MIS:
By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus
ARLINGTON, Va.—A very sensitive issue among Nisei in the Military Intelligence Service for years was publicly acknowledged by fellow hakujin (Gemanian) veterans at the MIS Capital Reunion held Oct. 21-23 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel.
Chicago attorney Allen H. Meyer, a 1945 Fort Snelling graduate, said in his introduction of five Caucasian MISLE graduates on the panel on the Non-Nikkei Experience.
"Not unlike you (the Nisei), we, too, were dismayed by a caste system in the Army which gave commissions to most of us and only stripes to many of you. "We, too, were antagonistic of that system and could do nothing while
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OCA calls for follow-up on crimes against Asian Americans

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) expressed extreme alarm Oct. 29 over the most recent shooting of a 25-year-old Korean grocer in Washington, D.C. OCA says the crime as reflective of the growth of senseless violence in America, and as an indication of the inadequacy of the city to curb crimes against Asian Americans, which have totaled 10 so far this year.

OCA National President Giung Gong is concerned with the increasing boldness of recent perpetrators. "The willingness of individuals to shoot without motive as in this latest shooting and to loot a store in full view of cameras, as in the Vietnamese jewelry store robbery, shows that today's criminals lack respect for human life and are not fearful of being caught. "What is especially upsetting is that more and more young people are drawn to such acts of violence," said Gong.

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Volunteer for a volunteer
The theme for this year’s Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is "Volunteerism is Back!" We’re asking each chapter to submit a 500-word article and photo of its most deserving volunteer of the year. This opportunity, along with other chapter news submissions, will give your chapter recognition and awareness throughout the JACL community.
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Salute—MIS veterans gather at the Tomb of the Unknown during their Oct. 21-23 reunion.

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Yamashita appears on 60 Minutes' show

Bruce Yamashita, a Honolulu attorney and former officer candidate in the Marine Corps, was featured Oct. 31 on "Sixty Minutes," the CBS investigative news program in a piece on racial discrimination in the Marine Corps.

He was one of a number of individuals on the program who stated that they had been discriminated against by the Marine Corps because of their ethnicity. Yamashita was "discriminated" from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 1989 following repeated acts of racial and ethnic discrimination. His fight for justice has uncov—

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Yuhei Valadez, top photo, and James Ushiba are winners of the Harry and Chiyoko Memorial Scholarship. Bios appear p. 4.

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Newsmakers
Art Miki loses Ottawa election
TORONTO—Art Miki of the Winnipeg-Transcona riding (district) lost his Oct. 26 bid to win a seat in the Canada's House of Commons. His Liberal Party, however, won back a 60% majority of the 295 seats in the House. Miki lost by a slim 311 votes to better-known Bill Blaikie of the New Democratic Party, a minority group.
The Toronto Star, in an early edition, had mistakenly reported Miki's victory based on the strong showing of his party.
Miki was the first Nisei to seek a national seat. A past president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, he spearheaded the successful negotiations in 1968 leading to the redress and apology from the Canadian government for the forcible WW II evacuation and sequestration of property.
—From Harry Taba

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Rose Ochi nominated to government job
President Clinton is expected to nominate Matsui Ochi as associate director of the Bureau of State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate. The appointment would make her one of the highest ranking Americans of Japanese descent in the Administration.
An attorney, Ochi was the director of the Los Angeles Crime Scene.
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JACL announces 1993-94 scholarship winners

Japanese Americans of past generations have always encouraged their children to pursue knowledge, recognizing that education was the door to greater opportunities. The JACL continues this legacy through its National Scholarship and Awards program.
The 1993-94 JACL Scholarship program considered more than 500 outstanding, qualified applicants. Because of the overwhelming number of applicants, two committees were selected: Joshi Higashida served as chairperson of the Freshman Scholarship Committee and Joy St. Germaine chaired the committee evaluating Undergraduate, Graduates, and Special Awards.

This year the committee is pleased to announce that 51 JACL scholarships, totaling more than $85,000, have been awarded. This includes: 16 entering freshman, 10 undergraduate, 11 graduate, 3 law and 3 special awards - a creative ads scholarship, performing arts scholarship and an financial aid award.
The committee welcomes two new scholarships: the Alice Yuriko Endo Award established by Todd Endo. Mrs. Endo was an active member of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, and the Yoshiko Tanaka Undergraduate Award created to promote the study of Japanese language, culture and/or U.S.-Japan relations. The Committee also announced the revised Mari and James A. Michener Scholarship to be given to an outstanding
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Japanese American student in the undergraduate college.

In announcing the selection of the freshman awards, Joyce Higashida noted: "The pool of applicants was outstanding. Our selection of students only edifiies the United States only edifiies that there is great potential that leadership within the Japanese community.
The committee's hope is that all award recipients will continue their involvement in the Japanese and Asian communities as they transition into the collegiate environment. Congratulations to all that applied and especially to the award recipients."

Joy St. Germaine, chairwoman of the Undergraduate, Graduate and Special Awards, said, "I'm half of the JACL National Scholarship Committee, I would like to congratulate the 1993 undergraduate and graduate scholarship recipients. Because of the quality of the applicants, our task to choose a limited number of students for the awards was extremely difficult: All applicants were vouchered for their individuity, and for what their unique contributions to the world might be. We hope that in the future, these potential, future leaders choose to help America in achieving its civil rights goals—that way, we'll succeed. Our best to the 1994 JACL National Scholarship recipients for a successful school year!"

The JACL National Scholarship Committee allots its $90,000 scholarship prize and sends its appreciation to the scholarship recipients for their interest in and commitment in our community's future.

Scholarship information

For information on the 1994-1995 National Scholarship Program, contact the JACL Scholarship committee, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.
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in training to overcome an inbred
textbook approach has
fostered a sense of small
minority which attempted to
reject the situation and only
"after we left Minneapolis," a
small group of Caucasian MISLS gradu-
ates after 50 years "realizes that
how we moulded through
... We are pleased to be able to
turn the page of service and adding
admiration we feel for all of
who served your country under
the most adverse conditions." Meyers
was assigned to ATEIS and in turn to the
Japanese soldiers repatriating from the
Asian Theater.

Approximately 540 non-Nikkis
passed through the Army MIS
language school during World War II at
the Presidio of San Francisco, Camp Savage and Fort Snelling,
Minn., Meyers noted. (The Navy
conducted its own WWII Japa-
nese-language schools at Boulder
Gole, and Ann Arbor, Mich., and
were offering a commission instead
of the draft for a year's intensive
training.)

Attending the Saturday discus-
sions were some 200 Nisei MISers,
including "walking of 1000,"
442nd and Korean War veterans
and the ranking Asian American
general officer, Maj. Gen. James
Minturn, Chicago.

The event featured Paul Bowers,
New York; Benjamin Hazard,
professor emeritus in history,
San Jose State; George O.
Tuchin, III, professor emeritus,
USC, Los Angeles; Ulrich A.
Streit of Silver Spring, Md., MIS
graduate who later was the con-
sult general in Okinawa at one
point of his U.S. Foreign Service
career; and Dentzger Dickis of
Redondo Beach, Calif., a com-
tent hakujin graduate who was
never commissioned.

Dirks was assigned to Byron
Hot Springs Hotel, a German and
Japanese POW/Volunteer camp near
Tracy, Calif., for auditory surveil-
ance. Meyers explained, "For sake
of appearance, the Army felt the
presence of NCOS (like Dirks)
would help the usually Japanese
prisoner-of-war into a false sense of
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HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (5 graduate winners)

Name: Lily Ayumi Miyachi
Residence: Monterey Park, Calif.
School: East Los Angeles College

This "bright and conscientious" young woman graduated from UCLA magna cum laude with a 3.9 GPA in mathematics-computer science. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Outstanding College Students of America, and Golden Key Honor Society, as well as having honors status at appearing on the dean's honor list of 1985. She was, Miyachi still found time to participate in Theta Kappa Phi service oriented activity and many community activities (she was the 1988-89 season Queen). She plans to attend Northwestern University or UCLA to pursue an MBA in business.

SARAH TAKASUGI

University's first course in Asian American history. His professional end political goals are to deepen knowledge of Asian American history through publishing research, teaching university students, and promoting historical consciousness in the general public. He is currently working hard to establish an international journal of Japanese American ethnicity and the Nice Week Festival.

DR. KIVOSHI SONODA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Name: Todd Shibu Kimmura
Residence: San Francisco
School: The University of the Pacific

Appearing on the dean's list both at San Francisco State University and City College for six semesters, Kimmura is scheduled to begin dental school at the University of the Pacific this fall. Kimmura plans "to be a positive role model in the community by focusing my attention not only on the professional aspects of dentistry, but also on the humanitarian aspects as well." Having worked many hours of community service for people in need and in convalescent homes, it is not surprising that his ultimate goal to work in innercities of America and provide care for those in under-served communities. Kimmura has gained prior health care experience both in the U.S. Army, where he earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, and at Letterman Hospital, where he was an ambulance driver and medical care person.

MIHORU YASUI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Name: Leon Yuki Kurashige
Residence: Culver City, Calif.
School: University of Wisconsin, Madison

After receiving a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1986, Kurashige began to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Kurashige was also a handful of students and community members who founded the Asian American Studies Program (a project that protects exotic species of animals and plants) pursuing a degree in criminology, law, and society.

LUKE YAMAMOTO

With an impressive 3.9 GPA (she has never received a grade below an A in any course), her professor estimates that Yamamoto has "the highest GPA of any journalist student and the highest seen in recent years." Yamamoto is also a Phi Kappa Phi Senior Honor Society member for performance in the top 10 percent of the class. Yamamoto has ful-filled two challenging internships with The Press Enterprise in Riverside, California and The Sun in San Bernardino, Calif. She is also an integral part of The Daily
promoting environmental awareness in her community. Nitta writes, "as a former resident of Hawaii, my concern for the well-being of the environment and the future of the South Pacific has directed my focus towards understanding how to make a joint degree... to obtain an in-depth education in the physical, political, and economic development which emphasises the importance of the South Pacific." He hopes to contribute to the growth of a culturally and socially sensitive South Pacific.

Name: Susan Kawakami
Residence: Alhambra, Calif.
Chapter: Pasadena
Field: Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Kawakami has appeared on the National Dunn's Honor List three times, received numerous awards, and is a member of the Sigma Pi Honor and Service Fraternity. After quitting her job as a medical technologist of three years to pursue a career in medicine, she says, "I am a medical technician, I wish to treat the whole person, body, mind, spirit and soul, not just the machine system, with the philosophy of the cosmos having a role to be played in it all." Kawakami has been active in helping people in need at medical clinics. She intends to go into family practice in an underserved area.

Name: Kenky Nitta-Tejima
Residence: Culver City, Calif.
Chapter: Venice-Culver
School: Harvard, Yale, or UC Berkeley

Kato will be entering law school at either Harvard, Yale, or UC Berkeley. In addition to attaining a prestigious academic record at UCLA (3.8 GPA), she spent her summers volunteering as a tutor to other students on campus and does volunteer work with the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Like Thomas Hayashi, she says, "I believe in using the law to further the social justice for the disadvantaged." As an undergraduate she worked as a research assistant to civil rights professors and lawyers and helped to organize a major civil rights conference marking the 50th anniversary of the integration of the Japanese Americans. She believes her commitment and connection to her community comes from the stories of her ancestors, grandparents and members of her personal community who shares with her.

Name: Yoichi Irene Makino
Residence: Redwood Valley, Calif.
School: University of California at Irvine

Yoichi Irene Makino is a graduate student at the University of California at Irvine. She has used photography as a means to explore her connections and disconnections to her heritage and herself. Makino would like to photograph a group of photos of her father grew up and her grandmother still lives. From the photo, she plans to share her photographic experience, as a Japanese American, of that Japanese house and Japanese neighborhood she has struggled to maintain and display. There are few Japanese multicultural or feminist issues are not always valued.

Name: Candid Emi Tateyama
Residence: Fukumoto, Hawaii
School: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Candid Emi Tateyama plans to pursue a degree in civil engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is an active member of UC Berkeley's Tomodachi Club for the past three years. Her vice president of External Affairs, treasurer, and Community Service Chairperson, Muri has also volunteered her time to community service related to Japanese Americans—the Cherry Blossom Festival, Sansei Live—as well as volunteering at the Eikoichi Home in San Francisco. In the business administration program at UC, Berkeley, Muri explains that her love of numbers led her to a decision to major in accounting, explaining that she likes it because "it makes use of all the knowledge I have learned over the years." She aspires to own her own accounting firm one day.

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Residence: Sacramento, Calif.
School: University of California at Berkeley

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JAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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won numerous scholarships and was involved in many campus activities.

She has also been involved in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) for the last two years, and will attend The American University this fall to pursue her major in international finance.

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP (undergraduate)

Name: Frederick Allan Race

Residence: Monterey, Calif.

School: Monterey Institute of International Studies

Described by his professor as a "phoning young man," Race is planning to enter Wesleyan University and complete his degree at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Race writes, "The art of sculpting language is a difficult discipline to master. To teach through spoken and written word is an art." He has won several scholarships and worked part-time since beginning college to support himself. Somehow, he found time to participate in campus activities (French Club, Japan Fans, Volleyball Club) and volunteering at the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival. He plans to enter the field of international relations with French language studies.

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP (graduate)

Name: Andrew G. Nakahata

Chapter: Marin and Sacramento Residence: Mill Valley, Calif.

School: Yale School of Organization and Management

Graduating from Wesleyan University with honors in history, Nakahata was awarded several fellowships during his undergraduate career — the Department of Environmental Research Fellowship at Wesleyan University-and the California State Board of Forestry Fellowship at California State University. Nakahata has also gained experience in numerous jobs and activities, such as working at the U.S. Office of Creation and Congressman Norman Y. Mineta, as well as teaching seminars at Cambridge Research Institute and photography to ninth grade students. Nakahata was also involved in the Asian American Admissions Task Force and Asian Pacific American Association during his time attending Wesleyan University, as well as participating in various cross country, varsity track and the Wesleyan Orchestra. He is scheduled to begin attending graduate school at Yale University this fall.

MASAO AND SUMAKO ITANO SCHOLARSHIP (two winners)

Name: Cynthia Mia Inaba

Residence: Mountain View, Calif.

School: San Francisco State University

Chapter: San Francisco

This ambitious young woman seeking an advanced degree in international relations has also pursued many other interests. She has been an intern in Mayor Dave Dreklow's office in New York City, was selected to be a 1992 youth ambassador for the San Francisco public school system, and participated in the American Leadership Group-Trip through Europe. In Asia, Inaba has also been a devoted student of Buoy and been active in the San Francisco Buddhist Association and Girl Scouts of America. She also participated in her school's student government, academic decathlon team, and varsity tennis team. In her spare time, she also managed to volunteer as a tutor at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

Name: Amy Anna Kimura

Residence: Phoenix, Ariz.

Chapter: San Francisco

School: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Parents: Ronald and JaAnn Kimura

Describing herself as seeking adventure and having a love for learning, this nontraditional student has a long distinguished list of achievements already behind her. Kimura has been selected as a National Merit finalist, she has also been consistently selected as scholar-athlete and outstanding mathematic student and received academic honors. Her campus activities include president of the French Club, secretary and vice president of the Model United Nations Club, treasurer of the National Honor Society. Besides being an exceptional student, Kimura is also an outstanding athlete, participating in varsity tennis and varsity cross country. She also volunteered her time at several hospitals. Writes her English teacher, "Amy has inspired me because of her intense energy and will to be the very best. Her parents and teachers admire her for all of these reasons... it has been my privilege to have been her teacher."

MR. AND MRS. TAKASHI MORIUCHI SCHOLARSHIP (2 winners)

Name: Yan-Tien Wong

Residence: Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Chapter: New York Chapter

School: University of Pennsylvania

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wong

Wong has achieved recognition in many subjects in school such as English, French, science, Latin, and as well as excellent sports and music. She was team captain of the volleyball for four years and also played soccer. She has been very active in chorus and is also a talented pianist. Her campus activities include the International Club, French Club, turret of Walker Model United Nations, and news editor of the student newspaper. Deer Creek was her major in high school. Her list of campus activities is long and impressive — National Honor Society, Army & Varsity Club, Amnesty International, Model United Nations, tutorial, tutoring, March Band, the Model United Nations Club, — to name only a few. Jack also participated in various community service and environmental clean-up projects. Her counselor says she "has never ceased to be impressed with her never ending sense of diligence, hard working attitude, professionalism, and zest for learning. She brings a unique attribute in both character and intellect."

MAYU USUGI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Janie Michele Mori

Residence: Ontario, Ore.

Chapter: stake River

This determined, young arthas
ALEXANDER NAKABA

AN EAGLE Scout and a member of the Junior Young Buddhist Association, says his teacher, "Kirik Akahoshi is the kind of person that we adults are glad to look to as a leader of his generation. He will be a success at whatever he does, and the world will be a better place because of him." Intrigued by the balance between the mind, body, and spirit, Kirik plans to pursue the field of psychology.

SAM KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Kristen Kajiwaka
Residence: Turlock, Calif.
School: University of California at Davis
Parents: Ken and Karen Kajiwaka

On the honor roll for her entire high school career and a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, Kajiwaka seeks to pursue a career in the field of food science or agri-business. She has also been active in the Future Business Leaders of America Club, as well as Students Against the Vanishing Environment, Key Club, and currently is the senior class secretary/treasurer. While carrying a challenging course load, Kristen participated in the school soccer team for four years, where she was noted most valuable player and best defensive player on the junior-varsity team. Throughout high school, Kristen also worked several jobs and contributed her time to community services to needy people. Her counselor describes her as "a fine student who has contributed a great deal to her school and..."
From the frying pan
BILL HOSOKAWA
A better Asian American film to talk about

If such a thing is possible, Hollywood filmmakers have scored for the indie-ness of Rising Sun with the moving and sensitive The Joy Luck Club now winning accolades.

There is no similarity between the two other than that they share an Asian American theme. But that is enough to prove a comparison.

Rising Sun, as readers of this newspaper should well know by now, is primarily a sex and violence potboiler riding on the coat tails of the alleged ruthless tactics of Japanese in the centre of closed American business. It never rang true, which did not discourage some Japanese Americans from accepting the film as a piece of art. It was that incident that is most likely to come back in their minds.

The Joy Luck Club is another matter. It is the story of the lives of four women born in China who under savage brutality survive and somehow reach San Francisco where they marry, have families, become friends, and the hopes they held for their American-born daughters who seek to cope with life in their bi-cultural world.

These hopes are based on the scars the women cannot erase from memory. One, near death from illness and exhaustion while fleeing war, is forced to abandon her twin infants. The second is betrothed as a toddler to another child, the son of a wealthy family. After the marriage years later she is abused by her husband in-law who, unaware of her son's impotence, blames the child-bride for failure to produce a child. Another of the woman is a daughter of a widow who is forced to become the despised concubine of a wealthy tycoon and commits suicide to win freedom for the child. The fourth is seduced by a spoiled playboy, then savaged and rejected when he finds another woman.

Malodramatic? Yes, but true enough to real life in China of several generations ago to be plausible. If there is a question, it is how four women of such varied yet similar backgrounds happened to meet in San Francisco's Chinatown and become lifelong friends.

What gives authenticity to The Joy Luck Club is the novel by Amy Tan on which the film is based. She knows of which she wrote. Her characters take shape as living, breathing, suffering, bleeding human beings, and in view of the shortcomings of experienced Asian women actors, the film is remarkably well cast. (Men posed no problem, with the exception of a couple of bad goys, and some bit parts they hardly figured in the story.)

Amy Tan's novel handled the nuances of Chinese and Chinese American life—in fact of life in general—with a sensitivity, understanding and depth of feeling that Michael Crichton, a highly successful novelist in other areas, never achieved in Rising Sun. Few films can succeed when the original story is lacking.

I have no idea how much of a market there is for additional Asian American films in the near future. However, while the setting and the characters in The Joy Luck Club are Asian American, the theme of hope and love and aspiration are universal. Hollywood would do well to remember this truth as it contemplates to grind shoot-em-ups well garnished with sex. The problem, I would guess, is that it is not easy to write as genuinely as Amy Tan has written.

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East Wind
BILL MARUTANI
The column that wasn't

This COLUMN was the one that was not supposed to be written. At memorial services on October 16th for Bill (William Masayo) Koyama, a former council member of the Japanese American Citizens Leagues in San Francisco, I was asked to write a few words about Bill. I was unprepared and demurred. "What can one write about this man without words appearing superficial? Trivial!" Driving home in the evening, Micht's suggestion kept cropping up. So, this column is one that was not supposed to be written.

LOOKING AT the church, I noted a huge banner at the front reading "It is great when brothers and sisters gather in harmony," or words to that effect. The banner appeared to have been hanging there regularly, not something special for these services—although the message was one particularly apt to the occasion. The make-up of those gathered appeared to cross all colors and classes, including a substantial number of younger folks. The balcony was also filled with these coming to pay their respects. This make-up reflected much that Bill Koyama stood for.

LIKE MANY OTHERS I had heard much about Bill Koyama, but I had not been in a position to sit down and occasion to write to him several times in conjunction with the project he was interested in, namely the Japanese American Center, which he was helping to develop, Lorton, D.C. (in tribute to "American Japanese patriotic activity during World II," which includes civilians, the elderly, women and children who also suffered and endured). I lost saw and briefly exchanged a few words with Bill in March when he was attending the 40th reunion in Hawaii of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Bill was a member of Company K which suffered especially devastating casualties in the fighting in Europe. Tooru Kanazawa, also a veteran of the 442, mentioned how Bill had been wounded and was given emergency treatment by First Sergeant Chester Tanaka, returned front-line duties—with the result that there was no record of a Purple Heart for this veteran.

THERE WAS a duet consisting of a bass fiddle and an electronic piano (Atsushi Okamoto and Hinshe Yamasaki) which was very smooth. The flute solo by Jenny Wada Ikeda playing "Amazing Grace" was hauntingly beautiful. And most appropriate, Film clips from productions which had had an impact on the past showed poignant scenes and comments by Bill. The "Koyama" name invariably suggests the other half of the team, wife Mary, just as "ham 'n eggs" are one. Having met Mary, I sought to speak briefly to her, but seeing the large group of folks knoted about, I gave up for another time. I had heard much about this courageous woman, how she was a one woman booster for those G.I.s, how she stood for principle throughout, no matter how some might have been unpopular at the time—such as opposition to the Vietnam war, befriending Malcolm X, etc. I had heard Mary speak when See MARUTANI on page 10

Letters

Raising complaints about National staff

When a blow to the heart was delivered to the board of the Pacific Citizen, Mr. Paul M. Shigeta was to blame. It is a situation that had been put on him by the National staff. Well, let me tell you that I have heard many complaints about the so-called National staff members who had working with the JACL members in the San Diego Central Committee. I never took it very seriously but I heard the complaints coming up from JACL members at their National Convention. So I think that the National staff must realize that they have had a very bad policy.

The membership of the JACL is very, very important to the Pacific Citizen. Many of the incidents is that I have asked one of the staff members to follow up the 100 Club membership. They have given up. I have written to them and this is a sort of great embarrassment to JACL members and incredibly bad public relations, exposing the gross ignorance of our national leaders to the meaning of the Freedom of the Press.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution specifically states: "Congress shall make no law..." Speech or of the Press." In 1798 Congress passed the Alien and Sedition Acts, trying to muzzle the press, which was writing about the government, and its officials. The Art was too unpopular with the people and expired three years later in 1801.

Joe Yamada

Brookley Charter, JACL

Applauds PC for stand; corrects vets story

Mr. Robert Marutani's efforts to articulate and define the present crisis between

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I make the bread, and they manage the doings.
LIGGETT
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President Kimura suggested her decision to remove Shinkawa was spontaneous resulting from an emotional confrontation. She implied that there was some conduct on Shinkawa’s part that deserved removal from office. The truth should be known, said Kimura was the feeling of the majority of the Board members on the issue in their meeting on this subject.

The JACL record tells the real story. The legal opinion of Allen Kato, the National Board’s attorney, dated August 30, 1993, three weeks before the National Board meeting. In the last paragraphs of his memo he advises President Kimura and Acting Director Carole Hayashino about the way in which the president can remove the PC Board chairman.

Shinkawa’s removal and possible removal of the entire PC Board was a plan developed by Kimura and Hayashino long before the Sept. 26 and 28, 1993, National Board meeting. Kato notes record her unconstitutional reason by explaining that she was removing Shinkawa for refusing to obey her presidential directive not to print the discussion regarding the PC Board. The record shows that the JACL and the National Board acted against the interest of its members.

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