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JACL applauds ORA reversal on redress eligibility

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) commended the Office of Redress Administration's (ORA) decision to reverse its position and provide redress payments to Japanese Americans who were either born in camp after their mothers had "voluntarily entered" or who as children accompanied their mothers into camp when the mother "voluntarily entered."

The announcement by the Department of Justice formalized a decision announced last month by Acting Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner at a meeting arranged by JACL and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations. ORA's decision came after almost a year of discussions with JACL, other concerned community leaders, and Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii).

"Convincing ORA to re-evaluate its previous decision to deny these children has been one of JACL's top priorities," said JACL Acting National Director Carole Hayashino. "We are extremely pleased with their decision."

JACL Washington, D.C., Representative Karen Narasaki added, "Acting Assistant Attorney General Jim Turner and Office of Redress Administrator Paul Sudde have been consistent in their strong support of redress. Their willingness to discuss the issue with JACL and to re-examine their earlier decision is only the most recent evidence of ORA's commitment to fulfilling the promise of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988."

Approximately 75 individuals will now be eligible to receive redress. They had been previously ruled ineligible because their mothers had been deemed "voluntary entrants" by the War Relocation Authority. Most of these women had entered camp to give birth or to join already incarcerated family members when their husbands went into military service. Once in camp, the children could not leave without first obtaining government permission.



BRUCE YAMASHITA
Marine report comes up short

Marine report acknowledges problems but Yamashita says that's inadequate

A recently released U.S. Marine Corps study on racial discrimination acknowledges that minorities face special difficulties in the Marines, but according to Honolulu attorney Bruce Yamashita, this is not enough, reported the Honolulu Advertiser.

Yamashita, who filed a suit against the Marine Corps alleging racial discrimination after he was kicked out of the officers' candidate school, said, "The report skirts around the issue that what happened to me at OCS is a reflection of the Marines as a larger entity."

Highlights of the report include:
• The study concluded that minorities in the

Marines face "special challenges" and that the Marines should become more sensitive to the needs of minorities.

• The study recommended rewriting the Marines' affirmative action policy to target qualified minority candidates and also assign more minority officers on a permanent basis to officers' school.

The Advertiser reported that Yamashita will head to Washington to lobby members of Congress for support of his bid to receive his officer's commission.

Speaking about the report, Yamashita said, "It's better than nothing but it falls short, way short of addressing the core of the problem."

Republican Saiki gets help from Democrat supporter in governors' race

Gearing up for the 1994 Hawaii gubernatorial campaign, Pat Saiki, former head of the Small Business Administration, has enlisted the help of Larry Mehuau, a rancher from the island of Hawaii, reported the Honolulu Advertiser.

In what the Advertiser is calling an "off-beat political alliance," Mehuau, traditionally a supporter of Democratic candidates, recently organized a fundraiser for the Republican Saiki which drew about 700 people. In the past, Mehuau's name has been linked with George Ariyoshi and the late Gov. John Burns, both Democrats.

Saiki said of Mehuau, "This campaign is a very open one, and I'm welcoming anyone of any political persuasion and any group to help with this effort."



PATRICIA SAIKI
Help from a Democrat

Jurors rule against sexual harassment case of Ishibashi

Judge orders jury not to deliberate on charge that the AFSC had retaliated against her

A San Francisco Superior Court jury ruled Sept. 14 against Jean Ishibashi in her legal case charging the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) with providing an unsafe working environment, according to the *Hokubei Mainichi*.

The case, which was based on sexual harassment allegations, had been argued for two weeks.

Ishibashi, 37, charged that the AFSC did not protect her from a volunteer who was sexually harassing her. In addition, the former AFSC employee, who worked in the organization's San Francisco office, alleged that the organization created an intolerable working environment after she criticized the organization's failure to implement affirmative action policies.

The jury began deliberation around noon on Sept. 14 and returned with a verdict in the late afternoon. They ruled that while Ishibashi had been sexually harassed, it had not been to the extent that a hostile work environment was created.

The *Hokubei* reported that Judge Carlos Bea instructed the jurors to deliberate only on the sexual harassment charge and eliminated testimony that the organization had "retaliated against her for her affirmative action and union organizing activities."

In the trial, Ishibashi testified how volunteer, Paul Welz, would often touch her on the shoulders or stroke her hair. She said she became particularly upset when at a birthday party, attended by herself and a number of AFSC staffers, at Welz's apartment, she came upon sexual acts and "girlie" photos.

"I felt used, a sexual object... both abused and dirty. I felt threatened," said Ishibashi.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Wilson Riles Jr., executive director, Pacific Mountain Region, AFSC, denied all of Ishibashi's allegations.

"Jean remained an employee until her

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Clinton appoints two Asian Americans

President Clinton recently announced the appointment of two Asian Americans to senior executive service posts in his Administration.

Named as alternate executive director of the Asian Development Bank was N. Cinnamon Dornisfe.

Dornisfe has more than 15 years of international development and foreign policy experience. She was most recently the program director, Asian Affairs, for U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership where she was responsible for policy affairs and program development. She served as the Asia Foundation's Washington representative for four years and worked in Indonesia as a field representative for six years.

Named as assistant deputy undersecretary for Environmental Security was Josephine S. Huang. Huang has more than 25 years of experience in the federal, state and private sectors. Ten of those

Nominee confirmed amid controversy

Ed Chow, former city manager of Kent, Wash., began his job the end of August as deputy assistant secretary for Veteran Affairs for Policy, having been appointed by President Clinton and confirmed, despite the denunciation by some veterans who remembered Chow's felony conviction in 1978.

The *Northwest Asian Weekly* which reported the appointment earlier, was flooded with phone calls and copies of some 1,100 letters, protesting the nomination.

Chow, responding, said: "That

was an unfortunate incident that happened in the past, and obviously in the last 16 years, I've never done anything like that. I was convicted of breaking a man's jaw and slashing him with a knife. The man was a waiter at the restaurant where Chow was dining. "The individual attacked me and I thought it was right to defend myself," Chow said.

Chow has been involved with the Vietnam Veterans of America, serving a number of years on its national board.

years were as a toxicologist at the Environmental Protection Agency and as a program manager of EPA's multi-disciplinary and multimedia regulatory programs in the areas of health effects, risk assessment, environmental monitoring, technology development, and hazardous wastes.

She has more than 10 years of experience in health-related research work with state government and more than five years of private sector experience in environmental engineering, program management, regulatory policy analysis and business development.

Father asks Thais to help son avoid death penalty

As his son awaits sentencing Oct. 28 for the murders of nine people at a Thai Buddhist temple outside of Phoenix, Ariz., Brian Doody has gone to the local Thai community to ask for help to save

his son from the death penalty. Reported in the *Phoenix Gazette*, Doody said, "I've asked the Thai community to send letters to the court to ask that he [Jonathan Doody] doesn't get the death penalty."

IDC announces fall meeting

The Intermountain District Council, JACL, has scheduled its fall meeting Saturday, Oct. 16, in Jackpot, Nev.

Among agenda items: organizational restructuring, national convention, education initiative, the Oregon historical exhibit, and election of officers, according to Randy Harano, IDC governor.

Cost is \$15 per person. By Oct. 5 write to Hid Hasegawa, 3562 Crawford St., Idaho Falls, ID, 83401; or call him at 208/529-1525. The event will be held at Cactus Pete's. Make your own reservations at 1/800/821-1103.

Johnathan Doody, whose mother is Thai, was convicted as the triggerman in the brutal slayings in August, 1991. Doody's father noted that, as Buddhists, the Wat Promkunaram temple members don't believe in the death penalty and hopes that they will convey this to the judge presiding over the sentencing.

Barbara Heller, a temple member, called the plea a "very American tactic."

"People are very worried and angered. Being Buddhist, they don't believe in the death penalty," said Heller.

"They're very concerned if he is put to death—how it will look if (Alex) Garcia (Doody's accomplice) gets off with life and their Thai brother gets death."

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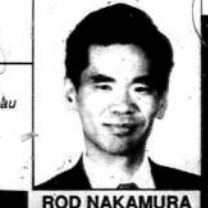
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Calendar

Northeast U.S. New York City

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 25-26—100th Anniversary reunion 3 p.m. Sat., worship service 11 a.m. Sun., Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Ave. (24th St.), New York City. Information: 212/242-9444. NGTE—Attendees of three mission churches, two Reformed and one Methodist, ME Kyokai, N.Y. Kyokai and Shudo-Kai, are marking the arrival in 1893 of evangelist Okajima Kinya from Portland, Ore., who opened a boarding mission house for Japanese seamen near the Brooklyn Navy Yard. To culminate year-long observance with a gala banquet in the fall of 1994.
Sat.-Sun. Sept. 25-26—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyul Talchum Co., Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall.

Washington, D.C.

Tue. Sept. 28—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyul Talchum Co., 8 p.m. Litter Auditorium, The Geo. Washington University.

Florida Del Ray Beach

Sept. 14-Nov. 7—Smithsonian-NJAHS-Oakland Museum, exhibit: "Strength and Diversity, Japanese American Women 1885-1990." The Morikami, west of Jog Rd. (btwn Lincoln Blvd. and Clint Moore Rd.), 407/0233, closed Mondays. [Permanent exhibit on "Yamato Colony" to be added this fall.]

Illinois Chicago

Sept. 11-Sept. 24—DESTINAsian: non-traditional art by pan-Asian Americans, South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Dr. Information: Maureen Mark, 312/275-7101.

Washington Seattle

Sun. Sept. 26—Nichiren Fujinkai chow main sale, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Nichiren Church, 1042 S. Waller, Seattle; information 206/323-2252.
Sun. Oct. 3—Festival of Korea, nation-wide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyul 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, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland 503/222-1741. The admission free to seniors over age 60. Monthly lectures, all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.: Sept. 16—"Oregon Issei Poetry," Lawson Inada; Oct. 14—"Issei Pioneers in Hawaii and the Mainland," Dr. Akemi Kikumura and George Katagiri; Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realities," Dr. Linda Taniura; 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—Reno JACL fish fry, Knights of Pythias Hall; Sun. Oct. 17—JACL potluck, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall.

Sun.-Tue. Sept. 26-28, Tule Lake / Tri-State HHS Class of '43, 50th Anniversary—Harris's Casino Hotel, Reno; Mixer, dinner, golf tournament, 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) 685-4360, Merry Kurosaki (916) 395-3911, Jiro Fuji (510) 232-8154. For bus trip: Natsuko Kimura (209) 646-2787.

California Sacramento Valley

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: Mazze Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991.

Sat. Sept. 25—JACL Florin's Women's Day Forum, "Breaking the Facade of the Quiet Japanese American Woman: the Courage to Speak Out," speakers: Mary Teukamoto, Aki Yokota, Lori Hara of Calif. Dept. of Corrections, Debbie Cio-Kent of Health Education Center, news anchor Sharon Ito of TV-31, Lucy Sakaihi, 8 a.m.-1:30, Sacramento Marina Harbormaster's Conference Room, Broadway and Front St., Sacto; admission fee \$10 member, \$15 non-member, includes bus lunch. Information: Carol Oyue Hisatomi, 400 "O" St. #201, Sacto 95814.

Eastbay

Sun. Sept. 26—J.A. Diablo Valley Club old-timers, registration, 3:05 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: Mariko Nakano 510/223-5619.

San Jose-Monterey

Sat. Sept. 18, San Benito County Oldtimers Reunion—Luncheon, noon-5 p.m., Ridgepark Golf and Country Club, Hollister. Registration: \$20 to: Mitsugu Hane, 778 N. 6th St., San Jose, CA 95112. 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, 1500 Almaden Rd., San Jose \$30 buffet dinner, 7 p.m., and play money. Information: JACL Office 408/295-1250.

Sat. Sept. 25—JACL West Valley Next Generation ballroom dancing social, Mtn. View Buddhist Church, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd., lessons 7-8:30 p.m.; dancing until 12m; Information: Jackie Maruhashi 408/298-3940 eve.

Fresno-Central Cal

Sun. Sept. 19—JACL Fresno/CCDC 8th annual Shin Zen Run, Woodward Park; all start & finish near Shin Zen Garden; 8 a.m.—10-K run, 7:30 a.m.—2-mile run, 7:30 a.m.—2-mile walk. 7:15 a.m.—1-K race for kids. Entry fee \$13 (\$7 kids). Information: JACL 209/486-6815, Debbie Ikeda 209/434-1264. [A triple-point event in the Bud Light Runner of the Year series.]

Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. Sept. 18—Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, 51st annual luncheon 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fu-Shing Restaurant, 3500 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, 618/782-8898. Roster and information: Frank Oshita, 1708 Sierra Vista Ave., Alhambra, CA 91808, 818/281-4757.

Sat. Sept. 18—JAHSSC awards dinner; Nobuko Miyamoto, Harold Muraoka, Helen Nakano, Glenn Omatsu, Visual Communications, honorees; Torrance Holiday Inn, Del Amo, \$35 dinner. Information: Iku Kiriyauma 310/326-0606.
Sun. Sept. 19—O.C. Senses Singles

picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Liberty Park, Studebaker Rd. south of South St. and north of 195th St., Cerritos; call 310/516-8762.

Tue. Sept. 21—Japan America Society breakfast-workshop, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Overview of Japanese History, part I, Biltmore Hotel, information: 213/627-6217. NOTE: In 3 parts with fee.

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

Thu. Sept. 23—Asian Amer. Adv. and Pub. Rel. Alliance mixer-seminar, 6 p.m., "Target: The U.S. Asian Market," Angi Ma Wong, speaker, Westwood Marquis Hotel, 930 Hilgard Ave., L.A., information: Lynne Choy Uyeda, 213/939-9088.

Fri. Sept. 24—Little Tokyo Service Center 14th annual awards dinner, 6 p.m., The Ralu Shippo's 90 Years, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, information: 213/680-3729 weekdays.

Fri.-Sat. Sept. 24-25, Jerome / All Classes-Denson High School Reunion—Sponsored by Class of '44, FRI mixer, Orange County Buddhist Church, Anaheim; SAT, dinner, dancin, Hyatt Regency Alhambra Hotel, Anaheim; information: James Tsutsui, 17525 Alora Ave., Cerritos, CA 90701 transportation from Central Cal: Fujito Shimada 209/864-8851.

Sat. Sept. 25—Morning conference, Asian Career Transitions, 7:30 a.m., Asian Pacific Mart, 1100 S. Flower St., L.A. Pre-registration \$10 required, call 213/687-0677 or 617-5678. NOTE—Chung Hwang, Rebekah A. speaker.
Sat. Sept. 25-3d International Naginata Federation goodwill tournament, 10 a.m., CSU Dominguez Hills gym, 1000 E. Victoria St., Carson; seminar on Sunday, information Helen Nakano 310/530-6288.

Sun. Sept. 26—West L.A. Community Service Award luncheon, 11:30 a.m. social hour, 12:30 luncheon, Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo. Information: Toy Kanagaki 310/820-3592. NOTE—Honorees: Bay Cities Gardeners, Chester Yamamoto, Tozo Yahata, George Kanagaki, Norikazu Mayeda, Tora Nakabara, Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, Robert Fujimoto.

Tue. Sept. 28—Japan America Society breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Robert J. Ballou, speaker, "Foreign Competition in Japan," City Club, 355 S. Grand Ave., Sacto. RSVP 213/627-6177.

Tue. Sept. 28—Open Forum: "Community Relations and Japanese Corporations 1993," 4-6:30 p.m., El Camino Campus Theater, Torrance; free. Information: JAL Int'l Service, N.Y. 212/679-7920. NOTE—to be taped for later broadcast. Panelists include Joel Kolbin, Takashi Kiuchi (Mitsubishi), Koichi Haraguchi, Willie Tokishi (American Hospital), Linda Wong (Rebuild LA), Arnold Plank (Torrance school superintendent).

Southern California

Sun. Sept. 19—JACL San Diego/Union of Pan Asian Communities classic film series: "Autumn Afternoon" by Ozu; 2 p.m., Kiku Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. Information: Kiku Gardens 619/422-4951. Coming: Oct. 17—"Kwaidan," Nov. 21—"Kagemusha" by Kurosawa.

Sep. 23-Oct. 10—"The Wave from Yokohama" exhibits of contemporary visual, photo artists at various sites. Information: San Diego 619/699-2411.
Sat. Sept. 25—San Diego Buddhist Temple Kanajo "Fall Collection" fashion show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 2929 Market St. information: Ben Honda 619/277-8082, Tsune Hashiguchi 619/278-7630.

Sat. Nov. 20—Asian Business Assn. of San Diego chapter banquet, 6 p.m., Le Meridien Resort, foot of Coronado Bridge, information 619/338-8688, Sabine Seck 619/544-1384.

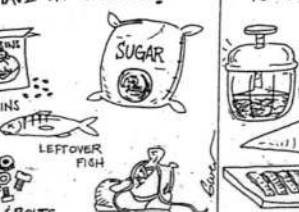
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7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session
"Building Institutional Bridges"

Robert McC. Adams, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

"National Partners"

Challenges of documenting America's multi-cultural society.

Don Gibson, Acting Deputy Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.

A.B. Spellman, Acting Deputy Chair, Programs, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C.

Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Ph.D., Acting Archivist, United States National Archives & Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

"Building Bridges with Institutional Leaders"

Dialogue 1: "Practices and Philosophies: New Ideas, New Frameworks"

How is the museum field changing to be more consumer oriented?

Elaine Heumann Gurian, Deputy Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

Jouanne Hale, Executive Director, Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum, Los Angeles

Michael Spock, Vice President, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago

Moderator: Susan H. Kodani, Vice President, Community Relations, Bishop Museum, Honolulu

Dialogue 2: "Support for the Cultural Program"

Future trends in funding.

Cors Mirkiliani, Program Officer, Pew Foundation, Philadelphia

Thomas Ybarra-Frausto, Ph.D., Program Officer, Rockefeller Foundation, New York

Moderator: Karifi Higa, Curator, Japanese American National Museum

12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. "Building Bridges East and West"

Luncheon co-sponsored with Japan America Society of South-

ern California and Town Hall of California

Remarks:

The Honorable Koichi Haraguchi

Consul General of Japan at Los Angeles

Jun Wada, Director, Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership, New York

Keynote Speaker: Akio Morita, Chairman, Sony Corporation

"Building Bridges on Common Ground"

2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

"Building Bridges East & West"

Dialogue 4: "New Paradigms in U.S./Japan Relations"

Changing global dynamics between the U.S. and Japan demand

new roles and considerations by its players.

Representative of the Japanese Foreign Ministry

William Gleysteen, Jr., President, Japan Society of New York

The Honorable George Ariyoshi

Former Governor of Hawaii

Takashi Kijuchi, Chairman & CEO, Mitsubishi Electronics America, Inc.

Moderator: Henry Y. Ota, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Los Angeles

Dialogue 6: "Emerging Issues Within Ethnic Communities"

Points of intersection for collaboration

Lionel G. Bunch, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Curatorial Affairs, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

John Kuo Wei Tchen, Ph.D., Director, Asian American Center, Queens College, New York

Thomas Ybarra-Frausto, Ph.D., Program Officer, Rockefeller Foundation, New York

Moderator: Akemi Kikumura, Ph.D., Director, Program Development, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 7: "Japanese American and Japan: New Perspectives"

Japanese American are contributing to the American dialogue

with Japan in dramatic new ways-as government officials,

professionals, and scholars.

Tetsuo Nagita, Ph.D., University of Chicago

Glen Fukushima, Director, Public Policy and Market Development, AT&T Japan, Ltd.

"Daniel Okimoto, Ph.D., Asian Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, Stanford, California

Moderator: Samuel H. Yamashita, Ph.D., Chairman, Department of History, Pomona College, Claremont, California

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

"Building Bridges Through Collaboration"

Dialogue 8: "Corporate America, Community Connections: Mutual Benefits"

Status of Japanese/Asian Americans in corporate America.

Dennis Okamoto, Vice President, U.S. West Communications, Seattle

Moderator: William H. (Mo) Marumoto, Chairman of the Board & CEO, The Interface Group, Ltd./Boydco, Washington, D.C.

Dialogue 9: "Intersections: Within and Among Diversity"

Can we articulate a vision for the future through the efforts of ethnic institutions?

Claudia Brown, Deputy Asst. Secretary of Arts & Humanities, National African American Museum, Smithsonian Institution

Ron Chew, Director, Wing Luke Asian Museum, Seattle

Adolfo V. Nodal, General Manager, Cultural Affairs Department, Los Angeles

Ron K. Wakabayashi, Executive Director, Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Moderator: Karen Ishizuka, Curator, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 10: "Multi-cultural Curriculum & Japanese American Curriculum"

Inclusion of Asian American materials into human relations curriculum.

"Global Curriculum for American Students"

Understanding the relationships between ethnic Americans and their countries of origin.

Patricia Kearns, Executive Director, Japan Society, Washington, D.C.

Jill Moss Greenberg, Coordinator of Multicultural Program, Mid-Atlantic Equity Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

Lloyd T. Kajiura, National Teacher Trainer, "Facing History and Ourselves" Brookline, Massachusetts

Moderator: Mary Worthington, Director, Public Programs, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 11: "Performing Artists' Roundtable"

Viability and support for Japanese American artists and touring companies?

Kenny Endo, Performance Artist, Taiko/Percussion, Honolulu

Nobuko Miyamoto, Great Leap, Los Angeles

Sachiko Nakamura, Performance Artist, San Francisco

Moderator: Duane Ebata, Managing Director, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

Dialogue 12: "Organization & Community Collaboration"

Developing a model of national and regional partnership.

Lawson Inada, Associate Professor of English, Southern Oregon University

George Katagiri, Oregon Issei Exhibit Coordinator, Portland

Linda Tamura, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon

Moderator: Akemi Kikumura, Ph.D., Director, Program Development, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 13: "Community Libraries & Mainstream Libraries"

How does the focus of these institutions differ? Can collabora-

tive efforts be developed?

Rita Takahashi, Ph.D., Chairperson, Japanese American National Library, San Francisco

Warren Tsunetsuchi, Library of Congress, retired, Bethesda

Eiji Yuzani, Ph.D., International Relations & Pacific Studies Library, University of California at San Diego

Moderator: Brian Niiya, Researcher, Asian American Studies Center, University of California at Los Angeles

Dialogue 14: "Growing Up Nisei"

Cultural and social values which shaped the first generation born in America.

James A. Hirabayashi, Ph.D., Chief Curator, Japanese American National Museum

Mel T. Nakano, Writer, Sebastopol, California

Franklin Odo, Ph.D., Director, Ethnic Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Gary Okuhira, Ph.D., Associate Director, Asian American Studies Center and Associate Professor of History, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Moderator: Kaoru Oguri, Ph.D., Curator, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 15: "Asian American Visual Images: Film & Video Showcase"

Presentation of the best in Asian American films and videos produced in recent years, with highlights about the film makers.

Dennis Borshay, Acting Executive Director, National Asian American Telecommunications Association

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Reception

Saturday, October 9

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Welcome: Takashi Makinodan, Ph.D., Program Committee Chairman, Japanese American National Museum

Regional Highlights

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

"Building Bridges Through Collaborations"

Dialogue 16: "Japanese American Leaders in Business"

A new generation of business leaders sharing their vision, philosophies and challenges.

Scott D. Old, President, Old Developments, Inc., Seattle

Beth Renge, President, Renge Securities & Co., Inc., Los Angeles

Graham Tanaka, President, Tanaka Capital Management, Inc., New York

Moderator: "Sig Kagawa, Honolulu

Dialogue 17: "Accessibility of Information/Collections"

How can collections be more accessible between institutions and community?

Dowry and Fred Cordova

Filipino American National Historical Society, Seattle

Michiko Kodama Nishimoto

Oral History Project, University of Hawaii

John Koh Wei Tchen, Ph.D., co-founder, Chinatown History Museum, New York

Moderator: Ruth Tamura, Program Specialist, Judiciary History Center, Consultant, Hawaii Museums Association, Honolulu

Dialogue 18: "Living History: Veterans of Military Services"

Common values threading through the experiences of Japanese Americans in the military

Frank Fukuzawa, 442nd BCT veterans, retired school teacher, LACUSD, Torrance, California

Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura, Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Gallup, New Mexico

James H. Mukoyama, Jr., Major General, USAF

Vincent Okamoto, Vietnam veteran; CEO & Chairman, Pacific Heritage Bank, Los Angeles

Warren Tsunetsuchi, Military Intelligence Services veteran, Bethesda, Maryland

Moderator: Franklin Odo, Ph.D., Curator/Writer, Japanese American Veterans Exhibit project, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 19: "Japanese American Curriculum"

A "show and tell" session of curriculum and training materials on Japanese American culture and history.

Lillian Yamashita, Researcher/Writer, Hawaii State Curriculum Project

Lillian Kimura, President, Japanese American Citizens League

Florence Hongo, President, Japanese American Curriculum Project, San Mateo, California

Roslyn Tynall, Executive Director, National Japanese American Historical Society, San Francisco

Moderator: Dr. Margaret Oda, Trustee and former Superintendent of Schools, Honolulu

Dialogue 20: "Artists and Organizations"

Roles of living artists in Asian American cultural and historical organizations.

Robert Horl, Director, Doiuchi Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles

Mayumi Tsunetsuchi, Independent Writer and Curator, Seattle

James Yee, Executive Director, Independent Television Service (ITVS), St. Paul

Reggie Life, Film maker, New York

Moderator: Karin Higa, Curator, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 21: "Scholars and Community"

Models for working relationships which benefit both academic researchers and communities.

Don Nakanishi, Ph.D., Director, Asian American Studies Center, University of California at Los Angeles

Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder

Rita Takahashi, Ph.D., Japanese American National Library

Valerie Matsunaga, UCLA, Strength and Diversity, oral history

"Stephen Fujita, Ph.D., University of Santa Clara

Moderator: Karen Ishizuka, Curator, Photography and Moving Image Archives, Japanese American National Museum

Dialogue 22: "Asian American Visual Images: Film & Video Showcase"

(Repeat Session)

11:00 a.m.-12 noon. Closing session

Dialogue by attendees

"Dennis Hayashi, Director

Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.

"The Honorable Robert T. Matsui

Third District (California), U.S. House of Representatives

"The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta

13th District (California), U.S. House of Representatives

Closing: Irene Y. Hirano, Executive Director and President, Japanese American National Museum

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Agenda

Here's a quick-scan for news from JACL chapter newsletters assorted from a well-filled tray.

According to Washington, D.C. News Notes editor Lily Okura, the majority attending the Tri-District Conference in Cleveland were over age 50, which may explain why the workshop on retirees "was packed to the ceiling." The next Tri-District is being hosted by New Mexico in 1995, July 20-22, at the Albuquerque Marriott.

And Philadelphia JACL is on record to bid for the 1996 National JACL Convention. EDC governor Teresa Maebori, who was re-elected for another biennium, is a longtime member of the Philadelphia Chapter. News-letter editor Eiko Ikeda has been introducing local luminaries, such as Judge Ida Chen of the family court of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and newcomers on board (with greater detail than what appears here).

Naomi Higuchi, daughter of George and Ruth Higuchi of Cherry Hill, N.J., an '86 graduate from Penn in nursing with a masters to teach part-time, is now a clinical nurse specialist for pediatric rehab at Children's Seashore House.

Jane Sanbuchi-Guerin, whose late husband's grandfather

(Nakayama) was an Issei who entered the U.S. Navy in 1898, ended up teaching at Annapolis, where he is buried. Her husband, who grew up in Delaware County, Pa., remembers being yelled at as a "Jap" and during WWII to protect the family, the Nakayama story appeared in the local newspaper. Jane runs a Suzuki piano program for children at her Germantown home.

Paul M. Uyehara, involved with paralegal work assisting landlord-tenant cases for Community Legal Services in northeast Philadelphia while attending Temple Law School, has expanded his services to cover consumer bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosure defense, family law and spousal abuse. He sits on Mayor Goode's Asian American advisory board as a JACL representative. He and his wife Mary Yee were the first couple to be married in the Japanese House in the early '80s, and have two kids, aged 10 and 4.

Ed Nakawatase, born in Poston and reared in Seabrook, N.J., is the son of Kenzo and Aiko Nakawatase, left Rutgers in '63 to work with SNCC in Atlanta, an involvement which shaped the course of his life. (SNCC: Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee). Since '74, he has been with the national office of American Friends Ser-

vice Committee, on Native American affairs, and community relations division on Asian and Pacific American issues. His wife, Jean Hunt, is a health consultant and they have two teenage children.

Hawaii-born Lonnie Lin first heard about JACL at her Bryn Mawr class in Asian studies, then Miiko Horikawa spoke of her internment. Thrilled to be the EDC Youth Council to the JACL National Youth Council and attending the 1992 national convention in Denver. While job-hunting, she is working as a volunteer with Asian American community groups in Philadelphia.

Earlier, Bill Y. Kishi, the new president, was profiled: A "restaurant man", he hails from Sumner, Wash., was relocated to Gila River and Tule Lake, settled in Seabrook, graduated from Bridgeton High and Dickinson College, served two years in the Army and stationed in Heilbronn, Germany; worked at Campbell Soup and a chemical firm before operating Chocho Japanese Restaurant in Philadelphia (1966-1989). The long hours were hard on his marriage that eventually broke up but he has two wonderful daughters. He is now running a specialty book store at 1824 Ludlow.

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Personally speaking

Music world

■ "Planet Deems" is having his New Orleans Creole restaurant conveniently situated in Seattle's Pioneer Square, where Planet Deems Tatsukawa, composer and keyboard wrangler, and his backup group of Steve Banks on drums, Curly Cook on guitar and Owen Matsui on bass with Keahi Pundike adding vocals have been attracting a summer crowd.

■ A pharmaceutical company president and premier Dixieland jazz banjoist in Japan, Ahkira Teamura, displayed part of his

collection of 400 ukuleles at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. On exhibit through September are some rare pieces he purchased in the '60s after finishing his studies and banjo-playing with the Boll Weevils at the University of Michigan. While an undergraduate at Keio in the '50s, the only seat left in the band was the banjo, he revealed to explain his interest in the instrument.

Local election time

■ Al Sugiyama, Seattle School District president this year, faces two challengers for his District No. 7 seat: a Boeing computer consultant and a Rainier Valley president. Sugiyama is head of the Center for Career Alternatives, a social service and job-counseling firm. Ben Kodama is bidding for the Highline School director seat No. 2 and Wayne D. Tanaka, Bellevue Schools director seat No. 5, all four-year positions in King County, Washington.

Sports sidelight

■ Hoping to stay in sumo when his wrestling days are done, Salevass Atisanoe (Konishiki) has completed the paperwork and interviews for Japanese citizenship. It will also mean renouncing his U.S. citizenship, "a move I thought about for a long time before I took out papers (last year) ... It isn't something you do overnight." Born on the Big Island, he began his sumo career 12 years ago and hinted the 1993 Fall tournament may be his last as an American.

As he will turn 30 at the end of this year, he is thinking of retirement. Wanting to remain in sumo, he must purchase stock in the ruling sumo association, which limits membership to Japanese nationals.

Business world

■ When 44-year-old millionaire Scott Okai retired from Microsoft last year, he said he would develop a new kind of "software"—indeed, a user-friendly system that would withstand hundreds of washes and be spread out on the lawn—baby blankets under the Nanny & Webster name and on sale locally in Washington state since March.

Still in the start-up stage, once it's profitable, the Okis, Scott and wife Laurie, 36, who run a charitable foundation, said they will donate all profits to charity. The foundation last June pledged to match up \$1 million in donations to the Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle.

Bill Cosby returns to Cal Poly Pomona

Bill Cosby, paired with Robert Culp in the CBS-TV movie, *The Return of I Spy*, scheduled to air in November, returned to the Cal Poly Pomona to wrap up filming on campus this past week. He was keynote speaker at the installation of Dr. Bob Suzuki as president in April, 1992, the two having known each other in the mid-'70s when they were at University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Cosby earning his master's and doctorate degrees in education and Suzuki, a professor and dean in

the School of Education. In the film, Cosby is a retired secret agent working as a professor of language arts. When it came time to find a university, Cosby recommended Cal Poly Pomona. "It was a real thrill to have Cal Poly Pomona involved in the filming," Suzuki said. While the university will not receive any money, Suzuki acknowledges that a significant benefit will accrue from the two-hour film with scenes of the campus and the name.

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On the bookshelf

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritusJAPANESE AMERICAN
Harry Kitano's latest■ Kitano, Harry H.L. *Generations and Identity: The Japanese American*, (1993), Ginn Press, 160 Gould St., Needham Heights, MA 02194. 6x9", 207pp.

With the Japanese American scene changing as rapidly as it has been since Dr. Harry Kitano came out with his well acclaimed book, "Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture," in 1969 and revised in 1976, each time we've crossed paths in recent years he would hear from me: "When is the next update coming?" Next time he'll hear: "It's good to see your latest and most timely book on the Japanese American."

The chapters read as though he were lecturing a class. His personal recollections of being evacuated to Topaz as a teenager is a "gem"; the reading list at the end of the chapters is a handy location; tables are updated with 1990 figures; the Sanele and Outgroup Marriages, Children of Interracial Marriages have expanded his chapter on Community Families. The theme of his book sets neatly in the final three chapters. A sequel may be forthcoming—"What about the next one of the Japanese in other parts of America: Canada, Central and South America?"

Co. F's 'inside' report

■ Wakamatsu, Jack K. *Silent Warriors: A Memoir of America's 442nd RCT*. 212pp. (1992), JKW Press, 12611 Admiral Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066. [Private work and NOT intended for commercial use.] Relatives of Co. F, KIAs may receive a copy.

Thanks, Jack, for allowing us to catch up on the memoirs of the Wakamatsu family, your growing up in prewar L.A. by the Ninth St. wholesale market area and Venice, the WWII stint in the Army (a January, 1941, draftee to 1st Sgt. Co. F from day 1 at Shelby) and then starting over—but nursing a 40-year promise that he made to his bosom buddy, Abe Ohama of Sanger, who was killed in action on 20 Oct '44 near Bruyeres on "Banzai Hill." It was a promise well-kept—a personally tough assignment—to tell the rest of the world the Co. F story of valor and silent warriors.

How many other first sergeants are out there, I reflected, with your zip to pore page-by-page through the combat daily log to tell what happened? You're to be commended for donating copies to the U.S. Army Historical Libraries, to the Los Angeles city and county libraries, the JACC, JANM, NJAHS (San Francisco) for most of us who are not Co. F veterans or relatives of the KIAs to understand the drive and fatigue of combat.

Old clothes and history

■ Kawakami, Barbara F. *Japanese Immigrant Clothing in Hawaii 1885-1941*. University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822, (1993), 6x9.5", illus., 253pp, index, \$29.95 cloth.

Here's a vivid and fascinating line to Issei history in Hawaii, gleaned from samples of work clothing collected by a dressmaker/homemaker in pursuit of a college degree after raising a family of three (she started at age 53). Her senior paper in fashion design and merchandising meant interviewing the Issei of the 1960s which unearthed other aspects of the immigrant experience on the plantations and Japanese villages. It helped her to understand their struggle to survive and the melding of Meiji era traditions with plantation culture.

Plus, importantly, it developed into this distinctive insight of Japanese-Americans. The rare photographs from family albums, her descriptive essays of the kamon/family crest and the pres-

ervation and care of clothing are further pluses.

Many a Nisei who attended Japanese sewing schools in the '30s will relate quickly to Kawakami's preface in the book. But we who didn't can marvel how a piece of cloth can cover so much history.

First-person style

■ Estes, Donald H. and Matthew T. "Further and Further Away: The Relocation of San Diego's Nikkei Community, 1942." *Journal of San Diego History*, vol. 39, winter-spring 1993, p. 1-31, San Diego Historical Society, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101; \$9.95 copy.

A unique and human account of the hectic Evacuation and WRA camp days is rendered by the Estes pair, historian father Don and researcher son Matthew, in the lead article of the latest *Journal of San Diego History*. They utilized as much first-person material on hand in the letters and postcards written by the evacuees 50 years ago to now retired San Diego city librarian Clara Breed, interviews of recent vintage and quotes found in the Santa Anita *Pacemaker*—indeed a rich resource which can be combed by others who might want to tackle a similar type of a paper with local color.

Running personal quotes as captions for the pictures—one we have seen in other books but the rest from a personal album were taken the day the trains pulled out from the San Diego station—was a rich move. Many might recall the scene of three soldiers at a Santa Anita wooden guard tower, a machine-gun visible on top between two helmeted men who stand at ready with a bayonet-attached rifle and a fellow on the telephone below. "They kept track of every move we made. I was only twelve years old. What the heck could I do?"—Ben Segawa (too bad, his name was misspelled here or is there a Ben Segawa?) Nevertheless that isn't taking anything away from the piece.

Cat-Humor

■ Birnbaum, Alfred / Riku Kanmei, illus. by J.C. Brown. *Zen for Cats: Teachings of the Zen Cat Masters*, Weatherhill Inc., 420 Madison Ave. 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (1993), 6.5x6", 86pp, \$12.95 hard, \$9.95 soft.

If you're not a disciple of a Zen master or a fancier of Felis domestica, the hour away from whatever beckons your attention will toy with your funny bones with this. But if you are, the essence of a domestic cat can be deduced thoughtfully in the mirthful and expressive sumi-e pictures, 70 of them. There are lessons to behold on each page or pair of pages. For an example of what I mean, check this starter:

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JAPAN - LITERATURE

■ Saito, Sanki, tr. by Masaya Saito. *The Kobe Hotel*, Weatherhill Inc., 420 Madison Ave. 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (1993), 5x8.5", 199pp, \$12.95 soft.

An avant garde haiku poet of the 20th century, Sanki Saito (1900-1962) features some offbeat stories of quirky, misfit characters who lived in a run-down hotel, a Western-style house built in the early Meiji era for Westerners in Kobe, where he stayed during World War II.

The opening tale, "The Strange Egyptian," takes place in the winter of 1942 about this burly fellow. No one at the hotel knew how he made a living. "He would occasionally sell a huge slab of beef to the hotel kitchen; the next day, there might be an article in the newspaper regarding the disappearance of a cow from the suburbs of Himeji. Later found [he] secretly slaughtered on the banks of the Kakogawa River." He must have been a broker of some kind. These and other stories appear for the first time in English.

The final stories recall his visit to Hiroshima after the atomic bomb and a lurid description of a brothel built for and run by occupation soldiers (the white soldiers and black soldiers turned up on alternate days). Even here, there are some lines of haiku, lending an unexpected touch of Japanese literature.

JAPAN - CULTURE

■ Mori Takeo and Dragan Milenkovic. *Secrets of Japanese Astrology: The Science of Kigaku*, Weatherhill Inc., 420 Madison Ave. 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (1993), 5x7", 144pp, 25 charts and diagrams, \$9.95 soft, a Tengu Book.

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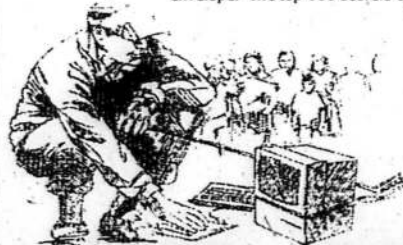
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IN-SIGHT

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A great moment in history

The New York Times wrote that "it's the hottest ticket in town" and I got one! On September 13, I was among 3,000 people who witnessed the signing of the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization on the south lawn of the White House. How exciting it was to see history in the making as two old enemies promised a new beginning. "Kodomo no tame ni" could have been the theme of the accord. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, "Enough of blood and tears. Enough. (We are) people side by side in dignity, as freemen, giving peace a chance... (so) children will not know war." And young people were there, their presence acknowledged by President Clinton. All the speakers were eloquent.

Since media coverage was extensive, I will share instead, in sports parlance, "color commentary." By the time I arrived at the White House, there were no seats in the section reserved for White House guests. I did see Doris Matsui and Wendy Nishikawa and was able to thank them for the invitation.

Not as hot as the day of the March, it was still warm sitting under the bright sun. My

former Congressman Sidney Yates of Chicago arrived late after the other members of Congress were escorted to their seats. I saw him standing in the back so I took him a chair. He probably stood back there so he could get under the shade of the trees.

The major network news anchors were there sitting on platforms with their backs to the crowd. The only one I saw turn her chair to watch the proceedings live was Connie Chung. The press corps were seated in the very back behind ropes. Those who watched television had the best view. Fortunately, I had the foresight to program my VCR before I left home.

After the ceremony, as they were filing out, I waved at Senator Akaka and greeted Bob Matsui and Norm Mineta. They both said that it was good that I was able to be there which says to me how important it is for Asian Americans to be seen at events such as this. From my vantage point, I saw a handful of Asians most of whom seem to be Filipinos. President Bush walked right by me as he hurried down the drive to get into his limo. He stopped to say hello to the leader of the Marine Corps band and a couple of the White House Guards.

Having been to Israel, being at this historic event had special meaning. In November of 1988, eleven of us were invited to participate in a ten-day Japanese American Leaders Seminar in Israel sponsored by Project Interchange/American-Israel Friendship League which is now a part of the American Jewish Committee. Those making the trip were Hats Aizawa, Harriet Ishimoto and Jeff Mori of San Francisco, Bill Yamamoto of Los Angeles, Judge Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City, Sumiko Hennessey of Denver, Fred Katayama and Toshiko Akiyoshi of New York, Grayce Uyehara and me. Flying in from Japan, Glenn Fukushima joined us a few days later.

We had a memorable trip. The theme of the seminar was "Israel: A Multi-Cultural Society." We went from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem via Haifa, Galilee, Golan Heights, Beer Sheva, the Negev Desert and the Dead Sea. We spoke to a variety of people—hard liners on the West Bank to Peace Now proponents, Arab nationalists to new immigrants. We went to a Druze village; stayed overnight in a kibbutz; broke

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Letters

Requests donations to seniors in health care home

(I am concerned about the) 12 frail and elderly who are in danger of being evicted at Cypress House.

At the August JASEB (Japanese American Services for the East Bay) Board meeting, the Board voted to support the "families of Cypress House" in their quest to continue as an "exempt" care home and also to contribute to the legal fees. After a plea for unity by the legal counsel hired by the "families of Cypress House" and also by one of the JASEB Board members, the Board then voted to fully support "exemption." The "families" and the Board are now of one accord and together they hope to pursue every avenue possible so that Cypress House can continue to operate as an "exempt" home.

In September of 1966, I watched my father die a painful and miserable death in a... licensed convalescent hospital.

Three months later in December my mother passed away from what I perceive as loneliness. She had outlived all of her close friends and though I tried to keep her occupied by taking her with me wherever I went, she was never very happy. She would tell me, "Everyone seems to be having so much fun but I can't understand English." From that day on I vowed I would try to do all I could to make the last days of the elderly as comfortable as possible.

Because of that vow I have been involved with the East Bay Japanese for Action, the Eden Senior Center, the Sakura Kai, and the East Bay Issei Housing from their earliest beginnings. The Cypress House families feel that licensing will prevent them from taking care of their frail and elderly family members. I believe that every avenue toward "exemption" must be exhausted so that none of the frail and elderly at Cypress House will be evicted and become adversely affected.

There is need for financial and moral support from anyone sympathetic to our cause. Legal and filing fees are rapidly accumulating. Please make checks payable to Eden JACL, earmarking it for Cypress House Families and send to Eden JACL, P.O. Box 264, San Lorenzo, Calif., 94580.

Yo Kasai

San Leandro, Calif.

Here are more ideas to deal with immigrants

(California Gov.) Wilson's brilliant proposal for dealing with illegal immigrants and solving all of California's problems in one fell swoop is pretty nifty, as far as it goes. However, to really make things better in a hurry, these additional steps should be taken:

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Come-on Sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

On JACL membership

Sometimes it appears, for whatever reason, that the national JACL system forgets about its membership. Despite the fact that only a tiny portion of one's annual dues remains at the Chapter level, there appears to be very little national articulation about membership and Chapters. Unlike taxes, JACL dues are voluntary, and just as volunteers facilitate the accomplishment of tasks, volunteers also assure the organization's survival.

In earlier years there was serious concern about Chapters and the membership, because they had a major say in the organization. Members, through their designated Chapter representative voted on the JACL budget, line-for-line. The membership had to ratify major decisions after the National Convention, and even if the National Council approved a measure, in many instances, the membership had to ratify the measure(s) through the Chapter process. For example, the national budget required adoption by the National Council as well as membership ratification; even the National Director's hiring required Chapter ratification after approval by the Executive Com-

mittee and the National Board. This was an era of aggressive Chapter involvement, because if Chapters weren't involved in the decision making process, nothing could get done.

The Pacific Citizen was charged with the responsibility of reporting the results of most items requiring ratification and as a consequence the Pacific Citizen was a major sounding board for league-wide issues, both before and after the National Convention. This process has changed considerably over the last decade or so.

The issue is not whether change is important or valuable, but rather whether the changes have been viable and improved the organization.

For example, the demand for national responsiveness to the local JACL structure was so acute that the National Council once adopted "Articles of Accountability" which was subsequently adopted by the membership and carried with it major organizational changes in the organization's By-laws.

By comparison we find well meaning and nationally recognized JACL personalities

promoting the National Legacy Fund, urging contributions for a national "Program for Action". Conceptually, the National Legacy Fund is a good one. However, the associated action plan lacks specificity and proposes lofty goals. Consequently, it appears that the plan is difficult for one to buy into and as a result, it is understandable that an active member would be more inclined to contribute to a local fund rather than a vague national one.

It is difficult to recall a major organizational push for increasing membership, or for that matter support programs/materials from national to help local Chapters increase their membership base. At the risk of over-simplification, it appears that the national structure is more interested in boosting its coffers through direct contributions than it is to facilitate greater membership.

By contrast, there are other organizations in early stages of development that aggressively pushed for membership participation. In the Southern California area for example, there have been several such

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cessful attempts by other groups to use the JACL membership roster as the means of drawing participation in events and their organization's resources. In some instances such groups have even secured JACL funding and co-sponsorship.

This is not to suggest that the JACL leadership did not try. But the end does not justify the means. During the current biennium, the national body proposed major organizational changes. The proposals that were submitted were poorly done. The initial draft was so vague and illegible that it was difficult for members to understand what was being proposed. The revised "draft" was better cosmetically, but the substance of the narrative lacked form and analysis and, in my opinion, did not meet the standards that League members are accustomed to.

Come-on sense: the Chapters must be carefully folded into the on-going operational procedures of the national network.

Local JACL Chapters are the national network's tie to the membership. This relationship, in order to be viable, must be more than monetary. It must be dynamic. The diversity of opinion in JACL is NOT a weakness, it is symbolic of its strength. It suggests that a real community lies beneath the surface of the organization. *Japanese American community empowerment must remain our goal.* Harnessing this energy towards specific missions and objectives is where JACL gains its horsepower. And, this requires the right combination of resources, direction, leadership and cooperation to insure that the League's missions are met. ☐

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

IN-SIGHT

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bread with a Black Bedouin chieftain and his family in his tent in the desert. We split in two and went on home visits in Jerusalem - one group visited a Japanese architect in the Arab section and the other the apartment of the director of the Diaspora Museum. I went off one afternoon to visit the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, and the Holocaust memorial, toured the Diaspora Museum and the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, and the Knesset, saw the Intifada in action. The women felt discriminated against when we went to the "wailing wall" and could not enter the temple there.

We were constantly reminded of the conflict by the presence of Israeli soldiers with machine guns. We were on our own to a trip to Bethlehem because our tour guide could not be responsible for us.

After years of discord, the prospect of peace in that area is indeed something to celebrate. However, much work is yet to be done and we pray that the violence and killings stop as this process goes forward. That's thirty for now. ☐

Kimura is the JACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

BOOKS

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decision, the Japanese always consult their stars, as determined by Kigaku, the "science of the spirit." This is the first book in English of a fascinating tradition with a wealth of charts, diagrams and explanations of the nine numbers and colors, the five elements, and 12 animal signs and hours, that

enables one to discover—and outwit—their destiny.

The three factors render the configurations may be a bit tricky to work out, but as a tradition the technological types facing the unknown 21st century would never dream of consulting the "dream book" or a specialist in Kigaku, who are in the business of matching of destinies. Mori tells of some ideal, very good, good and unfavorable combinations. He tells of solutions to unfavorable matches and relationships between persons of the same gender. It so happens Kigaku, originally created to determine relationships between people of the opposite sex, also works for gays and lesbians.

LETTERS

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• Make retroactive to 1950 the constitutional amendment that would deny citizenship to those born to illegal immigrants.

• Use genealogical research to trace the family origins of each person with a Hispanic surname. Go back three generations or until an illegal immigrant is found, whichever comes first.

• Immediately expel from the U.S. all such identified illegals and ALL of their descendants.

This modified "Wilson Plan" will surely produce a sudden rush of good news: Lower unemployment, a budget surplus, less crime, etc. But if such results are not achieved in a reasonable period... say six months?... then the same procedure could easily be applied to Asians. In fact, this concept could be repeated with Jews, gays and lesbians, blacks, and the disabled until unemployment drops to 3%, or until Pete Wilson's standing in

the public opinion polls improves by 15 points, whichever comes first.

John Lillpop, Jr.
San Jose Chapter, JACL

JURY

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program was laid down in 1991," said Riles who insisted that it had nothing to do with Ishibashi's criticism of AFSC's implementation of affirmative action.

On the issue of sexual harassment, Riles said, "AFSC took every reasonable action. The executive secretary (Roy Allen), upon discovering that there was a problem, instructed the supervisor to tell the volunteer not to come back to the office near Jean."

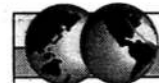
In earlier testimony, Josefine Velasquez, Ishibashi's superior at AFSC, stated that Ishibashi "appeared tense and upset. She felt she could not trust AFSC to keep their word. She would not return to the office and wanted to work out of her home."

Some of Ishibashi's supporters have been critical of Judge Carlos Bea's handling of the procedures. In one instance, Bea said to Ishibashi, "The (Ishibashi's) counsel Howard Moore asked you about goals of the Affirmative Action Committee, which you should be able to answer in a couple of sentences."

Kiku Funabiki criticized the judge saying, "There is an absence of humanity in that courtroom, and it's very tense."

Riles said he thought the judge was fair, limiting the number of witnesses for both the plaintiff and defendant. "I am satisfied that AFSC has presented its case."

Ishibashi and officials of the AFSC were not immediately available for comment.



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Hatada, Haruyo, Chicago, July 3 (ages), survived by son Minoru, daughter Misako Yokoi, 4 gc. **Hidaka, Mrs. Kayo**, Denver, June 23 (notice of death); unofficial Issei historian of the Japanese community in Pueblo, Colo., prewar resident of 40 years (since 1917) in Pueblo, farmed with husband Kenichi, 30 postwar years in Denver.

Hikida, Roy T., 79, Seattle, May 14. **Hirano, Susumu "Chooch"**, 61, San Francisco, June 26; Modesto-born, survived by wife Amy, daughter Kathleen Chang, son Michael, 3 gc., mother Kyo, brothers Satoshi, Yasuo, Osamu, Kenji, Ishimitsu, Kichisaburo, 105, Seattle, July 1993 (notice of death); Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Kiyoshi, Kazuo, Kichio, daughter Nobuko, 14 gc., 5 great-gc.

Ito, Shizuko, 90, Sacramento, June 25; Aichi-born, survived by son Kenneth, daughter Elaine Fohr, 1 gc. **Iwamoto, Yukio**, 80, Mountain View, June 22; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Kimiko, sons Masayuki, Hiroshi, 2 gc. **Kawachi, George Y.**, 86, Seattle, June 20.

Kimura, Ryochi, 75, Atherton, June 7; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Gosei, daughters Eiko, Amano, Machiko Shiozaki, Taiko Kimura, Rie Kuwabara, 4 gc. **Kitano, Y. Lillian**, 66, San Mateo, June 6; retired L.A. city school nurse, Oakland-born, survived by children Kimberley (Albany), Keith (Tokyo), Craig (Los Angeles), Kerry (Berkeley), mother Hamae Tanizawa, brother Hiro Miyachi (Sunnyvale), sister Shizu Tomimatsu (El Cerrito).

Koga, Mitsuko, 76, San Francisco, July 7; Oakland-born, survived by 9 daughters Jean, Sayoko Fong, Carol Samukawa, Elaine, Vivian Noda, Jessie, Rosemary Harris, Ruri, Kazuko, 2 sons Glenn, David, 22 gc., 6 great-gc. **Komiyama, Kiyoko**, 88, San Francisco, June 23; Kanagawa-born, survived by

husband Gihei, daughter Yuriko Oshita, 2 gc., 3 great-gc., brother Noboru Sakamoto (Jpn), sister Tsuyako Aoki (Jpn).

Masuda, Viola Eiko, 39, Sacramento, July 2 in an accident; survived by husband Steve, sons Keith, Brandon, daughter Jayne, parents Eli and Masuko Kiyade, brothers Kent, Bert and Wayne, parents-in-law Nobu and Yuki Masuda, brother-in-law Ted.

Matsuhira, Yasumasa, 33, Renton, Wash., June 9.

Matsumoto, Chieko, 67, Yuba City, June 15; California-born, survived by son Paul, daughter Susan Ballengee, Laura, gc., 5 brothers Shigeo Nakano and Takeo, Tadashi Kono, Yoshio and Kenzo, 2 sisters Margaret Mitani, Kimie Yabumoto.

Matsumoto, Ferd M., 70, Federal Way, Wash., June 6.

Minatogawa, Mitsuko, Seattle, June 5.

Miyahira, Chosuke, 88, New York, June 24; Okinawa-born, trading executive, U.S.-educated, active with Japanese American United Church, survived by wife Frances, and a daughter.

Mori, Yae, 92, Redwood, July 7; Japan-born, longtime San Francisco Bay area resident, survived by daughters Elsie Gilliam (Los Angeles), Grace Saito-Tom (Squaw Valley), 8 gc., 12 great-gc.

Moriya, Shizuko, 92, Sacramento, June 26; Matsuyama-born, survived by daughters Yoshiko Sanbonji, Reiko, 9 gc., 3 great-gc.

Morodomi, Marco M., 56, Stockton, June 26; Stockton-born, survived by wife Alice, sons Derek, Michael, daughter Miki, parents Sadao and Misao, brothers Kiyoshi, Shu, Ken.

Muroka, Mitsue, 95, San Jose, June 8; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Hikaru, Tadashi.

Nakamura, Junichi, 92, San Francisco, June 11; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Harumi, daughters Hatoo, Ruby, son George S., 1 gc.

Nakamura, Masako Suzie, 58, Daly City, June 30; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Tetsuo, son Stanley, daughter Cathy Moss, 1 gc., brothers Mareo Takahashi, George, sisters Kiyono Nitta, Hideko Arita, sisters-in-law Cynthia Takahashi, Mizue Hatamiya, Keiko Norie.

Nakase, Pauline, 85, Watsonville, June 25; Fife, Wash.-born, survived by husband Tom, daughter Marion Sato, 1 gc., 3 great-gc., sister Masano Tanaka.

Wada, Hiroshi Bill, 74, Garden Grove, May 22; M.S. veteran, owner of Bill's Ranch Market, survived by wife Fusako, sons Robert, Glen, Kevin, daughters Jean Nakano, Dr. Leslie Inokuchi, Jo Ann Tanaka, 7 gc., brother Fred Isamu, sisters Eiko Yamada, Toshiko Tsujimoto, Kayoko, Masako Kuwaki, Yaeiko Sutow.

Yamada, Joseph J., 78, Montebello, June 26; Los Angeles-born, retired Rafu Shimo typesetter and employee of 50 years, returned from WWII internment at Heart Mountain to reopen Rafu Shimo Japanese section in January, 1946; elder, Japanese Union Church, survived by wife Alice, daughter Marlene Sims (Brazil), 1 gc., sister Mary (New York).

Yasutake, John H., 73, Long Beach, June 27; self-employed barber of 50 years, survived by son Jim (Fullerton), daughter June Page (Torrance), 1 gc.

Yatabe, Ayako 'Ay', 70, Los Angeles, July 5; Hollywood-born, survived by husband Sadao, daughter Gale Inadomi, 2 gc., brothers Dick, Babe Y. Fujioka, sisters Setzu Fujioka, Peggy Nakaki, Miye Kawai, brother-in-law Jack Kunimoto, sisters-in-law Doris Fujioka.

Death Notice

RICHARD H. TOKUMARU

87, a native of Hawaii died in National City, CA on September 5, 1993. A resident of San Diego for the past four years Mr. Tokumaru was a gardener for the last 43 years in the Santa Barbara area. He was a longtime member and past chapter president of the J.A.C. in Santa Barbara, and a founding member of the Santa Barbara Gardeners Association, and a member of the Santa Barbara Horticultural Society. Survivors are a son, Dennis H. Tokumaru and wife Torneye of Goleta, CA. A daughter, Jane H. Tokumaru and husband Dennis Kobata of San Diego, CA. Grandchildren, Yoshiko Kobata, Eue Tokumaru and Dean Tokumaru. A brother, Albert T. Tokumaru of Pearl City, Hawaii. Many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lewis Colonial/Berthoud Mortuary in San Diego by the Reverend Alo Mijay of the San Diego Buddhist Temple on Monday 9-13-93 at 7:00 P.M. with committal services at the Mount Hope Cemetery on Tuesday 9-14-93 at 9:00 A.M.

A memorial service was conducted on Thursday 9-16-93 at 7:00 P.M. in the Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple by the Reverends Masami Fujitani and Nobuo Miyaj.

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