



Redress urged for 'comfort women'

Reps. Patsy Mink, Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta recently joined in a letter signed by 24 members of Congress to Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa urging redress for "comfort women," who were forced into sexual slavery by Japan during World War II.

"We urge you to ensure that the allegations in these cases are investigated promptly and impartially," said the letter to Hosokawa.

Approximately 200,000 Korean, Filipina and other Asian women, some as young as 13, were forced into Japanese military brothels across Asia during the war.

In making the plea to Hosokawa, the congressional representatives alluded to the redress of Japanese Americans for their incarceration during World War II.

"We strongly urge your government to do the same for women survivors of forced service in military brothels," the members of the group said.



Celebration

The Olympia Chapter, JACL, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with festivities, speakers and honored guests. Enjoying the festivities are, from left, Dorothy Sato Brooks, Hisami Yoshida, Kelly Wicker, Nancy Wicker, Asako Arima and Miyoko Sato. Story, photos/page 5.

Next: 1993 Holiday Issue

This is the last regular issue of Pacific Citizen for the year. The next issue will be the Holiday Issue which will be in the mail by Dec. 17, 1993:

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Japanese not critical of 'Rising Sun' reports Kyodo news service

While many Asian Americans protested the film *Rising Sun*, Kyodo News Service in Tokyo reported that the film was received well by the people they interviewed when the movie opened Nov. 6 in Japan.

Kyodo said that none of the more than a dozen moviegoers they interviewed thought the film encouraged Japan-bashing or racial stereotyping.

Masahito Kaneko said, "They may have exaggerated how we do business, but the concept was right. I think they may have overplayed parts so we (Japanese) wouldn't take the movie seriously or feel offended."

Takuya Ogawa, a law student, said, "Japanese methods are not always better, like when businessmen cut a deal, even if it means breaking the law."

Kyodo reported that some of those interviewed thought that the film was actually over complimentary toward Japan.

The film, based on the novel by Michael Crichton and starring Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes, is a murder mystery set against tensions in U.S.-Japan relations. Set for release on video in December, the film has grossed \$63 million domestically.

Variety reported that the film opened well in the nine

key cities in Japan, grossing 18,398,600 yen (about \$150,000) on the first day, with an attendance of 11,552.

Explaining the difference in reaction in Japan, Fox PR representative Mitsuhiro Nishijima said, "We heard about the problems (with the American opening of the film) here of course... but our mass media doesn't focus on Japan-bashing so much, so (the Japanese) don't get that theme from the movie."

Earlier controversy focused on the use of the terms *burakumin* and *ainoko*, which were deleted from the Japanese print of the film.

Honolulu council supports change of Jap Road name

Although the Pacific Ocean and thousands of miles separate Hawaii from Beaumont, Texas, the Honolulu City Council has joined the call to remove the street name, Jap Road. City councilman Andy Mirikitani introduced a resolution Nov. 15 urging Jefferson County, Texas, commissioners to rename Jap Road to Mayumi Road, the name of the Issei family that farmed the area.

"Assigning a new name to the road, such as 'Japanese Road,' 'Mayumi Road,' or another appropriate name

County," Mirikitani said.

Responding to the resolution, Jefferson County Commissioner Mark Domingue, who represents the Fannett area where Jap Road is located, said, "I have no problem with a name change. But I have a problem with people from outside the community dictating to us."

Speaking to the *Beaumont Enterprise*, Domingue said that he has asked for a "cooling off" period before making any decisions about changing the road sign.

"We're still waiting for the community to come to a consensus," said Domingue.

Betty Waki, president, Houston Chapter, JACL, praised the Honolulu City Council. "We're grateful for the interest that other communities have taken," she said.

"Commissioner Domingue is going to ignore it, but if we can get enough people to go on record supporting us, he'll have no choice."

The Houston Chapter president said

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would accomplish the dual purposes of removing (from) a street name a term which is universally recognized as an offensive racial slur, and instituting a new name which could preserve and reinforce the original intent of honoring a family whose legacy and fundamental humanity is revered by the people of Fannett and Jefferson

Discrimination case won by JA civilian against Marines

Barbara Hashimoto, a former civilian worker at Camp Smith, a Marine base in Hawaii, was recently awarded \$280,000 by a federal jury which decided that she had been discriminated against because of her gender and ethnicity, reported the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

The ruling is the second time Hashimoto was awarded substantial damages in her case against the Marine Corps. In July a jury awarded her \$300,000, but Federal Judge Alan Kay set aside the verdict and ordered a second trial, calling the award "excessive."

The second jury ruled that Marine officers discriminated against Hashimoto when they suspended her for 14 days. Hashimoto worked at Camp Smith as a budget analyst in 1986. Clayton Ikei, Hashimoto's attorney, said that she was disciplined because she didn't meet their expectations of the behavior for an "Asian

woman."

About her victory, Hashimoto said, "I just hope the judge leaves the verdict alone this time."

In other Marine Corps news, Gen. Carl Mundy apologized for saying Oct. 31 on the TV program "60 Minutes" that minorities do not shoot, swim or use a compass as well as whites, reported the *Associated Press*.

In the segment, which also featured an interview with Bruce Yamashita, Mundy said, "In the military skills, we find that the minority officers do not shoot as well as the nonminorities... They don't swim as well. And when you give them a compass and send them across the terrain at night in a land navigation exercise, they don't do as well at that sort of thing."

Capt. Michael Doubleday, a spokesman for Mundy, said the general was referring to objective test scores and that his statements were taken out of context.

Newsmakers

Japan member Murase named to White House

Emily Moto Murase, formerly president of the Japan Chapter, JACL, is currently on the White House staff as an International Affairs Fellow assigned to the National Economic Council. She is one of 13 International Affairs Fellows selected for 1993-94 in a national competition by the Council on Foreign Relations.

The International Affairs Fellowship Program provides professionals from government, academic life and business an opportunity to participate at the national level in government policy research and policy action. Murase, appointed director of the International Economics Group of the National Economic Council, will study problems in US-Japan trade relations.

Previously Murase was employed by AT&T Japan for three years. In 1992 she was the recipient of the AT&T Network Systems Award for Outstanding Achievement. She is the daughter of Seiko and Kenji Murase of San Francisco.



MATSUBAYASHI

UC Irvine grad named second Masaoka fellow

Dean Hojo Matsubayashi, 23, of Culver City, Calif., was selected as the recipient of the Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Intern Program for 1993-1994. The announcement was made by H. T. Tamaki, M.D., Chairman of the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund Committee.

Matsubayashi, a recent graduate of the University of California at Irvine, becomes the second Masaoka fellow. He will be serving in the office of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. His internship will begin in mid-January 1994. He follows Joe Horiye, 24, of San Diego, who completed his internship with Rep. Norman Y.

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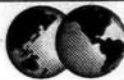
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Calendar

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.

Illinois Chicago

Sun. Dec. 5—49th annual Chicago JACL annual dinner featuring a holiday bazaar and '30s-'90s cabaret-style entertainment. Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette Golf Club (Lake and Harms Road). \$35/person. Reservations by Nov 30 to Janice Honda, 312/784-2669 or checks to JACL office, 5415 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640.

Wisconsin Milwaukee

Sun. Dec. 5—Wisconsin JACL Christmas Party, noon, Mitchell Park Pavilion. Potluck. Reservations: Nancy Jonokuchi 414/672-5544 or Linda Pfaffler 414/774-5687.

Washington Seattle

Sun. Dec. 5—Seattle Kokon Taiko beginners' workshop, 1-5 p.m. Information: Stan Shikuma, 206/725-1676.

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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., 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, 7-9 p.m. 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.

Colorado Denver

Sat. Dec. 11—JACL Mile-Hi general meeting, potluck, 5:30 p.m., Nisei Post, 2015 Market St., Denver. Information: Tom Migaki 303/922-9593.

Arizona Phoenix

Sat. Feb. 6, '94—General meeting, JACL Hall.

Sat.-Sun. Feb. 26-27—10th annual Matsuri, Heritage Square.

California Sacramento 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-

San Francisco

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

Sat. Dec. 4—JACL San Francisco annual spaghetti crab feed, 5-8 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., San Francisco; proceeds for JACL Legacy Fund, information: Yo Hironaka 415/751-1267. NOTE—Tickets at Paper Tree or remittance check, \$15 per person, payable to S.F. Chapter, JACL, to P.O. Box 22425, San Francisco 94122-0425.

Sun. Dec. 5—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m.; Information: Elsa Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriaki 510/482-3280.

Sat. Dec. 18—Nikkei Singles Holiday dinner-social, 6 p.m.-12m, JCCNC Gym, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco. Information: 415/567-5505.

Peninsula

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

Sun. Dec. 5—JACL Berkeley/Diablo Valley joint installation dinner, 4:30 p.m. no-host cocktail, 5 p.m. 10-course Chinese banquet, Wan Fu Restaurant, 1375 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek. Information: Berkeley JACL Ken Ann Yabusaki 510/528-0718 or 510/527-7688. RSVP by Nov. 25. NOTE—Guest speaker: Michael Yamaguchi, U.S. Attorney of Northern California.

Sat. Dec. 11—JACL, Berkeley mochitsuki, 2-4 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Information: Joe Takano 510/527-5122. NOTE—Learn how to make mochi the old-fashioned way: Pound it. And new-fangled way: Flip the switch. Till Jan. 2—"Visions of the Dharma," films and programs, University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archives, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; information 510/642-5186.

San Jose-Monterey

Sat. Dec. 4—JACL West Valley mochitsuki, two shifts, lunch & sale limited to participants only; information: Aiko Nakamura 408/378-8877, Ray Uchiyama 408/867-0255.

Fri. Dec. 31—JACL West Valley-Next Generation, New Year's Eve dinner-dance, San Jose Athletic Club; contact: Matsuo Chastain 408/379-2594. NOTE—Theme: "An evening of choices" with several local restaurants providing pre-dinner Oshogatsu hors d'oeuvres.

Stockton

Tue. Dec. 14—JACL Stockton election, 7:30 p.m., Union Bank, Stockton.

Sat. Dec. 18—JACL Stockton community Christmas party, 4:30 p.m., Stockton Buddhist Church social hall, 2820 Shimizu Dr., Stockton

Sat. Dec. 18—JACL French Camp Christmas party, 6 p.m., FC Hall. Information: Fumiko Amario, 209/982-4680. NOTE—Games, refreshments, Santa's visit.

Los Angeles-Orange

Month of Nov. 12, Dec. 19—"Tokyo Illustration Now" exhibit of contemporary Tokyo artists and illustrators, JACCNC Doizaki 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.
Fri-Sat. Nov. 26-27—Combined South Bay organizations' fashion show extravaganza by Kanojo, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Torrance Gateway Holiday Inn, 19800 S. Vermont Ave. Information: 800/404-2250. NOTE—Hosting groups are Gardena Buddhist Church, South Bay Optimists, Gardena Friends of Richard, Continuing Education for the Widowed, North Gardena United Methodist Church.

Sun.-Mon. Nov. 28-29—East San Gabriel Valley JCC charter to Las Vegas.

Thu. Dec. 2—JACL Marina Christmas potluck party, 6:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, Marina del Rey, information: Alice Mito 310/324-0582. NOTE—Bring your favorite dish.

Fri.-Sun. Dec. 3-5—International Asian Expo business conference, Anaheim Convention Center, 800 W. Katella Ave. Information: 800/621-5002.

Fri. Dec. 3—Asian Business League awards banquet, 6 p.m., Ritz Carlton-Huntington Hotel, 1401 S. Oak Knoll, Pasadena. Information 213/626-5837. NOTE—Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc., among five honorees.

Fri.-Sun. Dec. 3-5—International Asian Expo '93, Anaheim Convention Center. Dec. 4 banquet speaker: Susan Au Allen, president, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 p.m., Anaheim Hilton & Towers; Registration, exhibit reservation and information: 310/474-8471.

Sat. Dec. 4—JACL Greater L.A. Singles installation-Christmas dinner-dance, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, dancing until midnight, Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles; information: Miyako Kadogawa 310/559-4024, June Furuta 310/323-2783. NOTE—Tickets: \$29, remit to GLAS JACL, 4030 Skelton Circle, Culver City, CA 90232.

Sat. Dec. 11—JACL Selanoco mochitsuki and potluck lunch, 8 a.m., Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview St., Garden Grove. Information and orders: Jun Fukushima 714/865-5039; Clarence Nishizu 714/526-4667, Charles Iida 714/874-1076.

Sat. Dec. 11—JACL Marina Christmas party, 6-10 p.m., Barnabey's, Manhattan Beach; Reservations and Information: Fred 310/457-9934, Arlene 310/822-3568. NOTE—Each to bring gift under \$10 for exchange.

Sat. Dec. 11—Issei Pioneer lecture: Dr. Don Nakanishi, "International Dimensions of Minority Group Experiences," JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.

Sun. Dec. 12—Nikkei Widowed Group Christmas party, New Otani Hotel. NOTE—Chicken oriental, salad, Dyo 310/549-2350 or Sue Koyama 213/726-3514, dessert, \$24, send check immediately to treasurer, Tak Shibusawa, 12432 Allin St., Los Angeles 90066.

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 Gorick, L.A. Craft & Folk Art Museum.

For the record

A word was inadvertently omitted from Karen Narasaki's column "MIS event stirs personal pride," November 12-18 issue of PC.

The correct sentence is: "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 he always agreed with our positions."

Gwen Muranaka

Small kid time



JAs honored by Japanese government

JACL's Lillian Kimura and Helen Kawagoe among those recognized

Two prominent JACL women were among those recently honored by the Japanese government. JACL National President Lillian Kimura was one of twelve Japanese Americans to be awarded Japanese national medals (kusho) from the Japanese government. Kimura is a member of the New York Chapter, JACL, and former national associate director of the YWCA.



KIMURA



KAWAGOE

Also listed among the awardees is Helen Kawagoe, Gardena Valley Chapter, JACL, board member and city clerk for the city of Carson, Calif.

The award is given two times a year to recognize individual achievements in politics, business or cul-

ture in fostering relations between the United States and Japan.

Kimura was presented her award at the official residence of the Consul General of Japan in New York City, Nov. 22, by Ambassador Hiromoto Seki.

Other awardees include: Ralph Fumio Fujimoto, Chicago; Tomoo Okuyama, Hilo, Hawaii; Chiyo Kikuchi, New York; Pearl Kimu-

ra, San Francisco; Shigeru John Nitta, Coco Beach, Florida; Toshikazu Terasawa, Los Angeles; Shigeru "Shag" Okada, Los Angeles; Margaret Yuriko Kurisu Oda, Honolulu; Toguchi Matsuda, Culver City and Henry Masuo Ueno, Portland, Oregon.

Georgia becomes 114th JACL chapter

The Georgia Chapter has become the 114th member group to join JACL, according to Clay Harada, JACL assistant director of membership.

The charter was granted at the September, 1993, meeting of the JACL National Board. Bill Sakamoto White, who will serve as chapter president, was instrumental in creating a new chapter. A senior planner for the Atlanta Regional Commission, he, along

with other volunteers, recruited the 27 founding chapter members.

"There is a great need for a chapter in the state," Sakamoto White said. "Georgia has a significant number of Asian Americans who need the support of a national organization such as the JACL. We are very excited to become the 114th chapter of the organization."

Commenting on the new chap-

ter, Alan Nishi, JACL national vice president of membership services, said, "On behalf of the JACL National Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the members of the new Georgia Chapter. We look forward to working with you on programs of mutual concern."

The Georgia Chapter joins the Houston Chapter as the only other chapter located in the southern United States.

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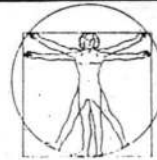
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The Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is an expression and appreciation of the efforts and concerns of its members.


This past year three JACL chapters have faced unusual and difficult local problems which have been reported in PC...

- **HOUSTON CHAPTER:** Members have been battling for months to change the name of Jap Road in Beaumont, Texas...
- **SACRAMENTO CHAPTER:** The chapter's office was firebombed just a couple months ago, leaving the facility all but totally destroyed...
- **SPOKANE CHAPTER:** Members have been hit with racist treatment by individuals within the local Democratic Party...

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Books

JAPAN: HISTORY

Another A-bomb?

■ Kohchi, Akira. *Why I Survived the A-Bomb*. Institute for Historical Review, 1822 1/2 Newport Blvd., Suite 191, Costa Mesa, CA, 92627. 230pp, photographs, map, appendix, \$19.95 postpaid from Plowshare Press, RRI, Little Current, Ont., Canada, P0P 1K0 (1989).

Horror of the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 continues to weary the world beyond political opinion and the troubling prospect of nuclear capability in Asia.

Akira Kohchi conveys in his book, "Why I Survived the A-Bomb," what it was like Aug. 6, 1945, and submits a personal perspective and a review of Japanese thinking. He was 16 years old at the time and survived the catastrophe, then incapable of understanding what happened. And some 40 years later he wondered why only one-side of this history had been popularized.

Of personal interest was Chapter 6, "My America and Pearl Harbor," recounting the support from his U.S. cousins in the 1950s for being able to continue his education in Spokane and to graduate school at Columbia. It was also an opportunity to explain "Hiroshima," when friends inquired: "Where do you come from?" The name of that city proved to be a sure "killjoy," he recalls. He joined the UN peace-keeping mission in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) in 1962, continuing to tell the story of Hiroshima to European colleagues who wanted to know more. So persistent they were that it convinced him to dig further into the whys and wherefores—and subsequently this book.

There is a prologue, "At the End," penned after he returned from his studies and work overseas. He takes umbrage to being misquoted by Ian Buruma of the London-based *Far Eastern Economic Review's* piece, "Politics of Peace," (Aug. 15, 1985) that Japan, under the U.S. Occupation, "was dragged into rearming against the Soviet Union" and to Karel van Wolferen's "Japan Problem" in *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 65, no. 2, 1986, repeating a portion of Buruma's piece in his attempt to implant a sense of mistrust of the Japanese in the American mind.

U.S.-Japan history buffs should be acquainted with the names of Buruma and van Wolferen. They can now add Adachi Kohchi to the opposite side.

JAPANESE AMERICAN

An excellent reference

■ Hatamiya, Leslie T. *Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and the Passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988*. Stanford University Press,

Stanford CA; 258pp, appendix, references, index. \$29.50 (1993).

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But surprising was her comment in the preface that grassroots letter writing has "limited impact" on the policy-making process, based upon her recent experience as a Senate staffer.

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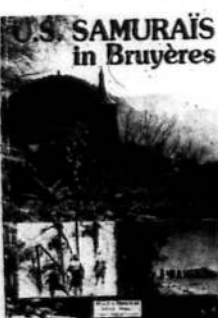
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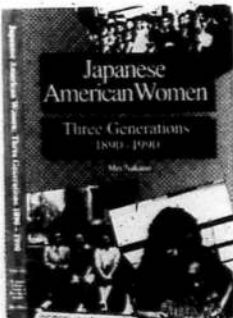
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TOGETHERNESS—From left, Irene Masumoto and Betty Morita, Olympia Chapter, JACL, and Mary Masumoto, Puyallup Valley, pause for photo at the recent Olympia Chapter 10th anniversary celebration.



SOCIALIZING—Kip Tokuda, left, president, Seattle Chapter, JACL, chats with David Della, executive director, Commission on Asian American Affairs.

Olympia Chapter members celebrate 10th anniversary

Theme of event is "Decade of Dignity"

The Olympia Chapter, JACL, recently marked its 10th anniversary with a "Decade of Dignity" celebration at the St. Martin's Worthington Conference Center in Lacey, Wash.

Approximately a hundred people were in attendance, including the mayors of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater, and representatives from Gov. Mike Lowry's office, the Commission on Asian American Affairs and the Washington State Human Rights Commission.

Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, gave a speech on the future of JACL and its role among other civil rights organizations.

The chapter presented a slide show which recounted the chapter's activities over the past decade.

The Olympia Senryu Club taught by Susumu Sato presented personalized Japanese poems to Kimura, Hiromi Yoshida, outgoing Pacific Northwest governor, and Masaki Saito, consul general of Japan.

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MIS short takes**Clinton acknowledges World War II MIS vets**

At the Oct. 21-23 MIS reunion in Washington, D.C., President Bill Clinton paid tribute to the "Yankee Samurai," noting the mission of the MIS in World War II was "one of vital significance," and a remarkable story that was kept under the strictest of military secrecy. The president concluded, "All of you can look back on your achievements with great pride."

The reunion booklet included greetings from Takakazu Kuriyama, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.; Don Russell, Australian ambassador, who told of his government's gratitude in the pivotal American defense of Australia; and Philippine Ambassador Raul Ch. Rabe, who saluted the loyalty the Nisei in the MIS demonstrated in the liberation of his nation.

Also extending greetings were Secretary Jesse Brown of Veterans Affairs, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Sen. Dan Akaka, Maryland Gov. William D. Schaefer, Virginia Gov. Lawrence Wilder, Rep. Norman Mineta, Rep. Robert Matsui, Rep. Patsy Mink, Del. Eva Faleomavaega, and Washington, DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly.

Memorial held at Arlington Cemetery

It was natural and fitting that the MIS Capital Reunion Oct. 21-23 was held at Arlington National Cemetery and in the columbarium area where the ashes of the late Key Kobayashi are interred. Key, a Savage graduate who had volunteered from Gila River WRA camp, had been active in the Washington, D.C. community

with JACL and was co-chair of the MIS Capital Reunion.

Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama, Jr., USAR, delivered the memorial address, acknowledging the Issei and Nisei legacy enabled him to attain his general rank in the Army: "Without the sacrifice and examples set by the Issei and Nisei, Japanese-Americans of today would not enjoy the standard of living and social acceptance in our society," he said. "We who follow in your footsteps have a legacy and responsibility to uphold and we (Sansei) pledge to you our continued efforts to pass on those values and standards to our future generations."

Lt. Col. Ben Obata, USA, ret., chaired the ceremony that attracted six busloads of reunion participants. Midst the blaze of fall foliage, they paid their respects at the U.S. Astronaut Memorial, the USS Maine Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns, where the MIS reunion wreath was placed.

The group then scrambled back into the buses for the trek to Capitol Hill for the Congressional luncheon.

Japanese ambassador hosts reception

The reception at the Japanese Embassy Oct. 23 was hosted by Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama who recognized the local Japanese American community, the late Mike Masaoka, and noted that Nisei participation was important in the promotion of U.S.-Japan friendship. He also expressed his admiration of the MIS reunion for bringing together Japanese Americans who served in the war.

On behalf of the MIS reunion, chairman Sunao Ishio paid tribute to the Issei who taught the Nisei the spirit to strive for perfection and determination, despite racial prejudice and discrimination and when the war came, to show and prove loyalty to America. "As Americans, we are proud of our ethnic heritage," Ishio declared, reminding the reunion theme is "The Nisei Veteran: an American Patriot."

MIS vets speaks at documentation session

An interview of Richard Sakakida, the Hawaiian Nisei who was enlisted to engage in undercover work from May, 1941, in Manila's Japanese community for the Army Counter Intelligence Police, was conducted with Col. Thomas Sakamoto, USA, (ret.) to demonstrate how oral history can be captured by video and tape. There were several questions that continue to choke up Sakakida, who chose to stay after the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, and captured and tortured, then escaped after three years from Japanese captivity.

Dr. Toshio "Tusky" Tsukahira of Washington, who was a civilian MIS instructor, moderated this session. Dr. Glenda Y. Nogami, with the Army Military History Institute, announced a special survey on Japanese American women's experiences during World War II is underway. She has been collecting documents, oral histories of all WWII veterans. For information and survey questionnaire, write to her at U.S. Army War College, Box 426, Carlisle, PA 17013, or call 717/245-3365.

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Mysteries of the MIS

Stories of Americans in Siberian POW camps still puzzling

HONOLULU—Two mysteries that linger in the mind of Wymo Takaki, 74, of Kailua were re-kindled recently when Russian president Boris Yeltsin suggested that some Americans might still be captive of the former Soviet Union.

The Takaki story, recently told to editor Mark Matsunaga of the Honolulu Advertiser, relates to a major role played by MIS-trained Nisei interrogators processing repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians from Siberia after WWII through the ports at Maizuru, Hokkaido, Sasebo and Hakata.

On the lookout for Communist spies, Takaki was assigned to the 441st Counter-Intelligence corps and headed a detachment at Maizuru, a former Japanese naval base on the Japan Sea, to screen Japanese soldiers released from Soviet labor camps.

The Takaki mysteries surfaced during the questioning of hundreds of POWs in 1947.

Mystery No. 1

Among the earliest to be processed were several hundred infantrymen from the gold mining camp, Magadan, in eastern Siberia. Everyone Takaki had questioned mentioned an American woman who worked as a railroad crossing guard at Magadan. None of the Japanese soldiers were able to describe her or how she got there.

"She was there. And when the Japanese POWs received their orders for transfer to Nakhodka, she broke down and cried and the Japanese soldiers said that she would never have the chance to go back and step on American soil again. But for those who were

returning to Japan, she wished them luck. They were going back under American command, so they had nothing to worry about," Takaki recalled.

She had been mentioned in Takaki's report but nothing came of it, as far as he knew.

"You couldn't follow it up. Our relationship with (the Soviets) was very cold at the time," Takaki pointed out.

Mystery No. 2

The second mystery happened in the late '48 or early '49 when some repatriates from Karaganda Camp 99 in the central Asian republic of Kazakh related two American GIs were in the same compound with about 900 Japanese. Takaki remembered the GIs told the Japanese that they were captured by the Russians in Germany on May 8, 1945, which was VE Day.

One American went by the name of Steve. What puzzled Takaki was that the Americans "were allowed to mingle freely with the Japanese." Karaganda Camp 33 also included about 300 Spanish Fascists who had fought for Hitler and had an unknown number of Soviets in separate compounds, Takaki added.

"And when the Japanese were sent Nakhodka for repatriation, the GIs were allowed to go with them to the railway siding and see their POW friends off. I think this was their (Soviet intelligence) idea of breaking the will power (of the two Americans)," Takaki believed, for the Soviets were striving to recruit spies among soon-to-be repatriated POWs.

That was over 40 years ago. As with mysteries, Takaki knows of

no official follow-up on behalf of the two Americans at Karaganda. "(But) if someone were to check who was reported missing on VE Day (their original identities might be easier to figure) as not many would have gone AWOL on that day," Takaki surmised.

The Bigger Picture

Takaki's buddy, Yoshinobu Oshiro, 64, of Pearl City also with the 441st CIC Detachment at Maizuru, noted that the Soviets had only entered the war against Japan on Aug. 9, 1945—two days after the first atomic bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima and before the second one over Nagasaki.

Elements of the Red Army from the German front had swept across Manchuria in three prongs. When the fighting ended in less than 10 days, more than 2.7 million Japanese, about 575,000 of them from the Kwangtung Army, were in Manchuria, Korea, Port Arthur, Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands, which fell into Soviet hands. They stretched from the Maritime Province all the way to Ukraine, Caspian Sea, Moscow and up north.

Despite Allied commitments to prompt repatriation, it wasn't until late 1946 that the Soviets began sending the Japanese home. Some waited more than a decade. About 254,000 are believed to have died in Soviet hands. Another 93,000 are listed missing or presumed dead—an uncertainty that still is of concern in Japan.

Most of the Japanese repatriates sailed from the port of Nakhodka near Vladivostok, to Maizuru.

—Report: ALLAN BEEKMAN

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

The nub: Members should control JACL

A fellow named Shakespeare, first name William, wrote words long ago in a play called Macbeth that have a foreboding relevance to our times, "...a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Since the first of October this newspaper has devoted an extraordinary amount of space to sound and fury about a controversy that may affect its life. In brief, the issue is whether *Pacific Citizen* shall continue as the editorially independent newspaper mandated by JACL's constitution, or whether that mandate should be ignored or repealed and its content made subject to control by JACL's hierarchy and hired administrators.

This is not a minor matter. It is an issue deserving intense membership concern. At the same time it is only a surface manifestation of a much more critical situation. That was spelled out lucidly and forcefully in an article titled "Let the truth be known" written by Peggy S. Liggett of Fresno and published in the Nov. 5-11 issue of this newspaper. Liggett, an attorney, has served JACL long and well on local, district and

national levels, including multiple terms as a member of the National Board and as chair of the PC board. She is not a pop-off. She is qualified to speak and entitled to be listened to.

The gist of Liggett's article is that in the absence of direction from the elected leadership, the national headquarters staff has "set their own projects without direction or restraint." Liggett calls on the membership "to take back control and insist its leadership act more responsibly."

For members of JACL these are very basic matters that far overshadow controversy about the way *Pacific Citizen* is run. Fortunately the newspaper, in the best traditions of a free press, resisted efforts to suppress the news and brought problems perceived by Liggett to public attention. The press served its function. Now it is up to the membership to determine whether there indeed are problems, and deal with them forthwith if they exist. There may be more restlessness in the ranks than anyone is aware.

So far, unfortunately, very little has evolved from the sound and fury. Nothing

has been resolved. Perhaps wondering whether it has been overly shrill, *Pacific Citizen* has toned down its protests. And those it has challenged have acted as though the problem will go away if they pay it scant heed. They may be right. One must wonder whether, as indignation cools with time, the issues that have been raised will be swept under the rug to join many other difficult and unresolved decisions.

If that is allowed to happen, we will be Shakespeare's new idiots, full of bluster but signifying nothing, and all the indignation and ill feeling stirred up over a critical principle will have been for naught. But now that the PC hoprah has brought other matters in the open, we ought to find out what's going on. We won't learn anything if we don't use this opportunity to ask some pointed questions, seek straight answers, and bring about whatever reforms may be found necessary.

I don't think we're all idiots. ☐

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Letters

Tribute to the passing of a soldier and activist

I have this hollow feeling. Something precious is gone from my life. I turn to my memory.

I seem to have known the late Bill Kochiyama all my life, but, strangely, I had never met him before the war. I never met him at Camp Shelby nor at the Aloha USO where he met his future wife, Mary. We trained for combat in Mississippi for more than a year. We fought for a year in Italy and France, through the most perilous campaigns, but we never met.

I first met Bill after the Broadway premiere of Dore Schary's movie, *Go For Broke*. The film tells much about what Bill and his 442d buddies endured. Today (Oct. 25) a good number are here at his memorial. Let me tell you what happened to Bill:

Early in the first battle, he was hit near the knee. Given first aid by his sergeant, Chester Tanaka, who stopped the bleeding, he continued to fight on without calling the medics. That is why you do not find a Purple Heart after his name. During a battle to the death—he had trenchfoot with feet swollen to double size—he would not remove his combat boots because he knew he would never get them on again. His men needed him. They needed his rifle. He was one of only 17 riflemen left of Company K's 193 men (during the rescue of the Lost Battalion). During the fight a bullet pierced his helmet, just above his forehead, traveled between helmet and liner, and emerged in back.

He was honorably discharged as a tech sergeant. He was the first president of the 442d Veterans Association which was organized about the time of the film's premiere.

You all know of his life-long commitment to civil rights causes. His presence is so strong I feel he is sitting among us. Bill will be at the last barricade.

Tooru Kanazawa

New York, N.Y.

Pacific Citizen is a newsletter, reader says

I must take issue with a fundamental point in the current uproar regarding the role and function of the *Pacific Citizen* (PC). In my view the PC is an organizational newsletter, not a national newspaper, and is such it has to be responsive to both the JACL membership and staff.

I regard the PC as a newsletter because it appealed almost solely to JACL members as opposed to the Japanese American community at large. (Those who argue otherwise would probably claim that the JACL

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Asians were affected by apartheid

Black and white leaders in South Africa, by signing an interim constitution Nov. 18, abolished apartheid and found a peaceful way to transfer power from a minority white rule of more than three centuries to the impoverished black majority. It marked the end to two years of negotiations.

As a news topic that needed to be watched, "Apartheid" has been a file in the *Pacific Citizen* archives for the past 35 years.

While I haven't found a National JACL Convention having passed a resolution pertaining to apartheid—as one might expect, one of my first editorials on this subject, dated June 11, 1971, in this file spoke to the various personal Nikkei encounters with apartheid.

We remember that after World War II Nisei sailors aboard a U.S. naval vessel paying a call at South African ports were unable to go ashore.

In the early '70s, the few hundred Japanese businessmen in South Africa handling the growing commerce between the two nations were declared "honorary whites." But a Tokyo jockey who had been invited in 1970 by a South African sports club was first denied a visa and then the government

changed its mind. Earlier in 1962, there was a Japanese swimming team whose admission caused a great uproar.

Canada-born Nisei clergyman, the Rev. Tadashi Mitsui, enroute to Lesotho, one of the independent black republics surrounded by the Republic of South Africa, was told to leave within eight hours after he had landed at Johannesburg International Airport in 1971. Upon his strong protest with the Canadian Embassy at Pretoria, Mitsui was permitted entry but was advised by the South African government to arrange for a visa for re-entry. He was classified as a "prohibited immigrant" since he was not a Canadian citizen "of European origin," who may enter without a visa.

The 8,000 Chinese who are descendants of Chinese miners who came in the early gold rush days of 1886, may be "honorary whites," but were then classified as "non-whites" under the electoral act, hence denied the vote. The new constitution has certainly addressed that problem.

The numbers may be greater today, but the 600,000 "Asians" in South Africa are, unlike the case in North America, chiefly from the Asian sub-continent.

Five years later in 1976, our globe-gir-

dling columnist Frank Fukuzawa dispatched a column, while passing through Johannesburg, relating the mixed feelings he had while having lunch at a "nonwhite" restaurant — where the South African blacks could gather. "My face must have been quite conspicuous for it was nearly black after going three weeks through the 100 degree heat in the Middle East desert countries." He also noted the whites are working hard to build a more modern state and the blacks live under indescribable conditions. "Whether these two extreme poles (are) ever balanced or not depends on history to tell us."

History has finally spoken.

There is one more item. A 1986 travel ad in the PC had advertised a tour to South Africa. A reader protested such was supporting "racism." "We should be particularly sympathetic and understand the struggle of black people in South Africa," the reader exhorted. The advertiser promptly removed that tour from its offer.

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Voices

By DR. ROY NISHIKAWA

Constitutional violations—again, again and again

I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.
—Voltaire

Almost two months have now passed since the infamous Sept. 25-26 board meeting in San Francisco. What do we have? We have tremendous losses of trust and confidence and an inept leadership which compounded its errors by trying to cover up its own proceedings. We have the loss of Paul Shinkawa, chairman, *Pacific Citizen* board of directors, truly emerged as a hero because he retained his poise, dignity, principles and integrity.

We also have a better informed membership and a membership which is angry, confused, sorrowful and disappointed. Isn't it ironic that the National Board and some staff, concerned primarily with external/public relations, has managed to almost destroy both external and internal public relations.

Why?

I must confess that I was naive. I did not expect the forces bent on muzzling the *Pacific Citizen* to be so well organized. Was there a cabal on Saturday night, Sept. 25? The concerted effort to get Shinkawa seemed well orchestrated. It is hard to believe this was just spontaneous.

I have asked Headquarters for a complete transcript of the meeting so that I will be able to pick up discrepancies, if any, with the PC account written by Gwen Muranaka. Acting Director Carole Hayashino, much to her credit, has promised to send this to me together with

some pertinent answers to some of my concerns about the National Endowment Fund.

So what else do we have? We have a National Board which ignored the constitution of the JACL not just once but three times at their two-day meeting. Here is the documentation.

1. On the *Pacific Citizen*:

This has been discussed so much that no further comment is needed except to say that ignoring the advice of JACL legal counsel Allen Kato is just plain dumb.

2. On the Endowment Fund

First, read Article XV in your JACL by-laws. Section 4 clearly indicates a six-year term for non-permanent members. Section 7 clearly calls for a yearly meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee (EFC).

Here is the background on the Endowment Fund. The minutes may be boring but is necessary to illustrate the stonewalling and the evasions.

Mike Mitoma, chair of the EFC, failed to call a meeting for seven years. He also did not consult with his full committee when he approved the transfer of \$200,000 from the Endowment Fund to some entity called the "National Fund." He approved this transfer although he didn't like the idea. This is clear from the audio tape of the Jan. 20 teleconference meeting of the committee.

The transfer was requested by Patti Paganini, the business manager at Headquarters.

She made the transfer because the "accountant said it should be done." The accountant was never identified.

This is what hurts. The Endowment Fund was returning 8% interest, .08 x \$200,000 = \$16,000. The Legacy Fund was returning 4% interest, .04 x \$200,000 = \$8,000. Simple arithmetic clearly indicates an \$8,000 loss. Earnings from both funds are available for national operations. This is poor business management at best. I started my investigation of the Endowment Fund one year ago with a memo to Paganini and copies to then National Director Dennis Hayashi, Treasurer Jon Kaji, President Lillian Kimura and PSW Gov. Carol Kawamoto and members of the Endowment Fund Committee Mike Mitoma, Tomio Moriguchi, Shig Wakamatsu and Kay Iwata.

Kaji told me that Paganini had asked him to prepare her response which was received one month later. There was no response from others who received copies of the letter. I was not completely satisfied with her response so I insisted to Kaji that a meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee be held. Kimura appointed Kaji to make the arrangements. Kaji gave Paganini the assignment to set up the meeting.

A one-hour teleconference was held on

Jan. 20, 1993, chaired by Kaji. After seven years without meetings, not a whole lot could be accomplished by a teleconference. Participating were Paganini, Mitoma, Tomio Moriguchi and the two permanent members of the committee, Shig Wakamatsu, past national president and myself. Prior to the meeting, I had specifically asked that Hayashi and Kimura be included on the teleconference. According to Paganini, "they were not available." The contradiction is that Lillian Kimura said that she was available but was not informed. Kaji informed me that he would report the teleconference discussion at the Mar. 21-22, 1993 Washington, D.C., board meeting. The minutes of that meeting merely state that \$700,000 was in the Fund. Nothing about the transfer of \$200,000, which would put the Endowment Fund principle at \$500,000. Also, there was nothing about the concerns regarding the seven-year hiatus in meetings and the failure to consult with the full committee. Kaji also said nothing about remedial actions.

At the "questions for the National Board" meeting held at the tri-district conference in Costa Mesa, Calif. April 4-5, I again brought up my concerns. Prior to this time I was reluctant to go "public" for fear of embarrassing the JACL. I wanted the matter resolved internally. But speaking to

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Voices

By BETTY WAKI

Jap Road and the help that didn't come

As the Jap Road controversy continues and I read about the resulting attempts to censor the *Pacific Citizen*, I want to explain what happened from our perspective in Texas. When the Houston Chapter agreed to try to change the names of Jap Road (in Fannett in Jefferson County) and Jap Lane (outside of Vidor in Orange County), I warned our membership that the process would be long and difficult. The distance from Houston would present logistical problems for a small chapter like ours. Furthermore, Vidor was once the national headquarters of the Klan; and, even today, boasts that no blacks reside within its city limits. Historically, these counties have been more conservative than most other areas in Texas and have exhibited an unlightened attitude toward people of color. I knew we needed to move slowly because of the possibility of angry confrontation, as

well as the potential for physical danger.

When I contacted JACL headquarters, I was confident that our national organization would swing the full power of its prestige and influence into resolving this issue. Although I suggested a cautious approach, I never requested non-involvement or non-cooperation from the National staff. As the situation developed, I kept JACL informed through long distance calls and information sent by mail. Whenever I called headquarters, I was connected to intermediaries who would shuttle messages from me to, then National Director Dennis Hayashi.

At the same time, Sandra Nakata was sending information and letters requesting support from JACL. Nakata's anxiety grew as the controversy deepened and no statement of support was made by JACL or Hayashi despite repeated (and well-documented) requests for help. She watched as

Hayashi publicly condemned the use of "Jap" by Marge Schott and on "Northern Exposure" while remaining silent about Jap Road. Finally, Sandra expressed her frustration in an article in the *Hokubei Mainichi* citing lack of assistance from Hayashi. After this public criticism, Hayashi's inaccessibility was even more pronounced. Let me stress that within the six-month period between initial notification and the *Hokubei* interview, Hayashi wrote no letters of support to officials, did not assist in strategic planning, did not contact other advocacy groups for assistance, did not return a single phone call, and largely ignored our chapter's and Nakata's requests for help.

To illustrate, in the fall of 1992, I was asked to participate in a radio talk show to discuss the Jap Road issue. The show's title, "Battleline" and the point/counterpoint format made me reluctant to appear

even though we needed the media exposure. Since the show is syndicated nationally, but does not air in Texas, I called headquarters for some information. I asked for Hayashi, and was connected to an intermediary who relayed my question to him. She returned to tell me that Hayashi knew nothing about the show. If I wanted information, he told me to call the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA).

I made that long distance call; but the irony did not escape me. I was calling 2,000 miles from Houston to the AAJA office which is housed in the JACL headquarters, downstairs from the very staff members I had just asked for help. At least, they provided the phone number.

The AAJA was not familiar with "Battleline" and could not give me any in-

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From JACL headquarters

By CLAY HARADA

Membership update

Why did you become a member of the JACL? This is a good question. For many, a simple one. The JACL provided an opportunity to get involved. An opportunity to make a difference . . . to be part of an organization that actively safeguarded the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry. An organization that responded to some of your very own concerns.

What attracts new members today? Now the question becomes a little more complex. The reasons have changed, or have they? National Headquarters intends to find out. In September, 1993, we began to distribute the JACL Membership Questionnaire, a mechanism for collecting demographic information from our members. The responses will be used to develop a membership profile and to create a membership recruitment strategy. Randomly selected members will begin to receive the questionnaire

with their renewal notices as early as next month. If you receive a questionnaire, please assist our efforts by completing and returning it with your membership renewal. Make sure you read the letter accompanying the questionnaire to learn more about a gift for responding.

By now, you might have heard about the success of the Centralized Membership Program. The Centralized Membership Program is an automated method of renewing members administered by the National JACL. It currently renews the members of over 70 chapters. The program was designed to assist the chapters with their membership recruitment and retention efforts. By National assuming the administrative responsibility of renewing members, chapter membership chairs are now able to focus more attention on membership recruitment and retention in their local com-

munities.

We recently received good news from two program participants. As a result of participation in the Centralized Membership Program, two chapters reported an increase in chapter membership. Julie Sasaki, membership chair of the Detroit Chapter, has been actively pursuing new members.

The chapter recently reported an increase of more than 38 new members. The Twin Cities Chapter also reported an increase of 100 new members. Nice going . . .

To further assist the recruitment and retention of members, we started our work on a *Membership Chair Handbook*. The handbook will contain valuable information on membership benefits, ideas for recruiting and formulating a retention strategy. Kim Tachiki, chair of the National Membership Development Committee, and Alan Nishi, National vice president of Mem-

bership Services are overseeing the development of this project.

The Membership Department is staffed by three National staff members: Joyce Nakamura, membership coordinator; Rie Sakurai, data entry assistant; and myself. Together, we are responsible for membership development, now membership benefits, membership renewal and retention, membership inquiries and the administration of the Centralized Membership Program.

To learn more about any of the program or benefits listed above, please call the membership department at JACL National Headquarters.

Harada is JACL assistant director of membership.

Voices

By JOSEPH HORIYE

Reaching out

As a Masaoka Fellow, I attended several events throughout the year that honored people from the past: the 25th Memorial Services for Robert F. Kennedy and the National JACL's Memorial Day Observance Services, just to name a few. But

on Sept. 18, I attended a ceremony that especially touched my heart. The Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL, was honoring its senior members — age 70 years and older. The chapter was honoring its living legends.

I shared this special evening with heroes of many kinds, people that I have looked up to for guidance and inspiration. I only wish that my late grandfather, best friend and mentor could have been there. He would have told me that honoring and respecting the people who have paved the way for future generations is not something you celebrate once a year, or twice a month, or even three times a week. It is something that you do every day for the rest of your life.

Unfortunately, communication barriers often exist between gen-

erations. This is just a natural part of life. But I believe that people are capable of coming together during times of need and that is exactly what we must do now. Relationships must be strengthened by resurrecting the bridges torn down by years of mis-

get where we came from. We must not forget who and what we are. And we must certainly not forget American history and the role that we played in it. I certainly hope that when we are asked to carry the torch, the light of hope, that we do so with the same respect,



GETTING ADVICE—Masaoka Fellowship Committee members with Joe Horiye. From left, Bill Marutani, Kaz Oshiki, Horiye and Dr. Tom Tamaki.

understanding and miscommunication. Instead of dwelling on generational gaps, we must strive toward generational greatness. Simply put, we must learn to listen to each other better, so that we can later be heard. And we must learn more from one another, so that we can later educate.

The Asian Pacific American community is in a transitional period, facing challenges and change—so is America. We, the younger generation, must not for-

get where we came from. We must not forget who and what we are. And we must certainly not forget American history and the role that we played in it. I certainly hope that when we are asked to carry the torch, the light of hope, that we do so with the same respect,

Every generation, whether they are ready or unready, certain or uncertain, must rise to the occasion and answer the call. If we leave future generations with more than what we were given, if we leave this world better, better than when we came into it, we will have answered the call.

Horiye, the first Masaoka Fellow, is a member of the San Diego Chapter, JACL.

Come-on Sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

We can work it out

On a recent evening, my wife Sandy and I sat around after our dinner and talked. We talked about her class (Sandy teaches 5th grade) and I talked about the fire storms in L.A.

It's funny how discussions about most things somehow relate to family and each of the individual players that make the family whole. In the format of world affairs, family discussions seem to make all things real, and provide a real-world perspective of "everything."

For example, in my family, I have two older brothers and a sister. My older brothers are twins (Ken and Kevin) and my sister Karen is my favorite. She's a sweetheart.

Most of the time, when we get together, we argue. In the family scenario the arguments are "tradition" and we talk about the things that friends aren't supposed to talk about: politics, religion and sex.

For the "outsider," one might think that our debates are the basis of a family feud. We get into it. When my Sis takes a position

about something, don't tell me about women's rights, I'm too involved in defending my position. The common thread is that in our family, we love each other — immensely.

Sure, there is the down side. When our mom was on life-support systems in the hospital for months, the debate was more than academic. Though we all wanted what was best for "mom" we each had different approaches and solutions. Yet one thing we agreed upon was that "we" had to agree and "we" did.

In retrospect, I would say that if one outside the family witnessed our debates, he/she would think we hate each other. We don't. We just don't agree too often. And, in our own way, we keep each other advised of the things we do.

I venture to add that in the matrix of family affairs there are many issues and situations that test the fabric of family structure. There are few clear-cut answers, but there is an agreeable approach

The bottom line is that we care about family and whatever our children decide to do and how their

marriages expand the family base, we are... family.

At the risk of being naive, I view JACL the same way. We are family. As Japanese Americans, we are conceived from the same experiences and are made up with diversified "approaches." I have a sense of affection for Japanese Americans and the League helps me focus on the offspring.

As the JACL family, we have our differences as nasty as they may be, but when push-comes-to-shove, our sense of family overrides our differences, and as JACL we do what has to be done.

This yet-to-be defined phenomenon is what has preserved the League over the decades.

Come-on Sense: So long as the League pursues its course of action involving each member of the JACL family, there is nothing that the "family" cannot resolve. We are that good. ☺

Nobuyuki, a former JACL national director, is a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter and Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapters. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

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speaks for all Japanese Americans, which it does not. But that is another matter.) The PC is a membership benefit automatically extended to dues paying members; our membership dues are not reduced if we choose not to take the PC. In that regard the PC is

not only financially dependent upon, but accountable primarily to the national organization i.e., the staff and volunteers.

In terms of content, the PC clearly differs from Japanese American newspapers such as the *Hokubei Mainichi*, *Rafu Shimpo*, *Hawaii Herald* and others. There is a minimal amount of non-JACL-related news in the PC. Chapter activities, JACL press releases,

rewrites of releases and articles, relevant to the JACL Program for Action predominate. But that is understandable and acceptable given that the PC is the official publication of the JACL.

If the PC wishes to become independent, however, it seems to me that it must be completely divorced from the national organization, not just editorially, but

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VIOLATIONS

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Kimura in the hallway before the meeting she encouraged me to go ahead.

My main concern was not addressed by staff or the board.

At this meeting I asked for a copy of the audiotape. Kaji's response was, "I haven't got a copy myself."

On May 20, Wakamatsu called me from Chicago to set up an Endowment Fund Committee meeting in Los Angeles. Moriguchi and Mitoma were not available, so Wakamatsu and I got together with Kaji at the PSW regional office. I also invited Muranaka to join us since I thought she could help me get some positive responses to my questions. Wakamatsu and I again expressed our concerns and Kaji promised to take up the matter with the JACL Finance Committee (national director, national treasurer and national president). He would put our concerns in writing and give us copies before writing his memo.

No copies, no response, and probably no meeting of the Finance Committee was held. Kaji did have a tape for me. I asked him to send copies to everyone concerned.

My frustrations increased. So I decided to go to the top. On July 17, I phoned Kimura. She said she would bring up the matter at the Executive Committee meeting in August. She did not have a tape of the teleconference.

There has been no feedback.

Later, Hayashino informed me that the Endowment Fund concerns were not addressed at the Executive Committee meeting. She promised she would be sure to make Kaji and Kimura aware of my concerns and to inform them of my desire to have the National Board discuss the Endowment Fund Committee at its meeting, Sept. 25-26. She even sent copies of my letter to her to Kaji and Kimura. I also told Hayashino to get copies of the audiotape of the teleconference and make sure Kimura received a copy. Despite its limitations, the tape does give an idea of what was discussed and just listening to it would, I hoped, bring about some positive responses.

No responses came from Kaji or Kimura.

And here is the final straw. On Kaji's motion, the National Board confirmed the appointment by Kimura of Mitoma as chair of the Endowment Fund Committee on Sept. 25. Did the National Board know what it was doing? Was there a complete briefing or was some information omitted? Did they listen to the tape? Kimura may have been partially cut out of the loop, but she should have been aware of my concerns. Kaji must have known, after all Kimura had asked him to investigate the Endowment Fund. My belief is that Hayashi was probably out of the loop. So here is the whole dreary, frustrating story.

What is the significance? At least two members of the board and possibly members of the staff did not feel that the concerns raised were important enough to merit much attention. I felt that they treated my concerns in a cavalier way.

This illustrates the National Board's overwhelming, almost exclusive interest in external public relations. To heck with giving members information. Wasn't this what the Sept. 25-26 meeting in San Francisco was all about?

3. Chapter president's handbook

The third constitutional viola-

tion is in regard to item five of the agenda at the Sunday meeting, Sept. 26. The Board voted to fund the JACL chapter president's handbook up to \$7,500. Article XIV of the Constitution prevents the National Board from spending more than \$5,000 unless 3/4 of the chapters give consent. The handbook developed by PSWDC is the best JACL handbook I have ever seen. Still, the National Board is wrong in arrogating to itself the power to spend \$7,500 without chapter consent. I brought up the Endowment Fund and chapter handbook matters at the Las Vegas PSWDC meeting (Nov. 5-7). I felt that letting members know, giving them information as the PC fracas illustrates is fundamental. Gov. Carol Kawamoto promised to contact Kimura. Trisha Murakawa, national vice president, planning and development, promised to contact the National Board.

The bottom line: three constitutional violations occurred in two days at the San Francisco board meeting.

How could this happen? Ignorance? Lousy communication? Failure of full disclosure? Or does this reflect a desire for power, a desire for control? A desire to quash embarrassing questions? An inkling as to National Board thinking or non-thinking may be given by reading the initial structural reorganization plan (Kimura, chief architect) which contains the phrase "the National Board can be considered as the owner of the JACL." What elitist thinking. What an insult to the true owners—the membership. Also in this initial paper was the desire to control the PC. These concepts were thrown out by the chapters. Some JACL leaders never seem to learn from their mistakes. A far better proposal for restructuring would be for the National Board to improve its communication, increase its efficiency, get closer to its membership and become more accountable and responsible. Above all: study our constitution and follow it.

Some members are afraid to criticize the National Board. Don't be. If you feel they are wrong, let them know. The National Board can make mistakes. In 1982 they tried to invade the principal of the Endowment Fund. They tried the same thing in 1986. They failed because of a constitutional provision which requires 3/4 of the chapters consent before any of the principal can be spent. Later, when it was brought up, the National Council turned them down. My fear is that the Legacy Fund, which doesn't have guidelines or protections provided in the constitution may be susceptible to such a raid in the future. I talked to Kimura about this, she answered the phone when I called Headquarters in San Francisco. At that time she said "It was a good idea." Later when I mentioned this again she said that "would be illegal." My hope is that those in leadership on the Legacy Fund e.g. Gracey Uyehara and Cressley Nakagawa would start the wheels moving so that there will be a constitutional provision providing protection of the Legacy Fund principal.

Question: Where do we (JACL) go from here?

The National Board is facing court proceedings. They ignored the advice of their own legal counsel, so who will represent them? I hope a court case can be avoided. Court cases can be delayed and can become very messy.

Does JACL stay in limbo until the next convention? For nine long months? Since the debacle of Sept. 25-26 I have talked with five people who attended that meeting. They all have different views. Nobody has any idea of what will happen to JACL in the near future.

I am sure all regret the terrible results of that meeting. Hindsight indicates that a little more control, more restraint, more patience and understanding, better leadership

and more courageous and independent thinking could have resulted in a far different result.

Recently, Kimura sent me a reminder to sign up again for the 1000 Club—my 45th year.

If Kimura, Kaji or any National Board member can send me rational reasons for their actions on the Endowment Fund and the chapter handbook and the National Board's ignoring of three constitutional provisions, I'll once again consider sending national my check.

I still love the JACL organization. I was privileged to have the best mentors in JACL—Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido, George Inagaki and Masao Satow. Now the National Board actions of Sept. 25-26 make me feel as though I have been betrayed.

Having attended most of the PSWDC meetings during the last 45 years, I was pleased with and proud of the young Sansei and Yonsei leaders. I felt that now the torch had been passed and that the future of the organization was secure. This was why I supported and contributed to the Legacy Fund.

Now after the devastating blow to the organization caused by the Sept. 25-26 National Board meeting I am not so sure. The very division that Kimura sought to avoid has grown larger. Certain actions such as firing Shinkawa do not avoid consequences, they create consequences. Still, I continue to respect certain members of the staff and board just as I respect most of the members of the PC board and staff. Culpability is not the same for all.

Now that the 1994 membership drive is starting, my dilemma is how to encourage members to renew their membership. As chapter president, this is my obligation, but recent events will make things difficult. Since many members are insured, President Clinton's health reform plan will also have an impact. Can the National Board give us some leadership?

In conclusion, 1. there must be no violations of our JACL constitution; 2. there must be better communication within the board and staff and with the membership; 3. after this cool off, there must be mediation. Some give and take in place of charges and counter charges may make mediation possible.

Nishikawa is a past JACL national president; past PC board chair; a permanent member, Endowment Fund Committee; president, Wilshire Chapter, JACL.

LETTERS

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financially and in all other aspects. The present arrangement is obviously incongruous.

Contrary to what some have said, I believe the JACL sorely needs and lacks a public relations vehicle. The infighting, editorializing, and incessant *monku* readers have been subjected to in recent months prove my point. Personally, I would prefer to see the JACL market a quarterly, depth publication, like a magazine, which regularly includes public policy pieces, regional issues, profiles, arts and culture, history, health, business and legal matters, etc., as they relate to the organization's mission and objectives.

Given the JACL's size, breadth, and stature, I believe a more up-scale publication that is truly national in scope would better serve our needs. It would certainly fill a niche among current publications, attract more Japanese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans (to say nothing of national advertisers) to the JACL, and may ultimately prove more cost effective than publishing a weekly newsletter. It is worth investigating.

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HELP

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formation. Next, I called the *Pacific Citizen* where Gwen Muranaka agreed to help. She called the next day with information about the show, its targeted market and the host. Without her help, I would have been ill-prepared to defend the issue (and myself) on the air.

After other examples of non-assistance and following a logical chain of command, I called Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Mountain Plains District governor, to express my dissatisfaction with the performance of our national director. She agreed to talk to Hayashi at the March, 1993, National Board meeting in Washington, D.C. After the board meeting, I was informed that Ishii-Jordan had spoken to Hayashi and asked him to call both Nakata and me. He never called.

During the following months, I watched helplessly as the controversy escalated. Sandra received harassing phone calls at home and at work, she was refused service at a local store, she was angrily confronted and told to leave the country, her mailbox was shot, etc. The Jefferson County officials were leaking information to our opponents, so that they were able to finesse our attempts to meet and resolve the issue with local residents. I became so concerned about Nakata's safety, I contacted Efrain Martinez of the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Justice Department for help. He took our case and has done a great deal to mediate the situation.

With no help from JACL, no word from Hayashi, all we had was help from the PC. Not only did Muranaka research "Battleline" for me, but, she also sent copies of past PC articles which dealt with similar controversies. It was Muranaka who sent a copy of Senate Resolution 290 which made JPN the official abbreviation for Japan/Japanese. Because of her cooperation, we were able to enter that information into the official record at the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court at our hearing in July, 1993. Critics of the PC might say, that's not her job. And, perhaps, it was not. But she helped us when no one on the National staff did.

Furthermore, the accounts of our struggle on the pages of the PC have brought help and encouragement from readers. George Yuzawa of the New York JACL, Bill Marutani of Go For Broke, Clifford Uyeda, and many more have offered help and/or written letters of support because of the coverage in the PC.

After the PC reported our comments about Hayashi's failure to respond to the Jap Road issue, JACL President Lillian Kimura became more responsive to our requests for help. Hayashi had resigned his position in JACL,

leaving Kimura with an opportunity to provide more substantive aid to our chapter. Certainly, she was aware of our situation for months, but had never directed Hayashi to become involved in our case. She could have ignored the issue and continued to allow our needs to go unrecognized. Instead she assigned Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional director, to take our case. I believe the articles in the PC influenced her to finally take action.

Yoshino responded with his usual competence and efficiency. His reassuring manner has also made us more confident that we can continue this fight. Only after Yoshino was brought on board did JACL go on record as supporting changing the names of the roads. He has developed strategy with other advocacy groups, politicians and community leaders and is coordinating our fund-raising effort. He has done everything we could have expected from any JACL staff member.

Readers must remember that the Houston Chapter is the only JACL chapter in Texas. In the third most populous state, in a city of 3,000,000 and in a geographic area which encompasses vast distances, we are the ONLY Japanese American advocacy organization. We monitor the interests of our members, as well as the interests of JAs in a multi-state region.

Remember also, we do not have a district office for support. People on the West Coast have no idea of our isolation from the protection of a large JA community. Reading PSW's defense of Hayashi's performance as national director was interesting. That he was able to attend PSW meetings and functions in the state where he lived and worked is not surprising. Yet, I wonder why he could not make one phone call or write one letter in support of our chapter. How many JA advocacy groups are available to us in Houston? I am sure that Hayashi served PSW well; but that does not change his mishandling of our case.

When I recruit new members for the Houston Chapter, I point out that JACL is an organization with a national network of more than 25,000 members. If you belong to JACL, you will not be alone. JACL will be there to help you. I sincerely believed that spiel. Now, I wonder what assurances JACL made to our newest chapter in Georgia. As southern states, Georgia and Texas may face similar problems in the future. Will JACL respond to their "regional issues" as it responded to the Jap Road issue? Will their problem be dismissed as "non-issues"? I hope not.

Our former national director's public pronouncements about Marge Schott and "Northern Exposure" were appropriate, but why was he silent about Jap Road? The difference may be the amount

of publicity which could be generated by highly visible issues which had already received national attention. Does the potential for national media exposure motivate JACL staff to supporting one issue over others? To the surprise of many, the Jap Road issue has received more publicity than two country roads in Texas were ever expected to generate.

I regret the controversy this issue has wreaked upon the PC. Without the PC, we would truly have been without support in the early days of our case. Were we wrong to report Hayashi's lack of support to the PC? Was the PC, in turn, wrong to report this to members? We have read that Hayashi has refused to participate in a JACL fund-raiser, which would have been held in his honor, because he is still smarting over the Jap Road coverage in the PC. Should we feel guilty because his reaction to criticism, based on his performance on one issue, has led him into non-cooperation with all of JACL?

We don't think so.

JACL needs to respond to the needs of its members. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the staff and national director are there to assist the membership of JACL. And, that same staff is accountable to that membership. Why should staff be exempt from the same performance accountability that most other employees face?

Should the PC be censored and its editorial policy be revised for reporting our well-documented attempts to enlist the aid of our former national director? To think that a civil rights organization is attempting to censor its own newspaper is disturbing. Critics of the PC should remember that freedom of the press also applies to our own publication.

Despite reports on the television show, "The Crusaders," we are not close to a compromise on the road names. The residents of Fannett have refused to change Jap Road. Jap Lane residents have refused to meet with us. One Jap Lane resident has told me that if the street name is changed, she and her husband will put a Jap Lane sign in their driveway.

We will continue to try to resolve this issue in a positive manner. We will try to involve the road residents in the process because we care about their feelings. We realize that more prejudice could be created by forcing them to change the road names. However, it may come to that. We know that we can change the road names over their objections by litigation or legislation. Whatever the process, the names will be changed. Now, that we have the support of our organization, we know we can succeed.

Waki is president of the Houston Chapter, JACL.

COUNCIL

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the chapter is still working on changing the names of Jap Road and Jap Lane in neighboring Vidor.

Correcting a piece run on the Jap Road issue by the TV show "The Crusaders," Waki said that a decision to change the name has yet to be reached. She said although the show arranged a meeting with residents who wanted the signs to remain, that there was no resolution and that at a second meeting the residents said that they wanted Jap Road to stay.

"The Crusaders" left the impression that the Jap Road signs were removed, but they haven't been removed by any government official... the sign on the intersection with Burrell-Wingate Road as well as others are still there," Waki said.

The *Beaumont Enterprise* came out in favor of changing the road

name in a Nov. 21 editorial. Stating that Domingue should present a resolution changing the name, the local newspaper said, "Changing the name of Jap Road just is the right thing to do."

Mirikitani pointed out that many organizations, including JACL and organizations of veterans from the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 36th Infantry Division have all called for changing the resolution.

In the Honolulu resolution, Mirikitani emphasized that the city council "does not view the citizenry of Fannett as 'racists' or 'anti-Japanese,' and does recognize the historical context in which the road was named."

But at the same time, the Honolulu city councilman said, "the term 'Jap' is a derogatory, offensive, arcane and unacceptable label utilized solely as a racial slur against persons of Japanese ancestry."

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Kishi, Taro, 90, Vidor, Texas, in July; Tokyo-born son of Kishimoto, pioneer rice grower, who came with his mother as a child. Texas A&M graduate and football halfback.

Maeda, Shitsuke Samuel, 92, Chicago, Oct. 17; Koshi-born member of Chicago Judo Black Belt Assn., survived by wife Itoe, son Hiroo, daughters Nobuko Takahashi (Orange County), Sadako Morikawa, 3 gc.

Matsumoto, Emiko, 71, Gardena, Oct. 23; Gardena-born, survived by son David, sister Kay Seki, Jean Esasaki.

Minami, Masato, 84, Menlo Park, Aug. 4; survived by wife Helen, son Don (Santa Barbara), Dennis (South Lake Tahoe), daughter Jane Hassler (San Jose), 5gc.

Miyahara, Rose, Riverside, Sept. 4; Watsonville-born, survived by husband Tom, son Ty (Houston), 1 gc., sisters Betty Koizumi (San Mateo), Dorothy Takahashi (North Glenn, Colo.).

Mochida, Keikichi, 73, Walnut, Oct. 16; Montebello-born, survived by wife Yuki, in-laws Haruo Okano, Tomoe Takamiya.

Mori, Kazuyue, 94, Orinda, Oct. 9; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Kazumi, Sam, daughters Helen Ushijima, Alice Shibata, Mary Hiromoto, 11 gc., 16 great-gc.

Nagelsh, Minoru, 91, Los Angeles, Oct. 17; Wakayama-born, survived by nieces Mariko Wada, Helen Shiozaki.

Nakagaki, Yonezo, 97, Berkeley, Sept. 22; Fukuoka-born, survived by nephews Kiyoshi Nakagaki, Hiromi and Akira, Kiyoshi Mitsuyasu and Masao, nieces Masako Hayashida, Haruko Inadomi.

Nakahara, John Y., 77, Berkeley, Oct. 19; Salinas-born, survived by wife Shirley, sons Norman, Stanley, Arthur, Mark.

Nakamoto, Haya, 71, Los Angeles, Oct. 19 of cancer; Niigata-born, survived by son Arthur (New Jersey), daughters Jean Inouye (Oregon), Margaret Tanaka, 7 gc., brother Kazuyoshi Ishizuka (Jpn), sisters Take Wakabayashi, Tsugi Ueda (both Jpn), Sue Ashley (Oroville).

Nakao, Esther Y., Sacramento, Oct. 6; Sacramento-born, survived by husband David, sons Russell, daughter Joleene, parents Etsuki and Misako Takeuchi, in-laws Dick and Umeko Nakao.

Nakayama, Michael M., 72, Monterey Park, Oct. 21; Layton, Utah-born, survived by wife Tomiko, daughters Janice Uba, Vickie Odono, Naomi Furogawa, 7 gc., brothers Roy, Tom, George, Jim,

sisters Kyoko Shimizu, Julia Nakasone, in-laws Chiyeiko Ono, Frisco Yamasaki.

Nauta, Meiko, 44, Orange, Oct. 19; Anaheim-born, survived by mother Mutsuko Ikeda, brothers Katsumi (Peris), Osamu, Don (Lakewood).

Niimi, Masajiro Joe, 83, Mission Hills, Calif., Oct. 11; File, Wash.-born, survived by sons Susumu, Robert, in-laws Hideo Morioka, Mitsuye Tsuneta.

Nozaki, Tamotsu, 65, Los Angeles, Oct. 19; Onalaska, Wash.-born, survived by brothers Roy, Robert, sister Akiko Okazaki.

Oguma, Midori, 59, Costa Mesa, Oct. 12; Fukuoka-born, survived by husband Yasuo, son Marvin, daughter Janet, sister Chieko Thomas.

Oka, Thomas K., 39; Morgan Hill, Oct. 20; Los Angeles-born Sansai, survived by parents Harry and Fukiko (South Pasadena), sister Peggy Uyeda.

Otoshi, Yoshio, 63, San Francisco, Oct. 9; survived by wife Harue, mother Takao, brothers Atsushi, Satoru, Shizuo.

Saisho, Flora S., 68, Montebello, Oct. 17; Glendale-born, survived by husband Taira Tee, daughters Patty Sullivan, Theresa Saisho, 4 gc., brothers Richard Nishimura, George (New Jersey), Fr. Bryce (Jpn), Donald, John, sisters Laura Yakabe (New Jersey), Cathy Shigemoto (San Jose).

Sakai, Shizu, San Francisco, Oct. 20; survived by brothers Yozo, Katsuo, Hisaji Sakai, sisters Fusako, Asako Yamashita, Ikuko Hopes.

Segi, Ray M., 39, Novato, Sept. 22; Tiburon-born, survived by father Masao, brothers Michael (Jpn), Ernest, sisters Akiko Smith, Nancy.

Seto, Louis, 68, Sacramento, Oct. 3 of cardiac arrest; Sacramento-born WWII veteran, pharmacist, life member of JACL, VFW Nisei Post 8985, Idaho State University Alumni, survived by wife Jane Nagai, Steven MD, Bradley DDS, Ronald, daughter Carolyn Heard, 10 gc., brother Haruo, sister Dorothy Mitchell.

Shindoda, Kayo, 88, Oakland, Sept. 19; Tottori-born, survived by husband Kiyooki, son, Shunji, daughters Takako Sugimoto, Sumiko Okano, Makiko Shinda, 5gc., 3 great-gc., sister Tsuneyo Tanigawa (Jpn).

Suyama, Masato, Denver, Oct. 6; survived by wife Sallie, son Robert (Richland, Wash.), daughters Jacquelyn (San Jose), Betty (Santa Clara), sisters Chizuko Sanda (Monterey), Yaeko Kishiba.

Takamoto, Kenneth S., 48, San Jose, Oct. 14; Denver-born owner of Country Club Pharmacy, U.S. Figure Skating Association judge, survived by wife Aimee, daughters Alison, Lindsay, mother Sumie, sisters Anne Uchida, Chiyoko Seki, brothers David, James.

Taketa, Ida, 80, San Jose, July 25; Campbell-born, survived by husband Yoshio, brother Baron Nishihara, sister Phyllis Sumida.

Tanaka, John Kel, 38, Methuen, Mass., Oct. 15 of heart failure; New York-born Sansai electrical engineer with Digital Corp., Stone & Webster, Boston Tunnel consultant; survived by wife Kami, father Victor (Livingston, N.Y.), brother Tom (La Habra, Calif.), sister Cathy Adam (New York).

Tanaka, Mary, 63, San Jose, Sept. 24; San Jose-born pediatric nurse, survived by mother Hatsumo Tanaka, brother Minoru.

Teramoto, Yoshino Ann, 96, Los Angeles, Oct. 24; Tottori-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Kuma, Takeo, Moto, Shiro, daughter Grace Kamachi, 20 gc., 36 great-gc., 1 great-ggc., in-law Haru Yasuhara (Tijuana, BC).

Tol, Masumi, 71, Redley, Oct. 6; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Kikuko, son Yoshiyuki, brother Shoji (Jpn).

Toyota, Hideyuki, 81, Los Angeles,

Oct. 17; Miyazaki-born, survived by wife Shizuye.

Tsujii, Janis H., 56, San Francisco, Oct. 16; Redwood City-born, survived by husband Bill, son Craig, daughters Robin, Cheryl, Lori Wulff, gc., mother Tsunoko Nakanishi, brothers Gary, Don, sisters Joy Witman, Chizue Baer.

Tsutsui, Tsuyoshi Ted, 23, Sacramento, Oct. 10; survived by parents Yasumasa and Toyoko, brothers Kenzo Tanaka, Masami Herota, Mark, grandmother Umeko Tsutsui.

Ukita, Hiroshi, 71, Monterey Park, Aug. 5; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Aiko, son John, daughter Linda Shiraishi, Jan Komuro, 2gc., brother Charles T., brothers-in-law Kunio, Hideo Iwanabe, Mas Nabeta.

Ura, Ernest, 56, Watsonville, Sept. 30; Guadalupe-born, survived by wife Esther, son Jason, daughter Jennifer, mother Naoko, sister Sumiko Takeuchi.

Uyeda, Susumu G., 74, Palo Alto, July 7; San Jose-born, survived by wife Toshiko, daughters Cheryl, Marcia Leong, 2 gc., brother Tetsuo Uyeda, sister Mary Uyeda.

Wada, Yoshiko, 53, Anaheim Hills, July 25; Yokohama-born, survived by husband Joe, brother Tim Takagi (Jpn).

Wakatsuki, Woodrow Mann, 49, San Martin, Aug. 19; Manzanar-born, survived by wife Mary, son Jeff, daughter Kim, mother Chizue, sisters Patricia Kosmo, Joanne Corbin, Joyce Lombardo, Diana Otani, brothers George, Steve, in-laws: parents Ted and Tamako Kubota.

Wakayama, Larry I., 55, Concord, Aug. 17; Hollister-born, survived by wife Muriel, daughter Carlene, son David, mother Grace, brothers Bill (Portland), Ben (Salinas).

Yamada, Carolyn S., 54, Roseville, Aug. 12; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Chester, daughter Catherine, brother Allan Nakatomi, parents Yoshito and Machie Nishimura, in-laws Yoshito and Teruko Yamada.

Yamamoto, David H., 54, Westminster, Aug. 2; Los Angeles-born Sansai, survived by wife Kathryn, parents Charles M and Haruko, mother-in-law Charlotte Strong, brother-in-law James Strong.

Yamamoto, Steven, 45, Dinuba, Aug. 20 in traffic accident; survived by wife June, daughters Stephanie, Laura, parents Yutaka and Fumiko, brother Dennis, sister Joyce Sasaki.

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Mineta, congressman from California.

The new Masaoka fellow had a double major in political science and sociology and received his bachelor's degree in June 1993. He was on the dean's list and was a Phi Beta Kappa. His honors include: Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1992-93; Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Delta, National Sociological Honor Society; and Golden Key National Honor Society.

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