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Welcome to the 1993 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue. This year, the theme is “The volunteer spirit,” the idea of Harry Honda, PC’s editor emeritus.

And a great idea it is. In this issue, readers will learn about the many individuals across the JACL country who literally make chapters run. You probably know many of these volunteers. The introduction to this theme is on the opposite page.

Again, Pacific Citizen must acknowledge the collaborative efforts of all those who have made this 128-page edition possible. In particular, PC must always express its profound gratitude to the JACL chapter members who solicit the holiday greeting ads, a difficult task that comes at a difficult time of the year. Their names appear on the next page.

The Pacific Citizen staff gears up for this project months before it actually begins in November. Only they know what the long-houred days and nights are like. The volume of materials—insertion orders, editorial and ad copy—is mountainous. We live on cookies, chips and sodas throughout days that begin as early as 6:30 a.m. and end in some cases in the early morning hours of the next day.

The PC staff, in turn, must thank all the part-time assistance we receive from the community. Some of them are featured in the photos above.

A special group also needs acknowledgement. Each year, PC has asked for more volunteer writers to come forth to make the Holiday issue a more meaningful reflection of JACL. More than ever in recent memory, they came forward. This year, to honor their own volunteers in their own chapters.

You’ll read their stories in this 1993 Holiday Issue.

On the cover
Keiko Ronpected elder—the term implies a sense of responsibility and gratitude to our elderly, caring not just for physical needs, but for emotional and spiritual needs as well. At the South Bay Keiko Nursing Home in Gardena, Calif., the mostly Issei residents enjoy outings, shopping trips, arts and crafts and visits from family and friends.

They also enjoy interacting with the many volunteers, both young and old, Japanese American and Japanese national, who talk with them and attend to many of their needs.

Explaining the importance of volunteers, Activities Director Mitsuyo Ueda said, “By speaking with them, using their mother language, the volunteers help keep the spirits of the residents up.”

Ueda, who herself started in 1983 as a volunteer, said that many volunteers are students, members of civic organizations, and wives of Japanese businessmen working in the local area.

“For volunteers and residents, it really is give and take. The volunteers receive so much from the residents and vice versa. In five or 10 years, the Issei generation will be gone. Right now, we have the opportunity to share their knowledge and wisdom so that we can pass it along to our children,” said Ueda.

The activities director said that the center could always use more volunteers, especially those who speak English.

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He is part of the journalistic tradition of the West and Midwest. A breed that never baited their headlines because they were always rolled up and invariably stained with ink.

In fact, it was said that ink flowed in their veins. In those sumptuous days, Bill Hosokawa and his brethren would stay up half the night pecking and tapping at a typewriter, crafting stories about their beats.

He is certainly among the first Japanese-American to achieve important status in a major newspaper of this country. In his 37-year career at the Denver Post, he was editor of its Empire Magazine for 17 years, executive news editor of all newspaper operations for two years, and editor of the editorial page for seven years.

In addition to his wide-ranging experiences on newspapers, Hosokawa is the author of six books, including "Nisei: the Quiet American" and "Thunder in the Rockies," a 100-year history of the Denver Post.

In related activities, Hosokawa is the founding president of the Colorado Freedom of Information Committee and has been the national president of the American Association of Student and Faculty Editors; and a member of the Writing Awards Committee and the Ethics Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

But Hosokawa takes his place beyond the journalistic realm. At 78 he is still tall and lanky, and his demeanor is all-American—quiet, steadfast and sturdy. Talk to him and you'd know. Though born and raised in Seattle, he is pure prairie and plains. In his talks and writing, the common sense is clear, taut and honest.

And with experience that stretches through wars and decades of political and social upheaval, he has also come to represent a valuable resource and reflective editor through his books and "From the Frying Pan" column in the Pacific Citizen, he has commented and chronicled events and culture of the JA community at-large.

Now retired, Hosokawa still remains active, particularly in the area of U.S.-Japan relations as an advisor to the University of Denver, as well as a lecturer to JACL chapters and other organizations.

And, most important, he finds time to impart a steady hand and counsel to the Pacific Citizen staff.

From his home in Denver, he took time to chat about a number of topics...
I think the same could be said of Min. Min worked on a different level, but one of Min’s greatest contributions was the work he did as director on the Commission on Human Rights. For the city and county of Denver. I credit Min for Denver’s avoidance of great violence during the “burn baby burn” time when fires were set in Washington, Los Angeles, and Chicago, and elsewhere by angry minorities. Min had the situation here pretty well under control, partly because of his understanding of the problem, partly because of his ability to work with people, partly because of his great personal courage to stand up and, say “this is right and this is wrong and we must do this sort of thing.”

Joe Grant and Min worked together during the war years here in Denver and Joe was a real building in pursuance of the rights of Japanese Americans.

PC: How would you compare the leadership from those days to today?

BH: That is a very difficult question because the problems are today different than the problems that existed when Mike Masakazu was active in Washington. I don’t think we have the leadership today, the vision. The know-how, the ability to utilize the system, that Mike Masakazu had.

PC: Does anyone today have Masakazu’s skills?

BH: That’s another tough question. I think the one individual that has best absorbed the Mike Masakazu legacy would be Grant Ujilija, who knows how to work the system in much the way that Mike did. Mike would set certain goals for JACL, what we have to do, and then the board would approve and then Mike would go out and get the job done. Now, Grant, because of his work with his book, the Almanac of American Politics, knows how Washington works, he knows how to get into offices, he knows how to exert pressure behind the scenes. These are skills that he shared with Mike. Both of them were very, very good at working behind the scenes. Now this is altogether different from what we have tried to do in other cases, by putting together, let’s say, letter writing campaigns and things like that to influence government decisions.

(PC editor emeritus) Harry Honda expressed surprise in reviewing Leslie Hatami’s Righting things. He read 175 pages of grassroots letter writing has “limited impact” on the policy-making process. Grassroots letter writing campaigns are great if you have a constituency of 10 million members out putting pressure on Congress but when you are a very small minority, I think I agree with her, based on my knowledge on what goes on in Washington, based on some work with the editorial page editor of the Denver Post.

I believe, unless you have this, vast constituency, as it was in the time going pressure on Congress, such tactics “have limited value, and this is what Mike and people like him would know.

PC: What was the Nisei vision, and do you think it was appropriate for its time?

BH: Mostly, they were struggling to survive. It’s been said that in those days, more Nisei were educated than today, and with the same test scores.

Kappa keys were stacking oranges in the markets of Los Angeles, than they were in white collar jobs.

And it was hard to have vision in those days. Our vision was that of a lack of opportunity. The Nisei back in the ‘30s had two strikes against them, one was the racial discrimination that they faced. The people, the Nisei, were being discouraged by college professors from taking certain courses because they said it was a waste of time. That was true in my case. A college professor said you are going to have a very difficult time finding a newspaper job. And you ought to think about studying something else. The second handicap we faced, the second barrier, rather than handicap, was that we were right in the middle of a terrible economic depression. As I recall there were 27 or 28 guys and women in my graduating class from the University of Washington School of Journalism, less than half of them had got jobs in the communications field for which they had studied.

So, we Nisei had lack of opportunity because of race and lack of opportunity because of the economic times that we faced. Our vision was first to survive, second to win a measure of opportunity where we could show we could do the job done. And that situation was responsible in a large part for individual entrepreneurship of Nisei, who were wise enough to look less for jobs in corporations and big business and were more involved with developing their own careers as individuals who could stand on their own feet without depending on employment by big corporations.

PC: After redress, has the leadership today articulated its own vision?

BH: I think that our leadership today is more interested in the problems of all minorities, rather than Japanese Americans themselves.

PC: Good or bad?

BH: Both. It’s good to the extent that we have broadened our horizons. We’re more concerned about the problems of all minorities and we want to make this a better society for all Americans. At the same time it is not the same kind of pitch that excites a lot of Japanese Americans, Sansei and Yamani, who have “made it,” who are more concerned with their own personal problems of personal advancement. And while the ideal is certainly a noble one, the practical effect on strengthening JACL is a negative one.

You have written much about the Sansei and Nisei generations with humor, warmth, and insight. You have written that the Sansei, the 30-50 age group, is here. What advice would you give to those who are making their way in business, leadership and government?

BH: Giving young Japanese Americans a voice in the problems of all minorities, as well as taking a more active role in the broad community where they work in politics, local politics and national political matters, taking in a more active role in the local council or city board or the local art museum, and not just confine themselves to the Japanese American community, may be a way to work at the same time seeks to undermine, to take up so much of their time, that they would not take a leadership role in JACL affairs.

PC: In your view, has JACL been pro-active or reactive, and has the organization been able to solve crises and problems, rather than having a game plan? Have events shaped the JACL agenda, or has the organization been able to shape events in relation to its own goals for the Japanese American community?

BH: Well, that is a very complex question. Post-war JACL set its agenda at the convention in Denver in 1946 when it set up 15 different goals, and among them was redress. It was an inward looking organization at that time because its problems were our own community problems. They also reflected the nation directly. For example, the effort to eliminate race as a qualification for naturalization helped eliminate racial discrimination on a great many different levels. And while that effort affected the broad American community, we set that goal because it affected our own community. This was a case where in trying to improve our own situation, we did have an effect on a national shortcoming.

So in short, have the events shaped the image of the organization or has the organization been able to shape events? The answer to that would be true. As a minority organization, I think we have an agenda, that the primary agenda is to improve our own situation. But having made a great deal of progress overcoming problems that affect us directly we have had to broaden our goals so that we have become interested in the entire Asian Pacific community. While the goal is admirable, it does dilute the influence of the Japanese Americans themselves in JACL. Many Nisei and some Sansei are saying, “Well, JACL has become less of a Japanese American Citizens League, than an Asian Americans’ league and this really doesn’t interest us as much.”

PC: As editor of the Canpages of the Denver Post you have been involved in politics at all levels. In your view, how can Asian Americans get more involved in the political process, or are you going to power in its most meaningful way? How do we obtain that? BH: Here in Denver we have JACL chapter which claims to have a membership of several hundred, but the active membership is maybe 20 or 30. An organization like that, does not have a great deal of clout as an organization. But as individuals we can get acquainted with our political leadership here. We can take part in Republican or Democratic affairs, we can put pressure on individual members of the city council or county commission. And I think that is the most effective way to get action. Take the situation in Adams County in Boulder County. Adams County is the home of Bob Sakata, very prominent farmer, and he can pick up the phone at any time and call one of the leaders in Adams County and say “This is Bob Sakata and this is what I think.” He has a great deal of clout as an individual, not necessarily as a representative of JACL or as a Japanese American. The same situation could happen about Boulder County where Jim Kanemoto is a powerhouse. He is working as an individual. He’ll call up somebody and say “This is what I think about this situation.” That has a lot more clout than saying “This is Jim Kanemoto”
represents the 50 members of the Japanese American community here. He is talking as Jim Kanemoto, as member of the community, and a leader in the community.

I think that is the way we have to go simply because we don’t have a million members of the JACL.

PC: U.S.-Japan relations are controversial, even among the members of the JACL. Some members feel it is not a worthwhile organizational pursuit. What is your feeling about this topic? In other words, what is your position?

BH: Even though we are 100% Americans, we are affected profoundly by the state of relationships between Japan and the United States. The evacuation is a primary example. Up to a few years ago, there may have been reluctant to make our thoughts known about U.S. and Japanese relationships but, I think it is imperative that we speak out. Not because we are pro-Japanese, but because we know a great deal about Japan—most of us know very little about Japan and U.S.-Japan relationships—but if we have feelings about the way things are going or how things should go, I think it is incumbent on us as Americans to speak out. I think that would be an important part of the JACL program and we are now in a position to do this without being perceived as apologists for Japan. I think it is very important not to be seen as apologists. That means we ought to know of what we speak. We should study the situation, we should have a basis for having opinions and then express those opinions.

PC: What’s your feel for the grassroots membership out there? What’s on their minds? What do you hear? Is there anything you see that is a common concern out there?

BH: We have talked with the people who are now running the JACL chapter here are very limited. They are young Sansei and they don’t ask for advice. As a member I am free to attend their board meetings, but it’s my fault that I don’t go. I am not aware of what sort of thinking is going on. I rather gather that there is not a great deal of thought about JACL, and the membership and the rest of the activities being left to the board.

PC: Culturally speaking, I think Japanese Americans still have some difficulty with our identity, our roots, of coming to grips with our heritage.

BH: I think this identity issue is being put on Japanese Americans by the greater American community. So far as Sansei and Yonsei go, most of them, from my observation, have very little concern about Japanese culture. It rarely crosses their minds, though the pressure from the outside makes me aware of this. I have eight grandchildren. Only one of them has any interest in Japanese culture or language. And I’m not sure what his interest comes from, but he spends time with a tutor to learn the Japanese language.

PC: Harry Kitano says that the outragious rate of Japanese Americans will become increasingly higher in the years ahead. Do you think this will mean the loss or diffusion of the Japanese culture?

BH: I think very definitely it will mean a diffusion of the Japanese culture. This again, is a matter that is very difficult to generalize. For example, what happens to a Sansei or Yonsei in Denver would be different from the experience of a Sansei or Yonsei in, say, LA, where there is a greater number of Japanese Americans, where there is a greater contact with the Japanese American community, with the Japanese community, where there is a greater number of Sansei and Yonsei are going to more non-ethnic churches. I know of younger Nisei who have taken very prominent roles in non-ethnic churches. They may be only Japanese-American in a certain, particular part of town, they go to that particular church because it is more convenient and the matter of ethnicity is not important to them, and their kids will become growing in that particular environment are not going to be greatly concerned about ethnicity or the Japanese culture, and there is going to be more and more of that as the bloodstream, so to speak, is diluted.

PC: This has been called the “Golden Age of Nisei journalism.” What was special about it?

BH: Yes, I think it is valid to say that the 30s was the Golden Age of Nisei journalism, primarily because there were several Nisei writers outside of the ethnic press. I think there is a great deal of talent out there. There are two ethnic communications, but they have left the ethnic community because there are opportunities elsewhere. There is hardly an important community on West Coast that doesn’t have Nisei or Sansei, Japanese Americans or Chinese Americans, in very prominent media positions, both television and printed press, and they are making their marks in those areas.

Now that kind of talent was available back in the 1930s but they had no place to work, except for the ethnic press. So a good deal of talent was concentrated in papers like Kalu Shimpoo and Kashi-Mainichi and the Nichibei in San Francisco. People like Harry Tajiri and Togo Tanaka, Larry’s brother, Vince and Howard Inouye had a good deal of ability, but no place to demonstrate it except for the ethnic press. So, the 30s were indeed the Golden Age of Nisei journalism.

PC: You have been a staunch supporter of PC and a constructive critic, when necessary. What do you think PC can do better at this point?

BH: I think that one thing PC needs is an editorial column. I think PC is doing a good job of making space available for a wide variety of opinions, and we ought to continue with that. But there is need for PC itself as an institution, to speak out, as opposed to the personal opinions of individual writers.

PC: You’ve written many books from a historical perspective. Are we missing any of the lessons of history?

BH: Yes, I think that the progress that the Issei and the Nisei were able to make, in the way of individual and community development, was due in considerable part to the fact that they had to overcome adversity. They had to suffer, and this is an experience alien to later generations. I think that our interests have been fragmented. The Issei had to work like hell to survive. The Nisei had pressures of all kinds against them and they had to focus on their individual advancement. The entire evacuation was due, in large part, to racial prejudice. And, this was something we older Nisei had to cope with. Much of the JACL leadership today has had very little first-hand experience with what the Nisei went through. While the JACL leadership is aware of these problems, the followship, the Sansei and Yonsei, don’t spend a lot of time worrying about the pressures of discrimination. That has to be pointed out to them by JACL saying “Hey we have got to be concerned about this. The Marine Corps is discriminating against all of us. We have a problem with the Jap Road activities in Los Angeles. And, we have this sort of problem in the state of Washington where the Democratic party is insensitive.”

But I feel to most Sansei and Yonsei these are simply bothersome diversions in a life of trying to improve their economic status, raising kids, trying to get ahead in their jobs, and the impact of what some people would see as major problems doesn’t really register on the majority of Japanese Americans. And then it makes it difficult for an organization like JACL, which needs conflict in order to thrive, to underscore their problems. The JACL has received a lot of support when it has faced adversity, but it is very difficult for the rank and file to get excited about the rising Sun issue, when there is no sense about how it impacts us as individuals.

BH: Sometimes I get a feeling that we are looking for issues to become indignant about. The issues today pale by comparison to the great issues of the past that affected all of us as a people and the United States itself. How can...
we get excited about the thrust of a Hollywood potboiler when we have come through the experience of serving time in a concentration camp because our nation was insensitive, unaware of, or careless about how the Bill of Rights was violated. It's an altogether different scale. JACL is, I think, less constructive about meeting the needs of our people than it has been. The effort seems to be reactive. Something happens, then we get mad about it, instead of going about our problems in a constructive manner. I think the work they use is proactive.

Over the years, there have been discussions about making JACL a kind of a watchdog organization with its major effort in Washington. And not try to be all things to all people. We have something like 700-800,000 Japanese Americans and there is a membership of less than 25,000. I think that situation needs to be examined. Should we go on trying to get a large membership when obviously there isn't that interest out in the community? I am also concerned that many of our brightest and best people are not involved in JACL. We give a great deal of attention to a few people who are involved in JACL, whereas there is a very large number of Japanese Americans who are making a

because they are not out there raising money. It's more about something. In reality, they are making very significant contributions to the economic and social life of the United States as Americans who just happen to be of Japanese descent. I would like to get more of these people involved in the concerns of JACL. They are a great resource that is not being utilized.

PC: Resources!
BH: Yes, just the benefit of their contacts, knowledge, and their intelligence. I think we have become something of an incestuous organization. We just talk to each other too much. We need new blood.

PC: What about the future. What are your plans?
BH: Well, at my age you don't think very far in the future. But I will continue to work for the University of Denver and the Japan-America Society of Colorado. I gave a keynote speech at the national conference of Japan-American Society leaders last summer and I'm very much interested in U.S.-Japan relations, and I will do whatever I can to improve understanding.

PC: Here's an old interview question. When you are gone what would you like people to say about you? The kind of person you were, your career, your contributions to JACL?
BH: I'd be interested in hearing what they say. (Laughs) I don't know. That's a very difficult question. I think I would be pleased if somebody said, "He cared." Two words.

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The economic fiction being published today in some of the world's foremost publications, the Wall Street Journal, Economist, Business Week, Forbes, and others, has reached a dizzying level when it comes to reporting on the state of Japan and its economy. Only a short while ago, writers professed Japan as juggernaut, poised to knock American and European multinationals out of industry after industry. After all, Japan in 1985 surpassed the U.S. as the leading creditor nation in the world.

The purchasing power of the yen doubled against the dollar and drove American dumping of companies, hotels, golf courses, and icons like Rockefeller Center into the control of high-paying Japanese firms. More importantly, a higher yen helped finance Japan's massive global investment in productive capacity, in manufacturing operations in the U.S. and throughout the rest of the world. In fact, the surge in manufacturing investment by the Japanese in the late 1980s produced the greatest expansion of capacity the world has ever known, to the point today where the global economy is wracked by surplus capacity.

Just eighteen months ago, American and European corporate boards were struggling with how to survive against the razor-thin, market share grabbing margins on which Japanese firms were not only surviving, but thriving. But today, Japan is no longer king of the mountain; the media has Japan on its deathbed.

To badly paraphrase Mark Twain, rumors of Japan's demise are greatly exaggerated. What other major industrial nation but Japan can point to a domestic savings rate of 19%, a government budget running in the black, a universally literate and highly educated workforce which is no doubt Japan that is experiencing a nasty, double-dip recession. America has had ten major recessions in the post-war era; Japan has had two, the first driven by the OPEC oil shocks. Malmö, Nissan and NEC among some others are beginning to expose the possibility of losses this year for the first time ever. Toyota, Hitachi, and most of the other major industrial power-houses of Japan are emerging with sharp reduction in profit. For comparative purposes, one might look at the multi-billion dollar hemorrhages, real losses not just reduced profit rates, suffered by America's major auto makers, electronics firms and banks throughout the '80s and early '90s.

But it is the fall of the Nikkei average that has fueled the emerging "Japan is down for the count" story lines. This needs perspective. The Nikkei hovered at about 16,000 eighteen months ago and slowly climbed to about 21,000, led largely through government pressure on NTT's stock. But recently, the average fell to 16,000, rebounding to 17,000 where it now rests. Sure, the market declined, but the sky is hardly falling; most analysts still believe that Japan's price to earning ratios are astronomically high and have to come down, meaning that a Nikkei of 9,000 to 10,000 would be more economically rational from an Anglo-American perspective.

The bottom line to the fall of the Nikkei is that when the average hit a point below which the government would not prefer it to go, Prime Minister Hosokawa called Nomura's shadow shogun and former chairman, Setsuya Tabuchi, to stabilize things, that was achieved the next day when the market rose to 17,000.

The Kasumigaseki bureaucrats, especially those in the Ministry of Finance, did not swing from universally.

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Our man, Sam

Though there are many in the Nikkei community who perform exemplary services as volunteers in churches, nursing homes, various organizations and service clubs, only a few can match the dedication and time devoted to such work as Our Man, Sam. A tireless and effective member of the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Sam Shoji is clearly the person everyone depends on to keep all aspects of the organization alive.

After receiving a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Washington, Sam worked for 24 years at the Veteran's Administration Hospital where he helped injured veterans adjust to life after military service. Sam and his wife Haruko have two grown sons.

He credits his involvement with the Seattle Chapter, JACL, to the late Don Kazama, also a social worker at the V.A. Hospital and a leader in the local chapter. The two men collaborated on a wide range of projects helpful to the Nikkei community.

Armed with a strong belief that the JACL should shift its focus from a business and cultural orientation to one which would become more responsive to civil rights issues, he and other reformers joined the organization in the early 60s. Since then, he has served as president and has held numerous other positions within the organization. Sam recalls the early struggle to raise the issue of redress for wartime injustices and the effort to gather support for monetary redress even when it was a highly unpopular position within the national organization. He speaks proudly of his Board liaison role to the Seattle School District during the difficult period of school desegregation as well as his appointments to the Seattle 2000 Committee and the Seattle-King County Economic Opportunity Board.

Sam Shoji

His institutional memory about JACL matters is legendary. Need to know how local scholarships are distributed? Ask Sam. Need to know the proper protocol for handling elections? Ask Sam.

He worries that newer, younger members will not have a good understanding about the mission of the JACL without the proper historical perspective. "If they do not understand why it was founded in the first place, it will be difficult to address current events which impact the community," he muses. In spite of these concerns, Sam is a strong advocate for encouraging young Nikkei to take leadership positions in the organization. "There are certain issues I will not compromise on," he says, "but, at times, we need to step aside or join others who may have a different approach to reaching JACL's goals. These younger people need to have the freedom to do things their way without violating the basic principles of the JACL."

Though he says that volunteerism is his main hobby, he tries to carve out time to indulge in his second hobby—cooking. Beneficiaries are often members of his committees. His gourmet spaghetti and teriyaki sausage are delicious additions to the potluck dinner meetings of the Installation Dinner Committee. Those who attended the Legacy Fund workshop on Japanese cooking remarked that it was hard to see Sam demonstrate his technique for making takawon. Come to think of it, he often looks like an Asian master chef—jolly demeanor, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes, and a frosty beard. On the other hand—maybe he is a man of this season, this beautiful holiday season: A kind and gentle man who also happens to look alot like Santa and who would probably say in a most jovial fashion, "Ho, Ho, Ho—Happy Holidays to All!"

By ARLENE OKI

Since his retirement, Sam has become almost a full-time volunteer for a variety of programs. An important opportunity to further serve our community was recently provided to Sam when Governor Mike Lowry appointed him to the Citizens' Cabinet, a state-wide advisory group for government policies and services.

Though he spends many hours volunteering at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Japanese Language School and Keiro Nursing Home, most of his time is spent helping the local chapter. In addition to his involvement with Chapter committees, he has served as the organization's unpaid administrative staff-person for many years.

It is Sam who is always there to perform the necessary tasks to keep the organization running smoothly. Examples: Each month Sam picks up the newsletter after it is printed and brings it to an office where a mailout crew sorts, staples and sorts almost 1,000 pieces. Following this, he delivers the packages to the post office. He goes through the same process for special mailings such as election ballots and invitations for annual dinners and special events. He can always be counted on to handle the logistical details for work parties, meetings and special events which he regularly attends and to purchase supplies for our office. For those without automobiles or elderly people surprised by difficulty driving in the darkness, Sam happily volunteers to provide them with a ride home. It is pretty obvious that Sam either likes the company of local JACLers—or perhaps is afraid that the rest of us will somehow mess things up.

Sam Shoji is our Muster JACL. He's received the national organization's Silver Pin for active participation at the local chapter level for at least 10 years and was the first recipient of the Seattle Chapter's Don Kazama Human Rights Award.

His institutional memory about JACL matters is legendary. Need to know how local scholarships are distributed? Ask Sam. Need to know the proper protocol for handling elections? Ask Sam. Now, who was it who handled the sales of T-shirts for the redress fundraising event years and years ago? Ask Sam.

Arlene Oki is second vice president of the Seattle Chapter, JACL.
LEADERSHIP: A different approach

By PAUL M. SHINKAWA

'It requires that the national leadership all the way down to our chapter leaders consult with the members before making momentous decisions. It requires our leaders to share their information with each other and with us so that we can confer on an even information plane.'

Dr. Lawrence Susskind is the Director of the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program and is a prominent different approach to how government is conducted. In a recent program given for public officials in Texas, he introduced a model for consultative decision-making which has valuable parallels for how JACL conducts its business as well. Government is after all the primary institution on which we have modeled JACL. In doing so, we have all too successfully adopted both the best and the worst of government for our own uses.

Dr. Susskind describes the current methodology of government as D.A.D. That is, "Decide, Announce, and Defend." Typically, a government agency decides how it will improve our lives by new regulations. It announces its decision and then it prepares to defend its decision. He proposes a new approach which involves a devolution of power from the leadership to the people: In doing so, he redefines the concept of a leader from one who must make tough and sometimes arbitrary decisions for the greater good to one who creates an environment and setting where people can solve their own problems.

This concept requires the application of five basic principles, two more than D.A.D.


In a JACL context this revolutionary idea shares the very core of how we conduct business. It requires that the national leadership do the way down to our chapter leaders consult with the members before making momentous decisions. It requires our leaders to share their information with each other and with us so that we can confer on an even information plane. It requires that we generate new internal processes to implement consultative decision-making so that we will not be faced with the old excuse that consultation in a fast-paced world is impractical or impossible. It requires that we change our own rule book if necessary. The Constitution and By-laws, so that those principles we hold to be the most important: accountability, integrity, integrity, and honesty, are given the highest imperative in our own expectations of our leaders. And, it requires that we redefine our understanding of leadership so that we no longer expect our leaders to act summarily, arbitrarily and peremptorily or reward them when they do.

This Five-Point Plan, must begin with our own understanding that JACL exists because a group of people, the members, have agreed that they have common interests and obstacles. These members created JACL. They sustain it, financially, and with the sweat of their brows, often sacrificing personal interests and family ties in a spirit of community to achieve their common goals. These are the people who are served by JACL. Because they exist, the officers with titles, the writers on the newspaper, the staff in their offices all have a common purpose as well, to serve them. Once we come to together and recognize that the individual JACL member is the object of service we must then resolve that our leaders, whether elected, hired, appointed or self-appointed, will not make decisions using our money and our good name without following a consultative process informing us of all of the facts, giving us an opportunity to question and consider our own ideas in an open-minded manner. The information used to make these decisions, whether be of financial shortfalls, opportunities for advocacy, or new directions in coalition building must be made available to the members. The internal procedures for discussion must be guaranteed and not merely recited. If necessary, we must not be afraid to make the changes necessary in our own rules to make the JACL responsive to our expectations as members.

The most important change adopted from Dr. Susskind requires that we redefine our own minds what leadership is and will be. In an age where communication has become instantaneous, where the efforts of our leaders can take place across the continent in the same time that it takes place across the street, "there just is not enough time to ask everyone their opinion." We have the time to ask, our leaders simply have not taken the time to listen. The traditional model of the JACL leader as one who is not afraid to take charge, not afraid to make a quick decision, and not afraid to decide what is in the best interests of everyone else is neither a true traditional model nor is it one which we can afford to erroneously perpetuate. Successful leadership at the basic level of JACL, the chapter, has always been exemplified by highly organized committee work. Installation dinners, fundraising projects, and scholarship awards simply could not take place otherwise. Yet, at the higher levels of JACL there is a myth that the leaders are expected by the members to make decisions and inform them later. Even our Congress knows better.

We must begin to redefine our own definitions of leadership. Leaders must be taught that their proper role is to create and manage opportunities and to enable people to come together to solve their problems. To accomplish this, the members must take back the power, which is the generation of leaders responsibilities. For, while we can lay the blame on many of the unfortunate events of 1993 on the quality of leaders we have, ultimately, that blame comes back to us as members. As members we must consider our own responsibilities to question, to demand to be informed, to vote, and to exercise our financial support in order to show leaders to whom they are accountable. When we fall to be responsible followers, we will eventually be rewarded with like leaders.

It has long been said that one must learn to follow before one can learn to lead. Our own community is that a follower cannot expect good leadership without a willingness to ensure that the leaders remember once being followers.
Volunteer leadership for changing times...

BY GRAYCE UYEHARA

The third year of the JACL Legacy Fund campaign has come to an end. Results for 1993 show a tremendous slowdown in giving. Given the times, the slowdown is not a big surprise but a disappointment for its implication on the final goal.

The Legacy Fund has received in contributions and pledges $4,295,113.37 as of Oct. 31, 1993. The end of the year is a time to assess what has been accomplished toward goals to overcome the shortcomings of the campaign.

The Legacy Fund report for the September 25 National Board meeting opened with the following two quotes, apropos to fundraising and to JACL:

"Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world."—The Torah "Musicians of the world. It sounds a whole lot better that way." My paraphrase: "JACL members, board and staff, unite! United individuals make the JACL work!"

The ultimate success or failure of the Legacy Fund does reflect on our membership. The community's assessment of whether the JACL represents needs, its issues which affect their lives.

Though we have had good news for the first two years of fundraising, the Legacy Fund has experienced a considerable slowdown in its third year. The majority of people who have participated during the first two years were JACL members and supporters from the community. Legacy Fund has not had the same level of support from our younger members and leaders.

Of approximately 6,800 contributors, 5,600 are JACL members with the remainder non-members. The average contribution is around $630. The Legacy Fund campaign, undoubtedly has the potential to double the number of contributors and could come closer to the $10 million by Octob. 1995, when the campaign

ends. This assessment is based on receiving new contributions from each of the 7,000 JACL members. JACL has a membership of about 25,000.

Moreover, we have role models—chapters who have mounted successful campaigns in their community. The eight chapters which surpass 100% of their assigned goal were active participants for the campaign. We expect the chapters who have passed the 70% goal to "catch on." Since the September report to the board, the Effort in the organization and the difficulty of getting contributions to JACL Legacy Fund, a perpetual endowment to assure sufficient earnings to fund campaigns. For whatever reasons for the difficulty, the campaign has to still seek unity of support from all segments of the organization.

Admittedly, these are not easy times—nor for any non-profit organization. The reality faced by the Legacy Fund is the difficult economic situation for many segments of America.

Michael Blum, Executive Director of the Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia and a member of Philadelphia JACL, told me that all of the United Way agencies are facing severe cutbacks in their budgets, cutting programs and staff. The giving level is down all over America—results of the downsizing of so many businesses and corporations and the subsequent layoffs, which in turn affects the income of local and state governments.

There are many JACL members and, perhaps even non-members, who are deeply concerned about the well-being of our organization. This concern has been expressed by individuals through letters and articles in the Pacific Citizen since the September 25 National Board meeting.

Because we are a membership organization and because I have a strong sense of responsibility to all the contributors to the JACL Legacy Fund, I must respond to the call for more openness and more unity in JACL.

The frustration of the leadership, the membership and the staff exemplifies the need to reassess where JACL is going in the midst of a radical and dynamic change in our nation and the world. There is no way to be a relevant organization without a reassessment.

Is JACL ready and able to be proactive as an agent of change or will we be a reactive by-product to the fast-moving social or political demands?

My contention is that the membership and community will support JACL if the leadership acts thoughtfully and responsibly and is part of the process of finding answers to the problems faced by Americans during this period of upheaval.

JACL can no longer continue business as usual and be part of the process of change. Change has to be systemic. All segments of the
...Implications for the

Legacy Fund

In their own words...

In my capacity as the chairperson of the Legacy Fund campaign, my work of keeping the membership informed has been made easier with the support and assistance of Richard Suenaaga, Editor and Manager of Pacific Citizen. Suenaaga suggested that I consider testing responses from a representative group of contributors to the Legacy Fund to the question "Why did you contribute to the Legacy Fund?" The answers will help to reach those who haven't contributed and help the committee and the board to look at the Legacy Fund.

Over 40 letters were sent to JACL members and non-members, old and young, from the West Coast to the East. About half of those contacted responded within the limited time-frame. Here are the responses which are timely for consideration by JACL's leadership:

Rev. H.Y. Nishihata, Wilshire Chapter: "To insure the viability of the JACL. Despite the recent difficulties, I believe that there are enough Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei with the talent, vision and resources to make this possible." Nishihata suggested to me that the Legacy Fund should have constitutional provisions to protect the principles and to have an independent committee to monitor the activities of the Legacy Fund.

Fred Y. and Setsu Hirashuna, Fresno Chapter: "Because we worked so hard to get redress. The present leadership will have to be responsible for the earnings to be used as stated for the campaign and then have annual accounting of the funds." Ken and May Kimura, San Fernando Valley Chapter: "Our reason for contributing to the JACL Legacy Fund is in appreciation of early leaders of the JACL for their courageous and dauntless leadership during the most difficult wartime and post-war periods endured by Japanese Americans. Though their directions were unpopular at one time, bringing severe criticism and misunderstanding, we believe history will confirm their leadership well-done, whether on the battlefield or in the arena of legislation... truly a rich legacy of which we are grateful recipients today. Our only and most painful regret is that our parents, who suffered the wartime injustice the most, never lived long enough to see and experience the fulfillment of redress and recognition. Yet, even in their eternity, may their hymn of thanks be heard by us today." Eunice N. Sato of Long Beach: "It was an easy decision for me to contribute the total redress of $20,000 to the perpetual endowment fund.

My strong belief in the critical importance of educating the populace about the unthinkable deprivation of civil rights through mass evacuation because of one's race led me to action—not just thoughts and feelings. The Japanese American experience must be told generation after generation, lest people conveniently forget. What better use is there for a sum of money given you which will outfit any material thing we might enjoy in this life?"

Hide Oshina, Central Costa County Chapter: "Think we still need a new organization like JACL. I think it's a good training ground for young people—although I see them in many varied fields of work today. The strength and effectiveness of JACL come from organization and numbers." Jimmy and Ellen Fukuhara, West Los Angeles Chapter: "We wish we could have given more. My wife and I met from the evacuation experience. As survivors of those years, we like to perpetuate the story of the Issei and Japanese Americans for all people to know."

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Taking a train back in time

By PATRICIA IKEDA CARPER

It has been 50 years since Frances Tojo walked through the roundhouse at Cincinnati's Union Terminal Train Station and 48 years since her brother Gordon came through the same station. Now, half a decade later, they will revisit the station that has been converted into a museum center which houses the Cincinnati Historical Society and the Natural History Museum.

Frances Yoshikawa Tojo joined JACL in Marysville, California, prior to her internment in Tule Lake and resettlement in Cincinnati. Gordon Yoshikawa joined the Cincinnati JACL in 1964 and one year later was elected president of the chapter.

Since their joining, both Fran and Gordon have given tirelessly of their time and devotion to projects for the Japanese American Citizens League. Aside from annual events such as potluck dinners, installation dinners, rummage sales and workshops on Japan, Gordon and Fran have volunteered for several major projects: the Chapter's newsletter, the Cincinnati Historical Society's Internment rededication and an exhibition on the internment. The special dinner and exhibit will take place on Sunday, January 23.

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behalf of Redress; doing advocacy on behalf of JACL; and representing Cincinnati Japanese Americans at local and national events are just some of the many contributions Fran and Gordon have made.

A story on volunteerism in the Cincinnati JACL would not be complete without calling additional attention to other chapter volunteers—Caucasians and Japanese Americans who have given their time and efforts to keeping the chapter of less than 50 local members a strong and viable group in the Midwest.

Thank you, Gordon and Fran, for giving your special talents to the worthy activities of JACL, to support civil, human rights, cultural heritage, leadership, and promotion of understanding among all social and ethnic groups.
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By SHAKE USHIO

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The Countdown has begun

BY IRENE MORI

1994 is just around the corner. It's time to start finalizing plans to attend the National JACL Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1994. Pre-registration materials will be sent out to JACLers in January. The pre-convention activities will include a Golf Tournament and Tennis Tournament. University of Utah Japanese American Alumni will be holding a reunion early in the same week with those people hopefully also participating in the JACL Convention.

A trip to the camp at Topaz is planned for Sunday following the convention. Other booster activities include bus and walking tours to local spots around Salt Lake City and to Wendover and Park City. Local attractions (such as the zoo, amusement parks, and canyons) are close by for children and other family members who come to vacation with delegates. Following the convention, JACLers will have the opportunity to take in some of the beautiful scenery and experience Utah and surrounding areas. Three or four day side tours at additional cost will be available to Yellowstone National Park, Southern Utah, the Grand Canyon and the Shakespeare Festival at Cedar City, Utah.

The main social events being planned for the convention are an Opening Reception, Awards Luncheon, Western Social, Old Timers Luncheon, Youth Luncheon, and Sayonara Banquet. In addition to informative and interesting business sessions, a candidates' night and the youth speech contest will be held. The youth are planning to hold an additional social event. A wide array of interesting topics has been selected for the workshops. These were previously mentioned and will be further discussed in future issues of the Pacific Citizen.

Among the Salt Lake/Mountain Olympus area people working diligently on preparations for the National JACL Convention to be held during the first week of August, 1994, are Larry Grant, Jeff Itami, Steve Koga, Ron Mano, Doug Matsumori, Minoru Matsutomi, Oscar Masuka, Floyd Mori, Irene Mori, Karen Morishita, Ryan Morishita, Ted Nagata, Claudia Nakano, Ted Nakashima, Brian Namba, Yuri Namb, Ken Nodzu, Libby Oda, Tom Shimizu, Reid Takeda, Yas Tokita, Amy Tomita, Raymond Uno, Momo Us hijo, Shako Usil, Carolyn Vyalentine, Frank Yoshumira, Sadie Yoshumira, and others.

Exhibitors, sponsors, and donations from corporations are being sought with the help of a convention planner hired by National Headquarters. Anyone having suggestions are urged to write to the Convention Committee at P.O. Box 17175, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117. Utah is beautiful in the summer. Sometimes the weather in August can become quite hot, but generally it is pleasant. The 1994 National JACL Convention should be a wonderful opportunity for all attendees. PLAN NOW TO COME TO SALT LAKE CITY IN AUGUST 1994.

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The value of volunteering

By HANK TANAKA

Most people engage in some type of volunteering and enjoy it. The satisfaction comes from being appreciated, being recognized for active participation, and feeling useful.

Now that I am retired, I am finding how quickly one could become an overly committed volunteer. How in the world do employed persons manage to juggle their work schedules to make such commitments?

Effective volunteering, it seems to me, is a delicate balance of meeting our own needs as volunteers and the needs of persons or organizations that we serve. I found this to be true when I was working with a board of trustees of the agency which I directed. It was reliable and responsive board members who seemed to gain more satisfaction in volunteering. In turn, their skills were recognized and appreciated by their colleagues.

Also, effective volunteering relies on building trusting relationships with others. Your next door neighbor welcomes your offer to mow her lawn because she trusts you. Your volunteer co-worker works with you to serve on a committee because you bring special skills and knowledge that are needed.

In short, volunteering is not unlike being employed: the difference is in the major benefits. The employee is paid monetarily; the volunteer is paid in appreciation and recognition.

Let's assume that all 200 of you are JACL members, and that 50 of you gave 50 hours of service to JACL this year at the rate of $2.50 per hour. This would amount to $2,500 hours or $6,250 worth of service. Individually, that averages to a $125 contribution.

Now, let's assume that 10% of our total membership of 25,000, or 2,500 members gave 50 hours of volunteer service this year. This would amount to more than $312,500 worth of service to JACL. To pay for that service, we would need to increase our National dues to almost $20 per member.

But the value of volunteer services extends much beyond monetary considerations. In fact, if volunteers were to be reimbursed for their time, I'm sure many would want more than $2.50 per hour. How much does it cost to create a climate of sensitive awareness and concern for others, to bring different segments of our Japanese American community together in a united effort to promote programs which have relevance to our total membership? How much does it cost to have certain members of our chapters use their influence and persuasion to solicit the support of significant leaders outside our Japanese American communities?

The volunteer, however, is not a special person, endowed with special skills and knowledge. His occupation, education, or social status, have no relation to his reasons for volunteering. What is common to all who volunteer for JACL is a personal commitment to its purpose; a real desire to help others. What motivates him to serve is the personal satisfaction of being able to make his contribution...to do his "thing"...for a cause which he believes in. The stronger this commitment, the greater the involvement.

I am sure that all of you who have volunteered your services to JACL are not doing it out of a sense of obligation or duty, but rather because of the deep concern about the human inequities in our society and the significant role that JACL can play in helping to correct these inequities. Now I must admit that some of you are also looking for certain side benefits, like a low cost health insurance plan.

Many persons have asked me why I volunteer for JACL. Is it because I have so much free time, or perhaps I have an insatiable desire to do my particular "thing"? Or to be analytical, maybe my paid job is not satisfying enough, or I want to get away from my family. I volunteer for the same reason you do. I honestly feel that JACL has yet to reach its potential for being an influential organization which can help to improve the social, economic, and political life of all people, and in particular those of minority groups. Our personal experiences as a member of JACL are...
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Hirao “Smoky” Sakurada is surely the dean of the volunteer Pacific Citizen Holiday issue ad sales staff. The longtime JACL Thousand Club member recalls helping to start the Chicago chapter on the Holiday issue project in the early 1950s, and has volunteered to lead the annual effort ever since. In fact, he still visits many advertisers in person.

Smoky, 76, feels that “more people should get involved in volunteer activities. Retired people, especially, should keep active. Volunteering gives me a feeling that I’m really helping.”

Born in Suisun, California, Smoky grew up in Monterey, California, where he initially became a JACL member with the Monterey Peninsula JACL. Aside from three years spent in LaCrosse, Wisconsin (from 1989 to mid-1992), Smoky has been a resident of Chicago since 1946. He worked at Libby, McNeil, Libby from 1946 to 1960, and at American Tara Corporation from 1960-1982.

Since 1992 Smoky has volunteered at the Friends of the Parks on an almost daily basis. Friends of the Parks was founded in 1975 to preserve, protect and improve Chicago’s urban parks. Smoky assists the staff on research projects, membership mailings and a variety of special events. He also visits local schools to help educate children on environmental matters, and has helped mulch trees, as well as plant and clean at area parks.

In his “spare” time Smoky enjoys photography as a hobby, and writes letters to pen pals across the United States.
The story behind the headlines

By GWENDOLYN WINGATE

The growth of the rice industry in the Beaumont area and the availability of rice land in the early 1900s drew groups of Japanese to Jefferson and Orange Counties.

In 1905 Yasuo Mayumi, a small, shy Japanese just out of college brought a group of his countrymen to a site about 6 miles southeast of Fannett in Jefferson County, and Kichimatsu Kishi, a hero of the 1904-05 Russo-Japanese War in Manchuria, established a colony in 1908 in Orange near the little town of Terry.

Mayumi settled on 1,734 acres bought by his older brother, Yoshiio, from Joseph H. and Maggie Hoopes. Hoopes had dug one of the early rice irrigation canals there in the late 1890s, pumping from Taylor's Bayou.

The Japanese, with Mayumi planned fruit trees, worked ground and planted their first rice crop in the spring of 1906. One of the men was killed that spring attempting to break a horse.

At first the people of the Fannett community regarded their Japanese neighbors with suspicion. But saddle weary cowboys who stopped at the "Jap Farm" could always depend on a cold drink and the offer of coffee or tea. Youngsters rambling on the prairie found a piece of fruit or a sweetmeat an inducement to stop and visit.

Gradually, the Japanese broke through the barrier of suspicion. Mayumi and his men built a long one-room building and gave community dances. People came from miles around, everybody chipping in to pay the band.

After Mayumi and his men had been there several years, his parents back in Japan arranged a marriage for him, and a bride he had never seen arrived in this country. She was shy, and few of Taylor's Bayou people ever saw her. Artemise Wingate was the exception.

One evening in early December, Mayumi rode home up to the Bailey Wingate home. For days it had been raining a cold drizzle, and the roads were under water. Apologizing for what he said was an intrusion, Mayumi explained that his first child, a son, had been born, but after only one day of life, the baby was dead. Mayumi needed help.

Wingate's sturdy widow, mother, Artemise, who had borne nine children and had seen three buried, bundled up against the cold and rode back to the Mayumi place with the men. She found Mayumi's wife with the dead child in her arms rocking back and forth in mute grief. She tried to comfort the woman who spoke no English and helped prepare the baby for burial.

Two days later, on December 13, 1917 Mayumi's son was buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont, far from his ancestral burial ground. Not long after the child's death, Mayumi's wife returned to Japan. Now and then Mayumi, too, returned to Japan for a visit, and another son is said to have been born there.

But the farm on Taylor's Bayou continued to be Mayumi's permanent home. He had been in Fannett almost 19 years when growing hostility toward the Japanese immigrants brought about the Immigration Act of 1924, aimed at keeping Orientals out of the United States. Despite many friendships in the community, Mayumi sold his land to J.J. and George Burrell of Fannett. He and his men returned to Japan.

Mayumi's manservant, Matsuko, stayed on. He became a naturalized citizen and was married twice. Matsuko became a top chef at Hotel Beaumont during its glory days. Later, he operated a small grocery store on Holmes and Wall streets. He is buried in Baytown beside his second wife.

Strong effort

The Kishi Colony in Orange County was among the largest Japanese settlements in Texas. Its founder, Kichimatsu Kishi, and his family made a strong effort to adapt to their adopted land.

Kishi came to this country to look for rice land in 1906 after being decorated for bravery in the Russo-Japanese War. Manchuria, land in thickly populated Japan was too limited and expensive.

He left behind his second wife, and a son and baby daughter. He looked for rice land in the 1920s after being decorated for bravery in the Russo-Japanese War.

The land in Orange County, he decided he had found what he was seeking.

A graduate of six years study at the University of Tokyo, Kishi pored over records that showed adequate rainfall. The land was fertile, and nearby Cow Bayou would supply irrigation water. He signed the final agreement to buy 3,500 acres of land in the James and William Dyson survey on Oct. 10, 1908, but by then Kishi and his men were harvesting their first crop.

On his several trips back to Japan Kishi had brought back with him his wife and 6-year-old son and 15 more Japanese tenant farmers. Others joined later. The daughter, 2-year-old Toki, remained in Japan two more years.

Left for adventure

Some of the surnames of those in the

See ROADpage A53

These special Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue messages express the concern and support for three JACL chapters who throughout 1993 experienced adversity. By showing their solidarity, these individuals and chapters offer financial assistance to:

- the Spokane Chapter in which members were treated with racist and insensitive remarks
- the Houston Chapter in which members have been battling to change the name of Jap Road
- the Sacramento Chapter whose office was firebombed.

The entire proceeds, including PC's printing and production costs, will be sent to each chapter as indicated on this page.

GEORGE
(Continued from page A20) will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong. Haskell took the lessons from nature further. "The power of what we can get done when we travel on the trust of one another is a quantum leap. Have you considered involving work group members on your major projects and decisions? Is your trust really a test?"

I translate this message to JACL. In these difficult times and economic hardships, JACL must be creative in finding solutions to the problems of our times. There are those whose faces we may try to make less painful for those who have been affected by loss of jobs, by pay cuts, by service cutsbacks, and by programs which help people.

What kind of leadership do we need for these times? We need to think about that.

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Kazuo Ikeda, San Luis Obispo Chapter: "To thank all the JACLers who were instrumental in winning the redress bill. To help the JACL continue to fight for the rights of the Japanese Americans."

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Joe and Grace Setsuda, Seattle Chapter: "Thank you for your letter. As mentioned in the letter with my memorial fund in memory of Iwao Kasakaw (film, P.C. editor, Saburo Kido, Hito Okata, George Inagaki, Joe Grant Masao, Mike Masao and Ira Taji), who were all very dear friends with whom I had worked in the earlier days of JACL. I made the dedication because I received the $20,000 redress payment. The donation is in memory of the past leaders who established and made it what it was. Now, I am not sure where the younger generation is taking JACL. I never thought "regeneration" and "inferiority complex" were so strong in today's young Japanese Americans. I'm sorry I cannot contribute again as I am a widow on limited income."

Too, for what is a question now?" Yoshe Shimoura, Denbri Chapter: "I value the need to continue the work of JACL as it relates to legal and social justice. Bigory continues to exist, and education is important. JACL provides a valuable network of people."

Ken and Jane Sugawara, Dayton Chapter (Painted Pilot, New York): "The JACL has made many positive contributions to the welfare of Japanese Americans during and since WWII. The future of JACL depends on the Sanseis. The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for members to contribute to the future JACL now."

Teresa Maebori, Philadelphia: "JACL is the organization with which I most identify because it speaks to the issues of race and belonging that I confront almost daily. It is the one organization that speaks and hears my voice. I can articulate the particular problems I face as a Japanese American. I believe in order for my voice to be heard, I need the collective support of an organization like JACL, which can make an impact and be a force in our American community. That is why JACL must continue and why I contributed to the Legacy Fund."

Rinko Shimassaki Enosaki, Washington, D.C.: "There will always be those ones to give and those who will always receive. I, for too long, have been a receiver. I need to give back for the future of my children and grandchildren—to fight misunderstanding, prejudice and ethnic lawlessness. Thus, I gave in memory of my husband, George Enosaki, who volunteered for the 442nd; my mother, Teru Shimassaki, who became ill in camp and died shortly after leaving; and to the 100th battalion and the 442nd infantry and all the Nisei soldiers' heart rendering service and sacrifice which made it possible for me to be a receiver."

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Active in JACL and other organizations for most of her 80 years, Ruth Hashimoto epitomizes the word "volunteer" in the New Mexico Chapter. Ruth was active in redress in the 1970s and 1980s, and remains active today, but her history in JACL dates back before World War II when she was the first woman president of the San Jose Chapter, JACL. During the 1950s, she moved to Albuquerque and became the first woman president of the Albuquerque Chapter. During this period, Ruth was instrumental in conducting citizenship classes to those who were recently eligible to become citizens. Today, she is credited with founding the Sister Cities Program in New Mexico. Ruth is also active with the University of New Mexico Cancer Center Advisory Board, the United Nations Association, the First Unitarian Church, Keep New Mexico Beautiful, the Albuquerque Coordinator for President's Initiative for International Youth-Exchange, the Museum of Albuquerque Association and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Recently, she volunteered for the New Mexico Council for Transportation Technology.

Dr. Sei Tokuda became active in civil rights before it became politically correct. While living in New England in the 1960s, Sei was active in voter registration for African-Americans in the South. Today, Sei is a past chairman and member of the Albuquerque Human Rights Board. He also serves as vice chairman of the Martin Luther King Cultural Celebration committee. Sei has also served as secretary for the New Mexico Chapter. He currently is vice governor in the Mountain Plains District, using his position for advocacy of human rights for all Americans. He is also serves on various committees on the National JACL level.

Harry Watson was a five time president of the New Mexico Chapter, and was president at a time when there was an atmosphere of anti-Asian sentiment. Harry was an advocate of redress when many Japanese Americans had difficulties backing the movement. In the 1980s Harry confronted a radio station that engaged in anti-Asian hate messages. Through his efforts, the radio station was forced to remove the offensive programming. Because of his efforts, the chapter established credibility in the area of civil rights.

Harry currently serves as the secretary to the Mountain Plains District. Harry serves as the Japanese language translator for the Japanese Sword Society of the United States.

Ron Shibata is Mountain Plains District representative to Pacific Citizen Board. He has been a Thousand Club member for more than 15 years and was the president of the New Mexico Chapter in 1976. Other past leadership positions include treasurer, vice governor, and district governor.

He has been director of The Japanese Sword Society of the United States since 1984. A native of New Mexico, Ron has been a practicing accountant in Albuquerque since 1973. Though his numerous volunteer activities keep Ron busy, he finds plenty of time to spend with his family.
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The Eden Chapter, JACL, officers and board members for 1994 were recently installed at the Willow Park Golf Club Restaurant in Castro Valley with Randy Sensaki, National JACL Director, as installing officer. The guest speaker was Judy Sakaki, Ph. D., Special Assistant to the President on Educational Equity and Executive Director of Student Academic Services, California State University, Hayward.

Our 1994 chapter officers and board members are Victor Fuji, president; Karen Shinoda and Dick Sakaki, co-vice presidents; Ada Wada, recording secretary; Yo Kawabata, correspondence secretary; Ted Kitayama and Shig Naito, co-treasurer’s; Don’s Chin, membership; Tomi Miyamoto, hisp­­ri­­an­­m­­edia; Tets Sakai, 1000 Club; Robert Sakai, scholarship; Ada Wada and Ichiro Nishida, official delegates; James Tsunomoto, insurance commission­­er; Ichiro Nishida, legacy fund; Isak Momo­no and Yo Kawabata, JASEB reps.; Yone Ito and Ichiro Nishida, PC holiday issue; and Ichiro Nishida, chapter newsletter. Board members are Robert Agawa, Georgene Deardorff, Yasuhiro, Kunio Okui, Moses Oshima, Wes Sakamoto, Rever­end James Toda, Motochico Yanagi, James Takeuchi, Sally Yokomoto, John Yama­da, Janet Mitsu­be, Harry Tanabe, and Fred Miyamoto.

Eden Youth-jr. JACL officers are Jennifer Lee, president; Kevin Shinoda, vice president; Sumiko Kanzaki, secretary; Jason Okui, historian; Cheryl Wong, treasurer; Jessica Lee, community services; Samantha Hojo, member­­ship; Wing Lee, hospitality; and Erin Hashimoto, publicity.

The Eden Chapter sponsored community Christmas program took place Saturday, December 11, 1993, at 7:00 PM at the the Eden Japanese Commu­­nity Center. Co-chairmen of the annual event were Georgene Deardorff and Ichiro Nishida. Local youngsters, under the direction of Georgene Deardorff, presented a wide variety of perfor­­man­ces. The climax of the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for all the youngsters present.
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January, 1993, marked the beginning of a new year, the beginning of a new presidency, the beginning of change. But more personally for me, January marked the beginning of a once in a lifetime opportunity, symbolizing the beginning of all beginnings — and knowing in my heart that the best is yet to come.

Our generation seeks a better tomorrow, a better future founded on dreams — dreams which must be supported through hard work and determination, reinforced with hope and faith, nurtured with compassion and love, and hopefully, proven over time. If we do not reach the Promised Land, I pray that the younger will remember the sacrifices made on their behalf and that their journey will be easier. Perhaps these expectations sound too familiar and they should, for these are the same expectations our elders have of us. This world is constantly changing, changing in political, social, cultural, and economic terms. This world is where we must commit and recommit ourselves to excellence. This world is where we must define and redefine ourselves.

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recognized brilliance to Keystone Cops characters. The recession that Japan is experiencing is real and very much the result of the conscious bursting of Japan's economic bubble. The Finance Ministry has avoided costly domestic market stimulation because it believes that Japan must again adjust its economy, that it must change: In the past, Japan exported out of recession and economic doldrums. Today, with such surplus manufacturing capacity, the world cannot absorb more products. Other items on Japan's economic agenda are reducing the politically troubling bilateral trade imbalance with the U.S. and shoring up its slipping competitiveness due to an inexcusable labor force. The bottom line, as far as the Ministry of Finance perceives it, is that much of Japan's manufacturing must move abroad and that the social contract of lifetime employment must be altered. Japan needed a crisis on which to blame change. Certainly no politicians since Kaku Seiko Tanaka, not withstanding the present Prime Minister, have had the political will or vision to accept responsibility for a fundamental restructuring of Japan's economy. The best crisis to manufacture was endaka, high yen.

At the beginning of 1993, C. Fred Bergston, an economic advisor in the Carter administration and a powerful force behind the currency focus of the Clinton administration, made the comment that a higher yen would help reduce the U.S.-Japan bilateral trade deficit. Instantly, the yen shot up. The Ministry of Finance did nothing to intervene. Then, Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen made a similar comment, driving the yen skyrocketed 20%. Joint intervention finally stopped the surge at 100 yen to the dollar. The business pages of American newspapers brimmed with stories of more Chrysler sales and dog days for Honda and Toyota. The yen rate appeared to be the key, and Americans thought that they had finally gotten a leg up on Japan which was quickly losing market share in autos. Just then a friend, R. Taggart Murphy, who is authoring an important book on Japan's Ministry of Finance, encouraged me to read the Brie Ritter stories.

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The Museum opened its first regional exhibition, “In This Country: Freedom The Japanese POWs of Oregon in Portland and is laying the groundwork for similar projects in Kona, Hawaii, and New York City. Research continues for its major exhibition, “The Nisei Year,” set to open with the Museum’s Phase II Building.

Also, the Museum received the 1993 National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for its renovation of its historic building and hosted the 2nd National Japanese American Conference. Your vital contributions will enable the Museum to continue its work which benefits all Americans.

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The Gila Camp marks 50th anniversary

By Joe Allman
President

On Oct. 3 and 4, 1992, a Gila River Reconciliation Camp 50th Anniversary Reunion on the opening of the camp was held in Phoenix and the Gila River Indian Reservation. The event was chaired by Mrs. Helen Y. Mishima of Hilo, Hawaii, and was attended by more than 200 internees, relatives and friends.

The group drove to the Canal #1 site where many were able to locate the blocks in which they had lived, and it brought back many memories of past years, almost lost but suddenly not forgotten.

The event then proceeded to Butte #1. Located here is the Japanese American Memorial to the men and women of the Gila River relocation camp who had entered the Armed Forces of the United States from the camp and the water tower base. The vandalized board with all of the servicemen and service women names inscribed upon it is no longer a part of the memorial.

Since that reunion, former internees, relatives and friends have been planning to build a monument at the canal camp site and to refurbish the old memorial and to build another small monument at the same location. Both sites are located within the boundaries of District 5 of the Gila River Indian community. Gila River Indian community officials are a part of the planning group. A presentation will be made before the District 5 community, and with their approval, a formal letter requesting right of entry and an outline of the plans must be presented to the Natural Resources Standing Committee of the Gila River Indian community for its approval, and finally presentation to the Tribal Council.

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Chieko Okazaki—Mt. Olympus' Dedicated Volunteer

Chieko Nishimura Okazaki hails from Hawaii, "a child of humble Japanese laborers on a plantation on the Big Island," as she describes herself. After struggling to receive an education, B.S. and 5th Year Certificate, University of Hawaii; M.A., University of Northern Colorado; Administrative degree, Colorado State, she became a teacher. Chieko taught in Hawaii for three years, 12 years in Salt Lake City and eight more in Cherry Creek, Colo., where she then completed 10 years as an elementary school principal.

Chieko married the late Edward Y. Okazaki and is the mother of two sons, Kenneth Salt Lake City attorney), Robert (with IBM in Milwaukee), a daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

But Mr. Olympus Chapter, JACL, president Reid Tateoika (also a Salt Lake City attorney), in introducing her as their chapter's volunteer for this year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue theme, related that Chieko is "best known for her volunteer service with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she became the first non-Caucasian to serve on any general board."

In 1961, Chieko accepted the calling to serve Women's Mutual Improvement Association Board and is presently first counselor of the Relief Society General Presidency, which is dedicated to full-time volunteer compassion service. The organization has 3.3 million women in 147 countries and territories, a key indication in terms of scope and numbers for being the chapter's choice.

Her other church-related activities include teaching. Sunday School, primary, young women, Relief Society and seminary; serving as president of the ward Relief Society, mission president's wife (1968-71) Japan-Okinawa, and Japan Central and as a member, Primary General Board (1988-90) and Young Women General Board (1966-66, 1971-72).

Her professional résumé lists activities and leadership roles that range the gamut for a K-8 school teacher and principal of some 30 years with teacher education associations in Salt Lake City and Cherry Creek schools, on the superintendent's advisory council at Salt Lake City, district textbook selection committees, district K-12 committees on math, computer, music and architectural planning in Cherry Creek.

The latter involved Cherry Creek's first open-space school and team-teaching, developing curriculum personnel, scheduling and adjusting physical facilities. As consultant in open-space and team-teaching in schools, she has fostered the concept throughout Colorado, Alabama and Utah.

As principal, Chieko was assigned to open Cherry Creek's first four-track, year-round school and supervise student teachers and administrative interns. She served on the Northwest.

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Accreditation Team to evaluate schools, on the first U.S. Dept. of Education advisory board and is currently on the Radio KSL Advisory Board.

Her string of honors began as queen (1940) of the first Keo Nakama Swim Meet in Honolulu, Daughters of the American Revolution’s all-around student (1944), several outstanding teacher and outstanding citizen citations, such as Outstanding Geography Teacher (one of seven nationally honored from the National Geographic Society); runner-up in the Slate of Colorado Teacher of the Year (1968); "Elec Lady," Lambda Delta Sigma (1982); BYU Alumni Award for recognition of outstanding service (1962-63); Outstanding Teacher in Utah, Utah Education Review; and outstanding citizen, South Suburban Board of Realtors (1987).

Of lasting value are her just published books, Lighten Up and Car’s Candle, both urging its readers to increase charity and enthusiastic service. She also cut two audiocassette tapes this year: The Power of Charity and Healing from Sexual Abuse. Volunteerism at this global level for her church and professionally to community is another example of which NAClers can be proud.
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colony were Kondo, Nagai, Yagama, Onozaki, Kato, Mori, and Okumia, Tanamachi, Onuki, Toha, Nomura, Okabavashi, Naito, Shimadu, Takehara and Lichida. Most of the men were bachelors, and they left their homeland partly for the adventure, surmised Kishi years afterward.

After three lonely years, one of the colonists, Saju Kondo, was able to send for his wife, Fumi, and their three children. Eventually seven children were born to them. Kondo’s son, S.K. Kado, said his father came to the United States for the opportunity of a better life for himself and his family. In Japan they had farmed in the foothills of the Prefecture of Niigata. Raising an acre or two of rice was backbreaking drudgery, all done by hand.

The colonists built small or repaired houses left vacant by earlier residents. At least five of the farmers arranged marriages with brides in Japan. The little colony was almost self-sufficient. Each colonist had a special skill. Most were well-educated, and one was a Cornell graduate. They came as tenant farmers not laborers.

Learned Language

Kishi and Junzo Nagai spoke English, and Kishi insisted that his children learn to speak the language flawlessly while retaining an appreciation for the traditions of Japan.

Kishi felt an obligation to provide schools and religious instruction for his farm people, who eventually included many Louisiana Acadians and Micicans. Although most of the Japanese had been Buddhists, that religion is not antagonistic to any other, and many became Christians. Kishi enlisted the help of the Rev. W.W. Watts, a Methodist minister of Orange. With approval from the Methodist bishop in Houston, mission workers were sent to establish the Terry Methodist Church at Terry. Kishi deeded three acres for the church with R.E. Martin, Taro Kishi and H.F. Banker as trustees.

In 1935 the Terry Church was the scene of the wedding of Kishi’s daughter, Toki, to Tokuzo Hirakas, Kishi’s farm manager. They would have six children. The chapel stood until the 1940s.

Deeded land

Land for Orangefield school also came from Kishi. In 1928 he deeded 7.71 acres to trustees of Orangefield school district. At first the Kishi Colony’s farming efforts were successful. But within a few years they were battered by one disaster after another. A hard hit by plummeting rice prices in 1939, Kishi lost one crop after another when salt water came up in the bayou to his pump intake due to the deepening of the ship channel through Sabine Lake and Sabine River.

Kishi bought more land. In 1919, but in 1920 rice prices fell to an all-time low, and he was hard-pressed to meet his payments. In 1921 passage of the California land laws forbidding Japanese to own, lease or control land in the state sent Japanese to the Texas Rio Grande valley and a few to the Kishi Colony. Because of the problems salt water posed in irrigating rice, Kishi turned to highland crops. He bought tractors, and the Japanese at Terry grew hundreds of acres of cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, lettuce and cabbage, as well as 40 acres of fig trees.

Bought land

Kishi bought about 300 head of mixed cattle and a few head of Brahman and hired Peter McDonald to look after them. Where was discovered on the Kishi land near Orangefield, Kishi formed the Orange Petroleum Co., which was sold to the Kawasaki Shipping Co. of Japan. Hard times fell upon the vegetable farm too. Cabbage seeds were infected with a disease called cabbage yellow, and whole crops were lost. Severe freezes destroyed winter vegetables. Some of the Japanese moved away, and their offspring went into other professions.

The depression of the 1930s rang the death knell of the Kishi Colony. Morgangers holding notes Kishi could not pay foreclosed, and the land passed from his hands in 1931. Loyal Americans now, the Kishis and other Japanese watched in anguish the gathering storm clouds of World War II. Because of Kishi’s sale of his oil interests to Kawasaki Shipping, he was called before a board of inquiry made up of FBI and U.S. Army and Navy intelligence officers. After the questioning, Kishi was released without restrictions.

Sent to camps

Other Japanese, also loyal to the United States, were not so fortunate. Some were sent to internment camps until the war’s end. Some, like other Americans, died on foreign soil in defense of their adopted country. At least one from the Kishi Colony, Saburo Tanamu, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The fragile Fuji Kishi died in 1951. Kichimatsu outlived her by five years.

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JACL (Continued from page A55)

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Section 4. Bylaw Amendment: A two-thirds majority of the Chapters present shall be necessary to amend the bylaws.

Section 5. Amendment Proposals Without Notice: An Amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the National Council meeting and not in the Annual Report, shall be considered by the National Council in the same manner as any proposed Amendment. Any such Amendment approved by the National Council, under the provisions of this Section 5, shall be referred to all Chapters for final approval and ratification in writing as provided in Sections 3 and 4 of this ARTICLE XI. Such referral shall be made by mail within sixty (60) days after approval by the National Council, and shall be ratified by the time period specified by the National Council at that time such Amendment is approved but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE XII. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1. Initiative: (a) An Initiative is a process whereby the individual members may propose and submit Resolutions and other policies pertaining to the organization.

(b) A Referendum is a process whereby the individual members may vote to approve or disapprove Resolutions and Policies adopted by the National Council through authorized decision-making bodies within the organization.

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(a) Active Members shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in good standing or a Chapter recognized by the National Council.

(b) Active members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices unless otherwise provided.

(c) Active Members shall have dues as follows:

(i) National dues set by the National Council, to be remitted by the Chapter to the National Headquarters; and

(ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter, to be retained by the Chapter. Membership dues shall be established by the National Council. Such additional members shall receive the Pacific Citizen.

Section 2. National Associate Members:

(a) National Associate Members shall be persons eligible for membership in this organization residing in areas where there are no Chapters and are not members of any Chapter.

(b) National Associate Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization except the right to vote and hold local office.

(c) National Associate Members shall pay annual membership dues to National Headquarters as set by the National Board. Membership dues shall include a National Associate Membership card, one year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen, and privileges of other special organizational services. Additional members of the same household, residing in the same address, shall pay annual dues consisting of one-half the National dues but such additional members shall not receive the Pacific Citizen.

(d) Membership dates for National Associate Members shall be set by the National Board.

(e) National Associate Members who reside in or move to an area where a Chapter in existence may have their membership transferred thereto as an Active Membership upon furnishing the National Board the dues upon written request of the National Director by either the Associate Member or the Chapter involved.

Section 2. Special Members:

(a) Special Members shall be non-citizens who subscribe to the benefits of this organization.

(b) Special members shall pay dues as follows:

(i) National dues set by the National Board.

(ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter. Membership dates for Special Members shall be set by the National Board.

(c) Special Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization except that of voting or holding office.

(d) Special Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred with written approval of any relevant Chapter to the National Director by the Special Member or the Chapter involved.

(e) Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

Section 4. Student Memberships:

(a) Student Members who are persons who are eligible for membership in this organization and are enrolled or have been enrolled in a Trade School, Business College, College, University or other institution of higher learning at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

(b) Student Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

(c) Student Members shall pay membership dues to be fixed by the National Board, of which a percentage retained by the local Chapter. Payment of this amount shall entitle the Student Member to a JACL Membership Card, which entitles the Pacific Citizen if no other member of the household receives a copy, and special organizational services.

(d) Student membership dates shall be fixed by the National Board.

(e) Student Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without written approval of any relevant Chapter to the National Director by the Student Member or the Chapter involved.

Section 6. National Supporting Members:

(a) National Supporting Members include the following:

(i) Individuals who contribute in excess of the regular membership fee.

(ii) Members according to categories defined by the National Council.

(iii) Such categories shall include: (1) JACL One Thousand Club, which consists of two classes: (a) JACL Fifty Chapters Club; (b) JACL Corporate Club, which consists of three classes: (a) Silver; (b) Gold; (c) Diamond

(d) Appointment of Dues: Appointment of dues between National and Chapters shall be determined by the National Council.

(c) Membership Dates: Membership dates of National Supporting Members shall be set by the National Board.

(d) Life Membership: The National Board shall adopt consistent policies and rules governing the granting and recognition of Life Membership.

ARTICLE II. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Chapter Requirements: The official Charter of the organization shall be granted by the National Board when any group of individuals shall have satisfied the following requirements:

(a) Have twenty-five (25) or more American citizens who have signed a petition for a chapter subscribing to the purposes of the organization. The National Board may grant Chapter charters with less than the foregoing number if it deems the circumstances merit special consideration.

(b) Have a currently elected set of officers including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) Have a Constitution and Bylaws which are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National organization and which are acceptable to the National Board.

(d) Have an application for membership in the organization accompanied by payment of a Chapter initiation fee, Annual Chapter dues, and the National Board fees for their members as set by the National Council.

(e) Have been recommended by the District Council in whose geographic area such proposed Chapter is situated.

Section 2. Chapters in Good Standing: The chartering Chapters to be in good standing shall have:

(a) A minimum of five (5) members unless the Chapter is operating under a special charter grant from the National Board.

(b) All National and District dues, fees, and assessments due for membership in June of a non-Convention year, or sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

(c) All National and District dues, fees, and assessments due for membership in June of a non-Convention year, or sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

(j) Any currently elected set of officers, including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(k) All National and District dues, fees, and assessments due for membership in June of a non-Convention year, or sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

Section 3. Representation at National Council Meetings: Two official delegates and alternative delegates may be designated by the chartering Chapters to represent them at the National Council meeting of this organization.

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Section 4. Probation: A Charter which has been inactive for two (2) years, i.e., elected no officers, or had no members, carried on no activity, and has had less than 100 dues-paying members, may, upon written request, be placed on probation. Such request shall be made in writing to the National Council, or the New Business Committee, for acceptance or rejection. Such acceptance or rejection of the request for probation shall be in writing to the Charter, and shall specify the period of probation. A Charter that has been on probation for more than six (6) months shall be deemed to have failed to respond to correspondence from its District Council and National Headquarters, upon being notified of such delinquency, shall thereby be placed on probation until the end of the fiscal year of the preceding calendar year. Such notification shall be in writing.

Section 5. Suspension or Revocation of Charter: The National Board may suspend or revoke the charter of any Charter which is determined to have committed any of the following infractions:

(i) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the organization;

(ii) Refusal to a serious degree to cooperate in the National program;

(iii) Failure to pay dues as set by the National Council.

(iv) Prior to revocation or suspension of a Charter, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) A notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the most recent address of the Charter as shown on the organization's records. Such notice shall set forth the reasons for the proposed suspension or revocation. Such notice shall be sent at least (30) days before the proposed effective date of the revocation or suspension.

(b) The Charter being so notified shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not fewer than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed action. The hearing will be held by a special committee comprised of not fewer than three (3) Past National Officers appointed by the President. The notice to the Charter of the proposed action shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing.

(c) Following the hearing, the special committee shall make recommendations in writing to the National Board. The recommendation of the special committee shall be approved by a three-fourths majority of the National Board.

ARTICLE III. DISTRICT COUNCILS

Section 1. Geographic Districts: The National organization shall be divided into the following Districts with the following jurisdictions:


(b) Pacific Southwest District Council—California, Nevada, Western Nevada—Pacific District Council—Maricopa County, Montgomery County, and all other counties in California north of the aforementioned counties, Hawai'i, Japan, and northwestern sections of Nevada.

(c) Central District Council—Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Madera Counties.

(d) Pacific Southwest District Council—All counties in California south of Kern and Monterey Counties, the States of Arizona, and southwestern sections of Nevada.

(e) Intermountain District Council—Idaho, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada, or adjoining sections of Nevada, and adjoining sections of California.

(f) Mountain Plains District Council—Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

(g) Midwest District Council—Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, or adjoining sections.


Section 2. Establishment of a New District Council: A new district council may be established upon petition by three (3) or more chartered Chapters and upon approval of the National Council.

Section 1. Exercise of Powers: The National Council shall have such powers as are given it by the Constitution and Bylaws including the power to elect National Officers; (b) set the National dues rate with the exception of special dues rates which shall be set by the National Board; (c) amend the Constitution and Bylaws; (d) provide by new business action the location of the National Headquarters; (e) establish ad hoc committees to carry out policies of the organization; (f) consider and act upon any other issues properly introduced before the Council; and (g) establish any other powers not under the Constitution or this Bylaws.

Section 2. Biennial Session: The National Council shall meet in general session biennially during the National Convention.

Section 3. Quorum: (a) The quorum necessary to conduct business shall be one of the chartered Chapters in good standing; (b) The members present at a duly called or duly held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to conduct business until adjourned, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, if any action (other than the taking of a roll) is approved by at least a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Notice: (a) Notice of National Council meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall specify the place, date, and hour, of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business may in that case be transacted; or (ii) in the case of the biennial meeting, matters which the National Board, at the time of giving the notice, intends to present for action by the National Council.

(b) The National Director shall mail President's copies of the proposed agenda for the National Council meeting at least thirty (30) days preceding such meeting.

(c) Manner of Giving Notice: Notice of any meeting of the National Board of Directors shall be given by first-class mail, telegraphic, or written communication, changes, prepaid, addressed to each Charter, and shall be sent to the address of that Charter, but may also be sent to the place where the organization is currently appearing on the books of the organization or to the person who is given as the person to whom the organization wishes to be noticed for the purpose of notice. If no address appears in the organization's records and no other person has been given, notice shall be deemed to have been given if either:

(i) Notice is sent to that Charter by first-class mail or telegraphic or written communication to the Charter's principal office; or

(ii) Notice is published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the membership of the organization. Notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when delivered personally or deposited in the mail or sent by telegram or other means of written communications.

(d) An affidavit of the mailing or other means of giving any notice of any National Council meeting may be made by the Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, or any other party supplied by the organization giving the notice and if so executed, shall be filed and maintained by the organization.

Section 5. Adjourned Meeting: National Council meetings, biennial or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the Chapters represented at the meeting, either orally or in writing, or by proxy. But the absence of a quorum, no other business may be transacted at such meetings, except as provided in this Article V [below].

Section 6. Special Committee Meetings

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ARTICLE XI. NATIONAL CON- VENTION

Section 1. Biennial Convention. The National Convention of the organization shall be convened every two years, on the fourth Saturday in January in a year numbered "zero" at a place designated by majority vote of the National Board.

Section 2. National Convention Committee. The following shall be the duties of the Convention Committee: to prepare a budget for each biennial convention; to prepare a financial report for each biennial convention; to make arrangements for each biennial convention; to make recommendations to the Board for adoption of policies and procedures for each biennial convention; and to make recommendations to the Board for adoption of resolutions by the National Convention.

Section 3. Committee Established. A committee shall be established to be responsible for the financial management of each biennial convention, the establishment of the program of the convention, and the coordination of the program of the convention with the national and state conventions.
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bers of all committees, boards, or com-
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ARTICLE XII. THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Section 1. Official Publication: The of-
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ganization shall be called Pacific
Citizen and shall be conducted as an
educational and public relations
project.

Section 2. Board of Directors: (a) The
Pacific Citizen Board shall be
comprised of the Pacific Citizen Board
Chairperson and a representa-
tive from each Section.

(b) The Pacific National Board shall
appoint two members from each
Section to the Pacific Citizen Board.

(c) The National President shall
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pose which is not compatible with the objectives and pur-

pose of the organization, except upon approval of the

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Section 4. Contributions: The National organization shall not con-

tribute to any organization, group, or individual not under its

membership, due to projects or, except upon the ap-

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Section AIX. JACL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Section 1. Purpose and Policy: To help ensure that the Japanese

American community will be represented in our nation's
discussion of and understanding of the values and potentials of

the youth, and community, to promote the ideals of social justice, patri-

otism, and education, the National JACL will institute certain stan-

dards in scholarship, sports, and youth leadership

Programs.

(c) The JACL Youth Programs shall be administered in con-

formity with this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Chapter Youth Program-

(a) The responsibility for estab-

lishing and promoting Youth Pro-

grams shall be assigned to the National JACL;

(b) The purpose of the JACL Youth Program shall be to develop

the potential of the Japanese American youth,

and understanding of their role in contributing to the

future of the community.

Section 2. Chapter Youth Pro-

gram:

(a) Chapter Youth Programs shall be established in con-

formity with this Constitution and Bylaws.

(b) Chapter Youth Programs, as they pertain to programming, shall

be administered by the Chapter Council and the

Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

(c) The Chapter is encouraged to elect a Chapter Youth Represen-

tative who shall be a voting member of the

Chapter Council.

Section 3. District Youth Pro-

gram:

(a) The responsibility for estab-

lishing and promoting Youth Programs on the District level shall be

assigned to the District with assistance from the local

Chapter Council, the National JACL, the National JACL Repre-

sentative, and the National Board.

(b) District Youth Programs shall be an integral part of the Dist-

ric Constitution and Bylaws permits.

(c) All District Youth Programs, as a part of the District, shall be account-

able to the District Board and shall be implemented in conformity

with District Constitution and Bylaws.

(d) The District is encouraged to elect a District Youth Representa-

tive who shall be a voting member of the District Board.

Section 4. National Youth Coun-

cil Programs:

(a) The National Youth Council shall consist of District Youth Represen-

tatives of all Districts, and their respective districts shall be

chaired by the National Youth Representatives, the National Youth

Council shall perform prescribed duties in accordance

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This 1993 film was considered by many to be a cinematic breakthrough, portraying a minority in real, human and emotional terms. Despite its box office success, for some Asian Americans, reaction has been mixed...

Ken Yia Kato and Darryl Chang, two Harvard Law School students, debated the merits of "Joy Luck Club" in the school's "Asian American Law Students newsletter. Here is the complete text.

Chiang: "The joy Luck Club" is in many ways a real triumph for Asian Americans: it is the first popularly-embraced movie that is written, directed, and primarily acted by Asian Americans. Americans of all ethnic backgrounds arelining up to see this film and are being introduced to important gender, racial, and cultural issues.

Kato: That's definitely true, and I think that that's why it's so important for us, as Asian Americans to really analyze what is being presented in the film. There is no doubt that as "invisible" members of U.S. society, we are eager to see ourselves presented in mainstream, mass-distributed media forums. The problem we should avoid is that of being too eager and too hungry. We need to look at what we are being fed, so that we don't end up unknowingly swallowing bitterness with smiles on our faces.

Chiang: The excitement of seeing the first mainstream Asian American film may have made us all look less critically at the movie. The mainstream media, as well as the Asian American press (such as the San Francisco-based newspaper AsianWeek), have featured numerous articles on the movie, none of which delve very deeply into the film's message, and all of which seem to assume that the film is a unanimous plus for Asian Americans. Although I haven't read Amy Tan's book, I certainly saw the media's positive reaction to the movie. When I went with a big group of Asian Americans a few weeks ago to see the film, I had high hopes. While I was touched by the movie, I feel that there are a number of potential problems with the film that are worth talking about.

Kato: I also went to see "The Joy Luck Club" a few weeks ago with a big group of Asian Americans, but I approached the movie with an ambigious, if not critical eye. Although I read Amy Tan's book at a stage in my life in which I had not yet solidified my views on issues such as race, gender and identity, I was still bothered by much of what the novel portrayed. Thus, I was unsure as to whether or not I even wanted to see "The Joy Luck Club" in its film form. However, in light of the extensive media-hype and overwhelmingly positive critical reviews, I felt compelled to see the movie.

Chiang: When I came out of the movie, I wasn't sure exactly how I felt. Everyone around me was weeping. Some people went to call their moms. I cried too because there were some powerful performances and fairly decent directing by Wayne Wang. On the other hand, I found the repetitiveness of the family-scene to dramatic-flashback technique to be a little maudlin after a while. The film's subplot messages and their implications for the Asian American community were perhaps even more troubling. For instance, I felt that the movie's portrayal of Asian American women was overly harsh. Almost all of the criticism of Asian American men were valid; the only problem was that there were virtually no positive Asian American male characters. Therefore, we were left with what I considered to be one-sided portrayal that only feeds into the stereotype that Asian American men are neither sensitive nor desirable companions for Asian American women—and that, by implication, white men are far better mates for Asian American women.

Kato: I totally agree. The relationships of Asian American women with men is a central point of the movie. While many viewed "The Joy Luck Club" as simply a movie about mother-daughter relationship, the facts is that all the women (whether mothers or daughters) seem to define themselves vis-a-vis the men (whether boyfriends or husbands) in their lives. Thus, it becomes important to analyze exactly who the men in their lives are. I think that the almost wholly negative portrayal of Asian men was strikingly highlighted by the much more favorable portrayal of Anglo men. The Anglo men were seen as being both socially and politically "nice guys" while the Asian men were almost all socially and politically retrograde. For example, the characters of Rich (Waverly's boyfriend) and Ted (played by Andrew McCarthy) seemed to symbolize the classic "liberals" in U.S. society who approach all aspects of their life with a "color-blind" vision. This is illustrated by their seemingly healthy and loving relationships with second-generation Asian American women.

Chiang: While there are obviously a lot of nice Caucasian men in real life, we get a not-so-subtle comparison of the "good" Caucasian American versus the "bad" Asian male. The character of the "Fourth Concubine" was married to a rapacious Asian businessman, Auntie Ying-ying was married to "a very bad man" in Shanghai (played by Russell Wong); a handsome and virile Asian male who turns out to be nothing more than a whoring, abusive, and misogynistic narcissist. Auntie Ying-ying's daughter Lena then marries another "bad Asian man," Harold, who is a penny-pinchng, selfish, and cold Asian American professional. Of course these characters are not "unrealistic" (there are no doubt "bad" Asian men out there), but unfortunately they turn out to be the only Asian men we really get to know in the film. We only see June's "grandfatherly" dad for a few minutes (and he's feeeble and geriatric) and Lena's second (Eurasian) husband for a few seconds. Meanwhile, June's piano teacher, Old Chong, is nothing but a bumbling comic character. Overall, you get the idea that Asian American women should look for Caucasian men to stay true to the book, he actually made the movie's pro-Caucasian male slant heavier than perhaps even Amy Tan intended. This was an interesting—and in my view unfortunate—choice for Wayne Wang to willingly or unwillingly make.

Kato: Exactly. The Anglo males in the movie are glorified as both fun and caring men who have transcended the barriers of race. One particularly troubling scene exemplified this glorification. In the scene, Rose (played by Rosalind Chao) and Ted (Andrew McCarthy) were at Ted's family's upper-class, WASP garden party. Ted's mother told Rose that a Chinese woman is not the "right" type of woman for a man in Ted's social position to be dating. Ted then steps in and assumes the role of heroic Savior of the Asian American woman in distress. He unflinchingly bears at his mother and berates her for her racism. The strength of this scene is contrasted with the predominantly tragic and maudlin scenes of the rest of the movie, making Ted's scene one of the most memorable and powerful parts of the film.
The volunteer spirit

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"Never volunteer!" was the attitude that most of us developed in the military service. This attitude became so entrenched that sergeants quickly shifted to using the strategy of, "We need three volunteers! You, you and you!"

Today, many of you are volunteering your services in some cause that enriches life in the community. Perhaps getting you to volunteer has not changed much from the military strategy. Often, someone calls and says, "You will volunteer for this task, won't you?" and, with tongue in cheek, you respond, "Sure."

Case in point. From August 1993 through January 1994, the Oregon History Center in Portland is featuring the "Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit. Creating this exhibit was both a momentous and monumental task which was accomplished largely by volunteers from the Nikkei community. It was important because the sources for information about the Japanese immigrants between 1860 and 1942 was fast disappearing. Only the last remains of Issei remained: their stories, diaries, and mementos were disappearing with each passing year. The project was monumental because it required the expertise and energies of hundreds to complete the project. The "showy" part of the project, i.e. writing the proposals, photocopying the images, building the displays, were done by experts and these tasks consumed the funds that were raised for the project. Most of the behind the scene tasks were accomplished by hundreds of volunteers. These were the people who raised funds, collected photos and artifacts, moved display walls, hung panels, served as host and hostesses, built structures, contributed artifacts and photos, drew the project designs, and on and on.

Still, when you stop to thank volunteers for their contributions, many shrug their shoulders and say, "It was nothing. It was only a few bucks." In this case, the "few bucks" here and there added up to $65,000. When you thank the host and hostesses who served daily, they respond with,"Don't mention it. It's only a few hours each month."

These hours added up to roughly 900 hours in which visitors were greeted to one of the most successful exhibits at the Oregon History Center. Those who contributed an item for display may have thought that it was only an old forgotten picture that's been in the drawer for 50 years, but each photo selected was an essential link needed to tell the sequential story of the Oregon Issei. As it turned out, the quality of the whole display turned out to be greater than the sum of its parts. Volunteerism is what made our "Issei Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit such a success. Just as those volunteers who tossed boxes of tea into Boston Harbor in 1773 didn't realize the impact of the Boston Tea Party, our volunteers may not have realized the importance of their "small" contributions. This exhibit put together a permanent, documented story of the Oregon Issei. It was a timely and significant contribution that documented the history of the Issei generation who immigrated to Oregon.

There is a flip side to the volunteering that occurred. Aside from the negative things that are part of volunteering like hunting for parking places, plugging parking meters, and listening to complaints about one thing or another, most volunteers reaped a great deal of satisfaction from their contributions. Many could see the significance of their "insignificant" photo. They discovered old friends and relatives in the exhibit, and they enjoyed exchanging information with a number of the volunteers who showed considerable interest or who had relevant information to share.

The volunteers in Oregon came up with a winner. More than a few have expressed their pleasure and elation by suggesting that we have a big party when the exhibit leaves Portland for its next venue. Let's do it!

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Exhibit honors the
Japanese Pioneers of Oregon

BY CHRIS KOMAI

PORTLAND—For Egyptologists, the great artifact find of the 20th Century was King Tut's Tomb. Pieces not thought available, items archaeologists were convinced were long gone, suddenly appeared, as it delivered directly from the past. For Japanese American scholars, one big artifact find was a barn located nine miles south of Hood River, Oregon. That's where the contents of the Yasui Brothers Store were hidden away for four decades. And items from that collection are part of "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon," a presentation of the Japanese American National Museum.

Time was the biggest problem in finding objects for the exhibition. Few individuals are still around from the early days. And, the everyday items that surrounded the lives of these pioneers have also disappeared. World War II and evacuation saw to most of that. When the Japanese Americans were forced off the West Coast with little notice, most of their possessions were sold in fire sales, destroyed or abandoned. Most people could only take what they could carry. An enormous amount of personal possessions were lost.

Unlike most Japanese Americans, the Yasui brothers were able to house the contents of their business in the basement of their store during the war. In 1945, the store was sold and the contents were moved to an old packing house. When that building was demolished in the early 1950s, everything was moved into this barn where it sat, untouched, for almost 40 years. The brothers, Masuo Yasui and Renichi Fujimoto, had opened their store in 1906, serving the needs of the Japanese laborers in the area. These individuals worked in the lumber industry, as harvesters in the nearby orchards, on the railroad, or as laborers clearing stumps off undeveloped land.

The brothers had previously worked in Montana on the railroad along with their father before the turn of the century. Masuo finally moved to Portland in 1907, where he worked as a houseboy. He learned English and began studying law, two attributes that would make him a leader in the local Japanese community. In 1907, Masuo took a fancy to Hood River, an area known for its natural beauty. He also saw the opportunity to start a business that would provide for the local Japanese workers in this community. Masuo encouraged his brother Renichi to come to Oregon, and the two opened the Yasui Brothers Store.

More than just a place to buy goods, the store, wrote Robert Yasui, one of Masuo's sons, served "as a supply depot and as a social center where the Japanese laborers could visit and exchange gossip and news. The customers also came to depend upon Masuo for legal advice and financial help." Because of Masuo's bilingual skills, the store had other functions, explained Homer Yasui, another son. It also "served as an information center, a travel agency, sort of a savings bank, and even as an intermediary with the Caucasian community." The Yasuis also ran an in-store employment agency.

This kind of general stores, often the hub of smaller, semi-rural Japanese communities before World War II, were very common in the Western United States. According Dr. Akemi Kikumura, Project Director for the Museum, "These businesses provided goods and services for the Japanese farm families in the surrounding agricultural areas and were in turn supported by this agricultural economy." Masuo was a superb businessman. Besides partnership in the store, Masuo began investing money in buying land around Hood River. Land cost a pretty penny, Homer recalled his father paying about $20,000 for 20 acres. After acquiring property, Masuo would enter joint ownership with the local Japanese laborers, who would farm the land. Through this process, Masuo's economic influence grew to such an extent that

On exhibit

TITLE: "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon." Focuses in on the early immigration and settlement period of first-generation Japanese (Issei) in Oregon who helped develop the state's agriculture industry and other commerce.


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The definition of white person probably differed in meaning in 1914 from what it had in 1790. And in the composition of the race that had become known as white there were extremes going from the maximum blond at one end to the dark-skinned brunette at the other...
He appeared to feel that being American required him to repudiate most of what he had acquired in the land of his birth. He contended that the court that his culture, his wife's culture and his children's culture had been purged of this. The food that he ate, the utensils they used, the magazines and newspapers they read, and the language they spoke they were 100 percent American.

Judges Sanford B. Dole and Charles F. Lemen, by unanimous agreement, dissented.

In 1916, with D. L. Wiggins as attorney, Ozawa took the case to the United States Supreme Court of Appeals at San Francisco. The Circuit Court observed the questions as to the constitutionality of a decision of the United States Supreme Court.

In the meantime, the Pacific Coast Japanese Society had become interested in the case because the removal of the ineligible for citizenship clause bore on the California anti-Japanese land law. The society engaged former Attorney General George W. Wickersham to argue the case for Ozawa before the Supreme Court.

In their brief before the Supreme Court, the Ozawa attorneys contended that his client was entitled to the rights of American citizenship not only because he sold his life along strictly American lines and in accordance with the best American customs and ideals, but because he was "white."

On the contrary, Solicitor General Beck, who appeared for the government in the case, insisted that the exclusion of Asiatics had been the historical policy of the government and declared that the Japanese belonged to the yellow race.

The case was to be decided with an analogous one from the state of Washington, where Justice Charles Hio Kono, both naturalized, complained that when they applied for papers of incorporation for the Japanese real estate holding company, J. Grant Hinkle, the official charged, rejected the request on the ground that their naturalization was illegal.

When the Japanese associations of California and other western states took up the issue, in addition to Wickersham they at one time retained former U.S. President William H. Taft, who returned to private legal practice. When Taft was appointed to the Supreme Court, he evidently severed his connection with the case, if he had not previously done so.

In the meantime, much had occurred on an international level to add significance to the case. When the first petition had been filed, there was not the least time when the leiuey pace of yesterday was still to be upset by the advent of the world war.

Only the favored few could afford such transportation. One such was Archbishop Rembert Weakland of the throne of Austria-Hungary. On a street corner in Sarajevo, Serbia, June 28, 1914, Count Franz Ferdinand of Austria, a back seat of a car in which the Archduke sat with his morganatic wife, killing both. The next day precipitated World War I. The opening of hostilities immediately affected Japan.

Since Tsar Nicholas II of Russia in 1905, Japan had emerged as a military and capitalist power. She had renewed and strengthened her alliance with the United Kingdom and Britain, also in 1914, after having annexed Korea, Japan had renewed the treaty with Great Britain. From this point of view, the alliance included it among the Western Powers.

On Aug. 23, 1914, Japan declared war on the British Empire. Two days later Japan declared war on Austria-Hungary.

America entered the war on the Allied side April 6, 1917. America had fought the war as a war to end war. The intellectual American President Woodrow Wilson had enunciated the Allied aims as including Fourteen Points, Four Principles, Four Ends and Five Particulars. The war ended in Allied victory Nov. 11, 1918.

The victors assembled in Versailles, France, to create a League of Nations as a frame on which to build the desired peace. Though confining its military operations to the Far East, Japan had stupendously performed the requirements of its treaty with Great Britain and compiled a distinguished war record. As a capital and military power that had contributed to the victory, she had particular justification for redress of some of the grievances the Allies had inflicted on her.

For example, in addition to American discrimination already noted, Japanese were barred from emigrating to New Zealand and Australia. Under the so-called Gentlemen’s Agreement, barriers had been erected against their emigrating to America.

One of Wilson’s phrases called for equal treatment of all religious minorities. The Japanese Baron Nobuaki Makino and Viscount Sutemi Chinda wished to amend the phrase to read ‘religion and racial minorities.’ Again called Gentlemen’s Agreement, barriers had been erected against their emigrating to America.

St. George T. Ozawa, who gave his life for the country that denied his father citizenship, asked for the inclusion of one sentence in the Government’s League of Nations: ‘The equality of nations being a basic principle of the League of Nations, we shall agree to accord, as soon as possible, to all alien nationals of States Members of the League equal and unconfined treatment in every respect, making no distinction, either in law or in fact, on account of their race or nationality.”

Thus, it seemed an insignificant and even legal amendment of Wilson’s favorite clause proclaiming the indivisibility of human conscience and the free exercise of religion. On Oct. 12, addressing the League Commission, Makino pointed out that members of all races within a nation were free to follow the dictates of their governing League decisions. Therefore, each national would like to feel and in fact demand that the treaty has been placed on an equal footing with people he undertakes to defend even with his life.

It appeared that the only way to avoid a commitment on race was to avoid one on religion. This was the path chosen. But even the emasculation program was unacceptable to the U.S. Senate, which rejected the treaty March 19, 1920.

Two followed the Washington Armistice Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, beginning in November, 1921, and continuing until the following year. The conference ended with a 5-5-3 ratio of naval tonnage in capital ships by the three leading naval powers in the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Japan received the shig ratio, disgruntling at least some Japanese.

Further, the United States pressured Great Britain into replacing the Anglo-Japanese Alliance with a Four Power (United States, Great Britain, France and Japan) consultation treaty, signed in Washington, Dec. 13. Takuji Yamashita, though the Conference on Limitation of Armament would continue to Feb. 6, 1922, Japan had reason to believe the treaty was defeated by the West. The U.S. Supreme Court, perhaps fearing this response and reluctant to complicate the deliberations further, had held up its decision on the Ozawa and related case.

On Nov. 13, however, in an opinion written by Justice Sutherland, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered an opinion unsympathetic to such arguments. Sutherland cloaked his opinion in as tactful language as he could muster, for he must have known the decision would be as obnoxious to those in Japan as to the Japanese in America.

He wrote: “The briefs filed on behalf of the appellant refer in complimentary terms to the culture and excellence of the Japanese people, and with this estimate we have no reason to disagree; but these are matters which cannot enter into our consideration of the question here at issue. We have no function in the matter other than to ascertain the will of Congress and declare it. Of course, there is not implied—either in the legislation or our interpretation—that any suggestion of individual unworthiness or racial inferiority. These consider- ations are in no manner before the court. The appellant, in the case now under consideration... is clearly of a race which is not Caucasian and therefore belongs entirely outside the zone on the negative side. A large number of the Federal and State courts so decided and we find no reported case definitely to the contrary... We think these decisions are right and so hold.”

The decision in the Yamashita-Kono case was short, being supplementary to the Hawaii opinion.

The New York Times in upholding the Supreme Court decision also went to considerable pains to avoid wounding the feelings of the Japanese. "Whatever may be the law respecting naturalization and the suffrage, Japan is a great Power with an assured standing among the nations," it editorialized, “and it is our interest as well as our duty to manifest toward her respect, which is her due, and to seek to continue to co-operate with her, as our Government has been doing for years, in the endeavor to maintain peace, and to seek to continue to co-operate with her, as our Government has been doing for years, in the endeavor to maintain cordial relations between the two countries and to promote the peace of the world.”

The decision of the Supreme Court was issued on the same day official congratulations were exchanged between the Japanese and American Governments on the anniversary of the meeting of the Washington Disarmament Conference, which had already contributed to the estrangement of Japan. The Japanese Government must have conserved the words of the Supreme Court justice and those of the Times as specious. That the naturalization decision had further alienated Japan was to be seen in the response of the Japanese press.

The Chugai Shogyo, the principal business daily in Tokyo held: “The feeling is increasing that it is from her official friends, American and England, that Japan may expect the least... it will, indeed, not be long before Japan will be banished from the position of one of the Big Powers in fact as well as in name.”

As for Ozawa, he was absent on business on the Island of Maui, Hawaii, when the Supreme Court decision reached Honolulu and could not reach his lawyer. He had to continue with his job with Theo. H. Davies. In addition, in 1926, he would open a store, Kaimuki Dry Goods, at first operated by his wife, later by his daugh- ter, Edith.

His son, George Y. Wazawa, was inducted into the army June 30, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii; Camp McCoy, Wis., and Camp Shelby, Miss. He served in the 29th Infantry Regiment, 100th infantry Battalion and fought in Algeria and Italy.

As Sgt. Ozawa he was killed in action near Leonardo, Italy, Oct. 23, 1943.

Of course, there is not implied—either in the legislation or in our interpretation of it—any suggestion of individual unworthiness or racial inferiority.
Philadelpbia Chapter: it's a group effort

Volunteerism and JACL are synonymous. In the Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, we could not exist without the volunteerism of our members. For each event whether it is social, political, or fund-raising, we call on our many members to help make it a success. It is always amazing to witness an event which calls upon the goodwill of the membership. One example is our annual fund-raising project. For the past two years this activity has been expertly and efficiently chaired by Bunji and Eiko Ikeda. The chairmanship has been rotated and the notes and guidelines of the event have been passed along.

Bunji and Eiko took on this herculean task with good humor and skill. To raise funds to operate our chapter we make obento (box lunch) for the summer festival at the Japanese House and Garden of Fairmount Park. We made 225 obento and raised close to $1,000. This fund-raiser has evolved from past participation in the Folk Fair Festival held with the many ethnic groups in the city of Philadelphia. JACL was one of the founding members of this event. After Folk Fair, which often required members to take a day or two off of work, we participated in Folk Sunday, a huge block party held on the Parkway which often drew 600,000 people. To make the obento fund raiser work there must be a great deal of preparation beforehand. The chairperson has to make numerous phone calls to members to ask if they could contribute food, equipment, and/or time.

From all over the greater Delaware Valley we have volunteer to make their contributions. Chiyo Kolwa, Mary Murakami, Mako Honkawa, Betty Endo, Ruth Yamatan, Betty Endo, Nancy Fukuyama, Kodger Nogaki, Jane Nogaki, Bill Kush, Craig Ikeda, Martha Nakamura, Roy and Yuri Kita plus a cast of many more joined the assembly line to put everything together. At the end of the work party gathered to eat, catch up on news, find out about each other and share many good laughs. This is but a glimpse of the volunteer efforts in Philadelphia. Each year the officers and members of the board work to provide meaningful and enjoyable activities for the organization. The president, Bill Kush, gives a tremendous amount of time representing the organization.

Just in the last month he has met with the Consul General of Japan from New York, participated in the coalition of Asian American groups to obtain justice for an Asian American child pushed over a railing in an elementary school, nominated a representative to the Police Relations Board, and found a speaker for the installation dinner. These are but a few of his volunteer duties.

Over the years we have had treasurers such as Sim Endo, Mas Yamatan and Hiro Lyehara who put in hours keeping our books and treasury in order. Betty Endo, Eiko and Bunji Ikeda have given of their precious time to put together a newsletter. It is not easy urging us to get our articles in on time and then putting it all together.

The Philadelphia Chapter has been fortunate to have a dedicated membership. I have been associated with the chapter for only 15 years. There have been many members before me who have willingly and tirelessly given their time to make this chapter strong. Crayce and Hiroshi Lyehara were among the founding pioneers who remain active and who put the wisdom, historical background, and plain hard work which inspire the rest of us.

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The need for Asian American studies

By GARY MAYEDA

No money, no funds, no need. If you were a student at a university where an Asian American studies department did not exist, is this what you might hear, "A Department... How about a study center?" Does this sound familiar?

The need for an Asian American Studies department is as essential as a history department teaching U.S. history. Asian American Studies starts where others stop. It is the expansion of that one paragraph about internment in our history books to include the full flavor and richness of Asian American culture and its people. It details how time after time U.S. laws discriminated against Asian American ethnic groups. For example, barring them from carrying a pole on the sidewalks that prevented Chinese launderers to carry their goods from location to location in the late 1800s. Asian American Studies tells the history that would not otherwise be told. Other departments may cover subjects about Asian Americans but they do not treat them as the central focus of the curriculum. A student will get at best a fragmented account of Asian American history. A dedicated department will provide a contiguous concentrated view of the Asian American experience. History provides a viewpoint from which we can analyze contemporary issues. "Contemporary Issues that address the Asian and Pacific Islander Communities Today" is a popular course at California State University, Northridge. I took this course when the Los Angeles riots erupted last year. The riot brought on a flurry of topics for discussion. Topics ranged from the extent of institutional racism to the disparity of economic empowerment among various cultural groups. The course also covered labor laws as well as domestic violence, to name just a few.

Asian American Studies is not just for Asian Americans. Non-Americans can gain a great understanding of its culture and ideology. This education can further reduce the amounts of violence towards Asians and provide greater cultural appreciation and awareness of its diversity for all. Other departments can use the Asian American Studies department as a valuable resource center. Academic merits aside, this department becomes "home" to the students it serves. It becomes a network center for the Asian American clubs and organizations on campus. Northridge, they interact, organize cultural awareness week events, and host leadership retreats to provide personal growth. This not only strengthens the student group's access to resources, but more importantly gives the individuals the self-esteem and sense of social responsibility while working with a university department. It instills confidence and encourages students leadership to become community leaders. Maybe even a JACL leader! Hmm, any ideas brainstorming yet! How about providing internships for special programs at district offices? Many universities do not have an Asian American Studies program. Check your local university and find out if they exist. Students at many universities are fighting for ethnic studies departments.

It is important that the JACL chapters take the lead in the local student organizations. The chapters may be able to enhance the leadership skills of these students. Or better yet you may be surprised that the students can enhance the leadership skills of the chapters. This network is important to the survival and growth of both the chapters and the students. The leadership growth may not be immediate but give it lots of time, students will remember how chapters treated them long after graduation.

OK, we lightly covered importance, need, and network. How about money and funding? I may have to reserve another article just about this topic alone. Social and university are as political as the real world. Students and educators need to lobby administrators, deans, foundations, departments, etc. Everyone has its own formula and

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People were killed in Italy, too," said Staff Sergeant Dave Hirahara. "I was there. We were where the Army told us to go."

Sergeant Hirahara made the statement with a puzzled expression, for he had run into people who asked why he hadn't been in the Pacific if he wanted to fight. If these people had been a bit more observant, they would have noticed that Sergeant Hirahara holds his head a little differently. That's because a German bullet caught him in the head, took the sight of one eye. But Sergeant Hirahara considers himself lucky. There was a lot of their buddies on that particular mission who didn't come back.

Sergeant Hirahara wanted to fight. That's why he left his pretty young wife and infant daughter in a relocation camp and volunteered to go wherever Uncle Sam saw fit. The War Department sent him to Italy with the Nisei 42nd Regimental Combat team, and from there the unit went to France and back to Italy again. That unit suffered thousands of casualties, including 565 dead.

And they want to know why he hadn't been to the Pacific if he wanted to fight. They got their answer last week, straight from MacArthur's headquarters. The Nisei were in the Pacific Theatre by the hundreds, assigned to intelligence work so secret that the existence of their units was not revealed for six weeks after the formal end of the war.

These units were of the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS) made up primarily of Japanese Americans. They operated so skillfully on Pacific battlefields, according to the Associated Press, that they often knew the telephone numbers of Japanese billets.

Among the Nisei were some taken off Corregidor before the Philippines fortress fell early in 1942.

The commander of the section, Colonel Sidney Mashbir, says: "No group in the war had as much to lose. Capture would have meant indescribable horror to them and their relatives in Japan."

Other sources have revealed that every division in the Pacific had at least ten Nisei translators and interpreters attached to it. These Nigai specialists took part in virtually every Japanese surrender at the termination of the fighting. They proved themselves so valuable in combat that they were on loan to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and to British and Australian forces fighting in Burma and Borneo.

The men who were assigned this hazardous duty are all volunteers who mastered the Japanese language at the grueling pace demanded by pressing military necessity. It is well known that these men were eager to return to their homeland in the Pacific Theatre.

Unwittingly, the government decided to organize the segregated 442nd for action in Europe gave the unconstructed racists the chance to say the Army didn't "trust" the Nisei to fight in the Pacific. It gave at least one Navy officer speaking from California a platform to declare that the 442nd had set its brilliant record only because the Nisei "were killing white men."

Now the lie has been given to this racist talk. The Nisei of ATIS
Is the JA community disappearing?

Or is the choice up to us?

By LANE HIRABAYASHI

While I always appreciate data on the current rates of Asian American intermarriage, as a person of Japanese and Norwegian American ancestry I had a serious objection to UCLA Prof. Harry Kitano's assertion that "the Japanese American community... thriving today will be no more in 2050" in the face of the rising rate of intermarriage (as reported by Mr. Harry K.Honda, in his 1993 article "Diffusion of JA Community Seen by 2050.") Simply put, Dr. Kitano seems to assume that the survival of Japanese American culture and community revolve around the purity of Japa­nese "blood" down through the genera­tions.

Now, contrary to this view, most contemporary social scientists agree that culture is learned. In turn, learning one's culture has to do with exposure within the family context as well as in institutions where the values, norms, and typical practices of a given group are enacted. Whether this be a school, church, club, interest group, or even a "slo-pitch" league.

I have a personal example to illustrate what I am talking about. Marilyn, my wife, and I moved out to the Rockies after a combined total of twenty years of full-time service in the Asian American Studies Program at San Francisco State. Although neither of us had been in Boulder before, let alone in Colorado, we were greatly attracted by the atmosphere for the synthesis of progressive research and community-based activism at the recently formed Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race—In America (CSERA). I, myself, moved with trepidation; I have many close friends in the San Francisco Bay Area, and strong ties to JA community-based organizations that were forged over decades. I basically knew no one in Colorado and was somewhat concerned about whether I would be able to start teaching at a new campus, finish the three books I was working on, as well as find time to go down to Denver to "meet the community," let alone work on any community-based projects.

For my part, soon after I arrived, I tried to utilize my resources as a profes­sor on the community's behalf—most notably, I developed the first course that focuses exclusively on Japanese American history which also fulfills "general education" and American history graduation requirements at the Univer­sity of Colorado, Boulder. At the same time, I can report that

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author Bill Hosokawa in his book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," claimed that Yasui had an interest in one out of every ten boxes of apples and pears shipped out of Hood River before World War II. That might be exaggerated, Homer cautioned, but still, Masuo's influence was vast.

Masuo and his wife Shidzuyo had nine children, seven of whom lived to adulthood. Of those, two became doctors and one was a lawyer. Son Minoru is the most famous for having defied the war's curfew and evacuation orders. He took the government to court and initially was convicted, but over a period of years, his conviction was overturned through a writ of error coram nobis.

The store became Ren's province, as Masuo branched out. According to Homer, the first store was augmented by a second building which the brothers bought in the 1920s. In time, the original store was turned into a branch and the second structure became the main facility. Eventually, the second store was torn down and replaced by a brick and concrete building in 1930. The original store was then knocked down and never rebuilt, while the third structure still stands, although no trace of the store remains in the building.

When the war began, Masuo was immediately taken away by the FBI, leaving son Homer, only 17 at the time, to run the household. Masuo would be held by the Justice Department and transferred to different camps over the course of the next four years. He would never return to Hood River.

Kenichi and his wife Matsuyo had no children, although they were among the second parents to the Yasui children. The Fujimotos, with help from a few of their Caucasian neighbors, carefully stashed away the contents of the store in the basement and then moved it to what was once a packing house on the Willow Flat Ranch. The Yasui Brothers Store was never reopened and the elder Yasuis wound up in Portland. Masuo passed away in 1957 and Ren died in 1968.

What remains are the contents of that tomb of a barn. The Yasui Brothers Store stretched the limits of the generic title of "general" store. Homer recalled that his uncle "sold the weirdest eclectic mixture of things, which to me then-child's mind, made no rhyme or reason." Samples of that broad-based merchandise were preserved in the barn. Among the items discovered were an Ingersoll watch display case, a Wrigley chewing gum display case and a Weyl Holsum bread box, which housed rice. The rice then could be sold in varying amounts to customers.

Other prized items found stored away included rubber stamps, store invoices, a string holder and different kinds of office supplies. Many things speak from a different era, such as posters, advertisements and a train schedule.

"The Yasui Brothers Store is among the most complete collections we've come across," Dr. Kikumura observed, "and serves as the heart of the urban trade cluster in the exhibit."

This collection is only one of the many different features of the "In This Great Land of Freedom" exhibit. This exhibit is one method for telling the Japanese American story, a history considerably boosted by the contents of an abandoned barn in Oregon.
the movie. In fact when I saw the movie, the audience was so moved that it literally applauded and cheered this scene. I was extremely troubled by this response because it reeks of traditional stereotypes. The Asian American woman is seen as weak, and helpless, while the white man is seen as strong and powerful; the Asian American woman stands by silently while the white man vigorously argues her cause. The total impact of the scene, for me, was not only to invoke and rehash old stereotypes, but also to subtly reinforce the traditional imperialist argument that people of color are simply too weak, passive, ignorant, (fill in the blank with any pejorative adjective), and thus, need the aid of Western, white culture.

Chiang: Notwithstanding all of these points, I think that the film's portrayals of Asian American male-female relationships were in many respects a fair critique. Many Asian American women—and women in general—were no doubt moved by these portrayals because they could empathize with what Lena, Waverly, and the others were going through. The only danger is that after giving a sound critique of Asian American men, the movie doesn't turn a critical eye to Caucasian men or to mainstream America values. What we're left with is a loaded comparison of the worst that Chinese society has to offer versus the best that American society can offer. The result may be a compliant condescension on the part of mainstream Americans towards the "backward" Chinese. Not that the Chinese aren't backward, but why should we put mainstream America on the shoulder in such an uncritical fashion? Even if one believes that America is more liberal than China, America can't afford to rest on its laurels since it's far from a non-racist, non-sexist society. And Asian American women need not be portrayed as so "thankful" that they've found their (literally) white knight in America. Marrying a white man is hardly a sophisticated or insightful solution to Asian American women's concerns.

Kato: I think that too often mainstream America tends to present itself in a socially and politically "progressive" light by portraying other cultures in a decidedly negative fashion. In "The Joy Luck Club," we see this occurring with regard to gender-based oppression and social brutality in general. This type of approach seems to be not only biased, but also unproductive. Rather than make skewed comparisons, I think we need to look at the parallels, both positive and negative, amongst western and other cultures.

Chiang and Kato: On the other hand, although "The Joy Luck Club" fails to grasp many of the points we raised, it at least attempts to bring Asian American women's issues to a mainstream audience. It is an important film precisely because it is being so widely seen by the mainstream audience. This audience may not have thought about Asian American issues in the past—or they have only known Asians through negative portrayals in the media (from "Year of the Dragon," "Black Rain," "Rising Sun," etc.) to ominous newscasts about Japanese businessmen buying up and selling out America). "The Joy Luck Club" has in a sense "humanized" Asian Americans. The movie has additional power because it was written by Amy Tan, and carries with it the imprimatur of her "legitimacy" or "authenticity." We shouldn't forget, however, that images can cut many ways: the "humanizing" effect of seeing the tribulations of Asian American women may make Asian American women seem pitiable rather than strong; Amy Tan and Wayne Wang's critique of Asian American men may only reinforce negative feelings that the mainstream audience has towards a group that never really had a positive representative in the American media. The casting of Asian Americans of various different ethnic backgrounds (including Japanese, Filipino, Vietnamese, etc.) as all being "Chinese" may only reinforce the stereotype that "all Asians are the same." If the Asian American community itself fails to take a critical look at the film, it may only confirm that the community is passive, quiet, and monolithic. After all, Amy Tan's view of the Asian American experience is merely one personal view. Her view is linked to all of ours in many respects, but surely we don't all think exactly as she does. "The Joy Luck Club" makes people laugh and cry. Hopefully, it will also start a broader dialogue that will continue to challenge our thinking as Asians, Americans, men and women. To that goal, we can truly give two thumbs up.

On volunteerism

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. —RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Joy and Peace
from the staff of
Pacific Citizen
The Detroit JACL's 1993 membership drive tells a powerful story about revitalizing a chapter in less than a year. The combination of careful market research, a well publicized membership drive, and revised chapter programs showed that a strategy backed by an organized plan produces tangible results.

Formation of this membership strategy started in late 1992 when an assessment showed an alarming drop in paid members in the Detroit JACL, plus a lack of a plan to recruit and retain members. It would be difficult to sustain energy in attracting members to events without a healthy membership base.

This year, the chapter focused on a top priority: increasing membership. Two objectives included gaining 30% of 30 new members and retaining 100% of the current membership, which stood at slightly over 150 paid members. These objectives were tracked and measured throughout the past 11 months to help assess results.

As of Nov. 1, 1993, the Detroit Chapter JACL has recruited 38 new members, thus exceeding the new member goal by 126%, while more than 91% of the current organization renewed dues. Total paid membership has risen to nearly 220 members, which represents almost 50% more paid members versus 1992. In addition, the chapter gained two new board members.

Market Research — Understanding the Customers

The Detroit Chapter wanted to increase the need for people, or customers, to join the organization and inject new energy and leadership into the current organization. The chapter further changed its twice-a-year general meetings from a potluck format to dinner meetings at local Japanese restaurants. Attendance has doubled from previous general meetings, and the chapter was again able to increase its relations with the restaurant community.

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The Detroit Chapter then changed its installation dinner format to a Japanese banquet with the attraction of a nation-wide-recognized speaker, ABC broadcaster Ken Kashihara. This event brought out not only members who had been inactive for several years, but attracted new members like Sansei and "new Issei." For coalition building, dinner invites included the Asian American Journalists Association, Filipino community groups, and American Citizens for Justice (an Asian American civil rights group).

Similar outreach efforts were started for local schools. A Legacy Fund-supported speaker's bureau to discuss the internment camps experience and a promotion for the JACL curriculum guide. The chapter also participated in the Detroit News-Free Press editorial board to discuss the portrayal of Asian Americans in the media.

Much of this effort required only effective organizing among members and interested local groups. Unlike chapters on the West Coast, the Detroit Chapter does not face much competition for members from other Asian American groups. It is fairly easy to gain access to many Detroit-based organizations.

Publicity makes the difference

An interesting discovery was the general lack of awareness that the Detroit Chapter of the JACL even existed. When asked about their source for a contact, many new members stated that they did not know about or how to contact the Detroit Chapter. Others mentioned that a family member had heard about the chapter through national JACL convention of district activities.

Therefore, the chapter's research, objectives and planning were going to make a better difference through widespread publicity, including a redesigned newsletter, a new computerized membership database, a new membership brochure, and more submissions to the Pacific Citizen.

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Ishmael Reed.

Since the time I first became interested in his work, Reed has written eight more novels, four books of essays, five poetry books, numerous plays and a number of anthologies featuring multicultural writers. His interest in these writers also prompted him to establish the Before Columbus Foundation which sponsors the American Book Awards. A host of Japanese American writers have been recipients of that prize. Among them: Milton Manuya (1980), Mine Okubo (1984), Toshiba Mori (1986), Hisaye Yamamoto (1986), Lawson Frada (1988), William Hohri (1989), Karen Tei Yamashita (1991), Sheila Yamanaka (1992).

Not surprisingly, Reed himself has collected impressive kudos. Arguably the best-known male African American literary figure on the American scene today, he has twice been nominated for the National Book Award and was a finalist for the prestigious Pulitzer Prize.

Along with this writing, Reed has served on the faculty at U.C. Berkeley for twenty years and taught at Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth.

At the far side of the sunny room, a TV set tuned to CNN, directly faces Reed’s chair at the table. He shuts it off. Books line a wall of the room, spilling onto a chair and the floor. He pushes aside a stack of newspapers and magazines on the table to make room for his paid and tape recorder.

It’s the stuff of Reed’s writing. Voracious reading and media watching fuel his prodigious output. “I try to analyze stuff on TV and the movies because they tell you where the establishment’s head is,” he says. He sifts all that material and puts it out with wit and a no-holds-barred charge, what he calls “comic aggression.” It’s a term borrowed from Charles Fanning, an Irish American scholar, he tells me. Few people—especially from the establishment—escape his critical eye, including presidents, “liberal” feminists, the networks, intellectuals. On the other hand, he is a strong advocate for the underdog, especially persons of color. And he appears to have no qualms about jumping to the side of the politically incorrect—as in his defense of Clarence Thomas and the widely publicized broadside he leveled at Alice Walker. "I'm interested in fresh material. When I write books, I always look at the past and see what things can develop. (Richard) Wright, the greatest African American writer of the '40s and '50s, wrote haiku... (Richard) Brautigan said he wanted to go to Japan a few months before he died. He found a positive response to his work.

—Ishmael Reed
President Fujimori's first 1,000 days

...And then some

By HARRY K. HONDA

As one who has followed the news from Latin America seriously in recent years and witnessed on C-SPAN President Clinton's ambitious campaign to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement last month, our Western Hemisphere has commanded world-wide importance. Americans are rediscovering the two continents of North and South America, as it were.

For those of Japanese ancestry in the Americas and in Japan, the ascendency of a Peruvian Nisei, Alberto K. Fujimori, to the presidency of his nation has become a principal ingredient in the meaning of "Citizenship." He is the embodiment of the motto of the 12-year-old organization of which he is the honorary chairman, the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA)—Seamos mejores ciudadanos en nuestro continente. Let us become better citizens in our continent. Of his candidacy, Fujimori has often said: "I did it, driven by a basic citizen's duty." Implicit in the JACL motto on citizenship is the call: "For Better Americas in a Greater America." This past summer, longtime Fresno JACL pioneer Fred Hirasuna wondered whether the JACL slogan could be expanded to "A greater America for all Americans."

In looking over the three years of President Fujimori in office, his first one-thousand days came to mind. That date came to pass on April 23, 1993. A year ago on April 5, he dissolved Peru's two-chamber congress, the judicial courts and suspended the constitution to preserve order threatened by terrorism and save Peru's fragile democracy. This crackdown, he said, was necessary to rebuild his country. A legal framework to promote national and foreign investments was put in place. For instance, all restrictions against international trade have been eliminated. The people, impoverished by the previous policies of empty words and promises, placed their trust on Fujimori by electing him president in 1990. He was still trusted when he shut down the legislative and judicial branches. At the November, 1992, election of the Democratic Constituent Congress, consisting of a single chamber of 80 representatives, Fujimori's party-New Majority Cambio-90 won 44 seats for a majority. Jaime Yoshiyama, who some say may be the next president, is president of the new congress. No one has yet announced for the presidential elections to be held in early 1995.

But, let's weigh the clammers of a year ago. The U.S. editorials were predicting chaos that Fujimori was playing into the hands of the terrorists. Secretary of State James Baker said, to the effect, "You don't kill democracy in order to save it." Economic aid from Washington was put "on hold."

Indeed, the U.S. and world press was filled with stories emanating from Lima and the world capitals for remainder of the month. The Boston Globe asserted U.S. response to the "Fujimori takeover of the Peruvian government should be clear, strong and immediate." The Washington Post called it a "regrettable step backward." Writing in the New York Times, former Peruvian drug police adviser Steve G. Trujillo explained the destabilization of the drug trade in Peru had led to President Fujimori's declaration of emergency rule. The Chicago Tribune said Peru was also taking "another step backward," called for President Bush to halt U.S. military and economic aid and for the Organization of American States to respond as firmly to Fujimori's action.

Three days later (April 8), the Washington Post editorial, "Democracy in Peru," was urging the U.S. government to try to persuade President Fujimori to again give democracy a try and reconsider suspending his country's constitution. The same day, the Wall Street Journal featured a story of the Fujimori strategy of sending his army into Ene River Valley, a stronghold of the Shining Path—Sendero Luminoso, to win over the population with food and medicine and arming the rondas (the band of peasants to fight the guerrillas). While world leaders and pundits continued to condemn the action, the polls in Peru showed a majority was expressing strong support for the shutdown of Congress and a judicial system which, they viewed, as corrupt and ineffective. Before the 5th of April, the judicial system did not find Abimael Guzman, the leader of the Shining Path guerrillas, a criminal and also freed 200 terrorists from jail who then resumed their terrorist activities.

By mid-September, Guzman was captured. It was seen as a spectacular coup for President Fujimori, who now predicted that violence was nearing its end. But he also cautioned the people to expect some retaliatory bombings. The reality was that for the past 12 years, thousands of police, soldiers, civilians and Catholic Church personnel were killed by the terrorists (over 25,000 in number) and over $22 billion was lost in...
Machu Picchu, above, Peru’s most famous tourist attraction, is a peaceful contrast to the country’s urban problems. Below, Peru politics can be seen even in Los Angeles on a billboard marked with graffiti. At right, Dr. Victor Ariosto, current Peruvian ambassador to Japan, addresses the Tokyo conference of the Overseas Japanese Association.

property. The world-respected business journal, the London Economist, correctly predicted Fujimori would win heavy support in the Nov. 22, election of the constituent congress. It was an election monitored in the U.S. and OAS officials and feelings in the U.S. press warm up to plump for Peru. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution editorial concluded his party’s congressional election victory suggested “Fujimori may be a good leader after all and deserves U.S. support.”

Just before the November election, Chicago Tribune columnist Robert Novak went down to Peru to interview President Fujimori, carrying the message that the new Clinton Administration could develop an internal plan to eradicate Peru’s poison. Novak had also visited Santa Lucia, the U.S.-built military base in Upper Huallaga Valley where 60% of the world’s cocaine is produced. Fujimori told Novak that, at best, Santa Lucia was only cutting off 1% of the coca crop. A retired U.S. army officer at the base told Novak the drug traffickers were playing both sides, which shows the vigor of poverty being woven by corruption.

A year after the “self-coup” in an April 3 interview this year with William R. Long, the Los Angeles Times staff correspondent in South America, Fujimori was arguing that Russian President Boris Yeltsin could deal better with his nation’s problems if he could shut down the Russian congress. Even, Yeltsin had said so.

coming exclusively from government revenues. In the 1300 days, Peru has experienced deep transformations that have modernized its public sector and economy. The public sector is now much smaller and more efficient. In the past, the public administration used to function as an employment agency for political parties of the government in office. As a result, the public sector became oversized and unable to pay its employees who wanted to retire, choosing instead to keep their jobs and worsening in this way the problem even further.

“The economic program adopted by my government has been considered as an example of coherence by the International Monetary Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank. [This] has been possible, thanks to the support of the Peruvian people and particularly of the more impoverished sectors who have confidence that the economic program would restore the health of the Peruvian economy.

“Now, Peru is a reborn country, moving forward on its way to recovery,”

From the perspective of a Nikkei professional business group in Peru to promote small and medium-size foreign investments in their country, the past year raised their hopes. The Nikkei characterized Peru as was at the very brink of disaster, a nation ruined by inflation, corruption and regulations that discouraged investment. They pointed out the state-owned institutions were obsolete and the population was demoralized after many years of subservience and terrorist activities. Appealing to Japan because of personal ties, culture and history, they confessed: “For us to support him in his difficult and delicate mission was a duty that had been imposed.” The group is known as PROA (Promotion and Advisory).

The interests in Japan were reminded that Peru was the first Latin American nation to establish diplomatic ties with Japan in 1873 and that immigrants from Japan had come during the Meiji era of modernization. They tell the story of one Japanese pioneer, Korekiyo Takahashi, who came in 1886 to invest in silver mines in the Cerro de Pasco region as a joint venture. Japanese workers who were recruited in 1890 to develop the mine, but unbeknownst to Takahashi, that had been abandoned a 100 years earlier. Known as the Carahueca Silver Mine Case, it turned out to be a nuisance to get farm workers. Disappointed, the Japanese laborers quickly returned. During this same period, British plantation owners were in desperate need to replenish thousands of hectares of coca. The Chinese workers who came to Peru on slave ships in the 1890s.

Furthermore, the Nikkei in Peru were very candid to their Japanese contacts and said that from the beginning of Fujimori’s presidency, he enjoyed a support seemingly given to a president. Thus, he had to work out a program in response and direct Peru out of the disaster he had inherited. But almost no one had predicted the “Fujishock” that followed, much of the same drastic economic measures proposed by his run-off opponent, Mario Vargas Llosa.

To understand the economic situation, the level of real income in 1990 was well below 1972. Unemployment and underemployment had reached almost 70%. Many were leaving the valleys and mountains in search of work in Lima. To the outskirts of Lima, inflation had skyrocketed through the ‘80s to 7,650% in 1990. Prices were over 1,000 times higher than they were in 1965. The population between 1960 and 1990 had more than doubled from around 10 million to 22 million.

Another aspect of the economic chaos was that foreign debt was over US$20 billion in 1990 and previous administration of Alan Garcia had embarked on an aggressive South American stance to suspend debt and lease away its own foreign debt problem. The plan did not work and what were Garcia’s reforms ended up bankrupting the country and plunging it into greater poverty.

In 1990, drug trafficking, terrorist activities and their blowing up border lines which seriously crippled Peru’s industry and daily living. Several years ago, Peruvian visitors were eliminated bound with battery-operated toys, cameras and

Fujimori was arguing that Russian President Boris Yeltsin could deal better with his nation’s problems if he could shut down the Russian congress. Even, Yeltsin had said so.

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The Volunteer Spirit

By CHIZU IYAMA

An exhibit pulls people together

It was a time of confusion—of suppressed emotions spilling into confrontations, of people disillusioned about democracy, yet hoping for a better future, of conflicting feelings and ideas about the war—in short, it was 1943 in Topaz. I think it was during this period that I began to see the world outside of the internment camps, of issues connecting our lives to international politics. And I guess that’s what has impelled me to a political activism that stretches throughout my life from civil rights, peace marches, petition campaigns to stop nuclear testing, to promote redress, into electioneering, etc. That is volunteering on a political level.

But one of my most meaningful volunteer activities had to do with working on the exhibit "STRENGTH AND DIVERSITY: Japanese American Women 1865-1990." There were about 30 Japanese American women of all ages, Nisei and Sansei, gathered together at the office of the National Japanese American Historical Society. Such an air of excitement! We were actually in charge of the exhibit under the wise guidance of Rosalyn Tani, executive director of NJAHS, the Oakland Museum, and an academic committee (volunteers).

We were to plan the exhibit, help raise funds, develop themes, write copy, gather photos and artifacts, and plan programs to accompany the display. In addition, we embarked on an oral history project which so enhanced the narratives and set the tone of exhibit.

Most of us were not museum pros, though some had special talents in design, design, quilting, writing, and organizing. We were challenged by the fact that there never was a history of Japanese American women, told by Japanese American women and not by academics. We were struggling against stereotypes. And we wanted to present the story of ordinary women, not the "supertars," which you have in any group.

It took us two years to pull the exhibit together. Despite the hurried deadlines, keeping family and work responsibilities "under control", driving long distances to pick up unusual artifacts, staying up nights to transcribe fascinating oral histories, etc., it was an exciting period.

We spent the first few months just talking...about ourselves, our families, our experiences, and on the periphery about the exhibit. We shared our diverse backgrounds—the similarities and the differences between generations, growing up in the country as compared to the city, whether single or married with children in the internment camps. We laughed and wept and learned about ourselves, our own history.

We talked about how our life situations affected us. For example, whenever we got around to programs the Nisei would offer you to "potluck," while the Sansei members strongly suggested catering. One of our quilters stated, "Do you know the difference between the Nisei and the Sansei? When we have our quilting sessions, we bring pieces of cloth in Ziploc bags. Imagine the consternation of the Nisei when the Sansei women began to throw those perfectly good bags away."

We ran into some spirited exchanges, for example, on whether we should include the presence of Japanese prostitutes in the early years of settlement. Because it’s part of history (and included not only the story of the prostitutes) but also found material on runaway wives.

We ran into difficulty because there was very little material published about Japanese American women (which led to a great book by Mel Nakanaka, one of our committee members: "JAPANESE AMERICAN WOMEN - 1899 - 1990.")

We therefore had to rely on our oral interviews. It was very rewarding to take down the stories of women who often demurred because they "led such ordinary lives" to find such a wealth of material about their experiences, and including their feelings.

Because of the incarceration in camps during World War II, we found only a few photos (except from governmental) and a dearth of artifacts. Many people had destroyed any they may have had that were Japanese; many kept throwing out things whenever they moved; others found their possessions ransacked when they returned home.

There were outstanding aspects of this exhibit—the beautiful quilt which included symbolic stitches by thousands of Nikkei women, the moving videotape, and the curriculum guide. All put together by volunteers. We truly had a "thousand points of light."

This exhibit was widely successful at the Oakland Museum and is now showing throughout our country under the aegis of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit until 1996. For all of us who worked on the exhibit, we are thankful to the NJAHS for offering us this opportunity to tell our story, to the Oakland Museum staff who treated us in such a respectful manner, and to all the agencies and people within and outside the Japanese community—government, religious, educational, and financial support. It WAS A TRULY GREAT VOLUNTEER EFFORT.

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Alaska at WAR

The story of Sylvia Kobayashi, a volunteer where there was no JACL chapter

By HARRY K. HONDA

those in the audience understood, even though they were not aware at all that the Evacuation had occurred 50 years ago and why. They seemed pleased by her presentation.

In Alaska, even the Aleuts were hustled off their islands to abandoned fishing camp in the Panhandle and were later awarded redress. This segment was covered by the show of Michael and Mary Jo Thill’s recently produced documentary, “Aleut Evacuation: The Untold War Story.”

Sylvia, still the volunteer, also set up an exhibit table with historic photographs of Evacuation, of the camps, and of the Nisei soldiers in the MIS and 442nd. There was a poster showing the photo of the Nisei from Alaska (the fellow in the middle with a ukulele, Mark Hiratsuka) from the front cover of Thelma Chang’s award-winning book, "Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th and 442nd.”

Originally from Seattle, Sylvia has been an Anchorage businesswoman for the past 28 years and in pursuit of the Alaska Issei story. She has a warm interest in redress and was the main speaker at the Anchorage symposium, and to her credit, she was the one who stood up to the Anchorage JACL chapter, the 49th State. She adds that Karl Kasukake of Nagoya, the Idaho-born standee who wound up in the Japanese Army and sent to the Aleutians and who has attended some of the MIS reunions, is talking about a trip to Attu next July. Also interested is the author of "The Thousand Mile War" (Doubleday, 1969), who addressed the symposium, returning to Alaska for the first time in 25 years.

The Pacific Citizen appreciates the volunteers in the “no-chapter” camps who, like Sylvia, feeds us with stories, clippings and leads from time to time.

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South Pacific. His death was kept a secret for a long time in Japan and the U.S. also kept silent because they did not want Japan to know that their messages were being decoded all during the war.

In fact, Japan did not know until the war was over that their messages were being decoded all during the war.

On May 28, 1943, when Yamazaki and his troops on Attu were surrounded by the Americans, Yamazaki realized the situation was hopeless but was determined to make his final charge against the men under command of Maj. Gen. Landrum. In a farewell message to his troops, Yamazaki instructed all radio equipment be destroyed, told the wounded to kill themselves, and told the post office workers to follow behind his soldiers and avoid capture. Two officers were told to stay behind and report to higher headquarters on what had happened at Attu. The bodies of these two men, Army Captain Numata and Navy Lt. Commander Emoto, were found in a cave after the war in 1953, when the Japanese government sent some people to Attu to make the round of burial grounds.

Colonel Yamazaki wanted to break through Engineer Hill in Iwo Jima, go down to Makinake Bay to get American guns, ammunition and food. Then, he might be able to hold on until reinforcements might arrive. But with his troops in scattered positions, it took more time. Their fate ended in total annihilation.

Near Engineer Hill is a monument in memory of Colonel Yamazaki, "who was killed in action near this post."

It was erected by the commandant, 17th Naval District and I would like to know more about this officer. I respect his courageous action.

While Imperial Headquarters announced that all of the 2,600 Japanese troops under Colonel Yamazaki had perished, three of my friends were among the 27 survivors who returned to Japan after the war from America, where they were held as POWs. One of my friends, Pvt. Iseda, who is disabled, operates a bed and breakfast home with his wife. The name of his establishment is "Attu."

Two months after the Battle of Attu, American troops landed at Kiska to find no Japanese—just some dogs. On July 28, all of the 5,219 Japanese troops were evacuated from Kiska. Strange to say, the American fleet was not there for it had left to get supplies. Stranger still, the moment the the Japanese ships entered the bay, the almost constant, dense fog cleared up and the evacuation was completed within 50 minutes. The Japanese rescue fleet consisted of 50 boats: 2 light cruisers, 9 destroyers loaded with 20 land craft each! The moment the landing crafts from the Kiska garrison. Some Japanese reports said it was accomplished in 30 minutes.

Where his chief of staff was Tojo, Higuchi explained to Tojo that Hitler was to blame, not the Jews. Higuchi later said that as far as the Jewish people were concerned, Tojo was right. Without the intervention of Higuchi, the 20,000 Jewish people would have frozen to death. The Winter on the Russian border, is severe as in Alaska.

When the war ended, Russia wanted to arrest Higuchi as a war criminal, but MacArthur's headquarters refused. It is said that the World Jewish Society in New York did not want him arrested. In Jerusalem a monument called, "Golden Book," with names of those helped the Jewish people. Among them are the names of General Higuchi, Dr. Einstein and others.

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Christine Nakamura Noonan's volunteer work for the Twin Cities Chapter, JACL, goes back to her junior high days when she became a member of JAYS, the chapter's youth group. She was an active member until she graduated from high school, serving as president and chairing several activities, including mochi making fund-raisers, outings, and craft demonstration booths. She also helped the group host a convention for JAYS in the MDO.

Since 1989 Christine has served on the board of the Twin Cities Chapter. Committed to the important role that communication plays in the chapter's ability to serve its members and the community, Christine developed "Rice Paper," the chapter's bi-monthly newsletter, and now serves as editor. Christine was also instrumental in developing the chapter's new membership brochure and its membership directory.

For the last three years, Christine has chaired the chapter's annual holiday party for children. More than 125 people attend each year and enjoy games, entertainment, food and a visit from Santa.

Christine held the office of secretary for one year. And in addition to assisting at a variety of chapter activities throughout the year, she maintains the chapter's mailing list and database. Also committed to the vital role that the arts play in the community, Christine is actively involved in the Asian American Renaissance, a grassroots organization striving to build the Asian American community through the arts. This winter Christine will work on media relations for "Miss Appropriated," a production developed to give voice to Asian American artists and the images they create for themselves. This event will be held at the Walker Art Center in February.

From her childhood days until 1989, Christine performed traditional Japanese dances with the Sansai Yonei Kai dance group. The group performs at many events throughout the year, including the annual Festival of Nations celebration at the St. Paul Civic Center. This fall, Christine served on the grant review panel for the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Suburban Ramsey County Arts Re-endowment Program. At Presbyterian Church of the Way, Christine has taught Sunday School for second graders since 1989, served on the Pastor Nominating Committee during the church's search for an associate pastor, and in 1993 as a member of the Stewardship Campaign Publicity Committee. As part of the Volunteer in Mission program, Christine traveled to Suzuka, Japan, where she developed and taught a six-week conversation curriculum for businesspeople and elementary and secondary school students.

In February, 1994, she will begin serving a three-year term on Session, the governing body of the Presbyterian Church.

Christine is employed by the University of Minnesota's Office for Minority and Special Student Affairs. Here she edits a quarterly news magazine. Prior to that she worked as marketing communications manager at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business, Minneapolis, and as public relations manager for the Orady Music Theatre, St. Paul.

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In Omaha, they're the heart and soul

By SHARON ISHII-JORDAN.

Most organizations have a core of human resources which can be tapped whenever time or talents or treasures are needed. The Omaha Chapter, JACL, was founded by a cadre of dedicated individuals who gave a lot of time, talent, and treasure to ensure the foundation and building of a chapter that would grow over the years to serve its members both locally, regionally, and nationally.

The commitment and service of the Omaha Chapter volunteers should be lauded. For almost 50 years, a vast number of persons have given of their energies to build the chapter we have today. They have come and gone over time, giving of themselves when their jobs, families, or abilities have allowed. There are, however, three persons who truly deserve a standing ovation because they have responded to the needs of this chapter consistently over the years, in spite of commitments elsewhere in their lives. The Board of the Omaha Chapter would like to publicly acknowledge the contributions of these special volunteers whose unselfish service has often gone unrecognized.

Masako Em Nakadoi, Gladys Hirabayashi, and Miki Allen are women who have seen the organization and its members change over the years. They...
The volunteer spirit

San Diego Chapter:

Robert Ito

Making a difference in the community

There’s probably no more frustrating, difficult task than to compile a “Who’s Who” list. Frustrating and difficult not because of a lack of candidates, but just the opposite — there is a wealth of people who could be considered San Diego’s natural resources.

The San Diego Business Journal received more than 100 nominations for its annual salute to local business leaders. All the nominees contributed significantly to their company’s growth, thereby helping to keep the economy afloat.

But this year, the Business Journal chose to focus on people whose outstanding contributions made a difference to the business community as a whole, or who, through their work, are positively changing the face of the county.

A further caveat, the accomplishments of the nominees had to have taken place since the last Who’s Who was published in July, 1992.

The Business Journal acknowledges that there were probably many outstanding people who should be included and were not; the fault lies not in them but in the fallible judgment of the editors.

One of those chosen to be included into the San Diego Business Journal is our own Robert P. Ito. He is CEO for Occupational Training Services, a non-profit public benefit job training and affordable housing corporation. He is also involved in many community organizations.

Ito chairs Communities United for Economic Justice (CUE), a coalition of organizations that lobbies on behalf of minority businesses.

CUE’s lobbying has focused on ensuring that minority businesses receive a percentage of the contract for the gift and food concessions at Lindbergh Field. The group will also lobby on minority contracting in the expansion of the Convention Center. Ito represents the Japanese American Citizens League on the CUE board.

His non-profit Occupational Training Services provides job training and develops affordable housing, receiving its primary funding from the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council.

Chairman of Crime Stoppers, former president of San Diego Incubator Corp., board member of Support Center of San Diego and the Asian Business Association of San Diego, former chairman of the city of San Diego’s Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission. His company broke ground in July on the first family development in Centre City East since 1940.

Ito is a native San Diegan. He received a bachelor of arts in sociology at the United States International University in June, 1972, and a masters in social work form San Diego State University in June 1974.

Ito also served as a program administrator with the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council, an agency responsible for the planning and administration of federal funds received from the Department of Labor from September, 1973, to January, 1982.

Ito was responsible for the administration of over $150 million under contract to the council.

Ito is a third generation Japanese American son of a successful retired farmer. He was raised in Encanto on the vegetable farm operated by his father and grandfather. He learned at a very early age the value of hard work and still retains a very strong work ethic.

A record of service

Ito’s community involvement is extensive. His involvement includes:

- Chairman-San Diego Crime Stoppers
- Chairman-Communities United for Economic Justice
- Past President-San Diego Incubator Corporation
- Board Member-San Diego Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Vice President-Kiku Gardens, Inc. (senior housing)
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By LIL KATAOKA

program without an inkling of what was to come.

After the social hour and dinner, Bill Suyama took charge and a program consisted of favorite skits of the past. One skit with a cast of talented Sansei, however, was directed by Lynn Jonokuchi Luck, depicting Ed as the boss from movie ‘Grandfather’. Adding to the memorabilia was a Chicago JACL choir of 25 directed by Dr. Victor Izu, coordinated by Dr. Frank Sakamoto.

Impromptu praises‘roasts’ on tape followed including some from ex-Milwaukeeans the Tak Narus and Henry Dates from California, Dr. Al Gima, Gilbert and Roberta Kimura from Honolulu. Chapter board chair Jim Miyazaki ended on a solemn note presenting Ed with a National JACL certificate of recognition.

Thanks to the newsletters on hand.

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Chief Art Venegas; Fire Marshal-Johnn Wagner, former Berkeley Police; Special Agent Richard Ross; Human Rights Fair Housing Commissioner-Director Barbara Lehman; community activitists-Andy Noguchi, Florin Chapter, JACL and National staff-JACL—then Acting Director Carole Hayashino.

Extending messages, in addition to the remarks by the above recipients, were Reiko Kawakami of Rep. Robert Matsui’s staff, State Sen. Patrick Johnston, Councilman Jimmie Yee, whose house was firebombed and Dr. Nate White of NAAACP, whose office was the first to be devastated by the alleged bomber.

Among the invited guests were: County Supervisor Illa Collin, Marge Covina of Lambta, Loreta Domnan of Assemblyman Phil Isenberg’s office, Gladys Ikeda of Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi’s office, Al Hoesteen—Crime Alert Program; Lean Lan, Chinese Community Council; Manager Michael Fierile and Tina Morril, KOVR Channel 13; Darby Patterson, Sacramento Cable; Lt. Rich Shiashii, Sacramento Police—general and introduced newly appointed JACL National Director Randy Senzaki.

Senzaki, who was born in camp and raised in the Twin Cities area, gave his family and academic background and his philosophy concerning the role of the JACL in the years ahead. His message expressed both the old-timers and the younger segment of the large audience. His articulate delivery and his outgoing personality were well received by JACLers of the Sacramento Valley, Shokuzen no Kotoha was delivered by Rev. Bet Oshita of Sacramento Buddhist, Rev. Kazuo Masuino of Parkview Presbyterian Church gave benediction. Colors were presented by the VFW Post 8985 color guards.

Tom Nakashima, popular local DJ and one of the organizers of “Blues for Unity” benefit, presented $3,000 checks to the Sacramento JACL recovery fund and to the Sacramento Chinese Service Center. Hedy Chiang of the Service Center presented a $1,400 donation to the recovery fund on behalf of the Chinese community.

A petition condemning the firebombings, carrying over 300 names of UC, Davis, Law School students, was presented to Imai by Jang Park and Charles Saki of the Asian Students Club of UC Davis Law School.
Without Edison Uno, there would be no East Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, so this initial honor-designating the chapter’s Volunteer of the Year rightfully bears his name. Edison was only 47—a man in his prime, when he suddenly died in 1976. When the chapter started in 1948, he joined the JACL as one of the youngest members. He had just graduated from John Marshall High School the year before. After a stint with the U.S. Navy during the Korean war and training in San Diego, he began his life as a community activist, being elected president of the East L.A. chapter in 1951 and again in 1952, while continuing his college education.

Much of his devotion to human and civil rights was based in San Francisco since he became a resident there in 1957, but the causes were national in scope. The East Los Angeles Chapter has enjoyed a behind-the-scene delight, basking in the glories Edison won for the community, knowing that he launched his career as an activist from the East Los Angeles Chapter.

Thanks to the P.C. archives, here are excerpts of Edison's achievements that speak to the kind of activities a volunteer might engage.

Speaking about his World War II experiences as a teenager in the concentration camps before community groups, students, and eventually becoming an instructor in ethnic studies at San Francisco State.

- Reviewing textbooks for the California State curriculum project. He also revised college textbooks containing inaccurate or objectionable statements.
- Organizing community projects, such as the JACL Alcatraz Indian Project (an effort to reclaim the island for Native Americans), the Asian American march for peace; San Francisco rallies and demonstrations (when San Francisco JACL had announced Sen. Hayakawa was to be installation banquet speaker), trips to Manzanar, etc.

Best of Pete Hironaka... 1993

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One of the more memorable characters of postwar American fiction is Captain Queeg of Herman Wouk's masterfully told story of the mutiny aboard the U.S. destroyer Caine. You may recall Queeg, played by Humphrey Bogart in the movie version of the Caine Mutiny.

Queeg is essentially a weakling, overburdened by the responsibilities of running his ship. He seeks refuge and support in the Navy's regulations, enforcing them to the letter, performing like a tyrant, and perpetually fearful that an error of judgment will be detected and entered on his record. It's altogether possible that you have encountered Queegs of various types in your everyday lives.

Well, I got to thinking of poor old Captain Queeg the other Sunday afternoon while watching the Columbia Broadcasting System's Twentieth Century program about the Great Evacuation of 1942. That was the occasion, as some of you may recall, when a preoccupied nation accepted the idea that some of its citizens should be tossed into concentration camps without being charged or tried of any crime, simply because they happened to have the wrong kind of ancestors. I thought about Captain Queeg and came up with an idea for a somewhat similar novel, but different enough so that it wouldn't be specifically identifiable with the Caine Mutiny story.

This novel would be set on the Pacific Coast of the United States in December, 1941. Our principal character would be the military commander charged with the defense of the western United States. Suddenly he is faced with the fact of Pearl Harbor, and he realizes that it might have been the coast of California or Oregon or Washington that could have been attacked on December 7. This scares the dickens out of him, because he realizes his command was no more prepared to meet attack than were the luckless forces in Hawaii. So, to make up for lost time he has to do everything possible to insure that his command will not be caught with its collective pants down.

About this time one of his aides points out that the "Japanese" on the West Coast are potential saboteurs and espionage agents, a mighty dangerous Fifth Column. This aide, according to Wouk's idea for the novel, has his reasons for hating the "Japanese." Maybe one of them got better grades than he did in high school and became the valadictorian, or maybe he lost out in the all-conference wrestling meet to a sneaky little judo expert named Watanabe. It would be easy to build up this part of it. At any rate, this aide keeps warning the commander that he will be guilty of dereliction of duty unless he takes every precaution to safeguard the West Coast, and that he faces an unfathomable hazard in the inscrutable "Japanese," who are demonstrating their treachery by buying war bonds, trying to enlist in the Army, cooperating with local authorities, denouncing the attack on Pearl Harbor, and refraining from committing sabotage.

This commander, as I see him, is a pretty decent sort of fellow at heart, but like Queeg, he's frightened. He's afraid of what might happen if he doesn't listen to his aide, and he's afraid of what will happen if he does. And so, like Queeg, he's torn by his fears until he almost goes out of his mind, partly because he read something somewhere about the Bill of Rights.

In the end he decides that the aide is right—he just cannot take a chance—and so he orders the Great Evacuation. And just as he expected, his order is approved right up the line because all his superiors are so desperately involved with the Big Decisions of fighting the war that a basic breach of civil rights somehow escapes their attention and a great tragedy is approved.

Well, that's the idea, and since I haven't copyrighted it, it's free for anyone to pick up and develop into a best seller. You're welcome.
George K. Baba

George Baba, founder of the Japan Chapter, JACL, returned to the U.S., after some 30 years in Japan, to serve in the military and in public relations work. He is president of the Stockton Chapter, JACL.

Barry Stoddon, Stockton, is editor of the local chapter newspaper, the Japanese American Civic Bicentennial Committee (which was involved in identifying the oldest Issei and Nisei in the community) as well as preparing for the national JACL-sponsored bicentennial celebration at IKE's Grave; and chairing the Japanese Garden Project at Minke Grove, the San Joaquin County Park and a popular Japanese community picnic site outside of Stockton.

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Newcomers. Editor Henry and Etsu Yui recently retired from Chicago, Historian Joanne Kubokawa who has family JACL ties to the Diablo Chapter, and Donna Kormure who recently recruited her brother to help from the Stockton Chapter have donated a tremendous amount of energy and talent. President-elect Mark Monodomi hails from the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco and New York University Law School. Although new to the chapter, Mark insisted he did not have time to be president of Florin. But, the infamous firebombing of the Sacramento Chapter office occurred and Mark responded immediately to the call of duty which he believes is his moral obligation to help stem the tide of hate crime and violence. Mark symbolizes the courage and honor which continues to drive the Florin Chapter.

By Eileen Namba Otsuji

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Eileen Namba Otsuji is president of the Florin Chapter, JACL.

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Sacramento JACL’s New Year Message
To Our Fellow JACLers And Friends

The Sacramento JACL Chapter extends its sincere thanks for the support received from our fellow JACL members and friends after the fire-bombing of its office in October of 1993. The outpouring of assistance for our chapter crossed all organizational divisions within the JACL, from the citizen board to National JACL officers to individual members. The Sacramento JACL chapter officers and board members would like to officially express our special gratitude to all of the JACLers, chapters, JACL officials and staff, both past and present, for their contributions and help in aiding our chapter during the past year. With the tremendous assistance that we have received, from members and chapters across the nation, we will continue our commitment in eliminating unlawful bias, discrimination and hate crimes against all Americans and United States residents. In the coming year, may we put aside our differences and strengthen our solidarity in calling attention to, demanding action about, and deterring all such instances of bias, bigotry and discrimination. We thank you again for your support.

Officers and Board of Directors of the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League
The recognition and thanks to new Sacramentans, Frank and Joanne Iritani, formerly from Bakersfield. They are not only the authors of the best selling book, Ten Visits, now in its fifth printing, but also very enthusiastic and dedicated JACLers. Joanne is the chapter Education chair and the NCWNP District Education Liaison. Frank is the chapter Public Affairs chair and recently appointed to the district Civil Rights Committee. Longtime JACLers, they bring a wider perspective to our board discussions. Since moving here only 12 months ago, they have involved themselves wholeheartedly in their new community. For example, through Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter’s Habitat for Humanity program, they helped a Southeast Asian family build a home. The recipient family put in 300 hours of their own labor in exchange for a down payment on home ownership. Since Habitat International began in 1976, it has gone from one house in that first year to building more than 4,000 worldwide this year. It is not a “band-aid” approach to low income housing, but acts as a healing agent within the community and strengthens the community on the basis of “people helping people.” Frank and Joanne have attended the PANNA and LEAP conferences and local meetings of political, religious, educational and ethnic community groups.

When asked what their hobbies are, Joanne replied, “Attending meetings!” The Iritanis epitomize the spirit of volunteerism.

Our quiet volunteers
Florin is so active and accomplishes much because of the creativity and initiative of our quiet volunteers. They are to be admired for their commitment and hard work. They always come out to cook, clean and set up, but at all our fund-raisers, hand out petitions, make phone calls, sell tickets, donate money, gifts and supplies; and, then most incredibly, they tell us what a great job we are doing! It is the quiet volunteers who make us look good. It is to them we owe our heartfelt gratitude for symbolizing the spirit of the Florin Chapter.

Ted Kobata, a long time Florin member, inspires volunteerism by example. See FLORIN/page B50
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For 11 years at the Annual Time of Remembrance Programs, Ted erects a lifesize replica of the internment camp barracks so 1,000 school children and the general public can experience the humiliation and degrading living conditions that befell those in the internment camps.
Ted, through his construction company and a volunteer crew of 16, was very instrumental in building the Poston Memorial Monument during the late summer of 1992. Ted brought a motomower to live and work out of during the construction of the monument in the excruciating hot months of August and September.
He spent three months on the project which included six trips from his Sacramento home base to the Poston construction site, a 14 hour drive. Beside volunteering his time, he donated all the construction equipment and technical expertise toward the successful realization of the monument. Poston Monument and the Time of Remembrance Barracks have provided the opportunity to countless thousands of children and adults the continuing education to "never forget" the painful lessons learned from the unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans in 1942. The memorialization of the Issei and Nisei's courageous fight to defend the fragile principles of democracy will be Ted and his group of volunteers' legacy to future generations. Outsponsored volunteers
Nisei educator, activist, and community volunteer, Mary Tsukamoto is the inspiration and role model for many of the new members to Florin. She is indeed one of the most gifted speakers in the nation. SFB and Christin Umeda continue to be the spark of the chapter's Annual Day of Remembrance Program, as the best in the country.
In spite of health handicaps and family tragedies, Mary is quite busy not only with JACL work, but volunteering for community, cultural, civil rights and church activities. She is the recipient of a multitude of awards, including the 1986 JACLer of the Biennium, and the Laurie Shields award from the Wonderful Old Woman's League, a very special honor recognized by a California Senate resolution. Mary was especially honored this year with the dedication of the Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School. She is the author of the now internationally selling book, "We the People: A Story of Internment." A glorious 78 years young, she continues to amaze us with her courage, energy and oratorical skills.
Ando Noguchi, two-time president of the Florin Chapter, has received many honors from the Sacramento Civil Rights community for his outspoken and eloquent activities on behalf of all minority groups. He has learned to effectively use the media to organize press releases and conferences, serves on advisory boards for television stations, and has become an articulate spokesperson for the chapter and the Asian American community.
Old timers
Affectionately referring to our Nisei board members who, since the 1930s, have been dedicated JACLers. They are the guiding forces to the new generation "Another special JACLer George Furukawa remembers back in the 1940s and '50s, when they were "young" how difficult it was for the Isseis to accept change. In all their collective wisdom, George, James Abel, Sam Kashigawa, Tom Kushi, Mary Tsukamoto, Ken Kono, Bill Kashigawa and others have devoted their lives to encouraging the younger gens to get involved.
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Another foot in the mouth

About the nicest thing that can be said of Masao Kubo is that he is ignorant, insensitive, and stupid.

Kubo, member of the prefectoral assembly in Hyogo prefecture in western Japan, is the latest Japanese politician who unzipped his mouth when he should have been thinking.

According to the Associated Press, which picked up the item from Japan's Kyodo News Service, Kubo told a budget committee meeting last week that Japanese "feel tailored to shake hands with a black person."

We know in our heads that discrimination is bad, but our feelings are different," Kubo was quoted.

"When you shake hands with someone who is completely black, you feel your hands getting black."

In this manner did Kubo join the pantheon of Japanese political dunces: Justice Minister Seirou Kajiwara who compared the arrival of foreign prostitutes in Japan to blacks moving into all-white neighborhoods in the U.S., with then House speaker Yoshio Sakurachi who said Japanese was superior to the U.S. because American workers were illiterate and lazy, and whoever—fortunately the name escapes me at the moment—who blamed blacks who don't pay their debts for the problems of the American economy. It is small consolation to realize that American politicians aren't the only ones who put their mouths in motion without getting their brains in gear.

Kubo was talking about Pakistanis and Indian laborers who have come into Japan seeking jobs that pay better than at home. But American blacks quickly, and rightly, took umbrage. In Denver one black spokesman threatened to picket a Japan America Society function (an organization dedicated to a better understanding between peoples of the two countries) unless there was an immediate apology. It seemed to make no difference to the irate spokesman that members of the Japan America Society were as outraged as he by Kubo's remarks.

This kind of assumption of guilt by association is an extremely unfortunate part of problems dealing with Japan and the United States. Of course the most obvious example is the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Within hours the resulting anger was being directed irrationally at Japanese Americans.

When U.S.-Japan trade disputes heat up, again it is Japanese Americans who too often are targeted for blame. At this writing it is too early to see how Kubo's remarks will play, but certainly the reaction is likely to be minor. Kubo can apologize—the Japanese are good at that—but the damage has been done. We have every right to be angry that Kubo is so ignorant of the potential damage his remarks can cause.

No country and no people have a monopoly on insensitivity and stupidity, and Americans have been as guilty as anyone in this area. But such actions are particularly hurtful when they affect us Japanese Americans who happen to be black.

Kubo should know better. He needs to be told so in no uncertain terms by both Americans and Japanese, as well as all people of color.

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people to develop leadership skills. Treatment is free. "We have the money, you do the work!" It really has been an honor to work with such fine people.

Leadership

We wanted to further develop linkages with organizations and individuals outside the human and civil rights communities to be a credible voice in the community-at-large and not just within the Japanese American community.

Marion Kanemoto, Oral History chair, has established partnerships with California State University, Sacramento, to document the histories of our local Issei and Nisei families. To date, she has published 15 books and printed 150 volumes for the library of the California State University, Sacramento, and the families. She is also a volunteer school nurse for the Elk Grove School District and the American Heart Association.

Curtis Namba, active volunteer in political and legal circles, was recently interviewed by the local press as a potential candidate for a Sacramento City Council seat. Stay tuned.

Debbie Oto-Kent, Drake Nakashita and Tony Nishizaki incorporated health education into our JACL agenda. The mayor, city council, board of supervisors of Sacramento, Assemblyman Naoi Takasugi, and the governor of California recognized their efforts by issuing proclamations and resolutions honoring their efforts for Project LEAN (Low-Fat Eating for American Now!). In addition to their publication efforts, they also developed a coalition of public and private health care providers, government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers, professional organizations, community groups to pursue our agenda for health promotion to the minorities and underserved communities. Again, Florin volunteers have contributed to the greater Sacramento communities by providing the leadership and expertise needed to build coalitions.

Commitment to human rights, equal opportunity and non-discrimination.

Florio pursues issues of non-discrimination and equal opportunity not only in the workplace, but in social groups as well. The Northern California Sister Cities Association and the Matsumura-Sacramento Sister City Corporation adopted amendments and resolutions supporting equal opportunity and non-discrimination for all categories.

Particularly, for the women of JACL, it is time to actively seek change from the traditional cultural and gender biases and to pursue leadership positions. The 1993 Annual Women's Peace Forum, "Breaking the Facade of the Quiet Japanese American Woman, The Courage of Speaking Out," was chaired by Carol Ouye Hitosig. Caron also volunteers as the vice chair of the Sacramento City and County Human Rights Fair Housing Commission.

The goal to achieve international peace has not been overlooked. Hinoko Tsuda chaired the Annual Women's Peace Event held at the State Capitol.

Volunteers play a major role in the success of our organization to achieve its goals. Frank Intani says, "Volunteerism gives meaning and brings balance to our lives. Asian Americans are hard workers and we keep our noses to the grindstones. . . . I realize that even for young people, life is more than just work. Volunteerism is necessary because there are social and personal needs which otherwise may not be met," satisfaction that money cannot buy.

With three generations of talented and dedicated people working together, Florin JACL has probably discovered the best prescription for health and happiness—Cameraderie and Volunteerism!
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The New England Chapter, JACL, is the furthest east, so we look forward to receiving each Holiday Issue and reading of the activities of chapters in locations many of us know from childhood.

In response to the volunteerism theme of this year's Holiday Issue, we note that many members volunteer on a regular basis for social, cultural, and community activities. We are proud to highlight one particular member — May Takayanagi—who has contributed countless hours of volunteer work over many years.

May is a charter member of the New England Chapter, and has served on its Board for more than 13 years. She served two terms as chapter president in the 1980s, and has always been willing to contribute time to special events. JACL-related voluntary work is only the tip of the iceberg, however. May has dedicated time to many other Asian American and civil rights organizations in Massachusetts, including the Asian American Resource Workshop. She has worked hard for the statewide Democratic Party and for individual candidates, including Congressman Barney Frank. (May's record of support for Congressman Frank was essential in convincing him to speak before a large public meeting sponsored by New England Chapter, and subsequently to provide strong leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives for redress legislation.)

May Takayanagi was given a major award at the 1993 Boston Asian Unity Dinner, for her many years of leadership for social justice and Asian community programs in the Greater Boston area. She was a leader in the anti-war campaign in the 1970s and 1980s and has continued her social and political agenda with leadership of the Fair Housing Movement. She serves on a number of prestigious boards of directors, including the Board of Overseers of WGBH the Boston public television station that is the source of many outstanding PBS programs such as Nova, Mystery, and Masterpiece Theater. She is also on the boards of Community Change, and an Asian American domestic violence task force. She has lectured and spoken widely throughout New England.

The New England Chapter is fortunate to have benefitted from the vision and dedication of May Takayanagi. On her behalf, and from all the hearty JACL New Englanders, we send holiday greetings to all of JACL.

The New England Chapter, JACL, is pleased to convey wishes for a Happy 1994 to friends around the country. We also salute the staff of the Pacific Citizen for always doing such an excellent job on the Holiday Issue.

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**Best of Gwen Muranaka... 1993**

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Advice on dissent

Old friend Hatch Kita and his wife, Kyoko, drove us to Haneda International Airport on a Monday night over the toll road that is the only antiseptic to Tokyo’s horrendous traffic jams. The Japan Air Lines DC-8, heavy with fuel and freight, took off about 11 p.m. and nine and a half swift hours later we were over the goldenhills south of San Francisco. This flight, boosted along by the racing winds of the jetstream, dramatizes as no other the magic of air travel. One leaves Tokyo as a day is drawing to a close, and because of the International Dateline he lands on the other side of the Pacific in mid-afternoon of the same day.

Our plane dipped low over the San Francisco peninsula, and it was hard to realize this was the homeland. It was easy to let one’s imagination run as we floated down toward the airport. That scar across the landscape, marking the route of an advancing thoroughway, could easily be the raw earth ripped up for a new airfield in Vietnam. That line of trees—I saw a similar row that sheltered a Viet Cong patrol from prying eyes aboard an American helicopter gunship. The mudflats of South San Francisco Bay—from 2,000 feet in the air it well might have been the F-5000 Delta in flood season.

But the land below was a land of peace and security, troubled but not despairing. Its people were clean, well-fed, adequately clothed and sheltered for the most part. They feared no attack in the night, no midnight raids from police or guerrillas, no ten terrorist bombs. Food was to be had as close as the nearest supermarket, and one could drink from any tap without fear of dreadful diseases. What a blessed nation is ours.

Each trip abroad is an adventure, but it’s always great to come home. And each journey makes this reporter more appreciative, more grateful for America. Despite all its obvious shortcomings. We are a nation built on improvement, rising from dissent, but the dissenters and detractors in our midst might think more constructively if they could appreciate what we have.
March, 1972—A repeat date at Country Garden, the whooping ring theme was the "Best of Japan.

March, 1973—Same location. Theme tonight was a "Night in Hawaii.

March, 1974—This was the year of the energy crisis, so Eddie arrived riding in a buggy being pulled by "nunsmaid" Charlie Matsumoto. The buggy had a sign: "On to Portland - National JACL Convention, May, 1974."

March, 1975—"Club Casino" was the theme at Country Garden.

March, 1976—As if running out of original titles, this one was simply, "Reflections.

November, 1977—From the chaper newsletter: Chairman Tak Kataoka pledged for volunteers to be on the Board, commenting that many had served for two and three terms but that our 1000 Club chairman Eddie has been serving "permanently."

February, 1978—The chapter 1000 Club roll shows 33 members; there were 50 regular members. March, 1978—The theme was "Mardi Gras," but the flyer said it will be X-rated.

March, 1979—Again at Country Garden, Paul Kekoa with ukulele was the guest artist entertaining for "A Night in Hawaii." P.S.—A party in the adjoining room waited to borrow him for the evening because theirs was boring.

April, 1980—The theme was "Good Ole School Days."

February, 1981—in the newsletter, Eddie is quoted: "The reason I take the chairmanship for the 1000 Club all these years is that whenever I want something done or call for help, everyone cooperates. When Ed speaks, they all listen."

April, 1981—The theme: "Good Ole Western Days."

December, 1982—Eddie announced he is retiring after 23 years as 1000 Club chairman and that Roy Mukai was asked to take over.

April, 1986—Diane Araghi (now in Tucson) took over as 1000 Club chairperson.

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On volunteerism
You can make a difference! Helping others and yourself through volunteering.
— MARLENE WILSON
FUJIMORI
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gifts would make certain to purchase extra batteries.
• "Fujihost" domestically eliminated subsidies and allowed the market place to determine price. There were news reports that even the price of bread had shot up drastically. But, it all checked the spiraling rate of inflation so that by 1992, it dropped to 56% and the goal for this yearend was 22%. Peru is back in the international financial world and now attracting foreign investments, including prospects from China.

There was a glowing report on Peru published as an advertising supplement to the USA Today on Nov. 15. Its fourth paragraph, pretty much, summarizes President Fujimori's first 1,000 days: "Since taking office that year (1990), President Fujimori has embarked on an orthodox economic program aimed at salvaging Peru and is implementing it with an iron fist and Japanese zeal and the wish the backing of the population."

On a personal note, tourism is making its comeback, despite the bad publicity and cholera scare of 1991. President Fujimori, at his talk before the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles last June, said to the business leaders: "Peru offers excellent investment opportunities ... you can easily convince yourself by coming to Peru. Come visit and enjoy the natural wonders of an ancient and fascinating nation."

And he cited the world-famous ruins of Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco and the mysterious Lines of Nazca to the south. The recent archeological discovery of the Tomb of the Lord of Sipan (its travel exhibit at UCLA is about to end), which has been compared to the treasures of King Tutankhamen, has spurred tourism to the northern coast of Peru.

Some of the other wonders might be: Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake; the world's deepest canyon and rapids of the Colca River in Arequipa or the environmental showcase of Manu National Park in Peru's Amazon jungles. As PANA delegates prepare for their 1995 convention in Lima, to those who have been there at the second PANA convention in 1983 or who have stopped over in other years, listen to what President Fujimori says: "You will not recognize it now; even if you came two or more years ago."

And that's when many U.S. delegates, going home from the PANA Convention in Paraguay, were invited to the Presidential Palace in Lima and met with the President and the First Lady, Susana Fujimori. Many of us and more have accepted the President's invitation.
The Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial

1993

A Progress Report

he 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation wishes to thank the more than 7,000 generous contributors who have given over $700,000 to help build the Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial which will be located in the center of the First Street North Plaza development. The one square block Plaza will sit adjacent to Little Tokyo and the Los Angeles Civic Center Complex.

The Veterans Memorial will be strategically located to tell the many thousands of viewers each day the story of what happened to the Japanese Americans during World War II. It is important that this story be presented to serve as a constant reminder to everyone in our country but especially to our own future generations of Japanese Americans that such violations of our U.S. Constitution and discrimination should not be suffered by any future group because of their ancestry.

In this year’s Holiday issue, a progress report is being made instead of publishing a complete listing of names as was done in 1992 and 1991. In 1994, the plan is to present the complete listing of names for a final check up before turning over the final listing to the stone engravers to complete the black granite panels for the monument. The 100th Battalion and the 442nd RCT list is now complete. The duplications, omissions and misspelled names have already taken thousands of hours of work to correct, but there are still existing two large gaps of information which you can assist us with. Thus far, with the assistance of MIS veterans themselves, their relatives and their friends, two-thirds of the 8,000 MISers’ first names have been identified, but this leaves 2,000 MISers’ names still remaining with only their first name initials. If the full first names are not found, the real losers might be their children, grandchildren and the future generations of children. The second gap of missing names are even more difficult to find in that these are the names of those Japanese Americans who served overseas in the Armed Forces during World War II, for example, about 300 replacements for assignment to the 442nd RCT, during the 1944/1945 Winter, were individually diverted and sent to various other units engaged in the “Battle of the Bulge.” We learned about this from one of the replacements who made a personal inquiry to our Name Criteria Selection Committee (NCSC). The person who had made the initial inquiry has since been certified to be included in the Honor Roll of the Veterans Memorial, however, he was unable to give us any additional names or addresses for further assistance in the “tracking down” process. We have been getting other letters and have heard of other individuals, but, here we are totally dependent upon either the veterans, their relatives, family members or friends to help in finding these names. If you have any information which may help us to complete our name search, please contact the Foundation for a Name Nomination Form or Name Correction Form.

Our current plan is to have a ground breaking ceremony to coincide with Veterans Day in 1994. Our plan then is to complete our fund raising campaign by 1995 and to invite the community to the Dedication Ceremony to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II, September, 1945.

The Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial is not a war memorial to glorify any war. Rather it is our hope and wish that it will be seen and appreciated as a Memorial to honor those who offered their lives for America, to acknowledge the loyalty of the Japanese Americans to America, to stand as a constant reminder to be ever vigilant to fight prejudice, discrimination and injustice.

Moreover, the Memorial Monument will be an integral part of a very large $250,000,000 mix-development which will include a 26 story City Hall Annex, a 2,600 car underground garage, retail stores, restaurants, the Japanese American National Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art. This development will greatly enhance the economic and cultural vantage for the City of Los Angeles and especially for Little Tokyo. The Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial will also add its esthetic as well as educational value to the First Street North Plaza.

The Foundation is launching its Phase II Fund Raising Campaign to raise the final additional $1,800,000. In this endeavor, we have been most encouraged by the many sponsor/donors who have made known their wish to dedicate individual names on the Honor Roll by contributing $200 for each name dedicated. The $200 is the approximate cost to place a name on the Honor Roll based on the overall project cost of $2,500,000.

The sponsor’s name and the dedicated name will be properly recorded and displayed in an appropriate place. Regardless, all contributions will be accepted and appreciated and the names of all donors will also be recorded and displayed in an appropriate place. Please make checks payable to:

100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation 1438 Oak Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015.
You can count on the noodles

My folks were great ones for closing the books on the old year and, to mix a metaphor, starting the new one with a clean slate. At year's end, all possible unfinished business had to be taken care of before the dawning of January 1. This meant getting bills paid, chores finished, obligations retired, the house cleaned of last year's grime on December 31. And when all this was done, we kids would take a bath, wrangle into fresh pajamas, and be fit at least to face the new year. Shortly before midnight Pa would come home from the office, where he had been sweeping and scrubbing and otherwise preparing for the coming year. Usually he brought home a huge, steaming pot of noodles in chicken soup which all of us helped dispose of. This, too, we were told, was an old Japanese custom, the idea being that a bowl of hot noodles was mighty fine for thawing out the inner man chilled during the debt-paying rounds on New Year's Eve.

The practice was a delightful one, but like so many other old world customs, it falls somewhat short of modern needs. Take the matter of debts. Sure would be nice to pay off the mortgage on the house, but it still has another thirteen years to run, and from the looks of things it will take every one of those years to get it paid off. And the Christmas bills (shudder) won't even get here until after the first of January so how can we get them disposed of before the new year?

However, there's nothing wrong with hot noodles in chicken broth. They're a grand custom on New Year's Eve, or any eve for that matter.
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THE YEAR
OF THE DOG!

GEEZ! I HOPE THEY'RE
HOUSEBROKEN!

Best of Bill Hosokawa
From the Frying Pan—October 11, 1968

Overly sensitive

One of the speakers at our meetings in San Diego was
Joe Johnson, the little comedian of the highly successful "Laugh-in" TV show who, making like a
German soldier, says "Very interesting," Johnson told us he
speaks nothing but English, but he has made a lucrative living with
dialect roles. This isn't too easy these days because people are so
quick to become offended.

Not long ago, Johnson recalled, he pretended on a program to be
telling an off-color story in Polish. He leered and gestured and
laughed lewdly while mouthing a lot of gibberish that he thought
sounded the way Polish ought to sound. A few days later he was
astonished to receive a letter from some sort of ethnic organization
protesting what was described as an unspeakably obscene perfor-
mance that offended all Polish-speaking Americans.

Johnson wrote back asking for a translation of the story he had told
and predictably he never did get a
reply... Johnson told the story simply as an anecdote about his
experiences, but the moral was only too obvious. Too many folks
these days are protesting too much about too many affronts, real and
imagined. And when one becomes overly sensitive, a lot of the fun
drains out of life which is a pretty grim business without our pur-
purposely making it even more that way.

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