League Associate Director Carole Hayashino has been named act-ing national director by the ing national director by the organization's board of directors. In her new role, Hayashino as-sumes the duties of former Na-tional Director Dennis Hayashi, who left JACL to serve as director

of the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Health and Hu-man Services in Washington, D.C.

man Services in Washington, D.C.
Currently, an organizational
search is underway for a new director, and it is hoped one can be
in place by the end of the year.

• The JACL expressed disparent
set the lenient sentences recently
given to the two officers convicted
of beating Rodney King. On Aug.
4, U.S. District Judge John Davies
sentenced Sergeant Stacey Koon
and officer Lawrence Powell to 30
months in prison for violating months in prison for violating King's civil rights. In so doing, the judge departed from federal

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sentencing guidelines, which would have imposed sentences of 7to 10 years. The judge also ruled that the two officers would not have to pay restitution or fines that could have gone as high as \$150,000 each. "We are disapointed by the decision," stated JACL acting director Carole Hayashino. "The sentences are a travesty of justice. Thirty months: alike a slag on the wrist falling. is like a slap on the wrist, falling far below the federal sentencing guideline."

guideline."

Before her confirmation to the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg received JACL's endorsement. "We support President Clinton's nomination of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, for she is well qualified for the job and has shown herself to be sensitive to civil rights issues," said Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, Ginsburg, formerly a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge, D.C., is credited for the development of the doctrine that includes gender

the doctrine that includes gender discrimination under the purview of the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection.

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

An American monument in Nagasaki

hat I wrote about Nagasaki in this column a few weeks ago was written the property of the total season. I had written, correctly, that along one walkway in a less than impressive Peace Park me-morializing the nuclear bombing of the city, there was displayed a group of sympa-thy memorials from socialist states behind the Iron Curtain.

"Whatever the intent," I wrote, "this display appeared to be a cynical Communist jab at the United States endorsed by Nagasaki. Had America ever been invited ntribute?

to contributer
This prompted Ruth Tanbara of St. Paul,
Minn., a stalwart member of the St. Paul
Nagasaki Sister City Committee, to correct me. There is indeed an American-spon-sored monument which obviously I had missed, she said. It is a sculpture titled "Constellation Earth" by Minnesota artist Paul Granlund and it was put in place in the Peace Park only last Oct. 10.

The statue is described as an eight-foot sphere "composed of seven free floating

human figures connected by touch. They represent the seven continents. Each conti-nent is a planet, and each planet a star in Constellation Earth. The sculpture represents the world in terms of people insta

The statue, which is described as carry-ing a message of peace from the U.S. to the world, is the third casting of Granlund's creation. The first is at the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul) and the second at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn.
"Hochi," the newsletter of the St. Paul-

"Hochi," the newsletter of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, tells the story of how the monument came to be. St. Paul's mayor, Jim Scheibel, noticed on a visit to Nagasaki that while many coun-tries were represented in the Peace Park, the U.S. was noticeably absent. He learned that when visitors asked why a monument from America was not in the park, the answer was "It's not here yet."

Mayor Scheibel quickly discovered there wasn't likely to be a monument from America unless some private citizens took

on the project. Back in St. Paul he got a committee organized, funds were raised and the Granlund statue purchased. Granlund himself has a curious link with

nuclear destruction. He was a member of an Army Air Force reconnaissance crew which flew over Hiroshima eight days after it was devastated by the world's first nuclear attack, two days after the Japanese surren-

der.

So there is indeed American representation in the Peace Park statuary to complement what the St. Paul sister city committee has done to promote friendship and
help heal the wounds inflicted in the closing days of World War II. It's a shame that
47 years were allowed to pass before the
mission was accomplished. Well, better late
than never, and sorry about the oversight.
Lwill make it a noiry though for St. Paul I will make it a point to look for St. Paul's monument the next time I visit Nagasaki.

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



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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Coming up with coke

E NEVER TOUCHED a controlled substance be it marijuana, metham-phetamine, cocaine, or whatever. At least, not knowingly. As one allergic to cats, household dust and the annual autumn siege of hay fever, the very thought of letsiege of nay lever, the very thought of let-ting anything up my nostrils strikes me as repulsive. Not to mention its illegality or that the substance is costly, financially and otherwise. Well, as it turns out the odds are otherwise. Well, as it turns out the odds are that even as I write these words, I have some occaine on me. Not enough to create a noticeable lump in my pocket but enough for a trained dog to sniff out. Before you start dialling 9-1-1, hold up for one additional bit of information: you

for one additional bit of information; you probably have some on you, too.

IT SEEMS THAT "coke" (cocaine) has become so pervasive in jour society that the stuff has tainted paper money you and I carry. Among those dollar bills received in change are bills that appear to have spent time in a pig sty. (Which is one of the reasons I refuse to buy sandwiches from a purveyor who both prepares the sandwich and also handles the money.) According to and also handles the money.) According to an article in the latest ABA Journal (American Bar Assn.) a court overturned a convic-tion for "possession" of a controlled sub-stance where the conviction was founded

the defendant also happened to have on him some \$9,000 in cash. (Suspicious as this admittedly appears, it's no crime to carry money—even nine grand worth.) SO HOW PERVASIVE is this phenom-enon of paper money being tainted with traces of cocaine? A few years ago, a toxicologist conducted an experiment to try to answer this question. He travelled to 12 cities in the U.S. and obtained from banks in those cities some 135 dollar bills. Guess how many of those 135 bills carried traces how many of those 135 bills carried traces of cogains? Mind you, these bills were from respectable banks, not from the local pawn-shops or the corner bookle. The answer: out of 135, all but four had traces of cocaine. That means about 97% were cocaine-

AN EARLIER experimental survey by AN EARLIER experimental survey by the MiamiHerald newspaper was conducted down in Florida. The newspaper asked 11 prominent citizens down there to supply a \$20 bill for testing. Among the folks who participated in the experiment were: the Catholic archibishop; the state attorney, Janet Reno; the then-President's son, Jeb Bush; a former Miss America; and a county sheriff. Whatever your politics or religion or whatever be, you've got to concede that this is a pretty straight crowd. So out of the 11, how many came through clean? Would

you believe—just one? No, it wasn't now-Attorney General Janet Reno; it was the county sheriff.

IVE COME ACROSS marijuana, cocaine, and so forth but only in the setting of a criminal proceeding, usually a criminal defendant's motion to suppress seized evi-dence—charging that the drugs were seized by the police in violation of the defendant's 4th Amendment rights against illegal search and seizure. All these various drugs search and seriore. All these various aruga being totally unfamiliar to me, it took a while for me to familiarize myself with the basic characteristics of each substance. The more difficult task was picking up "street" labels by which these various substances were known. In this respect, I recall one afternoon listening to drug testimony which droned on, when I was jolted by a slang four-letter word for feces. Thinking that I had misheard the (woman) witness I soberly asked that the answer be repeated. It came out the same as the first time. The four-letter slang is one used in the street for

narijuana." Live and learn.

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

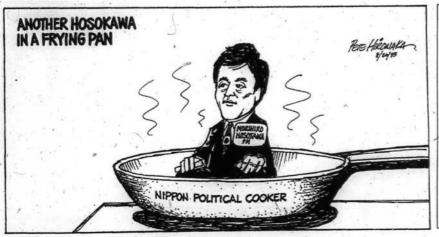
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JACL member questions direction of Legacy Fund

In a May, 1993, issue of the Nichibei Times, Fred Oshimia, a member of the Salinas Chapter, JACL, was commenting on the slow pace of the Legacy Fund campaign and he wrote: "... We wonder today whether the JACL Legacy Fund is JACL's top principly. In the first place. Judging by the current uncharacteristic action and movementyly some of the aggressive bleeding hearts at the San Francisco headquarters, there are some concerns with their ing hearts at the San Francisco headquar-ters, there are some concerns with their disturbing course and whether they're expending their youthful energy and intelli-gence in the right direction. This extreme leftist conduct can have a significant influ-ence and could hurt the Legacy Fund cam-paign. I know this alarming matter is of concern in Salinas Valley." The term, "extreme leftist conduct," will mean different things to different people. Some of these recent stands taken by Na-tional JACL will be extreme leftist to some and quite proper and normal to others.

tional JACL will be extreme leftist to some and quite proper and normal to others. National must always be aware that its membership consists not only of Clinton liberals, but also Republican conservatives. Some, indeed considerable, thought should be given to some of the recent stands, in the name of civil rights, that National has endorsed or proposes to endorse. We should not, in unthinking or knee-jerk reaction, set on the bandwagon of a movement, benot, in untunising or knee-jerk reaction, get on the bandwagon of a movement, because someone thinks that we should in the name of civil rights. We must be pragmatic as well as idealistic. Much of what is considered idealistic has its pros and cons. Both sides should be given full consideration

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efore a definitive official stand is taken in the name of the entire organization

Fred U. Hirasuna Fresno, Calif.

Reader interprets meaning of "gaman"

The value and/or merit of (good) communication was read with much enthusiasm (Pacific Citien, July 2-8, 1993, and Aug. 6-19, 1993). It struck home because, on occasion, communication was a struggle (and still is) with my bet terhalf ... but I do _____ ter half ... but, I do make an effort at it (Columnist Mei) Nakano's ar-ticle had the effect of an inocula--felt like an antiseptic with

uch stimulation.

I would like to note here on the sage of "ga-man." As Nakano oted the long standing tradition dictating gaman as tantamount to strength and virtue is a popular notion. And the Japanese dictionary gives perserverance, self-re

straint as its English interpreta-

However, when dissected, "ga" is defined "self" and "self-centered" and "man" is defined "co wit in solent; arrogant." In this vein of thought the Buddhist term defines "gaman" as a "self-centered exu-dation of arrogance." The same connotation can be felt in the exsion: "How come I have to take

So, what ought to be used in-stead? "Tae-ru, shino-bu, and nin-niku" mean "to endure, persevere; fortitude" are definitions found in any Japanese dictionary as proper alternatives. Regard this as semantic trivia if you will.

Jun Kawasaki Monterey Park, Calif.

Racist remarks man Caribbean cruise

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I spent part of our Redress money on a cruise visiting a few of the islands in the Caribbean Sea. We took with us our older daugh.

ter and her husband.
Mid-way through the week we
went through an experience which
had a very upsetting and troubling affect on us all.
A shortened version of the
broadway play, "Grease," was presented which had a seene where a

group of teen-age girls at a payama party talked about the boys they had gone out with. One of the girls

sings, "at least he wasn't a Jap My daughter, being very ups called the cruise director immediately after the play and requested

Jim, the cruise director, I would sess, is in his mid to late thirties, tall, blond, and at least to this

int, quite pleasant and friendly. We started the meeting by telling him how offended we were, not only by the word, but also by the context in which it was used. Jim stonewalls us. He says

Jim stonewalls us. He says "Grease" is used with strict guide-lines. Any change in the play could result in a lawsuit to the cruise line. Besides, he says, the line was left in because it reflects the racial attitudes of the fifties, nd by hearing such racist expre

sions the audience is able to hear how foolish such prejudiced state-ments sound. Would he have ap-proved the line if, instead of "Jap", it were "nigger", or "kike?" Yes, he ould have

This happened to be a theme cruise, with NBA basketball as cruise, with NBA basketball as the theme. There were African American players on board, as well as a good representation of Afri-can American passengers. Jim's credibility at this point was zero with us with us.

with us,
Then, to add to the unreal situ-ation, Jim became angry that we accused him of insensitivity. He said he had a black friend in college that he had to defend from some of his white friends. And nore recently, he added, he had to censure someone who made a jok-ing comment about the fact that there was only one white basket-ball player on the cruise. He evi-dently was not quite so permissive in allowing free expression of re cial bias when it hit closer to home gion of re-

We told him we were not satis-fied with his response, and he agreed to set up a meeting with the hotel director. Barry, the hotel director, was cordial. He had phoned the pro-ducer of the play, and secured per-mission to substitute a line for the

offensive one. Except for this incident, we all had a wonderful time on the cruise In response to an opportunity r an evaluation of the cruise. I for an evaluation of the cruise, I wrote a six-page letter, til which I have, after two weeks, not received

ply. • ome afterthoughts and after feelings: I was proud of my daugh-ter for initiating the confronta-tion. I was disappointed in the attitude of the young cruise direc-tor. I'm angry at the cruise line for permitting such a racist line to be used on their cruise. We were told Grease" had been running with the cruise line for three years. How much damage had been done in this time? And were we the first to

As stated above, we used our Redress money to fund this cruise. The irony did not escape us.

Phil Shigekuni North Hills, Calif. San Fernando Valley Chapter

More thoughts, reactions to Rising Sun movie controversy

Response to Nobuyuki column on Rising Sun

Mr. Nobuyuki's op-ed article in the Aug. 6-19 issue of the Pacific Citizen raises many interesting points. Unfortunately, he did not finish his homework. The article appears to suggest that national JACL failed to acquaint itself with the film industry and to meet with the people responsible for Rising Sun. Had he inquired, he would have learned that last year, former National Director Dennis Hayashi led a coalition of concerned orga. led a coalition of concerned orga-nizations in a series of meetings with Twentieth Century Fox officials and Director/screenwriter Philip Kaufman. The coalition included the National Asian American Telecommunications Association and the Media Action Network for Asian Americans. JACL also sought advice from its friends in the motion picture industry. These meetings have been credited for encouraging some of the positive changes in the movie. After several meetings, however, the coalition determined that Kaufman and Twentieth C Fox were not meeting in good faith.

JACL and the coalition then waited until the movie had been viewed before issuing its first statement about the movie. This initial state-ment was careful to note that it was based on an independent viewing and was only an expression of concern. The plans for action were not finalized until the lead coalition members in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles managed to get into pre-screenings to

view the movie for themselves. As Nobuyuki knows, it is difficult to get total consensus on the many difficult issues that JACL con fronts, but hopefully he agrees that the action was very successful in its goal to raise the issue of media discussion of an issue of impor-tance to JACL members.

Karen Narasaki JACL Washington, D.C., ontativ

PC has right to voice views on Rising Sun

Congratulations on a very interesting issue of the Pacific Cititeresting issue of the Pacific Citi-zen regarding the reactions to the movie Rising Sun, including the National JACL position, and the articles proand con about whether

It's important that Pacific Citi-It's important that Pacific Citizen writers feel free to express their own opinions—for the whole subject of racism needs to be discussed. What is racism? What is the thin line between freedom of speech and censorship? Why is it important to protest negative ste-reotypes? What is "Japan bash-

I have not seen the movie, which is supposed to have toned down some of the more racist characterizations, but I have read the book. What is central in the book is the izations, but I have reau the own. What is central in the book is the theme of Japanese big business taking over the U.S., with the Japanese leaders portrayed as ruthless, cynical, sexually per-

verted, and affiliated with gangsters. This is Japan bashing, and in line with the history of anti-

me with the history of anti-Japanese novels and books from pre-World War II days. I cannot comment on the movie, but it must be seen in today's his-torical context where the idea of 'yellow peril' has resurfaced as the American economy from the American economy faces prob-lems, and Japan becomes the principal competitor. One of the un-derlying causes of World War II was the fight of Japan and the U.S. for the economic control of ources of Asia. Accompany the resources of Asia. Accompany-ing this struggle was American racism (one needs only to see the cartoons and anti-Japanese progaganda). And this lead, among other reasons to the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

World War II.

The mass media, especially movies and television shows reach a wide audience. There are very few if any positive depictions of Japanese Americans or Asian American families to counteract negative. tive stereotypes. And many Ameri-cans still cannot make the distinc-tion between the Japanese from Japan and Americans of Japanese stry.

The protests spotlight the problems of racism in our media. Asians should be represented fairly so that there are many images portrayed: We need to support our film makers, Asian American the-atres, playwrights, and actors as well as become a part of the main-

stream media.

And hopefully the Pacific Citizen articles will encourage discussion about these issues. There is a diversity of opinions and experi-ences among Japanese Americans

Chizu Tiyama El Gerrito, Calif.

Hated book but likes the movie

While I despised Michael Crichton's novel, I liked Rising Sun as movie. I was not offended by a white cop's use of "Jap" and "Nip." Sure, the audience laughed. What did you expect? Gasps of shocked disbelief? C'mon this is America where white folks still move to the suburbs to escape from us colored folks. I thought the Japanese corporate bigshots were much like American corporate bigshots. Caveat emptor is the byword, if not bylaw, of our free market economy. I thought Eddie Sakamura's meal off the living bodies of two naked white women was sexually innovative but hardly perverse. His bit with taking his sake with a woman's nipple reminded me of a similar scene in *The Last Emperor*. I liked the overlay of the windshield wipers moaning with sexual tumescence. But is the movie racist? Does it deserve to be pick-eted? (Why the fig leaf of calling the picketing educational?)

What are the charges? Karen Narasaki of the Japanese American Citizens League writes that Phil Kaufman's movie adaptation

of Crichton's "Jap bashing" novel is "worse than the book." But where is the "Jap bashing" of the novel? (I use "Jap bashing" because it is the term commonly used in white the term commonly used in white America. Where are the novel's accusations that Japan is waging economic warfare, that we Japs can't innovate as well as whitey, and that Japan is willing to pay for campaign costs of every member of the U.S. Congress? It ain't there She characterizes Eddie She characterizes Eddie Sakamura's sex life as "perverse sexual practices with white women." "In fact," she adds, the 'violation' of Caucasian women seems to be symbolic of the 'invasion' by Japanese into our economy." I do recall an old Japanese movie that symbolized sexual union as two railroad cars being joined with a ker-runch and the steam engine's hissing as its piston shot rapidly in and out. But interracial sexual union as metaphor for economic takeover 'violation' of Caucasian wo men phor for economic takeover tretches credulity.

Guy Aoki ends his criticism of Rising Sun with, "We need to start Rising Sun with, "We need to start educating not just the movie stu-dios about harmful films like 'Ris-ing Sun'" Well, I wrote to Phil Kaufman in May 1992 to express my fears of his movie version of Crichton's novel. As far as I can tell, Kaufman took such fears to heart and removed the "Jap bash-ing" of the novel. With the bashing gone, why do we insist on bashing back?

William Hohri

Voices

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mittee letter. See page 7

The Pacific Southwest District Executive The Pacinic Southwest District Executive Committee (PSWD District Board) was extremely disappointed with the article entitled, "JACL Texans say they got little help from National Director Dennis Hayashi," that appeared in the June 25, 1993, issue of the Pacific Citizen. The Executive Committhe Pacific Citizen. The Executive Commit-tee on its meeting of July 12 unanimously agreed to send this open letter to the Pacific Citizen highlighting two areas: 1. The PSW District commends the work

and efforts of Dennis Hayashi during his tenure as JACL National Director; and

2. Printing of the above referenced article by the Pacific Citizen was inappropriate

by the Pacific Citizen was inappropriate and potentially damaging.

As National Director, Dennis Hayashi brought JACL back to the forefront of civil rights issues and in the minds of prominent civil rights leadership. Outspoken and articulate, Mr. Hayashi brought a broad specific production of the civil rights and the civil rights are supported by the civil rights and articulate, Mr. Hayashi brought a broad specific production. trum of issues from hate crime, to discrimi-nation, to ethnic sensitivity to the attention

of national political leadership as well as the general public.

As busy as he was during his tenure, the Pacific Southwest District found Mr. Hayashi and the national staff to be very accessible and responsive to the needs of the district and of the

local chapters. It was not uncommon for the former National Director to speak at large JACL District or Los Angeles regional func tions and to frequently visit the Los Angeles regional office to sup-

gional office to sup-ort our Regional Di-octor, Jimmy Tokeshi. As PSW has high marks for Mr. Hayashi and does not wish to diminish the concerns of the Texas membership in the response of staff on the Jap Road issue, it was very disturbing to the PSW Executive Commit-

tée that this story was printed in the Pacific Citizen and that it was a featured front page article.

Although Mr. Hayashi is no longer em-ployed by the JACL, the subject of this article still appears to be a personnel issue,

completely inappropriate for our national newspaper. The fact that this article appeared within two weeks of his departure from the organization only makes matters

this issue were cited in the article from fall of 1992 until the National Board meeting of March 21, 1993, in Washington DC. Recol-lections of the board meeting and citations of events in your article seem to agree that the matter of communication was discussed at the meeting and closed. Questions arise on why the article was printed three months later. The text and timing of the article implicates a personal attack. Our organization should be proud that Mr. Haysahi served JACL with distinction.

Mr. Hayashi served JACL with distinction.
Instead of showing our pride of him, we took a public stab at the highest appointed Asian tion. Whatever the original intent of the publication of this article, the Pacific Citim with a circulation that includes our zer with a circulation that includes our Nikkei Congressional representatives, lo-cal and regional political leadership and other regional/national publications and organizations, JACL and the Pacific Citizen only managed to embarrass ourselves in front of a national audience.

Executive Committee Pacific Southwest District

Pacific Citizen editorial

BY RICHARD SUENAGA

Response to PSW: Readers have a right to know

organizations are dynamic by nature.
Movement is essential. But with motion
comes friction. And with friction comes an uneasiness. Some see dangerous fires and want to snuff them out. Others see sparks that lead to light and truth.

that lead to light and truth.

And soit goes with the Japanese American Citizens League—or rather to a number of nameless individuals from the Pacific Southwest (PSW) District Council Executive Committee. In its July 21 letter (see above) to Pacific Citizen the PSW Executive Committee decided that: 1. Dennis Hayashi performed admirably in his position as JACL national director, and 2. that Pacific Citizen had no right to print an article critical of his performance. Under attack is the June 25 Pacific.

Under attack is the June 25 Pacific Citizen article in which Sandra Tanamachi Nakata complained that she had asked for and did not receive help from Hayashi in her battle to change the name of Jap Road in Beaumont, Texas. Pacific Citizen re-sponded to the problem she raised, when she raised it.

The first attack came from a JACL na The first attack came from a JACL na-tional vice president who said that the critical article would undermine the effort to recruit a replacement for Hayashi who now heads the Civil Rights Division of Health and Human Services. The PSW Executive Committee followed with its argument that the Tanamachi Nakata-Hayashi problem is simply a personnel matter and is not appropriate for dissemi-nation to JACL members. By this reason-ing, then, President Clinton or any other leader could do the same and demand the media stop voicing views on their perfor-mance. Let's not let voters and citizens know what's going on in government, they say. Ditto JACL.

coming over their rhetoric is one real objective: to restrict and control what this

objective: to restrict and control what this newspaper publishes—and to prevent members from knowing what's going on. The desire to suppress this newspaper's role to provide information comes from individuals within the organization who that disagre in their zealousness say that disagree-ment with them is tantamount to heresy. If you're not with me, you're against me

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Now, we have sacred cows and sacrifi-cial lambs. We elevate individuals to ped-estals, to perch there untouched by con-

troversy.

The PSW Executive Committee has decided that Hayashi is above public re-proach. Interestingly, it was the PSW Dis-trict in 1975 which had initiated action against the performance of both the na-tional president and national director. In the pages of *Pacific Citizen*, PSW even called for the impeachment of the JACL

called for the impeachment of the JACL president.

How times have changed. What's really disturbing in these attacks is how, in their criticism of Pacific Citizen, both the JACL national officer and the PSW Executive Committee relegate the importance of Tanamachi Nakata's fight against racism in a small Texas town. The implication: Haysahi's reputation is more important than a member's problem. Tanamachi Nakata stood alone before an overwhelming community which reflected a single mindset see it our way or get out of town. Don't upset the folks. You're with us or against us.

us.

Pacific Citizen believes in the fundamental right of JACL members to voice
their concerns about their leadership. The
PSW Executive Committee letter and recommendations seek to protect individu-als from accountability and make Pacific Citizen party to that policy. What the PSW Executive Committee wants is sanitized reporting or suppression of news. At organization's business in an atmosphere of sunlight, not shadow. No one should sit on a perch protected by a cone of enforced silence. Not Hayashi, not JACL, not an Executive Committee, not Pacific Citizen,

JACL has too often suffered from a leadership that tuned in its own agenda

and tuned out its members. At issue is the question of who decides paths taken and not taken. Who speaks for JACL? These are valid questions that deserve

answers.

Pacific Citizen, like any honest publication, wants to probe, ask, check, wonder,
and report. It is the process that enlightens, that gives context, perspective, infor-mation, ideas, and opinions to those who have invested in this organization. Full disclosure is the only remedy to seductive

The late Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black said that "a free press ensures the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources that is essential to the welfare of the public."

You cannot, then, reconcile a restricted press with the needs and demands of the few. The course and actions of this organization is every member's business. The airing of views is not a personal nor jour-nalistic indulgence, it is a necessity. That is Pacific Citizen's responsibility. To fight racism, to uphold civil rights

es unrelenting energy and forceful com-ment. But it also takes equal measures of deliberation and discussion in a free press, in an atmosphere that is open and untrammeled.

Suenaga is editor/general manager of Pacific Citizen.



Voices

By DALE SHIMASAKI

Pacific Citizen mishandled Rising Sun

Perhaps it was out of innocence, perhaps benigm neglect; but in any event, Pacific Citizen's decision to make the Risigs Sun film a topic for debate, in my opinion, was a dreadful mistake.

The July 23-Aug. 6 issue of the PC, a biweekly newspaper for the Jupanese American Citizens League (JACL), published a point-counterpoint on the movie Rising Sun, entitled "Is Rising Sun Rasaki, JACL's Washington, D.C., representative, as arguing that the movie is racist. Gwen Muranaka, assistant editor of the PC stales and argues that "... Rising Sun is not a racist movie." Although on the surface, this gives the appearance of engaging in thoughtful discussion, it in reality, damages JACL's credibility as a civil rights advocate.

rights advocate.

Here's why:

First, it makes JACL look hypocritical on civil rights issues. For months, the PC has

written articles about the continuing struggle to eliminate the road designation in Texas labeled "Jap." The issue has been, and rightfully so, portrayed as a funda-mental issue of racism. Racial epithets are not to be tolerated under any condition. Yet, in Muranaka's article, she questions whether we should object to the slurs 'jap' and 'nip' in the film.

and hip' in the film.

It Is absolutely incredible that the issue is even raised thetorically in a civil rights organization. Regardless of context, those words are offensive to me. They are offensive to JACL and our community. They are just as offensive as the words chink, 'dago,' and 'nigger.' Yes, those words are racist. And they ought to be offensive to everyone. Period.

But, is the PC saying it is impermissible to use racial slurs on a road sign, and it is permissible to use slurs in a film?

Coverage of these two events makes JACL look, at best, inconsistent, and at

worst, ridiculous. In doing this, the PC has managed to take a straightforward civil rights issue and reduced it to a Siskel-Ebert movie review

Ebert movie review.

Second, is the PC's failure to disclose the appearance of a conflict of interest. In the article, Muranaka, who works in Los Angeles, made reference to a "press junket." What she failed to disclose was that she was invited by 20th Century Fox studios at their expense to preview the film

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in New York. Fox paid for her air fare and hotel accommodations. This trip was not a matter of urgency or necessity. She could have, just as easily attended the film premiere scheduled in Los Angeles.

One can argue it was part of her job and

she can maintain impartiality as a journal-ist. But there is an interesting irony here. For example, when a politician votes against an anti-smoking bill, and fails to mention the fact that he accepted a free trip to attend a lavish weekend party at the expense of a tobacco company, the press expense of a tobacco company, the press immediately grabs the issue and exposes the politician for failure to disclose such behavior. Why should Murannaka be held to a different standard? Just like the politician, even if she were impartial and had maintained her standards of journalistic integrity, failure to fully disclose this fact still looks bad for her, bad for the PC, and bad for the organization.

Third, the national JACL had already taken a position to voice concern about the movie regarding its portrayal of Asians.

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Shimsaki is chairman of the JACL Education Committee

Pacific Citizen response

By GWEN MURANAKA

Rising Sun reaction demands discussion

The criticism of Pacific Citizen's handling of Rising Sun reminds me of a Japanese saying. The nail that sticks up gets hammered down. Dale Shimasaki says that to maintain credibility, JACL muts present a united front, must show no dissension among the ranks in this organization or the vast numbers of Asian Pacific American groups. A unified voice is desirable—but not when it ignores or stifles discussion, groups. A unified voice is desirable—but not when it ignores or stifles discussion, debate and open discourse. A unified position must be cultivated from active, participatory discussion by members as well as leaders. Unity cannot be assumed or forced. And in this respect, Pacific Citizen regards the publishing of views and information as

Prior to Rising Sun's release, many, including those in JACL, used emotional and angry rhetoric against the film. When the film was released nationally that kind of consensus of clear and present danger did not materialize. George Johnston, cofounder of the Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANA), one of the groups the leading the protests in Los An-

geles, in an article in the Rafu Shimpo,

*After all the fears...of Japan-bashing, xenophobia and so forth that the movie would unleash, Rising Sun turned out to be nothing more than a flawed summer movie. returns more than a nawed summer movie.
Yet inexplicably, the protest went on. Somewhere along the line, the idea of standing down plans for a protest—should the movie actually not be as bad as feared—was for-

> See Shimasaki's commentary above

Films, like other works of fiction, are experienced on a subjective, personal level. Pacific Citizen isn't saying its interpretation of the film is the correct one. We are tion of the lim is the correct one. We appresenting different perspectives on a controversial issue and letting the readers think and decide for themselves. Shimasaki says that JACL had already passed judgement on the film, condemned it and anyone who disagrees with this position is wrong. End of debate, he says. debate, he says. To answer some of Shimasaki's specific

concerns:

That my article on Rising Sun implies that I condone the use of the slurs "Jap" and "Nip" in the film.

My argument was certainly not a defense of racial slurs. It pointed out the importance of distinguishing between racisms and a depiction of racism in an artistic medium.

a depiction of racism in an artistic medium. If a character in a movie or a novel is racist, then one of the options available to the artist is to use racist language, just as a character who is from the South might speak with a Southern accent. This does not mean necessarily that the artist condones or advocates the behavior of their creation. Here's an example: in Ralph Ellison's novel Invisible Man, young black men are beaten and humiliated by the white elite of a small college town in a ritual called "the battle royal." Throughout the scene, words such as "nigger," Sambo," and "boy" are used. Yet no one would argue that Ellison approved of this behavior.

Using Shimasaki's argument, Ellison is a racist for trying to artistically depict these brutal acts. Ellison's point by using racist language is to show that racism exists. He writes in his introduction: "I would havelto approach racial stereotypes as a given fact of the social process and proceed, while gambling with the reader's capacity for fictional truth, to reveal the human complexity which strengthers are intended to cap. ity which stereotypes are intended to con-

Whether Rising Sun cros Whether Rising Sun crossed the line be-tween depicting racism and being racist is debatable and should be discussed. Racism is sometimes a complex issue; when it is, it cannot be considered a closed or completed discussion. Racism and our perceptions of it like other societal problems must constantly like other societal problems must constantly be re-examined and questioned. If we think we know everything there is to know about regism and close our min 3 at se our minds, then we run the racism and clo danger of ourselves become

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Muranaka is assistant editor of Pacific ,



Come-on Sense

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI

Impressions of Rising Sun

We usually avoid the opening week of a new motion picture be-cause of the crowds, but with the JACL brouhaha over Rising Sun, my wife Sandy and I thought we ould break our tradition and

I admit, as we waited under the heat of the San Fernando Valley (Calif.) sun, I couldn't help but begin to question the motives of begin to question the motives of those waiting in line with us. "Were these people all the 'rednecks' of the Valley waiting to pounce on the bashing of Japan? Were the hundreds of people who would fill the theater such mo-rons whose minds would be filled misaligned images of Japan and take out their aggression on me and my wife?" "Should I call a Come-on sense

The theater was filled all the way to the front row. Even the is except for the one I stepped into; it would have been faster for me to get into the longer lines.

I was pleasantly surprised with the opening of the movie, featur-ing the San Francisco Taiko Group d a dissolve to Karaoke. The and a dissolve to haraoke. The audience seemed to catch the Director's treatment of the story line quite well. They laughed at Wesley Snipes need to negotiate his investigation of the murder scene, and even the brief clip of the photo taking scene with the Shosha and the blonde bombshell.

had the hall in laughter.

During the movie, I nudged Sandy at the scene that was shot

at the Japanese garden of our local water reclamation plant, and we both strained our eyes trying to see if we could identify any of the "extras" in the background. You see, our local senior citizen center was tapped to provide ex-tras for the movie. I was pleas-antly surprised to see the number

antly surprised to see the number of Asian American actors who were chosen for roles.

Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawais a fine actor, and his character in the movie is treated better than in the book, though I prefer my "sushi dishes" over his. The Carrere is now on my list of Hollywood's best, and Mako; well, he is in a league of his own. Mako's role as chairman of the board reminded me of past acquaintances, and was poised, intelligent and positive. Stan Egi, whom we have seen in the local East West Players, proved that movement from the theater to the big screen can be immediate if one has talent, and even the smaller roles were well cast with Asian Americans.

As we left the theater, I re-

marked to Sandy about something that the legendary Mike Masaoka had challenged me on many years ago. Mike paraphrased a negotia-tion session about Asian Ameri-can roles and actors. Mike asked whether JACL should choose to fight the battle of better roles for Asian Americans first, at the risk of seeing those roles filled by other non-Asians, or support the hiring of more Asian Americans in exit ing roles with the hope that better ones would follow. I chose the

latter. Frecall telling Mike about a TV commercial featuring an Asian American "slashing prices with 'karate chops.' Local groups protested. The actor lost the as-signment; and the role was given to several other non-Asians, still "slashing prices" with karate chops.

chops.

Hopefully, the protesting and brouhaha generated by national JACL will not end up discouraging screenwriters, producers and directors to avoid Asian roles. directors to avoid Asian roles. Exposure is important for actors. Many of Hollywood's roles could be filled by Asian American ac-tors at the stroke of a pen and/or the imagination of a Producer/ the imagination of a Producer/ Director. It's a tough industry. And the more Asian Americans on the big screen, the better the chances for evolution. One final note: CBS news an-chor Connie Chung(8-6-93) broad-

cast a feature story on this motion picture. She began with the high box office take of the film and noted that it had offended Japanoted that it had offended Japanese Americans. She ended the story with the the note that Universal and Columbia Pictures, both owned by the Japanese ignored: the author's invitation to produce the film. Only 20th Century Fox, which is our last major American owned film maker, took on the production.

Nobuyuki serves on the San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL, board. He was JACL national ex-ecutive director from 1977-80.

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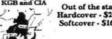
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IN-SIGHT

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA

In mid June, I journeyed down to southern New Jersey to the annual Seabrook JACL installaannual Seabrook OACL installa-tion and graduates recognition dinner. The story of how Japa-ness Americans come to be living in this tiny rural community is one for the history books. Between 1944 and 1945, more than 2,500 Nikkei left the intern-

than 2,500 Nikkei left the intern-ment camps to work at Seabrook Farms, then the largest vegetable farm and food processing plant in the world. Filling government con-tracts to feed the military, Seabrook Farms packed millions of pounds of frozen, canned and dehydrated vegetables per year. In need of a work force, the intern-ment compared seams as source

Charles Seabrook persuaded Charles Seabrook persuaded the government to build apartments and cottages for these work-ers recruited from the camps. The Nikkei who came here saw it as a place to start over again. They worked hard and made a new beginning. At that time, Seabrook Farms was the largest single employed to the contract of the contrac ployer of former internees. It was also a multi-ethnic work place as immigrants from Europe and Latin America were also recruited The Seabrook story

Seabrook Farms is no more and there are only about 500 Nikkei who still live in the area. Under the leadership of Ellen Nakamura who was one of the first to arrive in Seabrook in 1944, a museum in Seabrook in 1944, a museum and cultural center has been es-tablished to preserve this story. Housed in the Upper Deerfield Township Hall Building, the cen-ter is scheduled to open in 1994, 50 years after the arrival of the 50 years after the arrival of the first Japanese to Seabrook. The centerpiece of the museum will be a 10-by-10 floot model of Seabrook Village, which is being constructed by Robert Y. Hasuike, who once lived there. This museum will be an important contribution to the history of Japanese Amercans in the United States.

I have often attended the an-

the United States.

I have often attended the annual Seabrook JACL dinner which is usually held in conjunction with an Eastern District Council quarterly meeting. We meet at the Upper Deerfield Township Council Chambers, have lunch prepared by the Fujinkin of the Buddhist Church and then in the evening all of us go to the dinner. evening all of us go to the dinner. This is one way the district delegates support the individual

chapter.
The Seabrook JACL Chapter is rice Searook AGE Chapter is getting smaller now. Members who have moved away but live close enough still come back for this annual event. As in many of the rural communities, the Buddhist Temple is the hub of the Japanese American activities. The Minyo Dancers and the taiko drum group perform at JACL functions. The community participates in the The community participates in the Temple's summer obon festival. I thought about JACL in small

towns as I read in the PC about the death of Sam Koshio in Fort Lupton, Colorado. (I met Sam when I attended Fort Lupton when I attended Fort Lupton JACL's 50th anniversary dinner back in October of 1992. Sam, a long time leader of the chapter, served as the encee. He will be missed. My condolences to his family and to the members of the taminy and to the members of the Chapter.) As these chapters get smaller because the children don't stay on the farms, will we have new chapters in new metropoli-tan areas take their places?

That's thirty for now.

Kimura is national JACL president. Her column appears regu-larly in Pacific Citizen.

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nities come together over com-mon concerns, Jobs, Justice and Peace.

The Asian Pacific American Coalition includes: Afro-Asian Relations Council; Alliance for KoreanNationalDemocracy, U.S.A.; Alliance for Philippine Concerns; Asian American Arts and Media; Asian Americans for Equality;

Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Asian Pacific American Heritage Council; Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; AFL-CIO; Campaign for Democracy and Independence; Philippines (CAMDI); Chinese for Affirmative Action; Conference on Asian Pa-cific American Leadership; D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs; Gay Asian Pacific Islander Network/D.C.; Indochinese Community Center, Japanese American Citizens League, D.C. Chapter; Korean American Alliance; National Asian Pacific American Bar Asso ciation; National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; Or-ganization of Chinese Americans; Philippine Heritage Foundation; Pacific Conference on Asian American Leadership Council; Progressive Asian Pacific American Women; Tanghalang Pilipino Ng D.C.; Washington Alliance of Korean American Women; and Young Koreans United of U.S.A.



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and friends, part of the food was contributed by members of the Northern California Restaurant Association. Local food consolida-tion was headed by Y. Ito of Sacra-mento's Kyoto Restaurant. All this was in commemoration of the Marriage of the Crown Prince of Janan

Those working on the event were: Randy Imai, general arrangements; Lori Fujimoto and Miko Katsura, gifts; Nancy Akabori, food arrangement; res-taurant liaison, Ralph Sugimoto; Kuni Hironaka, and facility, Toko Akabori, food arri Fujii, event coordinator.

Fresno Chapter

JACL's pioneer Fresno Chap-ter, founded in 1923 as the Fresno American Loyalty League, will cel-ebrate its 70th anniversary at a gala dinner at the Belmont Coun-try Club, 8253 E. Belmont, on Saturday, Aug. 28, with Bill

try Club, 8253 E. Belmont, on Saturday, Aug. 28, with Bill Hosokawa as keynote speaker. As the American Loyalty League of Fresno, it claimed the title of "grand-daddy of all chap-ters." Dr. Tom Yatabe [1897-1977] was president-founder. Yatabe was the first national JACL president "elected" in 1934, i.e., by delegates to the National Council whereas the two prior national presidents were so recognized be-cause of their being the national convention chair.

Dinner information: 209/486-6815, \$25 per person, RSVP by

Aug. 14.

Berkeley Chapter

The Berkeley JACL recently



Golf talk for '94

San Francisco Chapter, JACL, golf committee planning its First annual tournament at Sonoma Golf Club, from left, standing, Sox Kitashima, Yo Hironaka, Kathy Asada, Sheryf Ishizaki and John Hayashi, event co-chairs, and Les Haffa, chapter president. Seated are Cressey Nakagawa (loth), and Doug Nakatani. Despite rain, the June 4th event was a success, according to Ishizaki. "Being the chapter's first golf burnament, we're looking forward to making next year's bigger and better," she said.

held its annual chapter scholarship awards dinner.

Paul Igasaki, executive director
of the Asian Law Caucus, and
former JACL Washington, D.C.
Representative, was the featured
speaker at the scholarship dinner.
igasaki spoke on the close working relationship between the Law
Caucus and the JACL. He also
commented that one of JACL's
most visible community programs
has been its various scholarship
programs, both at the local and programs, both at the local and national levels.

This year, the Berkeley Chap-

ter honored Kyle Tanimachi of El

Cerrito High School, Dean Kawamoto of College Preparatory School in Oakland, and Sean Davidson of Skyline High School Davidson of Skyline rugn School of Oakland. According to Jane Ogawa, Chapter Scholarship Chair, 'our scholarship recipients for 1993 are highly motivated individuals with impressive scholastic records. We are proud of their achievements." their achievements

The Berkeley Chapter's schol-arship program, which the Chap-ter restarted three years age, pro-vides scholarship recognition and assistance to East Bay high school seniors seeking to attend college.

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The pros and cons of the issue had already been considered and decided upon by the organization. If a position had already been taken, why is staff debating the issue? Staff's role is to impleissue? Staff's role is to implement policy—not to publicly question the organization's position after it has been made. That unnecessarily puts JACL in an awkward position that quite frankly. becomes an embarrassment to

Fourth, even if the PC were right in assuming that the issue merited debate, they failed to adhere to appropriate standards of balance and impertiality. Muranaka was given japproximately 40 column inches for the article and had the benefit of hearing in advance Narasaki's views on the issue. Narasaki was given half the column and was not told of Muranaka's views. What exacerbates this problem is that Narasaki was not even informed by the PC that her article was to be used as a point-counterpoint debate. Narasaki originally pre-pared it as an op-ed piece. The cepate. Narasaki originally pre-pared it as an op-ed piece. The failure of the PC to inform Narasaki of these facts goes beyond any appropriate stan-dards of fairness.

beyond any appropriate standards of fairness.

What is the most disconcerting thing about this whole debacle is that the PC and ultimately, the organization will probably do nothing about this situation at a time when leadership is needed to clarify the organization's position. For months, JACL leaders, in good faith, worked with other civil rights organizations such as National Asian American Telecommunications Association, the American Jewish Committee and the Media Action Network in Los Angeles to remedy the problems of Japan-bashing, negative stereotypes, and slurs in the film. When an article like this shows up in its own membership newspaper, with paid JACL staff taking conflicting positions, it sends a mixed message to civil rights organizations as to JACL's sincerity and commitment on this sand similar discrimination issues. sincerity and commitment on this and similar discrimination issues.

and similar discrimination issues. Such actions undermine JACL's credibility, especially when coali-tions are needed in the future to fight issues of racism and human

rights. After all, that is one of the most important objectives of a civil rights organization.

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in stereotyped, preconceived ideas.

• That Pacific Citizen tried to hide the circumstances by which I saw the film, implying

which I saw the film, implying a potential conflict of interest. This is simply not true. Pacific Citizes was one of many media invited to the preview. Included were representatives from ABC, CBS, NBC, the Associated Press, Yomiuri Shimbun, the Detroit Free Press, Dalles Morning Neus, and many others were in attendance. The New York screening was the only opportunity for the press to speak with most of the major players in the film, including director, ers in the film, including dir ucer and actors.

Previews and press conferences repart of the film industry. When

Previews and press conferences are part of the filmindustry. When a studio pays travel expenses for press coverage, it is taking its chances with the outcome. But whether or not the reviews are favorable, a movie gets attention.

My article had two over-riding specific goals: To offier my own independent view of the movie Rising Sun—without the influence of JACL, other organizations, Twentieth Century Fox, or anyone else, and to deal with the film's potential impact in racial terms.

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remain unbiased about the film, Pacific Citizen also turned down

That the article was inappropriate because "the national JACL had already taken

tional JACL had already faken a position to voice concern about the movie regarding its portrayal of Asians.

At the beginning of the article, I elaborate numerous scenes and motifs which would be of concern to Japanese Americans, but that my overall interpretation of the film was that it isn't racist. The key statement Shimasaki makes key statement Shimasaki makes is, The pros and cons of the issue had already been considered and decided upon by the organization."

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But who was it that made this decision for the organization? Was it a good decision?

Pacific Citizen believes that JACL reacted to the film Rising Sun without having all the evidence in hand to take a knowledgeble position. It's wrong

to criticize a film before viewing it to criticize a film before viewing it personally. JACL released a state-ment July 8, a day before I saw the film, in which they said it "will provoke a wave of anti-Asian vio-lence." The release said this was based on an early script and a report from a pre-screening JACL had not seen the movie, but based their condemnation of the film on

hearsay.

JACL leadership also claims that its statement against the film before its release was based on pre-screenings by two members of the coalition of Asian American of the conlition of Asian American groups that formed to fight the film. This, too, isn't enough. An organization's representives ought to see the film for them-selves if they are to speak for that organization and in turn for its mbers.

The problem with this sort of hasty action is that it undermines the legitimate argument and con-cerns of the entire Asian Ameri-can community. Pacific Citizen is not defending the movie. We are questioning a process—or lack of one—which allows a definitive statement to be prematurely cir-culated. Reading the book or an early script of the film is still not the same as seeing the film and shouldn't be taken as an adequate

That Pacific Citizen wasn't That Pacific Citizen wasn't impartial in its coverage of Rising Sun—that I received more space than Narasaki and that she was not informed of the side-by-side treatment. Again, Pacific Citizen's role is to provide as much information as

to provide as much information as possible. I wrote a full, complete article to give readers as much perspective and context as I could. Narasaki focused solely on criticism of the film. Other essential information about the film and its context would have been included

had she chosen to do so.

The side-by-side treatment was employed by editor Richard Suenaga to present two views of the movie. Again, Pacific Citizen believes the controversy about Rising Sun is not clear cut. There-Rising Sun is not clear cut. There-fore, presenting two views was regarded as the best way to give members a fuller understanding of the situation. On any issue, Pacific Citizen believes members need as much insight and infor-mation as possible to make in-formed decisions. This has and always will be the objective of this newspaper.

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