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**SALUTE**—MIS veterans gather at the Tomb of the Unknown during their Oct. 21-23 reunion.

## 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* (Caucasian) 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

At their Oct. 21-23 reunion, members reveal military caste system that denied promotion of Nisei during war . . .

Caucasian MISLS 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 captives of that system and could do nothing while

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## Newsmakers

### Art Miki loses Ottawa election

TORONTO—Art Miki of the Winnipeg-Transcona riding (district) lost his Oct. 25 bid to win a seat in the Canada's House of Commons. His Liberal Party, however, won back a 40% majority of the 295 seats in the House.

Miki lost by a slim 321 votes to better-known Bill Blakeley 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 1988 leading to the redress and apology from the Canadian government for the forceful WWII evacuation and sequestration of property.

—From Harry Taba



MIKI

OCHI

### Rose Ochi nominated to government job

President Clinton is expected to nominate Rose 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 Crimi-

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# Top of the class

JACL announces 1993-94 scholarship winners



Yoshie Valadez, top photo, and James Ushiba are winners of the Henry & Chlyo Memorial Scholarships. Bios appear p. 4.

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. Joyce Higashida served as chairperson of the Freshman Scholarship Committee and Joy St.

Germaine chaired the committee evaluating Undergraduates, 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: 15 entering freshman, 10 undergraduate, 11 graduate, 3 law and 3 special awards - a creative arts scholarship, performing

Complete list of scholarship winners and biographies—pages 4-7

arts scholarship and a 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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### 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 grocery clerk in Washington, D.C. OCA sees 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 Ginny 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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### Yamashita appears on '60 Minutes' show



YAMASHITA

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 Marines Corps because of their ethnicity. Yamashita was "disenrolled" 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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## Calendar

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#### Anchorage

Week of Nov. 7-13—Veterans Day conference, symposium, Anchorage Museum of History and Art and Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Information: George Reynolds, 907/753-2712. NOTE—Registration for "Alaska at War", 1317 Northern Lights #522, Anchorage, AK 99503-2306.

### Washington

#### Seattle

Sun. Nov. 21 and Dec. 5—Seattle Kokon Taiko beginners' workshops, 1-5 p.m., Information and registration \$30. Information: Stan Shikuma, 206/725-1676. NOTE—Open to anyone 18 years up. Sun. Dec. 5—JACL Lake Washington Christmas-installation dinner, West Coast Bellevue Hotel, 116th NE, south of NE 8th. Information: Shox Tokita 206/641-6512.

Through Sun. Dec. 12—Wing Luke Asian Museum exhibit, "Snapshot: Our World, Our Children"; Permanent exhibit: "One Song, Many Voices" on history of Asian communities in state, 407-7th Ave. S., Admission: \$2.50, adults; \$1.50, students/seniors; 75c children under 12, closed Mondays. Information: 206/623-5124.

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL Seattle chapter installation, Red Lion Hotel, Sea-Tac Airport.

### Oregon

#### Portland

Through Jan. 16—JAN exhibit: "Japanese Pioneers of Oregon," Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland 503/222-1741. Thu. admission free to seniors over age 60. Monthly lecturers, all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realities [with Hood River Issei]," Dr. Linda Tamura; Dec. 9—"Spacious Dreams [of growing up in Hood River]," Dr. Lauren Kessler, Dr. Homer Yasui; Jan. 13—"Between [Minidoka] Camp and Home," Dr. Robert Sims.

### Utah

#### Salt Lake City

1994: Aug. 3-6—33rd Biennial National JACL Convention—Downtown Marriott Hotel. Information: Floyd Mori, conv. chair, 801/572-2287.

### Nevada

#### Las Vegas

Fri-Sun. Nov. 5-7—JACL PSWDC Conference, Boardwalk Hotel, 3750 Las Vegas Blvd South (btwn Flamingo and Tropicana), 702/735-1167; SAT: dinner. Information: PSW JACL Office 213/626-4471, Bill Endow 702/878-1589.

### California

#### Sacramento Valley

Thu. Nov. 18—JACL Sacramento 1994 installation dinner, 6 p.m., Hoi Sing Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Dr., Lillian Kimura, speaker; information: 916/447-0231. NOTE—This will be Lillian Kimura's first visit to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

#### Sonoma-Marin

Sun. Nov. 7—JACL NCWNP session, 9 a.m., Enmanji Temple, Sebastopol, hosted by Sonoma County Chapter. Information: Patty Wada 415/931-4671.

#### San Francisco

Sun. Nov. 7—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m., Information: Elsie Chung 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki 510/3280.

### Peninsula

Sun. Nov. 14—Mid-Peninsula Keirokai dinner, 2 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist gym; information Bud Nakano 415/856-1974.

### Michigan

#### Plymouth

#### Detroit JACL meets

Sun., Nov. 14—Detroit Chapter, JACL, fall meeting and dinner, Izakaya Sanpei Restaurant, corner of Main St. and Joy Rd., Plymouth, Mich., 3-5 p.m. Meal features 7-course Japanese dinner. Topics include: elections for '94 board of governors, preview of Legacy Fund Speaker's Bureau project, and honors for Veteran's Day. Cost: \$18 (reservations only, deadline Nov. 6), Information: Mary Kajmidoi 313/522-7917 or Ernie Otani, 313/947-0108.

Myo Nakanishi 415/322-4514, Hiroko Yoshida 415/854-1392, Dan Nakamura 415/494-0844, Frank Ogawa, Al Nakai 415/322-6125.

Sat. Dec. 4—Nisei Ski Club Holiday Ball, potluck, silent auction, dance instructions, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Ticket information: Judy Nakaso 510/528-6564, Jackie Maruhashi 408/298-3940.

Fri. Dec. 31—JACL Sequoia New Year Eve's dinner, 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. dinner, Holiday Inn, Palo Alto. Information: Hiroko Yoshida 415/854-1392.

### Eastbay

Sat. Nov. 13—Berkeley Nisei seniors fu shots, 10-12n., North Berkeley Senior Center; free; information JASEB 510/848-3560.

Sun. Dec. 5—JACL Berkeley/Diablo Valley joint installation dinner, 4:30 p.m. no-host cocktail, 5 p.m. dinner, Wan Fu Restaurant, 1375 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek. NOTE—Guest speaker: Michael Yamaguchi, U.S. Attorney of Northern California.

### San Jose-Monterey

Fri. Nov. 12—JACL San Jose elections, Issei Memorial Hall. Information: 408/295-1250.

Fri. Dec. 31—JACL West Valley-Met Generation, New Year's Eve dinner-dance, San Jose Athletic Club; contact: Matsu Chestain 408/379-2594.

### Fresno-Central Cal

Sat. Nov. 6—VFW Sierra Nisei Post dinner, Lt. Col. Barry Saiki (ret.) of MIS, speaker; 7 p.m., Airport Holiday Inn, tickets \$25. Information: Frank Isogawa 209/896-1738, Nob Togioka 209/897-2002, Hiro Isogawa 209/222-7083, Tom Teramoto 209/227-1293.

Sat. Nov. 13—JACL Central California District Convention, banquet speaker: Grayce Ueyhara, Fresno Airport Hilton Hotel.

Sat. Nov. 13—Pre-Holiday Kanojo fashion show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Fresno JACL chapter and Professional Secretaries International, Airport Holiday Inn, 5090 E. Clinton, Fresno. Information: Jeanne Nagao, 209/224-6258.

Sun. Nov. 14—Medaka-no-Gakko and CC Asian Pacific Women hosts Kanojo Fashions, 12-4 p.m., Fresno Airport Hilton Hotel. Free, information: Kanojo 800/404-2250.

### Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. Nov. 6—Issei Pioneer lecture: Dr. Takashi Makinoda, "Cross-Culture Perspective on Aging and Health," 1:30-3:30 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.

Sat. Nov. 6—East San Gabriel Valley JCC benefit dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., ESGV Community Center, 1203 W Puente Ave., West Covina; information Paul 510/892-3359, Herb 618/536-9962.

Sun. Nov. 7—SFV JACC dinner, 5 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills, information: Paul Jonokuchi 818/894-

5327.

Wed. Nov. 10—Japan America Society round table: What Americans need to know to improve relations with Japanese, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tachi Kuchi of Mitsubishi Electronics America, speaker, Four Seasons Hotel, 690 Newport Center Dr., Newport Beach, RSVP, 714/850-4335.

### Japan Tokyo

Thu. Nov. 18—JACL Japan chapter elections, 7 p.m., Tokyo Union Church, Ometosando. Information: Kenta Takamori, (03) 3585-3211x1737.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Japanese American student in the undergraduate category.

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

Joy St. Germaine, chairwoman of the Undergraduate, Graduate and Special Awards, said, "On behalf 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 recognized for their individuality, and for what their unique contributions to the world might be. We hope that in the future, these potential, future leaders choose to help JACL in achieving its civil rights goals—that way, we're bound to succeed. Our best to the 1993 scholarship winners for a successful school year!"

The National JACL salutes the 1993 JACL scholarship recipients and sends its appreciation to the scholarship donors for their investment in our community's future.

## Scholarship information

For information on the 1994 - 1995 National Scholarship Program, contact the JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

## Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

**MIS**

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in training to overcome an in-bred alienation the Army approach has fostered," he continued. As a distinct minority which attempted to rectify the situation and only "after we left Minnesota," this small group of Caucasian MISLS graduates after 50 years recognize "that somehow we muddled through . . . We are pleased to be able to express the sincere and abiding admiration we feel for all of you who served your country under the most adverse conditions." Meyers was assigned to ATIS Tokyo and interrogated Japanese soldiers repatriating from the Asian mainland.

Approximately 540 non-Nikkei passed through the Army MIS language school during WWII at the Presidio of San Francisco, Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minn., Meyers noted. (The Navy conducted its own WWII Japanese language schools at Boulder, Colo., and Ann Arbor, Mich., and was offering a commission instead of the draft for a year's intensive

of appearance, the Army felt the presence of NCOs (like Dirks) would dull the early Japanese prisoners-of-war into a false sense of security. In other words, how could these lowly soldiers be capable of understanding their private conversations?"

Dirks, who lived in Japan in the mid-30s, also used his language skills training Filipino officers in kanji recognition at the Presidio of Monterey. The Filipino officer graduates were sent by submarine to Gen. Douglas MacArthur who arranged to have them secretly landed in the Philippines near points occupied by the Japanese. On another occasion, Dirks was sent to the Air Force Cryptanalysis School at Camp Pinedale, near Fresno, to learn the Japanese military kana code, before going to the South Pacific to monitor Japanese aircraft traffic for the 5th Air Force. As a MIS non-commissioned officer, Dirks said he knew and had great empathy with his fellow Nisei. He liberally sprinkled his remarks with Japanese expressions that added a light, entertaining touch.

French, Russian, Japanese and Malay, but was sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., for artillery basic. Soon after Pearl Harbor exploded, he was "discovered" by Major Joseph Dickey, assistant to Col. Kai Rasmussen, MISLS commandant, who greeted him with "ohayo gozaimus." Bowers was transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco and moved with rest of the class to clean up Savage, which was then a mess. He noted trouble began to brew when Nisei whose Japanese was far beyond the ken of hakujin officers were privates or PFCs, while their parents were interned, their homesteads and goods sold at a loss. "Here they were, serving their country in the most invaluable way possible—intelligence," Bowers declared.

"Rasmussen and Dickey were alarmed at the growing resentment . . . It became imperative that some—the best—Nisei be commissioned. However, the Army moves on precedent," Bowers noted, "and never in its history had anyone ever been commissioned on the basis of language. Further complicating matters was the prejudice against Japanese Americans who had yet to prove themselves in battle."

Bowers was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, on the basis of language. Being the best hakujin linguist, Rasmussen had reasoned with the Washington brass that "to keep this poor private a private was a grave injustice."

Of his Occupation days and as aide-de-camp to Gen. MacArthur, Major Bowers remarked: "I was absolutely ir. toxicated by him. He had grandeur, a greatness, a magnificence that doesn't exist anymore."

He related how the assignment to be the assistant military secretary to the commander-in-chief followed his setting up the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo as it had been when Ambassador Grew was in prewar residence.

The Japanese wanted to keep MacArthur at the Grand Hotel in Yokohama but "MacArthur wanted none of that and wanted his presence felt in Tokyo—the heartbeat of Japan," Bowers related. "The office we found for him was one of the few undamaged buildings in Marunouchi, the Dai Ichi Insurance Building overlooking the Imperial Palace."

Bowers was there Sept. 7, 1945, when the American flag was raised over Tokyo at the Embassy for the first time since the war. He lived there and accompanied the General to and from the office everyday in a rather battered car, the best that the Japanese had, until MacArthur's prewar car came from the Philippines.

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**CATCHING UP**—Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) poses with MIS vets Don Okubo, center, and Sam Isokane who were with the 1st Marines at Iwojima.

training.) Attending the Saturday discussions were some 200 Nisei MISers, spouses, a sprinkling of 100th-442nd and Korean War veterans and the ranking Asian American general officer, Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama, Chicago.

The panelists were Faubion Bowers, New York; Benjamin Hazard, professor emeritus in history, San Jose State; George O. Totten III, professor emeritus, USC, Los Angeles; Ulrich A. Straus of Silver Spring, Md., MIS graduate who later was the consul general in Okinawa at one point of his U.S. Foreign Service career; and Dempster Dirks of Redondo Beach, Calif., a competent hakujin graduate who was never commissioned.

Dirks was assigned to Bryon Hot Springs Hotel, a German and Japanese POW officers camp near Tracy, Calif., for auditory surveillance. Meyers explained, "For sake

The first panelist was Faubion Bowers, a linguist graduate of the first class at Savage who was posted at ATIS-Brisbane and later aide-de-camp and personal interpreter for Gen. MacArthur at the meetings with Emperor Hirohito. He observed there were only 25 American Caucasian who could read, speak and write—more or less—the Japanese language in 1941 and most of them were older, academic types or missionaries.

To bolster these numbers, the idea of using Nisei or Kibei had begun to glimmer in 1940. Bowers also remembered any white man who went to Washington in 1940 or 1941 and said "ohayo gozaimus" or said he had been in Japan as a missionary's son or as a businessman was immediately commissioned in military intelligence.

Of his own encounter into the Army, Bowers indicated on his induction form that he knew well

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# JACL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

## HENRY & CHIYO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (3 undergraduate winners)

Name: **Yoshie Valadez**  
Residence: Yuma, Ariz.  
School: University of Arizona

Valadez, a member of the University of Arizona Honors Program, has also been active in ASUA (Associated Students of the University of Arizona Student Government) and Arizona Ambassadors. As well, she has participated in mentor programs and volunteered in the University Medical Center Physiology Department Lab and various community activities. Planning for a career in medicine, she intends to major in either biochemistry or molecular and cell biology, aspiring to become a pediatrician — and conduct research in the field of pediatric oncology.

Name: **Susan S. Tsunoda**  
Residence: Pearl City, Hawaii  
School: University of Portland

Tsunoda (3.67 GPA) has appeared on the dean's list since she began studying at the University of Portland two years ago, all the while working to support herself. Tsunoda is also a volunteer tutor at a local school. She believes that our future depends upon the children and writes, "Teaching will be a challenging job, especially now that a teacher's role has become so diverse but... I am now, more than ever, enthused to become a teacher." She is studying to receive a degree in elementary education.

Name: **Kerry A. Lowell**  
Residence: Rapid City, S. D.  
School: Syracuse University

Lowell has appeared on the Syracuse University dean's list (3.5 GPA) and is also a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, as well as other campus organizations. Lowell also participated in the Waseda University Homestay program where she was in the International Club and Tennis Club. She writes, "I believe in order to understand global relations and cultural differences one must first have a better understanding of one's own heritage." Lowell, interested in politics, history and different cultures, is pursuing a degree in international relations.

## SAM KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Sarah B. Takasugi**  
Residence: Temecula, Calif.  
Chapter: San Diego  
School: UC Irvine

Appearing on the dean's list every semester of junior college for the last three years (3.9 GPA), Takasugi is scheduled to attend the University of California at Irvine this fall. Takasugi, described as "extremely conscientious, intelligent, and completely dedicated," explains that her pursuit of education was inspired by her grandfather, interned during World War II. She writes, "He said... people can take all of your material possessions but they can't take away knowledge." Maintaining a 3.9 GPA, Takasugi also participated in Alpha Gamma Sigma (honor society) and worked to support herself, and found time to volunteer with Species Protection Project (a group that protects exotic species of animals and plants). She is pursuing a degree in criminology, law and society.

## HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (3 graduate winners)

Name: **Lily Ayumi Miyuchi**  
Residence: Monterey Park, Calif.  
Chapter: East Los Angeles  
School: Northwestern University or University of California at Los Angeles

This "bright and conscientious" young woman graduated from UCLA *magna cum laude* with a 3.74 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 and appearing on the dean's honor list since June of 1989. Busy as she was, Miyuchi still found time to participate in Theta Kappa Phi (a service oriented sorority) and many community activities (she was also the 1988 Cherry Blossom Queen). She plans to attend Northwestern University or UCLA to pursue an MBA in business.

Name: **James Kinji Ushiba**  
Residence: Sunnyvale, Calif.  
School: UC, Davis School of Medicine

Ushiba graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in molecular and cell biology (3.65 GPA) and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. Ushiba has received numerous scholarships, interned at GENENTECH, Inc., and worked at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Plant Gene Expression Center for two years. He is also a co-chairperson of the American Medical Students Society at UC Davis, a philanthropic organization that raises funds to support free medical clinics and supports the AIDS Education Project. His professor writes, "It is evident this young man's commitment to his personal goal of becoming a physician and helping others is exemplary." He is currently attending UC, Davis, School of Medicine.

Name: **Chris Makoto Tsuneishi**  
Residence: San Gabriel, Calif.  
School: University of Health Services, The Chicago Medical School

Described as a "generous, responsible, and intelligent person," Tsuneishi is currently pursuing a career in medicine. He has an impressive record of lab research and physical/occupational therapy assistance. A graduate of UCLA, Tsuneishi was a member of the Nikkei Student Union, Hawaii Club, Pre-Med. Society, and Omega Sigma Tau (a community service based fraternity), as well as being involved in many community activities. Tsuneishi plans to specialize in Orthopedic Medicine.

## MINORU YASUI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Lon Yuki Kurashige**  
Residence: Culver City, Calif.  
Chapter: Venice/Culver  
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 among a handful of students and community members who founded the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he taught the



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university's first course in Asian American history.

His professional and 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 on his dissertation on the history of Japanese American ethnicity and the Nisei Week Festival.

## DR. KIYOSHI SONODA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Todd Shiju Kimura**  
Residence: San Francisco  
Chapter: 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, Kimura is scheduled to begin dental school at the University of the Pacific this fall. Kimura 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 is to work in inner cities of America and provide care for those in under-served communities. Kimura 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.



TODD S. KIMURA



SUSAN TSUNODA



LILY MIYAUCHI

## SABURO KIDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Phillip Shinichi Pepper**  
Residence: Martinez, Calif.  
School: University of California at Berkeley

Besides having a 3.6 GPA, Pepper is very involved in community and academic activities concerning Japan and America. For instance, he has participated in the California Japan Club at UC Berkeley and was one of 40 American delegates participating in the 44th Japan-American Student conference, the oldest academic conference between the students of Japan and America. Says Yong-ho Choe, a Korean history professor at UC, Berkeley, "I was particularly struck by his sincere desire and deep commitment to work for the betterment of human society, especially for those minority groups who are being discriminated against or neglected by the society." Pepper intends to spend his junior year abroad in Japan and conduct research on minorities in Japan. He is currently pursuing a degree in Korea-Japan Relations in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies Field.

## THOMAS T. YATABE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Lynn Mie Itagaki**  
Residence: Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.  
Chapter: South Bay  
School: Harvard-Radcliffe University

After traveling to Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan in the sum-



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mer of 1992, Itagaki found herself enchanted by the East Asian cultures. She writes, "... I visualized myself as a liaison between two distinct cultures in the future... I sensed the gap between nations closing, and consequently the necessity for... any modern adult to be cognizant of and familiar with the cultures on the other side of the world..." Described as "a truly outstanding student in every respect," Itagaki has been very active in Harvard Model United Nations, the Institute of Politics (associated with the John F. Kennedy Graduate School of Government) and the Harvard-Radcliffe Basketball Cheer Squad. Itagaki also managed to find time to participate as a costumer in two drama productions — all the while maintaining a 3.6 GPA.

## KYUTARO & YASUO ABIKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Julie Eiko Yamamoto**  
Residence: Huntington Beach, Calif.  
Chapter: Downtown Los Angeles  
School: University of Southern California

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 journalism 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 fulfilled two challenging internships with *The PressEnterprise* in Riverside, California and *The Sun* in San Bernardino, Calif. She is also an integral part of *The Daily*



LYNNE ITAGAKI

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promoting environmental awareness of the community. Nitta writes, "as a former resident of Hawaii, my concern for the welfare of developing island nations of the South Pacific has directed my education towards pursuing a joint degree . . . to obtain an in-depth education in the physical planning methods of sustainable development which emphasizes the future needs of the South Pacific." He hopes to contribute to the growth of a culturally and socially sensitive South Pacific.

## MAGOICHI &amp; SHIZUKO KATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

Kawakami has appeared on the National Dean's Honor List three times, received numerous awards, and is a member of the Sigma Sigma Phi Honor and Service Fraternity Society. After quitting her job as a medical technologist of 17 years, Kawakami plans to pursue a career in medicine. She writes, "as an osteopathic physician, I wish to treat the whole person, body, mind, spirit and emotions, not just an organ system, with the philosophy of one hand to heal, one hand to hold." Kawakami has been active in helping people in need at medical clinics, especially the poor in Mexico. She intends to go into family practice in an underserved area.

## REVEREND H. JOHN YAMASHITA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Courtney Teru Goto  
Residence: Sacramento, Calif.  
Chapter: Florin  
School: Harvard University

Graduating from Mills College with a 3.86 GPA (Phi Beta Kappa) and a degree in government, Goto is now planning to pursue a religious studies graduate degree at Harvard University. Goto is very active in campus administrative activities, Model United Nations, and community services. She writes, "I am poignantly aware of the . . . gradual loss of traditional culture in our community," which especially concerns Goto because her Japanese American heritage and community "have been sources of strength in facing the university, church, and working world." She feels a responsibility to voice Japanese American interests and plans to be an outspoken faculty member one day, teaching and doing research in religious studies.

## CHIYOKO &amp; THOMAS TOMOTSU &amp; THOMAS SHIMAZAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Elaine Tanaka  
Residence: Northridge, Calif.  
School: University of California at Davis Medical School

With a degree in economics (in three years) with a 3.6 GPA from the University of California at Los Angeles, Tanaka will enter medical school in the fall of 1993. She has appeared on the dean's list numerous times and won many awards and honors. She has been a volunteer lab researcher for several professors at UCLA and conducted her own independent genetics research.

Tanaka has volunteered more than 200 hours at the UCLA Medical Center. She explains that her love for medicine began as an elementary school child and that

her enthusiasm for medicine "is not containable . . . from inner city clinics to third world medic tents. I want to relieve the suffering of those who need help the most."

## SHO SATO MEMORIAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Cynthia Yuko Ikeda  
Residence: San Francisco  
Chapter: Japan  
School: Yale Law School

Cynthia Yuko Ikeda received a B.A. in political science, and then attended Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. After two years of studying the Japanese language and legal code, she received a graduate law degree in Japanese Civil Procedure in March, 1993. Although she could easily enter any corporate law firm after graduation, her deep commitment and sense of responsibility to the community has led her to choose to work on behalf of the community when she graduates. In the fall of 1993, she will attend Yale Law School.

## THOMAS T. HAYASHI MEMORIAL LAW

Name: Kenly Kato  
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 (3.9 GPA), she spent her undergraduate years volunteering as a tutor to other students on campus and does volunteer work with abused and neglected children. Like Thomas Hayashi, the outstanding Nisei civil rights lawyer, she believes in using the law profession to secure 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 internment of the Japanese Americans. She believes her connection and commitment to her community comes from the stories her parents, grandparents and members of her personal community shares with her.

## CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

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

Yoshi Irene Makino is a graduate photography student at the University of California at Irvine. She has used photography as a means to explore her connections and disconnections to Japan and her Japanese ancestry and father. Makino would like to photograph the house in Japan where her father grew up and her grandmother still lives. The photographs, as well as objects from Japan, will form an installation which will communicate her experience, as a Japanese American, of that Japanese house and Japan. As an artist she has struggled to maintain and validate her own vision although multicultural or feminist issues are not always evident.

## ABE &amp; ESTHER HAGIWARA STUDENT AID

Name: Candis Emi Tateyama  
Residence: Pukalani, Hawaii  
School: University of Hawaii at Manoa

A civil engineering student, Candis Emi Tateyama has a long history of volunteer work, scholastic achievements and activities. In the spirit of the Hagiwaras, she has consistently used the skills she gains to benefit others. Team captain of the Maui High School varsity swim team, on the all-star swim team and winner of the state top 16 award for four years, she uses her swimming skills to volunteer for the American Lung Association swimming program for children with asthma and as a volunteer for the No Ka I'o Swim Club, Learn to Swim Program. Engineering for Candis means teamwork, responsibility, creativity, and flexibility. The Abe and Esther Hagiwara award will assist this outstanding scholar, athlete, and community volunteer in attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

## AIKO SUSANNA TASHIRO HIRATSUKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Grace Emiko Ohgi  
Residence: Mercer Island, Wash.  
School: Undecided

A Mercer Island High School Senior, Grace Emiko Ohgi has been playing the violin since the age of three. She is first violinist with the Seattle Youth Symphony, concertmaster of the Mercer Island High School Orchestra, and plays clarinet and bassoon in the Mercer Island High School Band. An active volunteer with the Senior Service Club, Natural Helpers, Committee to Save the Earth and a tutor, Grace feels her community work enriches her and her musical ability. Contributing her skills to the community is important to her and several times every year she plays violin at the Keiro Nursing Home. Established in the memory of the pianist Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka, this award will help Grace pursue her interest in music education.

## JAMES MICHENER SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Rivano Andiko  
Chapter: San Fernando Valley  
Residence: Santa Clarita, Calif.  
School: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Having received academic achievement awards in math and physics, this honors student has an associates degree in physics from Los Angeles Valley College. Andiko is also an accomplished accordion player, having won awards in national accordion competitions since 1982. He has also built a house, used as temporary classrooms for the local high school. Described by his teachers as "poised and self-possessed," Andiko's career goal is to be a prominent engineer, adding that his interest began with Legos and Bristle Blocks, and led to a fascination of engineering. He feels strongly about giving back to the community, and would like to personally partake in the developments of shelters and public facilities for the poor of Third World nations. Andiko plans to pursue a degree in civil engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

## SUMITOMO BANK OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP (undergraduate)

Name: Natsuko Murai  
Chapter: Berkeley  
Residence: Fountain Valley, Calif.  
School: University of California at Berkeley

An active member of UC

Berkeley's Tomodachi Club for the last three years (vice president of External Affairs, treasurer, and Community Service chairperson), Murai has also volunteered her time to community service related to Japanese Americans — the Cherry Blossom Festival, Saisei Live!, as well as volunteering at the Kimochi Home in San Francisco. In the business administration program at UC, Berkeley, Murai explains that her love of numbers led to her decision to major in accounting, explaining that she likes it because "it makes use of all the knowledge I have accumulated over the years." She aspires to own her own accounting firm one day.

## SUMITOMO BANK OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP (graduate)

Name: Sylvia Kasumi Navarro  
Residence: Torrance, Calif.  
School: The American University Graduate School of International Management

"Our society is continuously expanding as a global marketplace, and thus demands men and women who are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable. I would like to meet these challenges in an advisory role to U.S. and Japan-based companies," writes Sylvia, who explains she loves to work hard and is driven by intellectual challenges. She has already academically distinguished herself by appearing on the dean's list for four semesters and as a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, and the Golden Key National Honor Society (vice president). She has also

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Elaine Tanaka (Trojan (university paper), as well as earning many honors and awards. Besides fulfilling an internship with the Associated Press this summer, Yamamoto will intern with L.A. Weekly this fall in their Research and Supplements Department. She is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in print journalism and political science and looks forward to "a lifetime of challenges that will stretch my imagination, intellect, and professional skills."

## NISABURO AIBARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Naoki Nitta  
Residence: Berkeley, California  
School: University of California at Berkeley

Graduating with a B.A. in Architecture from UC, Berkeley, (minor in history of the Built Environment with Emphasis on Japanese Society and Culture), Nitta remains at UC but is currently a masters of architecture candidate, (3.67 GPA). He is also a masters of city and regional planning joint degree applicant and involved in



CANDIS TATEYAMA



CYNTHIA IKEDA



KENLY KIYA KATO

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won numerous scholarships and been involved in many campus activities.

She has been involved in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) for the last two years. Sylvia will attend The American University this fall to pursue a graduate degree 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 "promising young man," Race is planning to pursue a master's degree at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Race writes, "The art of sculpting language is a difficult discipline to master. To create through spoken and written word is a true 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 Forum, 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 S. 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 two fellowships during his undergraduate career — the Department of Economics Research Fellowship at Wesleyan University and the California State Executive Fellowship at California State University. Nakahata has also gained experience from many work places and activities, such as working at the offices of Sen. Alan Cranston and Congressman Norman Y. Mineta, as well as teaching seminars in government and photography to ninth grade students. Nakahata was also involved in the Asian American Admissions Task Force and Asian Pacific American Coalition while attending Wesleyan University, as well as participating in varsity 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 Misa Inaba**  
Residence: San Francisco  
Chapter: San Francisco  
School: Lewis and Clark  
Parents: Darryl and Diane Inaba

This ambitious young woman seeking an advanced degree in international relations has already led an exciting life. She has been an intern in Mayor David Dinkins' office in New York City, was selected to be a 1992 youth ambassador for the San Francisco public schools to Israel, and participated in the American Leadership Study Group-Travel through Europe. Inaba has also been a devoted student of Bujo and been active in the Junior Young 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 her services as a tutor at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

Name: **Amy Ann Kimura**  
Residence: Phoenix  
Chapter: San Francisco  
School: Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Parents: Ronald and JoAnn Kimura

Describing herself as seeking adventure and having a love for learning, this number one ranked student has a long distinguished list of achievements already behind her. Not only has Kimura been selected as a National Merit finalist, she has also been consistently selected as scholar athlete and outstanding math 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 peers 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: **YanTien Wong**  
Residence: Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.  
Chapter: New York Chapter  
School: University of Pennsylvania  
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wong

Wong has received achievement awards in many subjects in school such as English, French, science, and Latin, as well as excelling in 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, SADD, Westchester Model United Nations, and news editor of the school newspaper. Wong has also donated much of her time to community activities helping others, especially those involving the New York Buddhist Church and performing at numerous cultural events with her Nihon Bujo Tachibana Dance School, where she has studied dance for the past 10 years.

Name: **Reiko Michele Hirai**  
Residence: Sitka, Alaska  
Chapter: Spokane  
School: Western Washington University  
Parents: Michael and Marcia Hirai

Consistently appearing on the school honor roll and receiving choir honors, this honors student has played basketball and volleyball for four years. Other campus activities include: SADD, National Honor Society, and Student Council. She also took awards at the Foreign Language Festival for Japanese. Her community activities include: volunteering at the Special Olympics, participating in her church youth group, and acting as a youth representative for the Pastor-Parish Relations Com-

mittee. Hirai ultimately plans to major in education or international business. She wrote, "As I look towards the future, my personal goal is to make a difference — whether it is one, or many..."

## KENJI KASAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Kana Christina Osaki**  
Residence: Birmingham, Mich.  
School: Cornell University  
Parents: Nobuhiro and Yukiko Osaki

With an astonishing 4.4 GPA, Osaki is among the top four of her graduating class. Not surprisingly, she is also a National Merit finalist and a state finalist for the Michigan Math Competition. Ad-



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ditionally, she was a violinist of her school orchestra, a member of the debate and forensics team, and participated in the American Field Service Club, Student Government, Future Problem Solving Team, and the National Honors Society. Osaki is also a member of her church youth group, a volunteer at the local nursing home, and attended Japanese school. She says she wants "to use what I have learned in my life of being bicultural to help bring better communication and harmony among different peoples across the world."

## SOUTH PARK JAPANESE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Juneko Jackson**  
Residence: Kahuku, Hawaii  
School: Cornell University  
Parents: Ron and Sumiko Jackson

Ranked number one, this aspiring engineer has won numerous academic awards in math, science, social studies, history and oratory, as well as placing on the school honor roll with a GPA of 4.0 every quarter of her high school career. Her list of campus activities is long and impressive: National Honor Society, Amity & Vibes Service Club, Amnesty International, Model United Nations, tutoring, Marching Band, the Japanese Club, SADD — to name only a few. Jackson also participated in various community food-drives and environmental clean-up projects. Her counselor says she "... has never ceased to be impressed with her never ending sense of diligence, hard work, caring, service, professionalism, and zest for learning. She is a truly shining attribute in both character and intellect."

## MAJIU UYESUGI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Janie Michiko Mori**  
Residence: Ontario, Ore.  
Chapter: Snake River



KIRK AKAHOSHI



CYNTHIA INABA



REIKO HIRAI



JANIE MORI

School: Washington State University  
Parents: Samuel T. and Juanita Mori

With a 4.0 GPA, Mori is ranked number one in her graduating class of 1993. She was selected as a delegate for Oregon Girls State and has received several academic awards of achievement. Her list of campus activities is especially impressive — secretary of the Japanese Club, vice president of National Honor Society, an excellent golfer who placed second at district meets, a leader for the 4-H Club, Science Club, and a member of the band and choir. She hopes to study biology and apply to veterinary school.

## GONGORO NAKAMURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Brian James Hirakawa**  
Residence: Chula Vista, Calif.  
School: University of California at San Diego  
Parent: Diane M. Hirakawa

This determined young athlete



AMY KIMURA



KANA OSAKI



JUNEKO JACKSON

already decided to obtain a master's degree in design and structural engineering. In the top 2% of his graduating class with a 4.3 GPA, he's won numerous competitive math awards in his high school career, as well as being very active in soccer and volleyball and also playing classical and jazz piano. He has also been a member of the Asian Fellowship Club, Interact Rotary Club, and a life-time member of the California Scholarship Federation. His main goal in life is "to be an important part of the ethnically diverse society" that he lives in. His teachers say, "Brian has high motivation and is self-directed with high standards set for his future."

## MITSUYUKI YONEMURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: **Kirk Eiji Akahoshi**  
Residence: Saratoga, Calif.  
Chapter: San Jose  
School: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
Parents: Kenji and Karen Akahoshi

Kirk has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for four years and the National Honor Society for two years. Seeking positive change, he's been exceptionally active in his school's student government (freshman class president, sophomore class vice president, Associate Student Body president), the Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club and also participating in many sports — basketball, cross-country, track, and soccer. Kirk is also

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KRISTEN KAJIOKA



ANDREW N. YAMAMOTO

## HENRY AND CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(two winners)

Name: Leslie A. Shiozawa  
Residence: Pocatello, Idaho  
Chapter: Pocatello-Blackfoot  
School: Stanford University  
Parents: Kent and Nancy Shiozawa

This outstanding young woman has taken academic awards in almost any field imaginable — science, social studies, language arts, psychology, German, etc. She's been selected to be a Girls State Delegate, a young ambassador for the Japan-US Senate Exchange, a member of the National Honor Society, and a recipient of the U.S. Achievement Academy Award. She has won numerous essay contests. Not surprisingly, Shiozawa is ranked number one in her graduating class. Her list of activities is long and impressive: editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, member of student government, and participant in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and track competition. She is active in the community as a volunteer tutor in the Adult Success Center Literacy Program, the 4-H Club, and many other activities. Her teacher describes her as "brilliant, interactive, and committed to learning." She plans to double major in Japanese studies and English.



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ANDREA AKEMI MAOKI

community. She is well-respected by the faculty and her peers."

## SUMITOMO BANK OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Keith Satoru Nakaue  
Residence: Fountain Valley, Calif.  
School: Boston University  
Parents: Roy and Christine Nakaue

Besides being a member of the California Scholarship Federation and a dedicated player on the water polo and swimming team, Nakaue also participated in numerous campus clubs throughout his high school career — the Asian-American Club, Bible Study Club, French Club, Japanese Club, Korean Club, Surfing Club, Taiwanese Club, and the Vietnamese Club. Keith has also been very active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Lions Club International, and his church. He ultimately hopes to enter an international corporation where he can utilize his cultural skills to his fullest potential. He is described by his teachers as a very bright and conscientious young man, "destined to succeed."

## UNION BANK SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Name: Alexander T. Nakaba  
Residence: Camarillo, Calif.  
School: University of California at Irvine  
Parents: Dennis I. and Karen H. Nakaba

Not only is Nakaba an honor roll student and a member of the California Scholarship Federation, he has also taken several prestigious awards for the study of German and Russian. He founded the Asian American Club and participated in the German, Russian, Peer Helpers, and Mock Trial. Nakaba possesses a black belt in karate, was president and religious chairperson of the Junior Young Buddhist Association, and volunteered at the YMCA for many years. Busy as he was, he still managed to find time to play basketball, baseball, and soccer. Nakaba hopes to participate in business on an international level and wants to decrease the amount of cultural misunderstandings in our community.

Name: Andrew Yamamoto  
Residence: Monterey Park, Calif.  
School: University of California at Los Angeles  
Parents: Fujiyoshi and Chieko Yamamoto

A lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, Yamamoto says he has earned his good grades through hard work. He also participated in basketball, the Nous Retrovons Hi-Y Club, the Junior Optimist Service Club, and the Interclub Council. Yamamoto is also an Eagle Scout, an active member of the Nishi Hoigwanji Buddhist Temple, an officer of the Junior Young Buddhist Association, a student of the Japanese Secondary Language School, and a volunteer basketball coach. His teachers describe him as "extremely intelligent, insightful," and possessing a "keen analytical mind". He hopes to be a doctor of pediatrics.

## AMY ENDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Andrea Akemi Maoki  
Residence: Richmond, Calif.  
Chapter: Contra Costa  
School: Brown University  
Parents: Eloy and Janice Maoki

A lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation and member of the honor roll, this young woman is ranked number one in her graduating class. She is also in the accelerated program, taking classes at the University of California at Berkeley. She has been on the volleyball and soccer team, part of the editing staff of the school literary magazine, a member of Amnesty International, Oxfam, Interact, All-City Council, and Student on the School Board — all the while working a part-time job. Andrea has also played in Asian League basketball, been a teacher's aide for Daruma-no-Gakko, and been active in her church activities. Her teacher describes her as possessing a "lively intellect and social conscience". Maoki plans to study anthropology, history, and eventually psychology.

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LESLIE SHIOZAWA

an Eagle Scout and a member of the Junior Young Buddhist Association. Says his teacher, "Kirk 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 interaction between the mind, body, and spirit, Kirk plans to pursue the field of psychology.

## SAM KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: Kristen Kajioaka  
Residence: Turlock, Calif.  
Chapter: Cortez  
School: University of California at San Diego  
Parents: Ken and Karen Kajioaka

On the honor roll for her entire high school career and a life-time member of the California Scholarship Federation, Kajioaka 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 is currently the senior class secretary/treasurer. While carrying a challenging course load, Kristen participated on the school softball team for four years, where she was voted 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

## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## A better Asian American film to talk about

If such a thing is possible, Hollywood filmmakers have atoned for the mediocrity 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 provoke a comparison.

*Rising Sun*, as readers of this newspaper should be well aware by now, is primarily a sex and violence potboiler riding on the coattails of the alleged ruthless tactics of Japan Inc., in seizing control of American business. It never rang true, which did not discourage some Japanese Americans from screaming foul and thus giving the film a lot of undeserved publicity.

*The Joy Luck Club* is another matter. It is the story of the lives of four women born in China who undergo savagely bruising experiences and somehow reach San Francisco where they marry, have families, become friends, and the hopes they hold 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 mother-in-law who, unaware of her son's impotence, blames the child-bride for failure to produce a child. Another of the women is the daughter of a widow who is forced to become the despised concubine of a wealthy tyrant and commits suicide to win freedom for the child. The fourth is seduced by a spoiled playboy, then savagely rejected when he finds another woman.

Melodramatic? Yes, but true enough to real life in the 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 mah-jong buddies.

What gives authenticity to *The Joy Luck Club* is the novel by Amy Tan on which the film is based. She knew of which she wrote. Her characters take shape as living, breathing, suffering, bleeding human beings, and in view of the shortage of experienced Asian

women actors, the film is remarkably well cast. (Men posed no problem, with the exception of a couple of bad guys 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 continues to grind out 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. ☐

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

## Letters

## Raising complaints about National staff

What a blow to a volunteer chairman of the board of the *Pacific Citizen*. Mr. Paul M. Shinkawa resigned because of pressure 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 workings with the JACL members for the San Diego National Convention. I never took it very seriously but I heard the same complaints from the Denver JACL members at their National Convention. So I think that the National staff must realize that being aloof is not a very good policy.

The membership of the JACL is very, very important. The reason that I cite these incidents is that I have asked one of the staff members to follow up on the 1000 Club membership list, but it was done very off-handedly and if this is an indication of the workings of the National staff, perhaps they should get more training and experience before working for JACL, for this type of performance will hinge on the success of the Legacy Fund and general membership, so I hope that these problems can be smoothed out without asking for any resignations.

Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto,

Immediate Past  
National 1000 Club chairman  
Chicago

## Attack on free press is an embarrassment

The idea of a kept press kowtowing to the dictates of its advertisers or those in power, to me, is reprehensible. It betrays a most sacred trust, and that is: The Freedom of speech and press.

If the *Pacific Citizen* is still being distributed gratis, as in the past, to members of our august body, the Senate and Congress, this is a source 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 abridging the freedom of speech, or of the Press." In 1798 Congress passed the Sedition Act, trying to muzzle the press, which was writing about the government and its officials.

The Act was too unpopular with the people and expired three years later in 1801.

Joe Oyama

Berkeley Chapter, JACL

## Applauds PC for stand; corrects vets story

Congratulations on your efforts to articulate and define the present crisis between

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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 30th for Bill (William Masayoshi) Kochiyama held at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in Manhattan, we, Vicki and I, happened to seat ourselves in the same row of folks who looked familiar, familiar enough that I directly asked, "Aren't you...?" They were Walter and Michi Weglyn. In exchanging pleasantries, Michi inquired if I had been well (for an old man, pretty well), that she hadn't seen the "East Wind" column for a spell ("I've been busy," a euphemistic excuse for inefficient functioning. "Anyway, not many subjects to write about.") Michi: "Well, you could write about this service for Bill Kochiyama." I (properly) demurred: "What can one write about this man without words appearing superficial? Trivial?" Driving home in the evening rain, Michi's suggestion kept cropping up. So, this column is one that was not supposed to be written.

LOOKING ABOUT 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 ban-

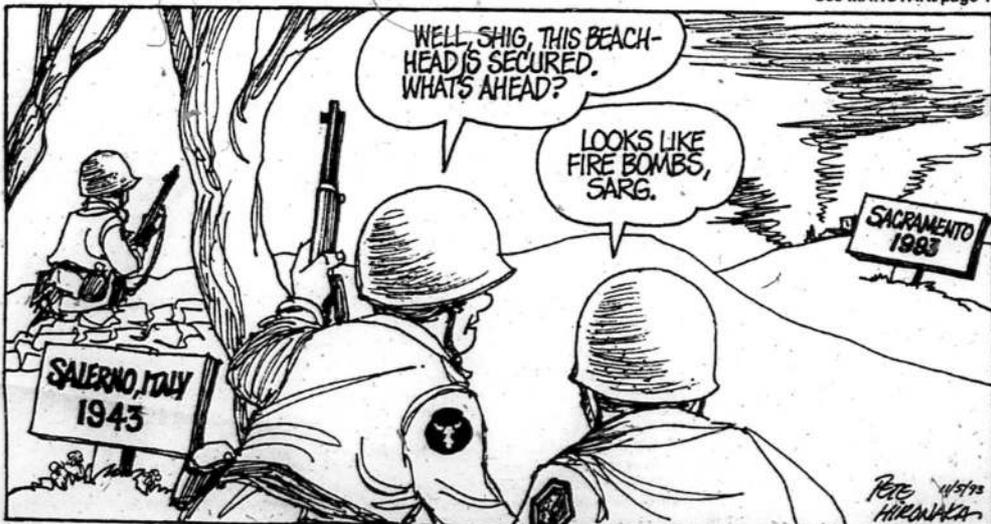
ner appeared to have been hanging there regularly, not something special for these services—although the message was one particularly apt to the occasion. The make-up of those gathered appeared to cross all colors and classes, including a substantial number of younger folks. The balcony was also being filled by those coming to pay their respects. This make-up reflected much of what Bill Kochiyama stood for.

LIKE MANY OTHERS I had heard much about Bill Kochiyama, but I had not known him well or long. I had occasion to write to him several times in conjunction with the project he was interested in, namely to erect a Nikkei monument in Washington, D.C. (in tribute to "Japanese American patriotism during World War II," which includes civilians, the elderly, women and children who also suffered and endured). I last saw and briefly exchanged a few words with Bill in March when he was attending the 50th 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 to front-line duties—with the result that there was no record of a Purple Heart for this veteran.

THERE WAS a jazz duet consisting of a bass fiddle and an electronic piano (Atsushi Odamak and Hiroshi Yamazaki) 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 been and are in progress, showed poignant scenes and comments by Bill. The "Kochiyama" name invariably suggests the other half of the team, wife Mary, just as "ham 'n eggs" are one. Having not met Mary, I sought to speak briefly to her, but seeing the large group of folks knotted about, I gave up for another time. I had heard much about this courageous woman, how she was a one woman booster for those Nisei 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 did hear Mary speak when

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## Voices

By PEGGY S. LIGGETT

## Let the truth be known

JACL National President Lillian Kimura's explanation of her actions removing the Pacific Citizen Board Chair Paul Shinkawa on Sept. 26, 1993, illustrates the need for Pacific Citizen's editorial independence.

Her comments reflected a serious misrecollection of her active participation in the May 22, 1993, PC Board meeting in Los Angeles, at which the Board discussed and decided key issues as recorded in the minutes:

- The need for better coordination of fiscal operations with the National office with timely transmittal of subscription fees.

- The need to move Pacific Citizen's offices to safer and more accessible quarters.

- The need for a personnel manual that more accurately and legally meets the Pacific Citizen's needs and editorial independence as required under the JACL Constitution and Bylaws.

President Kimura took part in the all-day PC Board meeting and agreed with the decisions made.

To hear her voice joining other members of the National Board and National staff challenging those decisions during the National Board Meeting on Sept. 25 and 26, 1993, was astonishing.

To watch as she utterly failed in her job in maintaining order over the meeting and allowed National staff to take control of the discussions was to see anarchy in action.

For far too long since redress was accomplished, this organization has been drifting. The National staff has been allowed to determine priorities and choose issues they wished to work on without clear direction or authority from our leadership.

In its wisdom, the National Council, the policy-setting body of JACL, determined many years ago that the Pacific Citizen should be independent and its editorial policies and business operations accountable to its own Board of Directors, chaired by the PC Board Chair.

President Kimura, however, questioned PC's editorial independence. She cites the Jap Road incident which dealt with Hous-

ton Chapter members who complained about the lack of response or support from the National staff in their efforts to change the name of the road. The second issue was the presentation of two perspectives on the movie *Rising Sun*.

The Jap Road story educated the Pacific Citizen's readers about membership activities and frustration in dealing with a matter that was important to that Japanese American community. It clearly falls within the Program for Action.

Contrary to assertions made by National staff, the National Board had never taken any action on protesting the *Rising Sun* film. A review of the National Board minutes shows no agenda item regarding the movie and no action ever taken. Therefore, the assertions made repeatedly by Washington, D.C., Representative Karen Narasaki that there was a National policy is false and misleading.

To print two different perspectives of the film (not even seen by many protesters before they set up their pickets) was infor-

mative and educational, encouraging people to see the film for themselves and make up their own minds.

I saw the film, appreciated significant changes that had been made from the novel, and felt it provided numerous opportunities for Asian actors and actresses to play major roles. I liked the fact that the Asian women playing the coroner and the computer expert were the problem solvers of the central crime. The film's only true hero was playboy Eddie Sakamura who sacrifices his life for the characters played by Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes.

*Rising Sun* was not particularly an artistic or commercial success but certainly the producers had a right to make it. No JACL policy was in place to call for a boycott or protest of the movie.

At the recent National Board meeting, National staff members claimed that their work on *Rising Sun* was one of their principal accomplishments for the year 1993.

To the contrary, it was a demonstration

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## Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

## Friendship: A matter of time

Ask about friendship and you're apt to get answers aplenty. Unlike the subject of, say, the NAFTA treaty, everyone has something to say about friendship. That's not surprising, since friendship sits high on the scale of what gives us the most satisfaction out of life, right up there with spouse/lover, family and religion. Very few people have no friends at all, says one study. On average, we count between 500 to 1000 acquaintances. Of these, we describe between three and seven as "real friends."

What makes a "real friend"? Why are they important to us? When I asked those questions to a dozen or more people, most responded by characterizing one of their personal good friends and describing the relationship that exists between them. This, of course, was like holding a mirror up to the interviewee's own values, not by any means an objective assessment.

Loyalty and its by-products, trust and staying power, topped the list of criteria for a real friend, not surprisingly. "I think of a good friend as one I've had different experiences with, one who has stood with me over time, even though we don't agree on some things," says a male African American. A Nisei woman puts it another way: "It's someone you can count on to be there when you need them, to share the good times as well as the bad."

A Nisei male, on the other hand, defines a friend as "someone you feel comfortable with, someone you can talk to." Yes, he has differences with his friend, he says, "But a good friend understands and respects those differences."

This ease of communicating and tolerance of another's idiosyncrasies are prized characteristics for others in slightly different ways. For another Nisei male, it means neither having to weigh thoughts nor having to be cautious with words. For a Sansei female, it means having similar interests and personality traits that don't clash.

For many, "feeling comfortable" means being with their "own kind," referring more to race than to other categories, like gender or age. This is borne out by a study done in 1984 in which sociologist Wayne Usui found that among the elderly a whopping 97% of African Americans and 99% of whites identified their closest friends as people of their own race.

I suspect that among older Nisei the numbers are somewhere in that range. We like to be with people who "speak the same language," as it were—people of the same mind-set, who share like experiences, who have similar expectations in social interaction. We tend to be in our comfort zone, for example, when friends practice *enryo* (self-restraint) and modesty. Perhaps we even silently condemn those who behave other-

wise. An African American friend once told me that he thought forming friendships with Japanese Americans (Nisei) was a whole lot harder than with members of other groups, but once made, "those friendships hold." I think he's onto something there. In a pattern set by our parents, we Nisei tend to "build" friendships through the years by a continuing process of give and take, which plays out in activities like visiting, attending ceremonies, gift-giving and so on, constantly striving for the give/take balance. And while we'd as soon be struck dead as admit we perform these acts out of a sense of responsibility or obligation, the fact is, we do, much of the time. But it seems to me that this very process of reciprocity fosters loyalty and trust, even love, and can be immensely rewarding. It's part of the cultural baggage we feel comfortable toting. But we shouldn't get too comfortable here. Sometimes intimacy based on shared values and history, edges dangerously toward ethnocentrism, where we see our culture as superior, while debasing others. (Friendships forged exclusively within churches, clans and cults can lead to similar mind-sets.) This can quickly escalate to cultural racism, thence to genocide, as we've seen again and again, even in modern times.

Friendships, like gardens, demand time, nurturance and paying attention, invest-

ments which many of us are unwilling or unable to make today. What with work, exercise regimens and involvement in myriad other activities, the average American has lost 6 leisure hours per week since 1974, we are told. For the boomer generation, the loss may be even greater. Often prone to seek the moment, they speak of "quality time" with friends. And while their need for binding friendships may not be as great as that of us Nisei—given our history of forced socio-political isolation—I think they often sense that they may be missing something. Among our forty-something offspring and their friends—most of them non-Japanese—there appears to be a kind of anxiety about the lack of good, solid friendships. And what a pity it is for anyone, to miss the humanizing power of friendship—enriching and life-giving.

But what about family? Do we consider them friends? "Of course," says our first-born. "Members of our family are my best friends. In fact, I think I learned about friendship from you." I think I've just been handed a rare compliment. From a real friend. ☺

*Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears monthly in the Pacific Citizen.*



## Come on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

## JACL and the Asian-American community

I doubt that many JACLers would object to the League's participation in civil rights issues affecting Asian-Americans. This is because most would agree that issues affecting "Asians" somehow manage to "trickle" up or "trickle" down to Americans of Japanese ancestry. At precisely the same time, I would be willing to bet that most members would also agree that JACL is not the spokesperson for Asian issues, and that such is not the main mission of the League.

The Asian-American community is, as one of my mentors put it, a hyphenated community. It is made up of a very diverse and complex grouping with strikingly different experiences in America. Like the Japanese American community, the diversities are complex, but because of the numbers and world history the differences are substantial. While there is a common bond along racial lines, there is also a difference.

Granted, it may be difficult for many to distinguish between a Chinese and Japanese American on the basis of physical appearance, but it is more difficult to tell the difference between a European American on the basis of appearance alone. It appears that the commonality of experiences in American is the basis of "community."

I agree that JACL should reach out to support Asian-American services, but I disagree that the League should attempt to be the spokesperson for Asian-American issues. Leadership in Asian-American issues should be by virtue of expertise. The decision on which role JACL should take in Asian-American issues, in my opinion, must be determined on a case-by-case basis. The prerequisite of this is careful and thoughtful analysis of the issue(s).

By way of illustration: in the public

service work force of Los Angeles County there are more than 80,000 employees. Consequently, there are many employee associations that represent the special interests of the subgroups that make up the employee matrix. Included in this matrix of associations is an Asian-American association as well as a Filipino association. Several years ago, Filipino employees petitioned the Board of Supervisors of the County to create a separate status for Filipino American employees under affirmative action employment rules. The Board of Supervisors agreed and enacted a separate employee code for employees of Filipino extraction. As a result, gains for "Asian-American" employees are not gains for Filipino employees and visa-versa . . .

This does not mean that Filipino employees of the County do not support the Asian-American association. This example is cited

only to reflect upon the complexities of "Asian-American" issues.

**Come on sense:** JACL is a *Japanese American* organization based upon principles of civil rights. We extend our membership to all persons and are committed to pursue a course of action that is based upon the historical experiences of Americans of Japanese ancestry. It is not our mission to be an Asian-American organization. Our participation in Asian-American issues is a means to an end. And, that end is the full and complete association of all Americans in the great American experiment . . .

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nal Justice Planning Office and long time executive assistant to former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. She served as a member of the Clinton's Presidential Transition Team last year.

Ochi is a former officer of the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and has served on the boards of numerous community and civic organizations. She has also been very active in Democratic party politics.

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki commended the president for his selection of Ochi. "Ochi brings a vast amount of experience to this position and will be an outstanding addition to the president's team."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki added, "We are looking forward to working with Ochi in Washington, D.C. She has an extraordinary record of commitment to public service and is highly respected by the Asian Pacific American community."

**YAMASHITA**  
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ered evidence of widespread racial bias existing in OCS during the 1980s, and has resulted in sweeping changes in Marine Corps OCS policies.

Other cases included an African American pilot who recently was accepted into Harvard Law School, but couldn't get promoted in the Marine Corps. As in Yamashita's case, many of the minority officers interviewed for the segment insist that the Marine Corps is still an "old boy's network" in which it is difficult or impossible for minorities to get promoted. In defense of the Marine Corps, a brigadier general said that the Corps isn't racist, but that minorities score lower than whites in performance evaluations.

Yamashita now is in Washington D.C. pursuing his case with the assistance of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Hawaii Congressional Delegation and other key members of Congress. He hopes to meet with Department of Defense officials, including Secretary of the Navy John Dalton, to press his demand to be commissioned as a Marine Corps officer with appropriate service credit retroactive to the time he would have graduated from OCS.

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the JACL executive office and the PC Board of Directors.

You and your staff are doing a fine job in trying to maintain the integrity of the *Pacific Citizen* and I applaud you. It is refreshing that this single Nikkei newspaper which reaches a readership beyond regional publications has become truly relevant and fearless in being controversial if necessary.

At the same time, I am glad you continue to print articles that are current news.

May I bring your attention to a detail that was missed in your caption on the veterans of military service? While the position and ranks of most of the vets were given, it would have been appropriate to have mentioned that Yaye Togasaki Breitenbach was Chief Nurse of the 320th USAR General Hospital in Bronx, N.Y. and retired as major.

Very few women let alone Nisei women reached that rank, and if it were not for racial politics, Yaye might have become colonel.

*Michi Kobi*  
 New York City

**MARUTANI**  
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the 442nd recognized her at the same Hawaii reunion earlier this year. I was impressed by the timbre of her voice, especially coming from such a petite woman. Her message touched all.

**THERE WAS** a facet of Bill's background that, to me, provided an insight into his openness in facing life: he was born on the East Coast (Washington, D.C.) and raised in New York, living at an institution, "Sheltering Arms" until age 19 years. In my opinion, Bill was blessed in that thereby he was spared some of those early debilitating scars that all too often sap the Nisei psyche, causing us to be uncertain and reticent in expressing and taking positions.

**THE FILM CLIPS** included a photo of young infantryman Bill, appearing so tender in his youth. His wife Mary put it directly. For her, it was love at first sight: "He was the handsomest man I have ever met."

Bill and Mary Kochiyama. ☺

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

**OCA**  
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OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok attributed part of the attitude of criminals to poor follow-up by the police and the media after a crime has been committed in the Asian American community. "People have not made it a priority to do more than routine work on these cases, and with the Asian American community, that is a major disadvantage, because more effort is needed to overcome language and cultural barriers to solve a crime," said Kwok. "The situation would be improved if police and the media can disseminate as much information as possible to better inform the community about the investigations or the closings of these cases."

Gong further commented that " cursory investigations and coverage is not only an injustice to Asian Americans, but it perpetuates the problem within the general community by sending out a message that it is permissible to commit crimes against Asian Americans and not suffer the consequences."

**LIGGETT**  
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of National staff choosing their own projects and setting their own priorities—and giving these activities National Board sanction when there was none.

Watching the National Board in action at the recent San Francisco Board meeting provided some insight in how these people serve in their elected leadership capacities.

Few, if any questions, were raised during the meeting on such items as the \$100,000 budget deficit as reported by the JACL National treasurer, that not all National Board members have contributed to the Legacy Fund, and their support of a bill calling for Freedom of Choice.

The conduct of the National Board in the Freedom of Choice issue was particularly revealing. Narasaki recommended the National Board support a Freedom of Choice bill because it "is a civil rights issue and other civil rights organization are supporting it." No discussion. No questions. Are we dealing here with reproductive rights, medical provider choice, religious choice, gender orientation?

Her recommendation was unanimously supported without one question or any further explanation other than other civil rights organizations support it. It was

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## LIGGETT

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blind approval on an issue that should be discussed at the district level before adding our organization's support. And the president allowed it to happen.

But that wasn't the only example of poor judgment and leadership. At issue was the National staff members' resentment of potentially critical stories of their work. Shinkawa agreed to submit any such articles to staff members for the purpose of their review and response. He said, however, that he could not promise that any changes in the context of the critical stories would be made to the satisfaction of the staff.

This was not enough for some members of the National Board and particularly of the National staff who acted shamelessly, jumping out of their seats and making veiled threats, who pouted, acted petulantly, and challenged Shinkawa to declare *Pacific Citizen's* total independence as a way of disavowing the newspaper's role in JACL.

During the course of the discussion, Allen Kato, JACL legal counsel, read from his six page memo in which he concluded that the *Pacific Citizen* was in fact not accountable to the National Director but, according to the Constitution and Bylaws, was to operate independently with its own board of directors and chair.

By Saturday evening, Sept. 25, 1993, a decision was made to form a joint committee of National Board and *Pacific Citizen* Board members to discuss the coordination of business operations and news coverage.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 26, 1993, without notice the *Pacific Citizen* issue was back on the agenda.

Before the meeting began, President Kimura privately pressured PC Chair Shinkawa to issue an apologetic statement to the National Board and National staff because "they were so angry." He told Kimura that he would make a statement saying the situation was unfortunate but that he would not compromise his principles.

What followed was a demonstration of lynch mentality. It was an ugly situation unchecked by the president. Further, JACL legal counsel Kato was not present during this session and few individuals called for rational behavior.

National Board members and staff shouted demands for solutions that translated to Shinkawa's removal and for guarantees of protection against PC scrutiny of their work. Shinkawa was at all times almost Buddha-like in his demeanor, calm, and professional. When the hostility became framed in censorship terms, he repeated, "I pledge to you my cooperation but I cannot promise you will always be pleased with what is printed." There was no emotional exchange as President Kimura reported in one of her columns.

Where was President Kimura? She was covering lower and lower in her seat, making no attempt to restore order or lead the discussion in a positive or constructive way. She could not have put on a more disappointing performance as a leader.

She took action to remove Shinkawa in response to the shouting and demands by the staff who for some reason do not feel their work or lack of work should be subject to criticism.

Yes, the president has the right to remove a PC Board chair. But demanding news management of the proceedings was unconstitutional and in violation of the JACL Constitution and Bylaws which requires the editorial and business operations of PC be independent.

President Kimura suggests her

decision to remove Shinkawa was spontaneous resulting from an emotional confrontation. She implies that there was some conduct on Shinkawa's part that deserved removal from office. The truth should be known. Shinkawa was never emotional, never confrontational in his manner during this two-day meeting.

The JACL record tells the real story. The legal opinion of Allen Kato was written on Aug. 30, 1993, three weeks before the National Board meeting. In the first and 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 chair and the entire PC Board.

Shinkawa's removal and possible removal of the entire PC Board was a plan developed by Kimura and Hayashino long before the Sept. 25 and 26, 1993, National Board meeting.

Kimura made a record of 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.

The record shows that Kimura and the National Board acted against the interest of its members.

My response, after the removal took place, was to call for the resignation of the president and the entire National Board.

The lack of judgment demonstrated by President Kimura has characterized her administration. Time again she allows National staff members to set their own projects without direction or restraint.

'In the first and last paragraphs of (JACL legal counsel Allen Kato's) memo he advises President Kimura and Acting Director Carole Hayashino about the way in which the president can remove the PC Board chair and the entire PC Board.'

JACL is faced with many challenges, including its own financial stability. Yet Kimura travels around the country, riding limousines and attending black tie dinners.

Further, the board meetings themselves are not responsibly planned when the entire National and Regional staffs are present at substantial transportation and lodging costs running into the thousands. This in a time when we are looking at a \$100,000 budget deficit.

Kimura's priorities are ill-chosen. Instead of attending the historic occasion of acknowledging the 70th anniversary of the grandfather chapter of JACL in Fresno, Kimura chose to participate in the Washington, D.C., march in which she was named a co-chair at a cost of \$5,000.

JACL press releases touted the fact she was the only Asian American co-chair. Perhaps that's because other Asian American groups did not choose to pay \$5,000 to speak for three minutes.

This was not cost effective in terms of these tight economic times and limited resources to fund programs. The glow of the glory in being a co-chair dims when it is found that it cost JACL \$5,000 to purchase the honor.

The failure of leadership continued when the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, offices were fire bombed—the first such incident since World War II, a dramatic and terrifying crime that goes to the core of what JACL is all about and why it must continue. After five such firebombings occurred in the city, the Sacramento Chapter requested Kimura to join other National leaders of such groups as the NAACP, Jewish Federation and B'nai B'rith at a meeting with the Attorney General's office. Kimura declined. What social event was more important than to be in Sacramento to speak for the organization and support its membership on the issue of sweeping racial violence that struck JACL on its homefront?

Instead, the acting national director was sent. The office of the JACL National vice president of general operations is about an hour away but he did not show up. Where was the leadership?

When such important occasions occur, it is the leadership which should be speaking, not the National staff. This is how the National staff gained their misunderstanding of their role in the organization. The failure in leadership demonstrated by President Kimura by her absence at the meeting with the Attorney General's office in Sacramento is inexcusable.

Whether our membership grows depends upon the accomplishments of the organization, the activities demonstrated by staff and elected leaders.

In other areas of performance, National Board and staff fundraising efforts are equally inept. JACL had, for instance, planned a fund-raiser the same weekend of the National Board meeting, Sept. 25-26, to honor former director Dennis Hayashi.

This was planned in spite of the fact that the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco held a June 10, 1993, fund-raiser honoring Hayashi who had been its director before coming to JACL where he served for less than two years. Did the JACL National Board really expect to put on a fund-raiser in the same community three months later and raise \$40,000?

Have the staff or National Board planned any other fund-raisers for the year 1993? What great accomplishments can be celebrated? Redress passed in 1988. A 1993-94 fund-raising event must focus on achievements and goals. The failure of the National Board and staff to plan for a number of fund-raisers during the year 1993 is accountable for \$40,000 of the \$100,000 deficit.

The attempt to blame the *Pacific Citizen* for the National Board and National staff's failure in developing membership projects or viable fund-raisers is another demonstration of a failure in leadership.

It is time for the members of this organization to take back control and insist its leadership act more responsibly. At a minimum, both the National Board and National staff should be required to work within the Constitution and Bylaws.

The first thing President Kimura should do to redeem herself is to reinstate Paul Shinkawa as the PC Board Chair. Or she and the entire National Board and staff ought to resign.

Liggett is a member of the PC Board and a board member and legal counsel for the JACL Legislative Education Committee. She was PC Board chairwoman from 1986-90 and was a two-term member of the JACL National Board.

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**Asai, Richard I, 64, Coos Bay, Ore., July 25;** Hood River-born, Oregon State graduate in chemistry, Ph.D. from Illinois (59) in analytical and physical chemistry; survived by brothers Taro, Min, Gené, and sisters Miha Kuga, Mizu Lotus.

**Fujii, Harry H, 79, Sacramento, Aug. 4;** survived by wife Grace, daughters Joan Sakata (Fresno), Linda Nagata, son Brian, 6, gc.

**Fujiwara, Sazuko, 96, Dinuba, Aug. 14;** Okayama-born, survived by son Alan, daughters Martha Fujimoto, Mary Sellers, 1, gc.

**Fukui, Frank Kazuo, Tokyo, Sept. 12;** UC Berkeley alumnus, Tokyo JAFL member.

**Higashi, Kims, 97, Stockton, Aug. 27;** Kumamoto-born, survived by son Shigeki, daughters Jan Inamasu, Yoshiko Nakao, in-law Michiko Higashi, gc and great-gc.

**Hirano, Bill Toru, 72, Watsonville, Sept. 3;** Watsonville-born, survived by wife Susan, son Dennis, daughters Julie David, Joyce Kuznik, Janice, Jean, 5, gc., brothers Rick, Shig, George, sisters Doris Shintani, Mae Tokiwa.

**Honda, Mamie, 89, Seaside, Sept. 6;** San Francisco-born, survived by son Akira, daughters Chizu Nakashima, Sachie Abe, 8, gc., 4 great-gc., in-law Haruka Honda.

**Honda, Tatsuo, 81, San Lorenzo, Aug. 22;** Oakland-born, survived by sons Allen, Calvin, sisters Kazuo Mori, Haruko Nakamura, in-law Hideo Yamashita.

**Iida, Kanichi, 89, Sacramento, Aug. 14;** Wakayama-born, survived by wife Tokuko, sons Hajimu, Glenn, daughters Kiyomi Yokota, Shizuyo Onga, 12, gc., 1 great-gc.

**Inouye, Liza F, 67, journalist with**

**Time/Newsweek in New York, Honolulu Star Bulletin and Hawaii Hochi where she met her husband, Ed. UH sports media director, edited UH campus paper, wrote two plays, "Nisei" and "Reunion"; survived by daughter Nola Fujitani, 2, gc., father Francis Toishigawa, sister Alice Oka.**

**Izumi, Kimi, 72, Seaside, Aug. 18;** survived by husband Seizo, daughters Ida Akimoto, Ruby, Inez Austr.

**Kamo, Hiroshi, 70, Ontario, Ore., Aug. 7;** Christopher, Wash., born, farmed in Jamieson area after WWII, started truck repair business in '85; survived by wife Sue, son Curt, daughter Susan Bertalotto, 3, gc., brothers Tom (Vale), Roy (Columbus, Ind.), Isamu (Jpn), sister Miyo Morita (Elmhurst, Ill.)

**Kanno, Robert A, 82, San Mateo, Sept. 3;** Santa Clara-born, survived by wife Kay, daughters Patricia Hanada, Lillian Izumi, Annette, 3, gc.

**Kashiwada, Matsuko, 76, Sacramento, Aug. 24;** Sacramento-born, survived by daughters Ellen Masai, Reiko Kawakami, brothers Wataru Tsugawa, Toru Tsugawa, sisters Toyoko Fujii, Sallie Kashiwada, in-laws Joe Kashiwada, Harry Kashiwada.

**Kaya, Fusayo, 94, Albany, Calif., Aug. 29;** Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Toshi Suzukawa, Lillian Fujitani, sons Tom, George, Freddie, Sandy and Gai, 22, gc., 15 great-gc., sister Keen Fukuda.

**Kobashigawa, James Y, 50, Honolulu, Sept. 14;** Honolulu-born businessman and brother of Mrs. Lynne Waihee, Hawaii's First Lady; survived by wife Kuniko, son David, daughters Joan, Melissa, mother Matsuy, sisters Jane K. Cheeseman and Nancy Cox (Mich.)

**Kobayashi, Albert, 64, Mountain**

**View, Aug. 28 of heart failure on his way home from the 49er-Charger football game; Palo Alto-born Western YBL president in the '60s, retired mechanic, survived by sister Dorothy Ishimatsu, brothers Robert (Long Beach), Harry (San Carlos), Roy (Sunnyvale).**

**Kusaba, Fusae, 71, Oroville, Sept. 9;** Oroville-born, survived by sisters Ise Sato, Michi Mizutani, sister-in-law Chizu Uchida.

**Kusao, Tyrone 65, Honolulu, Sept. 26;** Hawaii-born, city planner in the '70s with Mayor Fasi administration, partner with Keith Kurahashi as planning/zoning consultancy since Jan. 1981.

**Misaki, Kenji, 55, Fresno, Aug. 26;** Fresno-born, survived by mother Ie, brothers Seiji and Takeshi.

**Odori, Dr. Hiroshi, 72; Mission, Kas., July 28;** Mukilteo, Wash.-born 442nd veteran who wrote the Congressional Medal of Honor citation for Pfc. Sadao Munemori, only one awarded in the 442nd, research biologist at Univ. of Kansas Medical Center (1968-86), psychologist, survived by daughters Non Ann Odori (Nashua, NH), Linnell Stanhope (Topeka), Kim Marshall (Shawnee, Kan.), 6, gc., twin brother Masaru (Renton, Wash.), brother Roy (Palatine, Ill.), sisters Sue Odori (Chicago), Miriam Okamura (Morton Grove).

**Okida, Jimmy M, 75, Bakersfield, Sept. 19;** Los Angeles-born, lifetime Bakersfield resident, survived by son Ray, daughter Jane, 2, gc., stepsons Dr. William Boone.

**Saibara, Lt. Col. Robert (USA ret), 83, Houston, Sept. 21;** Texas-born grandson of Seito Saibara who helped develop the Gulf Coast rice industry in the 1900s, Texas A&M graduate, served in WWII as flying cadet and highest ranking Nisei officer with 1st Army, retired from electronic business in 1975, survived by wife Rola, daughters Phyllis Ogden, Judy Ferguson, Margie Saibara, 3, gc., 1 great-gc.

**Sekazaki, Yoshio, 77, Fresno, July 29;** Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Miyako, sons George, Jack (Jpn), daughter Kinuko Nakano, 9, gc., sisters Eiko Watanabe, Hisae Ikegami (both Jpn).

**Seito, George Masachi, 65, Mountain View, Sept. 5;** Idaho-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, sisters Sachiko Mori, Mary Wakasugi.

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### YORI ENDOW, 87

Pocatello, Idaho - 339 South Grant, died Tuesday, Oct. 26 in a local hospital. Born Jan. 28, 1906 at Toyama, Japan to Matsuiro & Taki Yanase Igata. She attended schools in Japan and Colorado, graduating from Brighton High School. She married Eimatsu Endo in 1929, and he preceded her in death in 1943. She married Shigeo Endow in 1954. He preceded her in death in 1954. She had been employed by Hughes Dress Shop and Newberry's in Pocatello. She enjoyed crocheting, Japanese cooking, and loved her grandchildren. She was naturalized U.S. citizen in 1954; a life-long member of the Buddhist Church. She is survived by son, Bob (Marianne), 6 grandchildren and their spouses, Karl, Ron (Dale), Rick (Brenda) and Gino, Pocatello; Barry, Salt Lake City, UT; and Jennifer Anne (Gregg) Gravens, Boise, ID. Brother, Tadashi Igata, Denver, CO; niece, Jane Karakawa, Redwood City, CA, and nephew, David Igata, Huntington Beach, CA. She was preceded in death besides her husbands, by a daughter, Evelyn in 1946 and 1 brother. Funeral services were conducted Nov. 1 at the Henderson Funeral Chapel, 431 N. 15th Ave. with Rev. Okada of the Ogden Buddhist church officiating. Interment was at the Mountain View Cemetery.

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## MIS

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Second panelist Benjamin Hazard, '43 Savage graduate who served with the 27th Infantry on Saipan and with the XXIV Corps on Leyte and Okinawa, spoke of his individual experiences, much of it appearing in Joseph Harrington's *Yankee Samurai*, the first book recounting Nisei MIS stories at-large by campaigns. He discussed "From Rags to Riches," the development of MISLS from the dearth of facilities and humble beginnings to the ultimate and successful surplus in capabilities through WWII and the Korean war in 1952. He interjected that during the Okinawa campaign, each officer was like his own private.

Third panelist George Totten was recruited from Columbia, graduated Savage in 1944, and led his Nisei team of linguists to the all-white 31st Infantry from Alabama, which landed at Mindanao. He agreed with fellow panelists that the "Nisei deserved a lot more credit." The Nisei helped "win the war faster," noting that the Mindanao campaign was a model rather than a strategic effort with work on preparing leaflets and repatriating Japanese forces and civilians. One Nisei was commissioned. "We also fixed our own Japanese food," Totten remembered. (On another panel, Nobuo Kishieue of Hanford, Calif., who trained with the Marines in amphibious landing for Iwojima, recalled finding a cache of Japanese tinned food. The empty ammo boxes in his jeep were dumped to make room for the food.)

The fourth panelist, Ulrich Straus, was among the 18-year-olds in the Snelling class graduating in January, 1946, who was a "BJ" (born or bred in Japan) with the additional knowledge of German, which accredited him as a multi-language specialist at the Tokyo international war crimes trials.

"I am grateful to my Nisei friends," Straus stressed, "in my MIS endeavors," which included examining Japanese diplomats repatriating from Europe, which Meyers cites as the Uraga Incident. The diplomats showed a belligerent attitude toward him, Straus and the seven Nisei linguists who found U.S. currencies and gold secreted in their personal belongings, one with 25 Leica cameras, and such obvious goodies as diaries and diplomatic order while interrogating repatriates at Uraga. The 1st Cavalry was enlisted to force open their trunks and other hiding places that Straus called was "a treasure trove of material." But the verbal abuse and profanity to which the MIS team faced was, in Meyer's words, "far too coarse for our sensei at Snelling to have been willing to teach us."

A sixth panelist would have been the late New York lawyer Jerome London, 67, who was preparing to recall his work as a language officer with the 8th Army in the Philippines. During WWII, he was known as Londinsky.

Of the three MISLS 50th-year reunions this was the first all-Caucasian panel which turned out to be a special feature.

Harry Honda continues his report on the MIS event in next week's issue.

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