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## Japan-Louisiana group formed in response to Hattori tragedy

Trying to heal the wounds opened by the Oct. 17, 1992, shooting death of Japanese exchange student Yoshihiro Hattori is the goal of the newly formed Japan-Louisiana Friendship Foundation.

Dedicated to Hattori's memory, the non-profit organization, with sponsorship from both American and Japanese corporations, hopes to create more understanding between Louisiana and Japan. In commemoration of the foundation's dedication, a cherry and a magnolia tree were planted at McKinley High School, the school Hattori was attending in Baton Rouge. The group is planning a similar planting at his high school in Nagoya, Japan.

Hattori's death was the focus of intense interest in Japan, where there is relatively little violent crime.

He was shot to death when he and a friend went to the wrong home on their way to a Halloween party.

"The goal of the foundation is to honor Hattori's memory by improving understanding between our state and Japan," said Peter Bordeaux, president of Sazerac Co. "By pursuing this goal in his memory, we can ease some of the pain of the tragedy and ensure that we pursue the kind of cross-cultural relationships to which Hattori himself was so dedicated."

In New Orleans, Consul General Yasuhiro Hamada said, "I wish you the best of luck with this endeavor and know that it will become a huge success in narrowing the differences that now separate our countries."

## Volunteer for a volunteer

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## University newsletter's cartoon called racist

Asian depiction in poor taste, say students, officials

Johns Hopkins University students and administrators in Baltimore are up in arms over a racist cartoon published recently in the school's newspaper, reported the *Washington Post*.

The cartoon, which appeared in the Sept. 24 issue of the *Johns Hopkins Newsletter*, depicted an Asian man wearing a Chinese Students Association T-shirt and a white woman seated on a couch.

The man says, "I only date Chinks," while a mouse observing the incident says, "He can say that. He's a brother!"

While criticizing the cartoon's content, students and administrators defended the paper's right to choose what they wish to publish.

"I do not question the *Newsletter*'s entitlement to print the cartoon," said Larry Benedict, dean of student services. "I do question the poor editorial taste."

One of the artists who drew the cartoon said the intent wasn't racist, but was meant to parody the way some ethnic groups refer to members of their own ethnicity by using racial slurs.

"I was trying to make fun of how some people think it's okay for people of the same race... to use racist terms with each other, where the same terms coming from a person of a different race would be considered an insult," said Raul Joscon.

The university's Student Council voted to withhold advertising from the paper for a month in protest.

"You can print whatever you want," said Margaret Lee, president, Student Council, "but you have to suffer the consequences of a community that's angry."

Enrollment was 4,335 in 1990-91 according to Peterson's Guide. Asians make up 21 percent and 5.7 percent of its undergraduate and graduation population, respectively.

## Arrest made in Sacramento fire bombings

Richard Campos, 18, was arrested Nov. 6 in connection with five racially motivated fire bombings, including the bombing of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, office, which terrorized the city of Sacramento, reported the *Sacramento Bee*. While they are still investigating, the FBI and the police said they believe Campos acted alone.

"We believe one individual created the (Aryan Liberation Front) title and labeled his actions as such," said FBI Agent Dick Ross.

According to police, a breakthrough in the case came when a photocopying clerk called the police to tell them a young man was making copies of hate literature.

The district attorney's office said they will try to prosecute Campos, who was 17 when he committed the crimes, as an adult. He has been charged with

five counts of arson and one attempted murder charge for the firebombing of Sacramento City Councilman Jimmy Yee's home.

"In order to get the maximum penalties available under the law relating to hate crimes, he needs to be prosecuted as an adult," said District Attorney Steve White. "If he were prosecuted as a juvenile, he would be released in his early 20s. As an adult, he could be kept in prison for life."

Mike Sawamura, Sacramento Chapter board member, was one of a number of chapter members who attended a press conference announcing the arrest. He expressed relief that Campos was caught, but added that he and many other JACL members believe that Campos had accomplices.

"Our feeling is that there has  
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**BREAK TIME**—MIS veterans at the recent reunion were, from left, Herb Murayama, Los Angeles; Bill Marutani, Philadelphia; and Marshall Sumida, San Francisco. All three served during the Occupation days in Tokyo.

Part two: THE

## MIS: STORY

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

In last week's article, panelists at the MIS Capital Reunion in Washington, D.C., revealed how the military caste system denied many Nisei from promotion during World War II. That discussion and the full story of the MIS role continues in this edition.

ARLINGTON, Va.—Stanley L. Falk of Alexandria, Va., a 1946 Snelling Caucasian graduate who served in the GHQ historical section in Tokyo through 1948, provided the overview, pointing out that nearly 6,000 Nisei graduated from MISLS during World War II. In civilian life, Falk was U.S. Air Force chief historian, and authored four books: *Bataan: The March of Death; Liberation of the Philippines; Seventy Days to Singapore*, and *Bloddiest Victory: Palau*.

A June, 1943, Savage graduate,

At Oct. 21-23 reunion, vets credited with preventing further casualties, shortening the war in the Pacific.

Warren Tsuneishi, and just retired Library of Congress chief of its Asian division, chaired the nearly six-hour-long panel discussions, which were covered by several videocams including one in the hands of Ken Akune of MIS-Southern California and a Japanese TV crew.

A Heart Mountain "alumnus," Tsuneishi expressed the unique characteristic of the MIS story: "We didn't kill; rather, we saved tens of thousands of lives in the Pacific and shortened the war by at least three years." The MIS-ATIS contributed millions of pages of documents and part of that story is being told today, he said in his opening remarks of the Capital Reunion panel entitled, "The MIS in Action: From Pearl Harbor to the Treaty of Peace."

**MIS-Northwest Panel**

International lawyer George

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EM NAKADOI



CHARLES NAGAO

## JACL pioneers Nakadoi, Nagao die

OMAHA—Em Masako Nakadoi, pioneer Omaha JACL member and a prewar Sacramento Chapter member, died on Saturday, Nov. 7. She was 76.

She taught tailoring at the YWCA for many years. A past chapter president (1964-1965) and Mountain Plains District official, she has been a news contributor to the *Pacific Citizen* for the past 30-plus years. In the mid-'50s and through the '60s, she was a leader of the famed Omaha JACL community sukiyaki dinner team with

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SEABROOK, N.J.—Charles Nagao, 77, onetime Eastern District Council governor ('57-'58) and charter Seabrook JACL member and chapter president ('51 and '64), died Oct. 30 at the Bridgeton, N.J., Hospital. He had been in declining health since July. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, in 1985.

Active in the South Jersey community since his arrival at Seabrook in 1944 in scouting, a school board member for three terms and assisting the

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### Ohio Cincinnati

Sun. Jan. 23—JACL joint Cincinnati-Dayton installation, 6 p.m., Cincinnati Museum at Union Terminal. NOTE: Afternoon opening of photo exhibit, Cincinnati Japanese American Hostel.

### Dayton

Sat. Feb. 19—JACL charter bus to Indianapolis for "Children of the Detention Camp: 1942-46" exhibit

### Indiana Indianapolis

Fri-Sun. Feb. 18-20, '94—JACL Mid-west District session.

### Wisconsin Milwaukee

Fri-Sun. Nov. 19-21—Milwaukee Folk Fair, JACL food, handicraft and exhibit booths at MECCA. Hours: Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tickets, Information: Ed Jonokuchi 414/672-5544; Sat. Nakahira 414/463-4013.

Sun. Feb. 6—JACL inaugural party (details to be announced).

### 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: \$25.00, adults; \$15.00, 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—JANM 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 lectures, all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realities [with Hood River Isse]," Dr. Linda Tamura; Dec. 9—"Spacious Dreams [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.

### 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.

Sat. Feb. 5—JACL annual Florin Time of Remembrance, Buddhist Hall. NOTE—Preparation meetings on 2nd Weds, 7:30 p.m., Al and Mary Tsukamoto home, 9132 Doc Bar Court,

Elk Grove, 916/685-6747; exhibit of educational material to remember EO 9066 will be on display two weeks prior at Elk Grove School District board meeting room, Educator's morning workshop to precede evening program at Bud-dhist hall.

### San Francisco

Fri-Sun. Nov. 19-21—Shizen Youth Dance Theater, "Horizons of Intermment: Multimedia, Multi-generational youth dance performance," 8 p.m. Fri-Sat, 2 p.m. Sun. Theater/Arts, 450 Florida St. (at 17th St), San Francisco. Tickets: JCCNC 415/567-5505. NOTE—Judith Kajiwara, artistic director, partial funding from San Francisco JACL, Zellerbach Family, Calif. Arts Council.

Sat. Nov. 20—Cherry Blossom Festival hosts Kanojo fashion show, 11-4 p.m., Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Free. Information: 415/333-7758.

Sat. Nov. 20—Nisei Ski Club dance, live music of Cultureshock, Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Tickets information: Dotson Louis 415/2834, Christine Leong 415/967-8678.

Thu-Sat. Nov. 25-27—"Meet You at Evergreen" Reunion of San Francisco Nihonmachi's Youth Clubs of the '50s, Club colors of the Arbes, Barons, Cardinals, Celtics, Dhananas, Dots, Gales, Junioresettes, Links, Protos and Stinkers to festoon the JCCNC Gym. Sat.—7-11 p.m. dinner-dance with George Yoshida's 17-piece orchestra. Information: Nob Fukuda 415/221-8295.

### Peninsula

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

Till Jan. 2—"Visions of the Dharma," films and programs, University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archives, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Information: 510/642-5166.

### San Jose-Monterey

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

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

### Fresno-Central Cal

Sat. Nov. 13—JACL Central California District Convention, banquet speaker: Grayce Uyehara, Fresno, Holiday Inn Airport. Information: 209/237-4006.

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 Women's 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

Month of Nov. 12-Dec. 19—"Tokyo Illustration Nov." exhibit of contemporary Tokyo artists and illustrators, JACCNC Dozaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, free, information: 213/628-3895. NOTE—Hours: Tue-Fri noon-5 p.m., Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 14—East-West Players book-signing party for "Unbroken Thread," anthology of plays written by Asian American women over the past 20 years, noon-2 p.m., 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Information: EWP, 213/660-0366. NOTE—Playwrights include Genny Lim, Wakako Yamauchi, Momoko Iko, Velina Hasu Houston, Jeannie Barroga, Elizabeth Wong and editor Robert Uno.

Sun. Nov. 14—Nikkei Widowed Group white elephant-craft sale potluck luncheon, 1-4:30 p.m., JACCNC, Room 4-B; Information Yuki Sakamoto 213/291-3312 for potluck assignment. NOTE—Group meets every 2nd Sunday at JACCNC, contact Sally Tsujimoto 818/286-7640, Fumie Yahiro 310/301-4851. [See Dec. 12.]

Mon. Nov. 15—UCLA Asian American Studies Center book-signing party for UCLA Prof. King-Kok Cheung's "Articulate Silences: Hisaye Yamamoto, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Joy Kogawa" (Cornell University Press, 1993), 3:30-5:30 p.m., 2230 Campbell Hall; information 310/825-2974.

Wed. Nov. 17—JANM lecture-tour, "Tastes of Little Tokyo: Yakitori," 6 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414, registration required.

### Southern California

Through Dec. 31—Cultural exhibit: "Sendai and Its People," Riverside Municipal Museum. NOTE—Sunday Lectures at 2 p.m. Nov. 21, Associate curator Gloria Gonick, L.A. Craft & Folk Art Museum.

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

Sun. Nov. 21—JACL San Diego / Union of Pan Asian Communities classic film "Kagemusha" by Kurosawa, 2 p.m., Kiku Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. Information: Kiku Gardens 619/422-4951.

## ARREST

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to be more (perpetrators) and the investigators are trying to build a case against them," said Sawamura.

The board member said that the police have been very secretive about their investigations. He said the chapter is working towards rebuilding, but that there is still lingering fear and a feeling that there hasn't been closure on the case.

"The scary part is that his accomplices are still out there. Once his accomplices are caught then we will be able to go on with our activities," said Sawamura.

Sawamura said that the Southland Park area of Sacramento, where Campos lived, is very racially mixed and many Japanese Americans live in the neighborhood.

The Bee reported that neighbors considered Campos quiet and friendly. Neighbor Junko Buirist, who is Japanese American, said, "We are minorities, but he was always very courteous."

Gwen Muranaka

### Small-kid time





## MIS story



JEM LEW

**CRISSEY FIELD HANGAR**—The MIS-Norcal monument is planted in front of the site of the first MIS language school at Crissy Field in the Presidio of San Francisco, which opened Nov. 1, 1941. Participating with Lt. Gen. Glynn Mallory Jr., commanding general, 6th Army, are widows of four MIS veterans: (from left) Kazuko Nishita, Terry Sato, Virginia Hotta and Esther Tanizawa.

## Monument placed at first MIS School site

A commemorative monument was dedicated at the site of the first MIS Language School at Crissy Field (Bldg. 640), Presidio of San Francisco Nov. 2, with speakers from the Army, Defense Language Institute, National Park Service, Nisei from the first class and civic leaders. Permission to emplace the monument was obtained by MIS Norcal.

The monument reads: "This building was the site of the first class of the Military Intelligence Service Language School, November, 1941 - April, 1942. Eventually, 6000 Japanese American soldiers

dier graduates served their country valiantly in the Pacific area during World War II. The United States of America owes a debt to these Nisei linguists and their families which it can never repay. Dedicated by the Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California on Nov. 1, 1993."

"Our object was to place on this monument an educational message from the MIS, since we want the future generations to understand that American citizenship carries responsibilities as well as privileges, regardless of existing

circumstances," declared Col. Thomas T. Sakamoto (Army, ret.) of Saratoga, who had witnessed the signing of the Japanese surrender on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay in September, 1945.

The MIS school opened on Nov. 1, 1941 in what was a dilapidated airplane hangar and served as both barracks, office and classroom. The school was moved in May, 1942, to an abandoned CCC camp at Savage, then moved two years later to Ft. Snelling, Minn., and in summer of 1946 to the Presidio of Monterey.

—From Barry Saiki

## Sen. Daniel Inouye salutes MIS vets

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—One Nisei veteran, who was 18 years old when he volunteered for the 442nd and later was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with two oak-leaf clusters and a battlefield commission, saluted his fellow Nisei veterans "who took one more lonely step forward, serving without public recognition, serving with men who were suspicious of you or who hated you, and looked like the enemy."

He was Sen. Daniel Inouye, the guest speaker at the MIS Capital Reunion banquet Oct. 23, recalling that "we (Nisei) all started together when Pearl Harbor exploded, pushed by EO 9066 into camps, not fit to be drafted until the president reopened the draft."

The turnout was unprecedented, but here is where those of you here took another lonely step forward," Inouye declared. Of the men in the 442nd, "we had an easy field; we knew what our enemy looked like, but you didn't" and to that the stories of the 442nd fighting in Europe made the news, but there was very few for the Nisei in the Pacific engaged in military intelligence. Inouye said "We need to correct and acknowledge you, the Nisei in MIS, are the real heroes. I have great admiration for you and your contributions. As a matter of honor, why would anyone take the assignment that you took?"

Rear Admiral Mel Chiogioji, USNR, ret., emceed the program that included presentation of colors by the Military District of Washington, the U.S. Army Band

Chorale entertaining with songs from the Big Band era and patriotic tunes, special presentation of the Philippine Liberation Medal by Brig. Gen. Tagumpay A. Nanadiego on behalf of the Philippine Republic to Richard Sakakida and representatives of the five MIS clubs, Hawaii, Northwest, Norcal, Southern Cal, Rocky Mountain and the Japanese American Veterans Association for those residing on the East Coast.

"We are here because of the work of the Nisei in military intelligence," Gen. Nanadiego remarked. According to George Kanegai of MIS-Southern Cal, approximately 3,500 Nisei MISers participated in the liberation of the Philippines.

—HARRY K. HONDA

## Video captures 11 MIS stories

"Fifty Years of Silence," a 50-minute video produced in 1992 for MIS-Norcal and the National Japanese American History Society, San Francisco, features interviews of 11 MIS veterans. Sheryl Narahara, deeply interested in Japanese American oral history, is director-producer. Actor Lane Nishikawa is narrator. The interviews are interspersed in 20 parts that comprise the MIS

story. Speaking are: Raymond Aka of Walnut Creek, Richard Hayashi of Stockton, Masato Inouye of San Pedro, Spady Koyama of Spokane, George Koshi of Seattle, Torao Pat Neishi of Oakland, Don Oka of Los Angeles, Richard Sakakida of Fremont, Roy Takai of Pleasant Hill, Judge Eugene Wright of Seattle, and Miwako Yanamoto of Los Angeles.

Narahara, an Orange County Yonsei, was a NJAHS summer intern to help collect oral histories of MIS veterans. She is a doctoral candidate in education at San Francisco State University. The Japanese American Veterans Association presented her with a \$1,000 scholarship check at the MIS Capital Reunion banquet Oct. 23.

## MIS

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Koshi of Seattle, who taught at Savage and later served on the Tokyo war crimes trial defense team, said, "Some of our stories will disappear and be lost forever," by the passing of many of the MIS veterans through the years.

Takashi Matsui, an MIS recruiter in the WRA camps, declared the Army had no alternative but to call on the Nisei and Kibei to fill in the early classes at Savage. As instructor at Savage, Snelling and postwar at Monterey, he taught the upper level sections filled with lawyers, professionals and doctoral candidates. He re-

peated what was common knowledge at MISLS: about 500 Caucasians graduating MIS received commissions, but the Nisei earned a T-5 (two stripes) rating at best, a couple more if he led the team. Matsui also served on the Tokyo war crime trial defense team.

Seattle-born Hiro Nishimura of the first Savage MIS class was sent to the China-Burma-India theater where he learned of the exploits of the 14 Nisei who served with Merrill's Marauders, the only U.S. infantry force to fight on the Asian continent during WWII.

Delano-born Harvey Watanabe, a June, 1943, Savage graduate, was assigned to ATIS-Brisbane and Manila where the Nisei screened and translated literally tons of captured documents. He

referred to the atomic bombings as "pikadon" in his recollections, that included his accepting a surrender of Japanese troops.

Yoshito Iwamoto told of his work on the LUPOW project, booking 80,000 Japanese POWs in Luzon with the 161st and 164th MP Co. team led by S/Sgt. Ardevan Kozono of Sacramento. "Imagine, some of us had just come out from the WRA camps," Iwamoto said. Iwamoto said he looked in vain for any Nisei who might have been stranded as a POW.

Rounding out the MIS-Norcal panel, Los Angeles-born Peter Okada, who was inducted from Father Flanagan's Boystown in Omaha, Neb., addressed a post-war phase of "winning the peace"

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## Short takes

### Suspect charged in killing of D.C. Asian

A suspect was arrested within three weeks in the shooting death of Bo Hua Cha, mother of four, who ran the Louis Cleaners for 10 years in the 3900 block of 14th Street NW, in Washington, D.C. and was arraigned Oct. 15 in the D.C. superior court. She was the eighth Asian American shopkeeper to be killed. That same day, Sept. 27, robbers terrorized a Vietnamese jewelry store on Georgia Avenue NW.

A city government was formed shortly before Cha's death to deal with crimes against Asian small business owners.

Willie Lamont Ingram, 20, was arrested in the Northwest Washington neighborhood of Petworth by members of the Violent Crime Response Team, according to the *Washington Post*.

listed in critical condition with burns to 35 percent of his body, but his physician predicts that all men should recover.

The fires which burned throughout Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange County caused three fatalities, destroyed or damaged at least 1,400 structures, burned more than 200,000 acres and left 84 people, mostly firefighters, injured, reported the *Los Angeles Times*.



GARY KUWAHARA

### Torrance, Calif., JA wins local election

Gary Kuwahara, a CPA practicing in Torrance, Calif., was elected Nov. 2 with a 31% plurality for a seat on the Torrance School Board. Kuwahara is currently the city's Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Endorsing his candidacy, a local newspaper, the *Daily Breeze*, wrote, "Kuwahara will bring financial-management skills to the board, and he puts motivating and retaining quality teachers among his top priorities." Kuwahara is also a member of the board of directors of the State and Los Angeles Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

### Communication group names acting director

Deanne Borshay was named acting executive director of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA). She succeeds James Yee, who left NAATA to become the executive director of the Independent Television Service. She is a Korea-born graduate of UC Berkeley and currently a Ph.D. candidate in psychology. "The board feels fortunate to have such an energetic, capable individual in the organization to serve as acting executive director," said Nancy Araki, chairwoman, NAATA, an advocate for Asian Pacific American images in public broadcasting and is a national distributor of nearly 100 film, video and audio titles.

Angeles) and Tira Nagao (Jpn.).  
 From Ellen Nakamura

### NAKADOI

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Mary Misaki and Gladys Hirabayashi, raising funds for charity. At the first event in 1954, she reported it was a successful event but added, it was a hilarious evening as "we blew out approximately 50 fuses in trying to keep 10 electric skillets going at one time." It might be said "sushi" was introduced to Nebraskans at these dinners.

Surviving are husband Bob who was chapter president in 1950 and daughter Natsumi Furukawa, brothers Joe Matsunami (Sacramento), Manuel, Donald (both Omaha), Juichi (Los Angeles), sisters Minako Kawauchi (Menlo Park), Alice Kaya, Rose Ishii, Natsumi Furukawa (all Omaha).

### Teen faces life for killing Nisei

FORT WORTH, Texas—Charles Lamont Duncan, 17, of Bedford, Texas, was sentenced to life in prison for the slaying of Mae Goto, 52, on the night of April 2, 1992, during a robbery of her home in Bedford, a suburb west of the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport. The Tarrant County jury rendered its decision July 30. State district judge Everett Young later said Duncan must serve at least 35 years before he is eligible for parole.

Husband Takashi found his wife, Mae, lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen when he returned home from a health club. Her purse, a bottle of whiskey and about \$200 were missing, the police said. After his arrest, Duncan told police he and his friends chose the Goto house at random, intending to steal money for marijuana. He said he cut Mrs. Goto's throat while his companions were searching the rest of the home.

Defense attorney Tim Evans said his client would appeal, adding that the state had "no evidence whatsoever" except for Duncan's signed confession.

—From Herb Ogawa

### Nikkei firefighter burned in L.A. fires

Firefighter Russell Nakamura, 40, was one of four firefighters seriously burned during the Chatsworth fire Oct. 27 when the wind changed direction, forcing them to seek shelter in a fire engine. Nakamura, Jan Bernard, Gary Carpenter and Cleveland Tipton, all suffered smoke inhalation and burns as the fire became so intense that it shattered windows. Nakamura is

### NAGAO

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Cumberland County juvenile court for over 10 years, Nagao had worked for Wheaton Industries, especially in Japan and East Asia, since the mid '60s. In recent years, he was the JACL redress coordinator for Southern Jersey.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at the Deerfield Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder. National JACL President Lillian Kimura of Bloomfield, and a group of Philadelphia JACLers led by chapter president Bill Kishi were present.

Surviving are twin daughters Irene Kaneshiki, Pauline Caulk (Princeton), son C. Scott (Millville), 5g.c., one great-granddaughter, sisters Kiyoko Kinoshita (Los Angeles), Sumire Senami, Matsumo Nagao (both Jpn.), and brothers Tameharu (Los



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# MIS

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and help in Japan's smooth transition to democracy. He was assigned to the Osaka Military Government when he landed in late 1945. Inspecting high schools, he injected some spirit into the spiritless boys, introducing them to touch football, using balls provided by Special Services, which became known as American football. He spent a year of Saturdays coaching at Toyonaka and Ikeda High Schools in the early 1950s.

In 1991, Okada was honored as the "father of American football" at gala ceremonies in Osaka. "I never dreamed introducing touch football to bunch of kids in need of recreation would come to this," he added.

## MIS-National Panel

MIS Hall of Famer Harry K. Fukuhara of San Jose moderated the first half of this session that featured slides from Sheryl Narahara's video documentary, "Fifty Years of Silence," produced jointly by MIS-Norcal and the National Japanese American Historical Society, San Francisco. A Yonsei, she co-hosted the introductions with Fukuhara, who enlisted from Gila River WRA camp, was a 1943 Savage graduate who saw action in the Southwest Pacific with the 41st Infantry and across Luzon with the 31st Infantry.

**MORE ON MIS—JACL** Washington, D.C., representative Karen Narasaki gives her impressions of the MIS reunion—page 6

Denver-born Nobuo Furuiye, after completing his training at Savage, went to the Attu-Kiska campaign in Alaska, then to the Central Pacific. On Iwojima with the 5th Marines, he and his Marine bodyguard were wounded by mortar fire in the second landing wave. The bodyguard was immediately given his Purple Heart at the aid station but Furuiye only received "a document saying I was wounded. It took three years (while he was teaching at the Presidio of Monterey) and the intervention of General Larsen before receiving the Purple Heart. He restored my faith in fellow man and fair play." This is a story, he added, that he relates when addressing service clubs and schools about his wartime experiences in military intelligence.

Gilroy native Roy Ueyhata, now of Cupertino, an April, 1941, draftee and a 1942 Savage graduate, began by saying there were too many stories to tell about his days at Bougainville, including POWs who wanted to know how to get off the island for fear of being recaptured by the Japanese. It took several days to have them transferred to the rear areas for further interrogation. He also was a guest last year of National Geographic Society, which covered the 50th anniversary of the first Marine landing at Guadalcanal.

Nobuo Kishie of Hanford, Calif., a 1943 Savage graduate, participated in three landings with the first Marine in the Central Pacific at Makin, Saipan and on Okinawa. While the Japanese had many Korean laborers at Saipan who had no useful information, the documents which were retrieved kept the Nisei MIS team on for two months. Of the Banzai attack in Saipan where 5,000 Japanese were killed, Kishie said it was more like "mass suicide."

Roy Matsumoto of Berkeley, who was installed to the Ranger Hall of Fame last June, had entered Savage in 1943 from Jerome WRA camp, and served with distinction with Merrill's Marauders which had reopened the 1,000-mile Burma Road. The exploits of the Nisei linguists with the Ma-

raiders, which fought behind Japanese lines, have been known since July, 1964, when American Legion magazine published Bill Hosokawa's story, "Our Own Japanese in the Pacific War."

Matsumoto described one of the 10 days with the Marauder's second battalion on a hilltop surrounded by the enemy. He sneaked close enough at night through the jungle to eavesdrop and reported back where the attack was coming at dawn. The Marauders were ready, the first wave being hit hard. The second wave hesitated, whereupon a shirtless Matsumoto got up and shouted orders in Japanese to them, "charge—susume." It was a heroic deed that accorded Matsumoto the Legion of Merit and the Ranger Hall of Fame honors. The Marauders were the forerunners to the Army's special forces known as the Rangers today.

## National panel, part II

Speaking in this session were eastern-midwest area MIS graduates Ben Obata of Springfield, Va., who spoke on ATIS to Korea; reunion chair and Japanese American Veterans Association president Sunao Ishio, Silver Spring, Md., with the 6th Army from New Guinea to Manila; Art Morimitsu, Chicago, who related his mission to China to discuss surrender protocol involving a Chinese warlord and a Japanese general; and James Tanabe, Laurel, Md., of his assignment at Sugamo Prison where 29 class A war crimes defendants, including General Tojo, were held.

Obata, whose mother taught Japanese before the war in Vacaville, Calif., volunteered for MIS from Gila River in November, 1942, trained at Savage and was sent to ATIS Brisbane, Australia, Manila and Japan. Awarded a field commission, his ATIS-Tokyo routine, he recalled, was "getting good" but cut short when the operation shifted to

Korea.

Ishio also trained at Savage, saw action with I Corps in New Guinea and then with the 6th Army on Leyte and Luzon. He noted that he has seen different versions on the translation work of the famed "Z-Plan" at ATIS, it being credited to different people, three Nikkei and two non-Nikkei. "It doesn't matter who did it," he observed, "but it was the most important document translated by ATIS."

The plan revealed Japanese naval strategy and tactics for defense of the Philippines that culminated in the U.S. aircraft to annihilate the Japanese in the "Great Mariana turkey shoot." The document was being carried by the Japanese chief of staff of the combined fleet, whose plane crashed during a storm off the coast of southern Philippines. The guerrillas retrieved the document, which was sent to ATIS-Brisbane.

A Tule Lake volunteer to MIS, Morimitsu believed Japanese officers at surrender ceremonies in which he participated all understood English while feigning ignorance. It was not so for the U.S. officers, he added.

Tanabe, also a Tule Lake volunteer to MIS, served in island-hopping campaigns in the South Pacific, and at war's end assigned to watch Gen. Tojo and other Class A war criminals at Sugamo Prison. While U.S. propaganda depicted Tojo as short-tempered, he found him otherwise: a scholar and a gentleman. He remembered the prisoners playing Hana, "which I didn't know how to play" and wished he could have taught them poker.

As an epilogue, George Koshi, moderator for the MIS-Northwest panel, called for ideas for the next reunion in Seattle in 1995. As for the panel, he wants to have the statements and recollections written out, thus time allow for questions. Use of videos, slides and memorabilia was also suggested.

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## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Business in Japan—as usual and unusual

**T**hings You Can Learn by Reading the Papers: The Japanese, who have no peers when it comes to inventing gadgets, have come up with something called "Omakase Meal San," "omakase" meaning "leave it to us."

This is a device about the size of two bread boxes. You plug it into an electrical outlet, load it with a couple of slices of bread, two eggs in their shells and some ground coffee, and set a timer before you go to bed.

At the time you're ready for breakfast "Omakase Meal San" delivers toast (three different settings), up to five cups of coffee, and eggs sunny side up. A cutting device breaks the shells and drops the eggs onto a built-in cooking plate. Cost: 35,000 yen, or about \$360.

The news item said nothing about hooking up Meal San to an automatic dish washer.

Lately the Nishijin folks have been complaining about being undercut by tie-makers in South Korea and China who sell theirs in the 3,000 yen (\$30) range.

There's something wrong with a civilization that tolerates prices like that for an item of clothing that has no utility other than protecting one's shirt from gravy and spaghetti sauce stains.

Anyone who has visited the Yaohan department stores and food supermarkets in California knows that this Japanese retailer is big, big, big.

But I didn't realize how big until reading about its plans for expansion into China. By the year 2010, said this news item, Yaohan plans to run 3,000 fast food restaurants, 1,000 supermarkets and 10 department stores in China. In preparation for this time Yaohan is now planning construction of 10 large-scale wholesale distribution centers in various parts of China.

Japanese officials who have stubbornly resisted U.S. urging to import American rice received a sharp lesson recently on the importance of a global outlook on food pro-

duction. Suddenly, their protests that Japan must be totally self-sufficient in rice production became nonsense. An unusually cool, wet summer followed by a devastating typhoon is likely to result in the worst rice harvest since 1953, leading to the likelihood of embarrassing shortages of the nation's staff of life.

In many northern areas rice grains have failed to develop inside the husk; there may not be enough seed rice for next season let alone for eating over the winter. Perhaps as much as a million tons may have to be imported.

World-wide, there's plenty of rice. Artificial barriers against trade have protected Japanese farmers and raised the ire of American producers. It will be an interesting sight when Japanese buyers, hat in hand, begin to scout international markets for the foreign rice they have scorned for so long. ☐

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

## Letters

## National staff needs to serve members

The problems going on with National and the *Pacific Citizen* are similar to what happened in the mid-70s. At that time a few arrogant leaders on the National Board and National staff thought they could run JACL as they wished. They also controlled the PC so that the membership wouldn't know what was going on. If I recall, JACL had to settle several law suits and lost funding grants, plus other questionable things that got covered up.

After Dr. Clifford Uyeda became president in 1978, he recognized the problem and opened up the organization and later as PC Board chair pushed for PC editorial independence. For the membership the only source they have for knowing what's going on (good or bad) in JACL and the greater JA community is the PC. The PC is also the only direct benefit that many feel they get for their dues.

The PC Board should determine how much it costs to produce a PC subscription and how much should be charged to membership dues so the PC can be run in a business-like manner.

After reading about the charges flying back and forth it demonstrates how petty people can get. Neal Taniguchi's questioning of meal(s) being brought in for PC staff is one example. As a past PC Board chair I know how hard and the long hours staff has to put in when the Holiday Issue time arrives. I would hope that at PC and at National we would show our appreciation to staff when they perform over and beyond the norm.

Let's all remember the organization belongs to the membership and not to a few selected people. It's not big deal to be a National officer or National staff member so let's not let our egos get too big. You're there to serve the members.

It's imperative that the district governors are on the National Board since they are responsible to the chapters. Other board members do not have the contacts or involvement to the extent governors do.

The PC looks better than ever and has a balance that appeals to all segments of JACL. We need an editor who speaks up.

Let's not repeat the mistakes of the mid-70s.

**Hank Sakai**

Past National treasurer  
Past PC Board chairman  
Beaverton, Ore.

## PC is important but let's respect each other

Let it be known that George Kodama "anonymised" this too will pass away—

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## D.C. notes

By KAREN NARASAKI

## MIS event stirs personal pride

**I** recently had the pleasure of attending the closing banquet for the Military Intelligence Service Capital Reunion. In a way it was like going home, since I first learned the importance of community service and leadership from watching my parent's involvement in the Nisei Veterans group in Seattle. I spent many an evening or Saturday at the Vets Hall.

Sen. Daniel Inouye gave a moving keynote speech, stating that it was time that the MIS veterans received recognition, calling them the "real heroes" of World War II. His speech was clearly made from the heart. Ed Chow, deputy assistant secretary for policy, Department of Veterans Affairs, talked about how the story of the Nisei soldiers provided a role model for him, giving him a reason to be proud of his Asian American heritage.

A high point of the evening was the presentation of American Patriot Awards to Richard Sakakida, Harry Fukuhara, Roy Matsumoto and Shigeya Kihara. The Philippine government also presented special medals to vets who had served in the liberation of the Philippines.

It may be the feminist in me, but I have

to admit to wondering during the evening about the as-yet untold story of the Nisei veteran women, two of whom were introduced at the MIS banquet. When will their story be told? When will they be recognized for their contributions to the war effort?

I also thought about the relationship between the Nisei veterans and JACL, which has sometimes been complicated, but has always been important. Supporting each other's efforts has resulted in significant victories.

The Nisei veterans continue to help move redress and last year, JACL had the opportunity to assist, in a very small way, with the legislation sponsored by the Go For Broke Nisei Veterans Assn. to build a monument in Washington, D.C. That effort was successfully led by Kaz Oshiki, who has been a role model for me. The Washington office supported Oshiki's efforts by helping make calls to representatives, and, at a crucial moment, JACL chapter leaders made calls to two key senators.

At the MIS banquet, one of the vets commended me for JACL's work in Washington, D.C., but added that his compliments did not mean that he agreed with our posi-

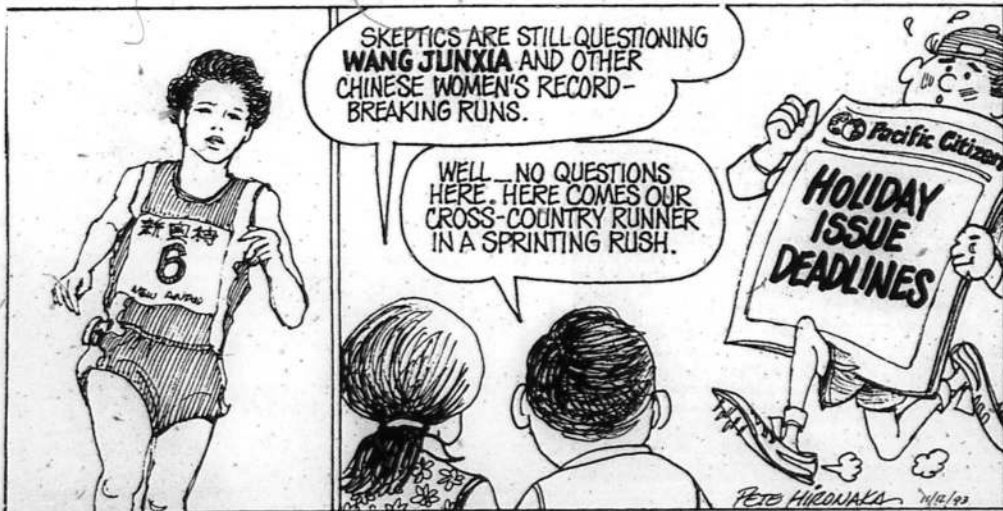
tions. And that, after all, is how it should be. We should be able to acknowledge our differences of opinion, while respecting each other's organizations for the community service they each provide, and when possible, working together on shared missions.

## On D.C. statehood legislation

At its last board meeting, JACL endorsed H.R. 51, legislation that would make Washington, D.C. our 51st state. We acted in response to a request by House of Representatives Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights who views this legislation as a key civil rights issue. The legislation is supported by President Clinton and the leadership of the House of Representatives has committed to bringing it to the floor for a vote before Congress recesses for the December break.

Why is statehood a civil rights issue? The most fundamental problem is that under the current structure, District residents like myself (yes, I have a personal interest in this issue), are subject to taxation with-

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## Voices

By MICHAEL A. SAWAMURA

## JACL's true heart and soul

For the last several weeks, the National JACL and the *Pacific Citizen* (PC) employees have engaged in abstract arguments relating to issues regarding the control of the editorial policies of the JACL's membership-funded weekly newspaper. Cerebral discussions among and between our organizational leaders relating to such issues as the First Amendment, bylaw/constitution interpretation and other policy issues can sometimes be healthy for a membership organization such as the JACL. However, the protracted bantering between and among our leaders regarding the PC editorial policy have not only been fruitless, but have given JACL members and other readers a negative impression of our great organization.

Lost amidst numerous articles, transcripts, threats, editorials, warnings and letters that have predominated our membership-funded newspaper in recent weeks is the focus on the everyday, hardworking JACL members or local chapter officers who are the true heart and soul of our organization. These JACL members do not write to or for the PC. In fact, they are rarely covered by the PC. Most have not even met the National JACL president or members of our national board. Such members carry on the day-to-day activities to keep their respective chapters financially and spiritually alive. These "non-national" or "non-PC" JACLers work hard to survive since only a microscopic portion of JACL membership dues are given to a JACL chapter. More admirably, these types of members are volunteers. They do not get paid for the hundreds, and sometimes, thousands of hours they put in on local JACL events. They receive little, if any, fanfare from the disputants that we have read about in the PC in recent weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a positive aspect of our organization by profiling such a local chapter officer who is working diligently to carry on the spirit and pride of the JACL—that local JACL member, who happens to be the president of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, is Randy Imai.

Like most members of JACL today, Randy was encouraged (i.e.,

recruited) by members of the local chapter to join and actively participate in the organization's activities. Randy is a life-long resident of Sacramento and was already engaged in community activities such as the Nisei VFW Post 8985 boy scout troop, where he is still a scoutmaster. Randy was elected to the Sacramento Chapter board of directors in 1988 where he has actively remained since that time. Randy was elected chapter president in January of 1993 at the ripe old age of 35. And, he currently has no desire to serve on the national or PC boards.

Randy was never the type of person to seek publicity or fanfare for his diligent community activities. In fact, some would call him shy. Yet, he was one person who always did the "grunt work" for the chapter. He would readily volunteer himself and his old 1978 pickup for hauling items to and from chapter fund-raisers and events. Things were operating smoothly for Randy as president in 1993. Randy's mom and dad even got to see their second son on television discussing the impact of the *Rising Sun* movie on the local Asian American community. Randy was cruising and finishing up his last three months of his term for president until an event occurred which would change him and his presidency forever.

During the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1993, the same day that most JACL members and PC subscribers received the second PC issue that was again dedicated to its own editorial policies, a racist organization called the Aryan Liberation Front firebombed the local Sacramento Chapter office. The first six hours after Randy was notified of the firebombing were tough. He was awakened at 2 a.m. to be informed of the destruction of the chapter office. Upon immediately arriving at the scene, Randy and other board members inspected the damage. The office was a total loss. Randy, as chapter president, was also the focus of attention by the local police and fire departments. He was responsible for speaking on behalf of the organization and did the best he could. After a couple hours at the scene, Randy attempted to return to sleep without success. At approximately 8

a.m., Randy summoned an emergency chapter board meeting at the site of the bombing so as to plan what to do next.

From that time on, Randy spearheaded the recovery effort and immediately began juggling calls and requests for meetings from local community organizations, politicians and media representatives. Numerous individuals and groups, some recognizable and some not, were attempting to offer fund-raisers for the Sacramento Chapter. The governor, mayor, FBI, ATF, police, fire marshal, and national JACL president all wanted Randy's time and attention. Randy had to expend an inordinate amount of time and energy while still having to take care of some mundane things like working at his job, paying his mortgage and taking care of his dog. Randy was again forced to also become the principle advocate in the media for the Sacramento Chapter. Randy's sacrifice continued since the Aryan Liberation Front committed two more firebombings in his hometown and he was obligated to respond.

Randy was first interviewed by all of the local Sacramento television stations and newspapers only six hours after the firebombing occurred and before the Sacramento Chapter was able to officially conduct its emergency meeting. Randy, tired from the lack of sleep and still not quite comfortable in front of the cameras yet, timidly answered the reporters' questions during this media frenzy.

As hours turned into days into weeks, more calls came from other JACL chapters, from National staff, from fund-raising promoters and from law enforcement agencies. Randy seemed to be meeting with someone or some group or some agency almost on a daily basis. He still had to worry about finding a new temporary office for the chapter. He ran out of dog food the day before. Randy needed to contact the insurance claims office regarding the chapter office's fire insurance policy. He needed to make sure that his "other job" was taken care of. This is just a sampling of the personal sacrifice of time and energy Randy

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out representation in Congress. The District has no representation in the Senate and only a delegate without full voting rights in the House. Not only do we lack representation, but all of the District's budget and local laws are subject to approval and amendment by Congress.

Every year, the District has to fight with members of Congress from states as far away as geography as Missouri, Georgia, California, Alaska, Louisiana, and Tennessee over how the District should be run. The micro-managing by these members of Congress who are not elected by District residents goes beyond fiscal integrity. Conservative members have often used the District to make political points, such as rescinding gun control ordinances, and blocking Medicaid funding for abortions and gay rights initiatives passed by the local District elected officials. One whole House committee with staff is devoted to second-guessing the District's programs and policies, even to deciding which fire stations must be kept open and which closed. Talk about government waste!

The District is not even allowed to pick its own judges or prosecutors. All cases, federal in nature or not, are heard in federal court and prosecuted by federal attorneys.

Many people are surprised to learn that the District's population is larger than the states of Alaska, Vermont and Wyoming and that District residents pay a higher federal tax payment per capita than 48 of the 50 states. The territories, which also have only delegates to Congress, do not pay federal taxes and their laws are not subject to Congressional determination.

So why has it been so difficult to get Congress to act? Those who oppose statehood often claim to have concerns about whether the Constitution would permit statehood. That claim is without merit. The legislation conforms with the Constitution. There would still be a seat of government known as the District of Columbia which would include the Capitol and other public buildings.

Other are concerned about the ability of the District to govern its problems. Granted, the District has had its problems. However, so has almost every major metropolitan area. When the federal government bailed out New York

City, it did not make it submit to Congressional governance. Moreover, since the majority of the residents of the District are black or Latino, this argument has a slightly racist tinge to it. That may be one of the reasons that a *New York Times* editorial referred to it as "the Government's Plantation."

In my opinion, the real reasons are two-fold. One is partisan. The District is likely to elect Democratic politicians to the Senate and the House. The other is neglect. Most people simply aren't aware of the circumstances in the District or don't care since it seemingly does not affect them. It does. As taxpayers, we are paying the salaries of the Congressional staff to oversee a political entity with its own elected officials. As citizens, we are permitting a disenfranchisement that we would be protesting if it were taking place in any other country.

A vote is expected soon in the House. Please let your representative know that we see this as a civil rights issue and want him or her to vote accordingly. Let's free D.C.!

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