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JACL calls for investigation in shooting death of Japanese student

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has written to officials in Concord, Calif., to express concerns at the recent shooting of Masakazu Kuriyama, who died Aug. 21 from two gunshot wounds to the head.

In light of the increase in anti-Asian assaults and murders across the country, JACL Acting National Director Carole Hayashino has written to Concord Mayor Nancy Gore and Police Chief Michael Mascher, asking that possible racial motivation in the case be fully examined.

In statements to the media, Concord police said they have found no motive at this time. However, they speculate that the fatal shooting may have been a failed robbery attempt rather than a hate crime. The 25-year-old Japanese exchange student was found with his wallet, credit cards, \$140 and a Sony Walkman still in his possession.

Kuriyama had left his job on

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Senate fails to include funds for redress education

The Senate failed to include any money for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund in its appropriations bill for the 1994 budget for the Department of Justice, according to the Japanese American Citizens League. President Clinton's budget had contained a request of \$5 million for the fund.

While the Senate bill contained no funding, the House bill contained a provision which attempts to permit the Department of Justice to redirect any money remaining from the appropriations approved for individual redress payments to the fund. The JACL has been informed that the House provision will not work. Both versions of the appropriations bill have been forwarded to a Conference Committee, where members of the House and Senate will work out a compromise. Members of both the Senate and House Appropriations

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'94 convention countdown

The 1994 Japanese American Citizens League national convention will be held in Salt Lake City Aug. 3-6, according to Floyd Mori, chairman of the convention committee.

Currently, the committee is reviewing workshop topics and other plans for the event.

The opening social will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Salt Lake Arts Center. A golf tournament will precede the business sessions dates of the convention.

Information: 1994 JACL Convention Committee, P.O. Box 17715, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117.

JACL tri-district conference: Cleveland, Aug. 19-22



LILLIAN KIMURA
Addressing future of JACL



HANK TANAKA
Handling host duties

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'Real World of Asians'

JACL members from Eastern, Mountain Plains and Midwest Districts meet to hear a variety of talks, discussions, and panel sessions ...

By RICHARD SUENAGA

CLEVELAND—The theme of Aug. 19-22 JACL tri-district conference hosted by the organization's Cleveland Chapter was *The*

Real World of Asians. And the theme of National President Lillian C. Kimura's opening speech was getting the clout to carry that and other messages across this country.

The actual title of Kimura's address was *Preparing JACL for the 21st century*. She began her remarks by noting that the Asian American community is the fastest growing segment of America's population.

"By the year 2020 there will be 20.2 million Asian Americans," Kimura said. "That's a 145% growth in the last quarter century." In California, she added, Asian Americans will grow to 8.5 million, a significant jump from the 2.85 million recorded in the 1990 census.

In 1980, Kimura pointed out that the Japanese American population was recorded at 700,000. By 1990 it was 847,000, or a 21% increase. "By the year 2000," she said, the Japanese American population will be more than one million people."

For all these figures of increasing numbers, Kimura said that Asian Americans remain politically insignificant.

"Not enough Asian Americans are registered voters," she said. "Only 40 percent of eligible vot-

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KATHY AKIYA VAUGHN
Presenting an award

All aboard

Elections were held for two of the three districts meeting in Cleveland, Aug. 19-22. Here are the results:

- EDC: Teresa Maebori re-elected governor; vice governors—Ron Uba, New York Chapter; Lily Okura, Washington, D.C. Chapter; Scott Nagao, Seabrook Chapter.
- MDC: David Hayashi, Twin Cities, elected governor; Kathy Akiya Vaughn, Cincinnati Chapter, 1st vice governor.

More review on reorganization

Staff reports

The restructuring plan for the Japanese American Citizens League will be presented with the latest concerns and comments at the national board meeting in San Francisco, Sept. 24-26. Members of the Eastern, Midwest and Mountain Plains District Councils discussed some of their concerns at the tri-district meeting here Aug. 19-22. Those and other considerations will be incorporated into the latest version for review and input by the national board.

Following the September national board meeting, the restructuring plan will be mailed out for a referendum vote. It is hoped the chapters will have spoken by the end of the year.

Much discussion and disagreement has been focused on the plan which was

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A JACL roundup of activities

Addressing some 100 members of the Eastern, Midwest and Mountain Plains District Councils of the Japanese American Citizens League, National President Lillian Kimura presented some of the major projects at this point of the biennium.

Here they are:

- Executive director search: Kimura reported that a number of applications have been received for the position vacated by Dennis Hayashi, now head of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

- From this list, three candidates will be interviewed during the Sept. 24-26 national board meeting in San Francisco. It is hoped that a new executive director will

be announced then.

- 1996 convention: The Site Selection Committee will meet soon to make recommendations for the 1996 convention.

- The Education manual has been completed and was be showcased to members at the tri-district conference.

- New membership materials have been created and will be distributed soon.

- March on Washington: Kimura, who will participate in the 30th anniversary of the Aug. 28, 1963 Martin Luther King event, said that it was important for JACL to be part of the Asian American coalition that will be counted among those marching and acknowledging the historic event. Kimura is scheduled to speak for three minutes.

Reviewing resolutions

Four resolutions were considered at the Cleveland tri-district conference, Aug. 22. They will be recommended to the National Board at its Sept. 24-26 meeting in San Francisco. They are:

- The Tri-District Council supports the Philadelphia Chapter bid to be the site of the 1996 convention. Resolution passed.

- The Chicago Chapter proposal to allow non-citizens to vote and/or hold JACL office was viewed as confusing. The

resolution was sent back to the chapter for clarification.

- A \$4,000 fund-raising program for the Jap Road effort in Beaumont, Texas, will be recommended to the national board. All JACL chapters and the national board would be solicited for contributions. Resolution approved.

- The Cleveland Chapter, JACL, shall be recognized for its work in conducting a successful tri-district conference. Resolution approved.

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Northeast U.S. New York City

Sun. Sept. 19—New York community tribute to Isaku and Emi Kida, publishers of New York Nichibei (1948-93). 2 p.m., Flower Drum Restaurant, 856 Second Ave. (btwn. 45th-46th Sts.). RSVP \$50, by Sept. 7 to: Slave Wadé Kida Tababe, 48 Grand St., New York, NY 10013. Information: 212/225-0696.
Sat.-Sun. Sept. 25-26—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyu Talchum Co., Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall.

Washington, D.C.

Tue. Sept. 25—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyu Talchum Co., 8 p.m. Liner Auditorium, The George Washington University.

Thu.-Sat. Oct. 21-23, MIS / Washington, DC Reunion—Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Va. THU: Panel discussions, golf tournament, sightseeing, buffet meals, FBI - morning rites at Arlington National Cemetery, luncheon at Capitol Hill and tour of Congress, reception at the Japanese Embassy; SAT - boat cruise with lunch, grand banquet, presentation of Philippine campaign medals; Information: Japanese American Veterans Association, PO Box 391, Vienna, VA 22183. NOTE: Oral history workshop with Dr. Glenda Nagami, U.S. Army History Institute at Carlisle, Pa., to assist.

Missouri St. Louis

Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-6—Japanese Festival, opening 11 a.m. SAT, Sept. 4, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis; admission free before Saturday noon; San Francisco Taiko Dojo Sept. 4-5 only. Information: Joe Yokota 314/921-7933.

Illinois Chicago

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

Washington Seattle

Sun. Oct. 3—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyu Talchum Co., Meany Hall for the Performing Arts, Univ. of Washington.

Oregon Portland

Through Jan. 16—JANM exhibit: "Japanese Pioneers of Oregon." Oregon Historical Society, 1230 SW Park Ave., Portland. 503/222-1741. Monthly lectures all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16—"Oregon: Issei Poetry." Lawson Inada; Oct. 14—"Tessie Pioneers in Hawaii and the Mainland." Dr. Akemi Kikumura and George Katagiri; Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realities." Dr. Linda Tamura; Dec. 9—"Spacious Dreams." Dr. Lauren Kessler; Dr. Homer Yasui; Jan. 13—"Between Camp and Home." Dr. Robert Sims.

Nevada Reno

Fall Dates—Sun. Sept. 19—JACL fish fry, Knights of Pythias Hall; Sun. Oct. 17—JACL potluck, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall.
Sun-Tue. Sept. 26-28, Tuile Lake / Tri-State HS Class of '43, 50th Anniversary.

ary—Harrah's Casino Hotel, Reno; Mixer, dinner, potluck, Virginia City tour, get-away breakfast. Late registration call: Tom Fujimoto (916) 427-6839.
Fri.-Sun. Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Gila River / All Canal High School, Class of '43; Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Reno; Information: George Tamori (510) 685-4262; Merry Kuroski (916) 395-3911, Jiro Fuji (510) 232-8154. For bus trip: Natsuko Kumata (209) 646-2787.

Las Vegas

Sun. Oct. 10—JACL Lasu, St. Victor's Conv. Ctr. Information: Marie Stapleton 702/648-3894.
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 5-7—JACL PSWDC Conference, Boardwalk Hotel, 3750 Las Vegas Blvd South (btwn Flamingo and Tropicana), 702/735-1167; SAT: dinner. Information: PSW JACL Office 213/626-4471, Bill Endow 702/878-1569.

California Sacramento Valley

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 11-12—JACL Marysville teniyaki booth at Prune Festival, Marysville Fairgrounds; Information: Gemy Tsunoda 916/674-8216.
Fri.-Sun. Sept. 17-19, Marysville Area Old Times Nikkei Reunion—Events include Friday mixer, Saturday luncheon/banquet, Colusa visit, golf, fishing, Reno trip. Registration and information: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991.

San Francisco

Sun. Sept. 12—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m. Information: Elsie Chung 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriaki 510/3280.
Sat. Sept. 25—JCCNCC Open House, 20th anniversary celebration: "Remembrance and Renewal," 12-5 p.m., 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; Information: JCCNCC 415/567-5505.
Sat. Oct. 2, San Francisco Nisei Fishing Club 75th Anniversary celebration, Golden Gate Yacht Club. Information: Bill Kyono (415) 752-1666 or Hank Hideoaka (415) 731-6852.

Eastbay

Sun. Sept. 5—Natl Japanese American Historical Society fundraiser picnic, N.C. Okunawan Kenjinrai performances, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Shibata Garden, Mt. Eden; Information: NJAHS 415/4310507.

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

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

San Jose-Monterey

Sat. Sept. 18, San Benito County Oldtimers Reunion—Luncheon, noon-5 p.m., Ridgemark Golf and Country Club, Hollister. Information: Amy Nagareda (408) 295-3710, Hiroshi Wada (213) 321-9761.

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 17-19, San Jose High '43 Alumni Reunion—Red Lion Hotel, Contact Mrs. Hersheila Oakes (408) 247-4133.
Sat. Sept. 25—JACL San Jose scholarship benefit Casino Night, Italian Gardens, \$30 chicken dinner and play money. Information: JACL Office 408/295-1250.

Sat. Sept. 25—JACL West Valley Next Generation Dance, Mtn. View Buddhist Church, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Jessons 7-8:30 p.m.; party 8:30-12m; Info: Jackie Murahashi 408/298-3940 eve.

Fresno-Central Cal

Sun. Sept. 19—JACL Fresno/CDDC 8th annual Shin Zen Run, Woodward Park, 10-K run, 2-mile run, 2-mile walk,

1-K race for kids. Entry fee until Sept. 7 \$10 (\$5 for 1-K kids run), thereafter \$13 (\$7 kids). Registration forms, Central Sun Joquin Valley sporting goods stores, JACL CDDC office. Information: JACL 209/486-6816. [A triple-point event in the Bud Light Runner of the Year series.]

Los Angeles-Orange

Sun. Aug. 29—"Getting married cross-ethnically." Dr. Steve Kobayashi, clinical psychologist, speaker. 1 p.m. Trinita Gardens UMC Chapel, 1444 W. Rosecrans, Gardena; Information: 310/323-8409.

Thu. Sept. 9—"On Paper" reception, 6 p.m. Art Store Gallery, 4040 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660, 714/250-7353. Artist Carol Miura et al.

Sat. Sept. 11—Church Fair, food-bazaar, United Church of L.A., 401 E. 3rd St., 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 12—"Financial Planning." Richard Nakawatsa, speaker, 1:30 p.m., Nikkei Widowed Group, JACC Pioneer Center, Information: Karo Oike 310/637-7662 or June Ichinose 618/268-7169.

Sun. Sept. 12—Jazz pianist/composer Glenn Horuchi's quartet concert of "Precision" and other new works with saxophonist Francis Wong, percussionist Jeanette Wrate and bassist Anders Swanson, 7 p.m., Harbor College Regional Hall, 1111 Figueroa Pl., Wilmington. Information: 213/913-0817. Admission - \$6.

Sat. Sept. 18—Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, 5th annual luncheon 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fu-Shing Restaurant, 3500 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA (818) 792-6888; Roster and Information: P. Ochiai, 1708 Sierra Vista Ave., Alhambra, CA 91808, (818) 281-4757.

Sat. Sept. 18—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California awards dinner; Nobuko Miyamoto, Harold Muraoka, Helen Nakano, Glenn Omatsu, Visual Communications, honorees; Torrance Holiday Inn, Del Mar, \$35 dinner. Information: RSVP by Sept. 10, Iku Kikushima 310/326-0608. [Date Corrected]

Sun. Sept. 19—O.C. Sansei Singles picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Liberty Park, Sudabaker Rd. south of South St. and north of 195th St., Cerritos. RSVP by Sept. 10 to save \$3, call Dix: 310/516-6762. Cost: \$7 members, \$5 children, \$10 non-members.

Wed. Sept. 22—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyu Talchum Co., 7 p.m. UCLA Royce Hall, Tickets: 310/825-2101.

Thu. Sept. 23—Asian Amer Adv and Pub Rel Alliance mixer-seminar, "Target The U.S. Asian Market." Ms. Angi Ma Wong, speaker; Information: Lynne Choy Uyeda, 213/939-9028.
Fri.-Sat. Sept. 24-25, Jerome / All Classes-Denison High School Reunion—Sponsored by Class of '44, FRI - mixer, Orange County Buddhist Church, Anaheim; SAT - dinner-dance, Hyatt Regency Alhambra Hotel, Anaheim; Information: James Tsutsui, 71525 Alora Ave., Cerritos, CA 90701 transportation from Central Cal: Fujio Shimada 209/854-8851.

Southern California

Sun. Sept. 19—JACL San Diego / Union of Pan Asian Communities film classic series: "Autumn Afternoon" by Ozu; Ozu Gardens Senior Housing Project, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 2 p.m. Information: Kiku Gardens 619/422-4951, free to seniors; others \$2 donations. Coming to Oct. 17—"Kwaidan," Nov. 21—"Kagemusha" by Kurosawa.
Sat. Sept. 25—San Diego Buddhist Temple fund-raising fashion show, 2929 Market St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring Kanajo's "Fall Collection." Information: Ben Honda 619/277-8082, Tsune Hashiguchi 619/278-7630, free.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Philippines to honor Nisei MIS vets who served in World War II

The Embassy of the Philippines has advised the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAV) of Washington, D.C., that Nisei who served in the Philippines during World War II will be recognized and honored by the award of appropriate medals at the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Capital Reunion being organized by JAV and MIS associations located throughout the nation. The reunion will be held Oct. 21-23, 1993, in Arlington, Va.

This action of the Philippine government recognizes the contributions of Nisei servicemen to the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese while serving in combat units as interpreters, translators, and language specialists and on other Military Intelligence Service assignments in the U.S. Army and other allied units. MIS veterans are eligible for the following medals:

- Philippine Defense Medal for participation in any engagement against the enemy on Philippine territorial lands, waters and air from Dec. 8, 1941, to June 15, 1942.
- Resistance Movement Medal for military service in the

Philippine Resistance Movement from June 16, 1942, to Oct. 16, 1944.

- Philippine Liberation Medal for at least 30 days of service in the liberation of the Philippines from Oct. 17, 1944, to Sept. 3, 1945; for participation in the initial landing operations in Leyte or adjoining islands from Oct. 17-20, 1944; or service in the Philippine Islands for no less than 30 days during the period from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sept. 3, 1945.

- Philippine Independence Medal and Ribbon for military personnel of the U.S. Army and U.S. Armed Forces Far East who are recipients of the Philippine Defense Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.
- Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge for participation in the Philippine

Defense Campaign from Dec. 8, 1941, to June 16, 1942 or the Philippine Resistance Movement from June 16, 1942, to Oct. 16, 1944 or the Philippine Liberation Movement from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sept. 3, 1945 (in the war against Japan from Sept. 7, 1941 to May, 10, 1942, inclusive and during the Philippine Campaign for Liberation from 1944 to 1945).

- WWII Victory Medal for service any time between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946.

- American Defense Medal for active service in the U.S. Armed Forces Far East between Sept. 8 and Dec. 7, 1941.

- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for continuous service of at least 30 days, or broken service

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Sansei turning print into TV

Grant Ujifusa, former redress leader and senior editor at *Reader's Digest*, has been working with ABC to bring the magazine to prime time television. Scheduled to air nationally on Tuesday, Sept. 7 (10 p.m., Eastern and Pacific Standard Times, 9 p.m., Central and Mountain Standard Times), the hour-long show called "Reader's Digest On Television" features favorites from the magazine, including "Drama In Real Life" and "Crime and Punishment."

"I'm very pleased with how everything turned out," Ujifusa said, "and I hope that my friends in the Japanese American community will watch." As the lead editor on

the project, Ujifusa feels that if the debut is successful, more shows will follow.

"Combining ABC's prime time viewing audience with the *Digest's* 50 million readers gives the show a big leg up," Ujifusa continued. He added that the magazine's editorial techniques—condensation and storytelling narrative—are very close to how good television works.

Ujifusa is the son of former Denver residents Tom and Mary Ujifusa, who now live in Briarcliff, N.Y. Grant Ujifusa is also co-author of the *Almanac of American Politics*, which was a key factor in the successful redress effort.

Clinton honors JACL member for his help during flood

President Bill Clinton presented St. Louis Chapter JACL member Art Towata with a certificate of commendation Aug. 12, citing him as a "flood hero."

Clinton came to St. Louis to sign into law the \$5.7 billion flood aid bill and to honor 19 local people for their outstanding commitment and generosity during what is now being called the Great Flood of '93.

Towata, an artist, turned his gallery into a command post for emergency workers during the flood. The workers sandbagged

24 hours a day to keep the rising Mississippi and Missouri flood waters from destroying Alton.

"It was a community effort," Towata says. "The only thing I did was open my doors for these people to work." He says he made a lot of new neighbors and friends.

Towata told local media he was "very embarrassed" by the national attention. He accepted the recognition on behalf of all of the emergency workers in Alton.

Towata said he hopes his experience with the flood leads to the creation of artwork.

KKK burned into L.A. home

Home of Taiwanese immigrants in Rowland Heights was found vandalized Aug. 17 when they returned from a vacation with the letters "KKK" burned into the living room carpet along with a swastika and a pentagram with the word "satan," according to Los Angeles county sheriff deputies from the Walnut-San Dimas substation. Investigator Roger Hom said, "We are handling it as a possible hate crime."

Speaking through an interpreter, the lady of the house said she was afraid to talk to anyone about the incident for fear of retaliation, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* added. A Nintendo set and a game cartridge were also taken, leading arson investigators to believe the crime was the work of teenagers. The targeted family includes a teen-aged boy.

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Get involved in political process, speakers say

Staff reports

CLEVELAND—The model minority myth is alive and well, Irene Nativity told JACL members attending the Cleveland tri-district conference Aug. 20.

Speaking on "Empowerment in the '90s: Opportunities and Responsibilities," Nativity said that "numerical gauges of our progress" still give the impression that Asian Americans as a group need little attention.

The speaker, the first Asian American to head the National Women's Political Caucus and a principal of a constituency outreach firm in Washington, D.C., pointed to two key factors:

- Unemployment among Asian Americans is relatively low.
- The average median income of Asian Americans is \$38,451, compared to the overall national average of \$29,943.

"The perception is that we do well and have a lot of money," Nativity said. "Asian Americans are hampered by the model minority stereotypes."

Too many Asian Americans in this country are treated as second class citizens or less, she said. To

many, Asian Americans are still foreigners.

Echding a familiar theme by now, the message was clear: Asian Americans don't vote. The speaker urged Asian Americans to create their own political identity and style.

Analyzing why Asian Americans don't get involved, Nativity cited these factors:

- Asian Americans came here to improve their economic condition and remain focused on that goal.
- They have ties to their home-lands and focus on politics back home, not here.
- Their own racial prejudices sometimes prevents them from joining with other ethnic minorities.

Nativity urged the JACL audience to take active interest in politics by writing letters to Washington, D.C., politicians, to local mayors, members of school boards, and even producers and writers of movies.

She pointed out the power of protest, of voting, of involvement in the legislative process—of getting a "political foothold in this country."

Hate crimes, literature rising, says JACL official

Staff reports

CLEVELAND—It's worse and more violent than ever.

Anti-Asian violence is everywhere, Karen Narasaki told members attending the JACL tri-district conference here Aug. 20.

Narasaki, JACL's Washington, D.C., representative, cited several recent examples of violent crimes against Asian Americans and a wave of literature that preaches hate and racism.

The speaker said that JACL must respond to cases where there is clear evidence of anti-Asian rhetoric and violence to raise the level of public awareness.

Narasaki cited the movie *Rising Sun* as an expression of bigotry and as a root cause of hate violence.

She blamed the media for per-

petuating racial stereotypes, in the case of the movie, the view of the Japanese as foreign enemies and economic invaders. "There are so few alternative positive roles in movies and on TV," she said.

"Only one person is Asian Americans on TV."

Narasaki cited the movie *Mississippi Burning* as a comparison. After a showing in a Wisconsin city, a white youth was attacked by black youths.

The solution and strategy to anti-Asian American violence, Narasaki said, is to regularly meet with law enforcement officials, develop coalitions, speak out against racial slurs and to make sure incidents are reported.

JACL, she added, will support legislation that enhances higher sentencing of hate crimes.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Hosokawa on Hosokawa

The American press has been giving Japan's new prime minister, Morihiro Hosokawa, an impressive amount of space. He's young for a Japanese prime minister (55), photogenic, scion of an ancient noble family and is cast in the role of slayer of corrupt dragons, all of which is calculated to stir U.S. media attention.

(His maternal grandfather was Prince Fumimaro Konohe as prime minister in 1941, in a desperate attempt to avert war, proposed a meeting with President Roosevelt in Hawaii. Roosevelt liked the idea and suggested Juneau, Alaska, instead because of the time it would take to get to Honolulu. But when it became evident neither country was prepared to modify the positions that had brought them head to head, the meeting was never held. Konohe was succeeded as prime minister by Gen. Hideki Tojo and you know the rest. Prince Konohe committed suicide in January, 1946, rather than face a war crimes trial.)

A combination of circumstances has made Hosokawa of particular interest in, of all places, Montana.

Back in the early 1980s, just before Hosokawa was elected governor of Kumamoto Prefecture in Kyushu, Kumamoto and Montana established a sis-

ter state relationship. Montana's governor, at the time was Ted Schwinden, a grain-grower who took the relationship seriously. Never mind that Kumamoto is semi-tropical while a heavy jacket and gloves are recommended for Montana most of the year. (At the turn of the century hundreds of Japanese immigrants arriving in Seattle and Tacoma were hustled off to Montana as railroad track laborers. Uncomfortable with the climate, most of them soon left; a few remained to run restaurants or farms.)

Hosokawa met Gov. Schwinden on his several visits to Montana. Recalling those occasions, Schwinden told the Billings Gazette recently that the new Japanese leader "has extensive Western exposure, more so than any recent premier."

Another former Montana governor, Stan Stephens, told the Gazette: "We had a very good relationship with Gov. Hosokawa. He has personal knowledge of Montana. He knows Montana people and that will accrue well. Although he can't play favorites, it is a plus for us and the United States."

Gary Buchanan of Billings, who was director of the Montana Department of Commerce in Schwinden's first administration, said the prime minister and his Sorbonne-educated wife were extremely impressive,

"traditional and contemporary at the same time."

The three Americans agreed Mrs. Hosokawa was impressive in her own right, fluent in English and knowledgeable about world affairs. Like Princess Masako, Schwinden observed.

Matthew Cohn, director of the travel department in the Department of Commerce, told the Gazette Hosokawa's son and one of his two daughters lived for a time in the home of a West Yellowstone businessman named Lewis Robinson. Cohn said of Hosokawa's election: "This is a great deal for Montana. He has been here five or six times. The guy knows us well."

The Japanese could say the same about Mike Mansfield, a Montanan who served as U.S. ambassador in Tokyo for a decade until George Bush became president. But with Walter Mondale as the new ambassador, perhaps a Kumamoto-Montana-Minnesota axis may develop.

By the way, don't bother to ask. No relationship.

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

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● In the Pacific Citizen editorial, "Rising Sun reaction demanded discussion," by Gwen Muranaka, (Pacific Citizen, Aug. 20-26 issue), a portion of a sentence is missing. It should read:

"Unity cannot be assumed or forced. And in this respect, Pacific Citizen regards the publishing of views and information as its right and responsibility."

● In the opinion piece written by Dale Shimazaki in the Pacific Citizen Aug. 20-26 issue, he is identified as the chairman of the JACL Education Committee. Cheryl Kagawa is the current chairperson of that committee.

Letters

Says disagreement valid when not an official JACL position

The film *Rising Sun* was sure to raise a controversy simply because of its subject matter. That it would occur as a result of a difference of opinion between JACL's Washington, D.C., representative and a PC reporter's analysis of the film is unfortunate, because of implications being drawn from the two articles. The issue really isn't the merits of either position, but rather that there were statements made by an official of JACL and a reporter from the PC, the official national publication of the JACL.

First, let me say that any official JACL or PC representative is accountable for what they say in their official capacities. There are appropriate channels for officials criticizing such articles, but this in itself does not preclude public criticism, particularly by the JACL membership whose only effective voice may be through an article in the

or by others.

In my view, the PSW officials were out of line criticizing members in the Mountain Plains District for their criticism of Dennis Hayashi. Is it their view that glowing articles written about JACL leaders are acceptable PC articles and critical ones aren't? Give us a break, PSW. If Dennis Hayashi couldn't stand the heat he shouldn't have gotten into the kitchen. Only if such public criticism arises from comments by another JACL official or PC official relative to an official JACL national position, does it raise ethical questions. I believe that if such was the case, then there should have been better judgments exercised by PC officials permitting the appearance of such conflicting views by officials of both organizations. However, if such statements are not official JACL positions and are simply opinions of such people, then such statements are fair game for criticism by others, including those writing for the PC. One should not have such controversies as a regular diet in the PC, for that can result in long-term credibility problems if practiced frequently. More often than not people do not distinguish between official and non-official positions and simply observe whose statements it is attributed to.

Was the position stated by the Washington D.C., representative an officially approved JACL national position? Were the national and/or Executive Committee polled relative to the article prior to its appearance, and if so, was this conveyed to the PC?

Finally, there is real danger in national

JACL asserting control over the PC. For the PC is often the only source of information many members have and it could be as objective as possible so that JACL members can have a better understanding of the issues at hand. It cannot parrot the JACL leadership blindly. While it is the official publication of JACL, it is not a propaganda instrument for publishing glowing articles about JACL leadership and suppressing legitimate differences among its members and leaders, nor evading responsibility and condoning corruption and inappropriate behavior by staff and voluntary leadership by suppressing such information. One can imagine what would happen to such articles if national officers controlled information published by the PC. To be sure, the PC must tread a fine line of ethical conduct, an unenviable task in the best of times, but a necessary one for the good of both national JACL and its membership.

Denny Yasuhara
Spokane, Wash.

More Rising Sun views, role of Pacific Citizen

After reading Gwen Muranaka's op/ed article regarding the current brouhaha over Pacific Citizen's recent publication of two differing viewpoints on *Rising Sun* (P.C.,

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REVIEW

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introduced in early 1991. Some individuals, chapters and even districts have voiced strong opposition to the plan.

Here are some of the key concerns, according to Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director and member of the Select Committee on Organization Structure.

"A misperception that perhaps some people have is that they feel that all of a sudden there is a restructuring of the organization without any apparent reason," Yoshino said. "The reason for it is that it follows on the heels of the whole Program for Action concept instituted several years ago. Prior to that there was no mechanism for planning within the organization."

"The Program for Action gave us a sense of what the organization is going to do. The notion was that once the Program for Action was determined, there also has to be a mechanism to implement it. That's what this restructuring plan is all about."

Some specific concerns

■ **The recommendation to have all board members serve concurrently.** The concern by some, Yoshino said, is that this changes the election cycles for the district councils. Some district councils meet in even-numbered convention years to elect officers, others elect in odd-numbered years.

■ **The creation of at-large members.** In reconfiguring the board, the plan calls for the elimination of the vice president for operations and the addition of vice presidents for program planning for development as well as two at-large members to the national board. Some of the questions raised: Why do the at-large board members have to be JACL members? Do they have to have been members for a specific length of time? Why is there a need to bring in "outsiders" as at-large members? If the purpose in having at-large members is to bring to the board added skills and clout, then the report should state that.

■ **Concerns about the Nominating Committee and Nominating Chair.** The plan calls for the chair to be elected by the national council. One of the concerns is that the nominating chair not be from the same district council in successive terms, Yoshino said. Some believe that the chair should change, reflecting different geographic concerns.

■ **Cost impact of restructuring plan.** Yoshino told Pacific Citizen that it is difficult to measure cost in some cases. The adding of two new board members would mean sending two more individuals to board meetings, but the cost for that would depend on where they lived.

"Other costs depend on how active the organization wants to be," Yoshino said. One recommendation is the creation of different standing committees. That would not necessarily add cost, Yoshino said, but if organization is going to work through a committee process more carefully, then the prospect of meeting and communications cost such as teleconferencing is possible. "The cost is there, but people need to communicate on the decision-making level."

ASIANS

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ers are registered in California. And if they are registered, they don't vote. And many are independents and that lack of party affiliation prevents us from acting collectively."

Placing these factors in context, Kimura made the following points:

■ Many Asian Americans are immigrants

■ Asian American groups do not have a common language or culture.

■ Intra-Asian conflicts prevent

unified stands. American-born Asian Americans vs. immigrants are often at odds.

■ Conflicts with other minority groups such as blacks vs. Koreans work against us.

■ Many Asian Americans support white candidates because they think they—whites—have more clout.

■ Asian Americans are second only to the Jewish community in bankrolling candidates yet this financial support does not translate in political impact in return.

Kimura added that these Asian American problems are not the only ones that must be considered and addressed.

"We have the advantaged and the disadvantaged," she said. "Not all of us are middle class. The poor are really disadvantaged."

"How can we make a difference in all of these issues? We need to talk about them. We need to be more visible. We need to contribute to the agenda for the United States."

REDRESS

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tions Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary are expected to be named as conferees.

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund is authorized by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which acknowledged the violation of civil rights suffered by Americans of Japanese descent when they were interned during World War II. In addition to providing a formal apology and redress payments to individuals whose rights were violated, the act authorizes the creation of a Public Education Fund to sponsor research and educational efforts on the internment experience. Congress was authorized approximately \$50 million for the fund under the act, but Congress must appropriate funds before any money can be spent.

"When Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, it determined that public education was vital to ensure that such a violation of constitutional rights is never repeated," said JACL Acting National Director Carole Hayashino. "Congress reaffirmed that belief in approving the 1992 Amendments to the Act and must follow through on its commitment."

"It is crucial that the community supports the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund," said JACL Washington D.C., Representative Karen K. Narasaki. "We urge people to write or call members of the Conference Committee to ask for their support of a specific appropriation in the Conference report." Senators Inouye (D-Hawaii), Bumpers (D-Ark.), Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Sasser (D-Tenn.), Kerry (D-Neb.), Domenici (R-N.M.), Stevens (R-Alas.), Hatfield (R-Ore.) and Gramm (R-Texas), as well as Representatives Smith (D-Iowa), Capps (D-Mich.), Mollohan (D-W.V.), Moran (D-Va.), Skaggs (D-Colo.) and Price (D-N.C.) are expected to be among those named to the Conference Committee.

DEATH

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Aug. 19 in San Francisco and took the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train to the Concord station. He was on his way to a friend's house when the incident apparently took place. Kuriyama was found critically wounded a short distance from the Concord BART station by passers-by. Declared brain dead following surgery, Kuriyama's parents, who flew in from Japan, instructed doctors at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek to remove their son from life support. Kuriyama died a short time later.

In its letter, JACL commended the Concord Police Department for its prompt actions in the investigation of the crime, and called upon members in the community who have any information on the shooting to come forward to assist law enforcement agencies in their investigation.



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LETTERS

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Aug. 20-26), I felt that I should clarify a small point.
Muranaka quoted a portion of a column I wrote that appeared in the Aug. 4, 1993 *Rafu Shimpo*. The quote is accurate, but I just want to emphasize that it is not reflective of the official position taken by the Media Action Network for Asian Americans, which led a nationwide protest of Rising Sun. Apparently there was some confusion on that matter. It was a personal opinion not reflective of any organization.

On a different but perhaps related matter, regarding the page one article in the same issue about the PSW recommending editorial restrictions for *Pacific Citizen*, I'd like to share my viewpoint, based on my former employment as one of the many who served as a P.C. editor during the 1980s.

Presuming that the P.C. editorial staff operates under the same

premise that I did—that the *Pacific Citizen*, although published by the Japanese American Citizens League, is a national newspaper containing both JACL news and news of general interest to the greater Japanese American community and interested parties—then they are merely doing what their job requires. They are trying to be a newspaper.

Until the day comes that the following scenario (or something like it) happens—National JACL redefines P.C.'s role and turns it into an actual JACL newsletter, dumps the P.C. Board, closes the L.A. office, fires all the current staff and hires a public relations specialist to produce the JACL newsletter that would require the national director's approval before publication—then this "problem" will persist.

It is, in part, a problem of definition. If everyone understood and went by the same definition for P.C., perhaps history would quit repeating itself.

In the meantime, if I were Richard Suenaga, Gwen Muranaka or even Harry Honda, I'd be updating the ol' resumé.

George T. Johnston

Los Angeles

Be calm, but print varying views

Recently there has been a frenzy of heated discussions on such subjects as *Rising Sun*, Texas "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane." And perhaps more importantly on the question of *Pacific Citizen* publishing "controversial" views which (from the standpoint of conventional JACL wisdom) are not "politically correct" (PC Aug. 8-26 issue). Careful reading of this issue shows the relationship between the above subjects.

From my perspective of 57 years in the JACL, I take a more objective view. Some may label me as a maverick, dinosaur or worse. Nevertheless, I have the gut feeling that perhaps the above issues have been overblown and that the impugned implications on the effects on JACL are tenuous and a bit exaggerated. At the same time, tolerance, understanding and compassion may have been diminished by personal perceptions and biases.

During the late '60s and early '70s, JACL had a "revolt" led by a few persons in the PSWDC. After the firewrecks were over, JACL became a strong organization. Also in the past, there was an attempt to fire the editor of the *Pacific Citizen*. This effort also failed. Historical perspective can be enlightening in understanding our organization.

Gwen Muranaka, Karen Narasaki, Dale Shimazaki, Richard Suenaga and the PSW Executive Committee appear to be major players within the JACL in the recent contentions. This is not necessarily bad.

The above and all of the rest of us have different perceptions. We have the right to express these perceptions. Different views are informative and can provide balance, perspective and insight.

Of course we need to be deeply concerned with the civil rights and racism but attempts to "control" the press or to disparage the position the press takes is not the answer.

Instead we should encourage our members and others to express their views whether they are "politically correct" or not. We should not be intimidating anyone into being "Quiet Americans."

JACL can be viewed as a microcosm of our nation with all of its weaknesses, strengths and differences.

Those persons in leadership positions have always been "fair game" for criticism and appraisal. This goes with the territory. And JACL staff and Board are not immune. Most would agree that inevitably leaders and/or writers with convictions will need thick skins.

Perhaps all of us need to relax a little and take time to smell the roses.

Roy M. Nishikawa

Wilshire Chapter, JACL

Los Angeles

Obituaries

Also, Paul T. 80, Gardena, July 15; Hollywood-born, survived by wife Chiyo, son David, daughter Ann Hamachi, Katharine Aiso, Naomi Nagasawa, 1-gc. brother Daniel, sister Ruth Kamii. Burial, Hatsu Onaga, 58, Fairbrook, July 11; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Manuel, sons

MARY EWING
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Dojiri, Asako, 70, Gardena, July 17; Wakayama-born, survived by husband Haruichi, son Toshiki, Dr. Masahiro, daughter Mikiwa Murata, 5-gc. brother, Etsuko T. 71, Los Angeles, July 19; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Robert, daughters Cheryl Maxwell, Robin, 1-gc. brother Tatsuyuki Tomoyasu, sister Kimi Kato.

Yamaka, Terumi, 92, Culver City, June 16; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Tony Yamaka (Sacramento), George T. Doi, daughters Michika Ishi, Mary Matsura (Hawaii), 7-gc. 7 great-gc., sister Shimako Shinashi (Jpn).

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