



JACL perspectives in 1994

IN-SIGHT

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA

On the agenda for 1994



Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu!

Another year is laid to rest and we are marching relentlessly toward a new millennium.

The year of the rooster has had its ups and downs. As an organization there have been positive outcomes to our efforts. Even adversities have been turned to opportunities.

We were active in relationships with other groups in coalition efforts which resulted in some victories in the legislative arena (e.g. Motor Voter, Family Leave) and media coverage (Rising Sun); the loss of our executive director made it necessary for us to assess JACL's future and the type of leader needed for this day; the bombing of the Sacramento JACL office mobilized that community to come together in common purpose against violence and racism and forced us to realize that there is a new enemy out there which will not stop at any measure to manifest its hate.

There are many more examples of past efforts but I have been asked to write on what I think will be the important issues for JACL in the new year. In 1994, we will be celebrating our 65th year. This is an age when most people think about retirement but for JACL, it means we have the maturity of purpose but need to think of new ways to carry out what we believe. Our 33rd National Convention will take place in Salt Lake City in August. We will be voting on a new Program for Action and setting other priorities which will move the organization forward.

To help the National Board and staff recommend a course of action, we recently sent out a survey to the Chapter presidents to tell us what they think are the critical issues ahead for our nation; how will these issues impact on Asian Americans/Japanese Americans; what should JACL do. We also asked for response in the area of internal concerns. We urge all Chapters to return the survey so we can begin the process of identifying our work for the next biennium. The dialogue will continue at the Spring District meetings so by the time we come together in Salt Lake City, we can make decisions based on membership input.

In the meantime, we will continue to be an active player on the national scene. It has been our goal not to work only on issues that are identified as Asian American/Japanese American issues but on those that affect all Americans. We can respond to inquiries about Japan bashing or anti-Asian violence; we also want to be asked our opinion on the economy or health care or whatever. We want to give our perspective on how these issues impact our community.

In the first week of the year, the ad hoc group on Health Care Reform will have met by telephone to lay out its work. The ad hoc group on Image and Identity will be arranging its first meeting. The final report and recommendation from the Organization Structure Committee will be distributed shortly as will the minutes of the 1992 Convention.

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New director, new directions

Randy Sensaki was named JACL national director in October of 1993. Despite only a few weeks in office, the new leader offers candid views on the job ahead in a PC interview.



PC: What do you bring to the job of JACL national director in terms of experience? Professionally? Personally?

RS: Well, most importantly, in terms of experience I've had quite a broad base working in social service and public service occupations. I've learned through 4 1/2 years working for federal government in public health services when I was an investigator. Working through out the different communities across the country, in

New York City, Los Angeles, Berkeley, and in Northern California, really helped me understand what some of the issues and concerns are for people of color and other groups who don't have access to different kinds of services that are supposedly provided for in society. Working with disenfranchised people in the area of public health I really understood how critical the needs are just basic health and services for many people.

Profile: Randy Sensaki

NEW JOB: JACL national director

AGE: 50

EDUCATION: B.A., psychology, California State University, Los Angeles; M.A., San Francisco State University

LAST JOB: Director, Educational Opportunity Program, San Francisco State; counselor, Asian American Communities for Education

AFFILIATIONS: Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education; Western Associates of Educational Opportunity Programs; Community Colleges EOPS Association; CSU Asian Pacific American Education Advisory Committee

TALENT: Saxophone

After that I worked 4 1/2 years as a career counselor and during that time in universities I really kept in touch and learned a great deal about what the needs of young people, in terms of their aspirations about jobs, careers, their futures. That helped me understand the needs of young international students, minorities and all students in general.

Most recently, for 15 years I worked at San Francisco State University in the EOP program and about 10 years as director. I really understood how to work with a multicultural staff, selecting people who are economically and educationally disadvantaged and giving them the support that they needed to be successful. Learning how to work with students and staff has forced me to define common goals and objectives for all of us. Not only to understand the differences among them culturally, politically and ethnically but also to understand

what common interests and concerns bound us together so that we could have goals to make it work.

I think that was probably my most challenging job until this point. I also had to learn to think ahead and to think in terms of long range planning, and to give an overview, with as wide a perspective as I could, at a situation to understand what factors contribute to the conditions that people are living in. Understanding those different factors helped me to plan ahead and I think that's why I was successful in taking a program that was the worst one in the system and turning it around.

I also did some community work for a while here for a year with Asian American Community of Education here in Japantown and just working with Asian Pacific American youth really educated me and helped me to understand the situation for Asians and Asian Pacific Americans, and particularly young people in this society. So issues such as the model minority myth have been made very clear to me.

PC: Personally, what do you bring to the organization?

RS: I think one thing I do have is the ability to communicate and work with people. That's been my strength in the past. It's something that didn't come easy to me, I had to develop an ability to work with people. And I think being an advocate, proactive, unafraid, and able to speak out on issues are really important.

Something else that has been very valuable to me is understanding that persistence and patience as well as commitment are really important factors in administration and working with other people. Too often it's easier to just take a short term view of things. From my past experiences I've seen that happen in organizations and in the end inevitably without looking down the road we had problems.

I think I have the ability to advocate on critical issues, to not back down when it's necessary but also to be able to get people to cooperate and compromise on positions so that people and organizations move forward.

I've worked under situations where there were differences in principles or feelings or objectives, and it was real hard to find a common ground. I think on a personal level I have communication skills and an understanding of the human personality. I've learned just from meeting and talking with so many different people in my lifetime.

I do understand personalities and understanding the context that people are in often helps you define and understand how a person reacts and sees the

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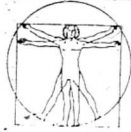
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Calendar

Northeast U.S. Washington, D.C.

Sat. Jan. 15—JACL Washington DC's 48th annual installation dinner, 6:30 p.m. Open bar, 7:15 dinner, Koran Room, Fort Myers Officers' Club, Arlington, Va. Dennis Hayashi, speaker, introduction of Randy Senzaki, JACL national director.

Sat. Jan. 15—JACL Eastern District Council session, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md. Information: Lily Okura 301/530-0945, John Nakahata, 703/683-0214.

Sat. Feb. 26—March 2—JACL Organization of Chinese Americans Leadership Conference (JACL candidates limited to EDC).
Sun. Feb. 27—Day of Remembrance, 8 a.m., Arlington Hyatt Hotel, Rosslyn, Va. Leslie Hatamiya, speaker, "On the History of Redress." [He is author of "Righting a Wrong," on the redress movement.]

Ohio Cincinnati

Sun. Jan. 23—JACL joint Cincinnati-Dayton installation dinner, 6 p.m., Cincinnati Museum at Union Terminal, Dr. Roger Daniels, speaker. NOTE—Afternoon opening (2 p.m.) of photo exhibits, Cincinnati Goes to War, (4 p.m.) of U.S. Detention Camps, 1942-45, and 50th anniversary Remembrance of Arrival. A.J. to Cincinnati from the detention camps. Information: J.R. Vidourek 513/861-4860.

Dayton

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

Indiana Indianapolis

Fri-Sun, Feb. 18-20—JACL Midwest District session.

Wisconsin Milwaukee

Sun. Feb. 14—JACL inaugural party (details to be announced).

Washington Seattle

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

Colorado Denver

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL Mile-Hi installation dinner, 6 p.m., Executive Tower Inn, 1405 Curtis St., RSVP Title Taguchi 972-3093, Sumi Takeno 777-1861. NOTE—Paul M. Shinkawa, spkr., Adele Arakawa, TV-7 anchorperson, emcee.

Utah Salt Lake City

Aug. 3-6—33rd Biennial National JACL Convention—Downtown Marriott Hotel. Information: Floyd Morin, conv. chair, 801/572-2287. Program highlights: Opening reception, Aug. 3, business session & workshops, Aug. 4-6, workshop topics include family history, A.J.s in the arts, hate crimes, dealing with the media, personal finance, women's issues, corporate glass ceiling, senior citizen, interaction with other minority groups, successful lobbying, youth, U.S.-Japan relations, education, Hawaii sovereignty, gay and lesbian issues; Sayonara banquet, Aug. 6; Golf tournament, tennis tournament, trip to Topaz on Aug. 7.

Nevada Las Vegas

Fri-Sun, April 22-24—Poston III Re-

union, information: 641 E. Kip Patrick Dr., Reedley, CA 93654.

Arizona Phoenix

Sat. Feb. 6—JACL Arizona general meeting, JACL Hall.

Sat. Sun, Feb. 26-27—10th annual Matsuri, Heritage Square, 6th & Monroe, Phoenix; booth information Helen Tanita, 602/944-2050.

Thu-Sat, Mar. 17-19—Gila River camp reunion and monument dedication, Phoenix; information for Southern California: Sei Dyo 310/549-2350, Sue Koyama 213/726-3514.

Sun., March 27—JACL Arizona picnic, 11:30 a.m., Ramada 9, Sahuaro Ranch Park, 59th Ave., north of Glendale Community College.

Sun. April 24—JACL Arizona scholarship awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Pinal, Phoenix; scholarship information: Kathy Inoshita, 5332 W. Golden Ln, Glendale, AZ 85302, 602/937-5434. NOTE—Application deadline: Feb. 1.

California Sacramento Valley

Sun. Jan. 16—JACL Foothill installation luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Sacramento Hilton Inn. NOTE—Sacramento Superior Court Judge Charles Kobayashi, speaker, information Joanne Itano 916/395-7944, [Mark Morimoto, 94 pres.]

Sat. Sun, April 23-24—Sacramento Time of Remembrance, Buddhist Hall. NOTE—Preparation meetings on 2nd Week: 7:30 p.m., Al and Mary Tsukamoto home, 9132 Doc Bar Court, Elk Grove, 916/685-6747; exhibit of educational material to remember EO 9066 will be on display two weeks prior at Elk Grove School District board meeting, educator's morning workshop to precede evening program at Buddhist Hall.

Sat. March 12—Sacramento Tsubaki Club's spring dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., Music by Duncan Hardie. Information: 916/427-5564, or Don Iyeki 707/448-2563.
Sat. Sun, April 23-24—Sacramento Rebels Youth Organization 12th annual invitational basketball tournament, information: Ken Miyao 916/446-2669, Janet Okino 916/422-7211. NOTE—Open to Asian high school athletes, men and women teams in 8 divisions, tournament dance and social for parents and coaches. Teams expected from Northern, Central and Southern California.

San Francisco

Sat. Jan. 22—Nihonmachi Little Friends benefit concert, 4 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. NOTE—S.F. Symphony violinist Yukio Kamei and Berkeley Symphony assistant to director-pianist Shunsuke Kurata in a classical works program.

Fri-Sat, Feb. 4-5—National JACL Youth Conference, "Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders," reception, Feb. 4-10 p.m., conference, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; NOTE—Bruce Yamashita, morning speaker, workshops on Political empowerment, Building an Ethnic Studies program, Asian-Pacific Islanders and AIDS awareness, Anti-Asian violence, bridging the gap. Promoting positive images of Asians in the Media. Information: Janelle Sasaki, JACL HQ 415/521-5225 or Kimi Yoshino 916/757-1556, early registration by Jan. 20, open to general public.

Peninsula

Tue, Feb. 1—Scholarship deadline: JACL San Mateo, 415 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, CA 94401-3323. Applications available at area high schools, community colleges, S.M. Buddhist Temple, Sturge Presbyterian and S.M. Community Center. Information: George Kutsa 415/573-9699 (h), 415/358-8685.

(w) Eastbay

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL Contra Costa installation dinner. (Details to come.)

San Jose

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL West Valley installation dinner, 6:30 p.m. no-host cocktail, 7 p.m. dinner, Lookout Inn, Sunnyvale. Muni Golf Course, information: Aiko Nakamura 408/378-8677, Brian Kuwahara 415/903-4047. NOTE—Toko Fuji of Sacramento, speaker.

Sat., Jan. 29—JACL San Jose installation dinner, 6 p.m. cocktail hour, 7 p.m. dinner, Lou's Village, San Jose. Information: 408/295-1250. NOTE—Dr. Toko Ishikawa, longtime JACL member, retired physician and community leader will be honored. [Carl Fujita, '94 pres.]

Sun., Feb. 13—San Jose Nikkei Singles installation luncheon, Santa Clara Marriott, RSVP Feb. 3, Betty Uchida 408/257-1635.

Stockton

Sat. Jan. 15—JACL French Camp installation and New Year party, 6:30 p.m., French Camp Community Hall. NOTE—Associate national director Carol Hayashino, speaker, [President] Larry Ota of Stockton re-elected to second term.]

Manzanar

Sat. April 23—55th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar National Historic Site, 11 a.m. Information: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, 90026, 213/662-5102, Oasis Garden Club 693/77-5366. NOTE—Program includes dedication of Blue Star Memorial Highway marker in cooperation with Oasis Garden Club and Callans to honor 100/44-2nd Regimental Combat Team and U.S. Army MIS. Conceived by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, the Blue Star markers are posted along Federal highways as memorials to those who served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. Jan. 15—Japan American Symphony Orchestra concert, 8 p.m., Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; information 213/680-3700. NOTE—Wu Man, China's outstanding pipa player to perform U.S. premier of Ziqiang Wu's "Concerto for Pipa and Orchestra," Heichiro Ohyama, conductor/music director... Cellist Linh Tran, a graduate Scripps College, was appointed general manager of the symphony association last Nov. 1.

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL Selenao installation dinner, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, Sequoia A.C. and Convention Center, 7530 Orangeflower Ave. at Western Ave, Buena Park. NOTE—Dr. Robert Suzuki, president, Cal Poly Pomona, speaker; information: Charles Ida 714/974-1076.

Sat. Jan. 29—JACL Riverside installation dinner (details to be announced).

Southern California

Thu, Jan. 27—San Diego Symphony Orchestra concert features 14-year-old violin prodigy Tamaki Kawakubo from Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Symphony Hall. NOTE—Reception follows; for San Diego JACL group tickets, Karen Tani 619/931-6898. (RSVP Jan. 13.)

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From the director



By RANDY SENZAKI
JACL national director

Where we are, where we'll go

After completing my first month as JACL National Director, I am convinced that the organization is alive and well. The "heart and soul" of the JACL family is exemplified by the commitment and contributions of all its members nationwide, regardless of region, generation, gender, sexual or political persuasion.

In the past four weeks, I've witnessed and experienced the spirit, courage, conviction and vision of both volunteers and paid staff as they worked cooperatively and positively together to address such concerns as the firebombing of the Sacramento Chapter office and the Spokane Chapter's struggle against racist and discriminatory behavior by Democratic Party officials. I've attended the PSW and NCWNP District Council meetings and am impressed by their programs and activities as well as the vitality, enthusiasm and generational diversity.

From the recent installations of the Sacramento and Eden Township chapters, I see the transition occurring in our leadership, and I hear Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei vowing to share collective responsibilities, experiences and visions for the present and the future. I can sense the transition that has been occurring in JACL over the last few years, and embrace the changes with optimism. Such changes are natural and necessary for any organization to survive, and be effective and responsive to the membership it serves. I see this period for JACL as a wonderful opportunity for reassessment, reaffirmation and renewal.

If we comport ourselves with dignity—pulling aside egos and personal emotional baggage—and begin again to embrace a larger vision of a dignified, ma-

ture and effective organization addressing the needs and rights of Japanese Americans as well as all citizens as a whole, then we will truly be on the path to the 21st Century. Over the next seven years, the JACL will be clarifying its vision and defining its agenda through our collective decision-making process. I will continue to work hard as a steward and leader to guide us through these important times. Internally, there is much work to be done to strengthen and increase the efficiency of the infrastructure of the organization. Some of the areas of concern include communication processes, fiscal planning and fundraising, membership development and demographics.

Programmatically, issues revolving around the matrix of civil/human rights, networking and multicultural coalition building with the Asian Pacific American and other ethnic communities will be dominant into the 21st Century. Educational programs and activities will be a major tool for effecting positive change in these areas. Another area we must focus on is leadership development, a constant necessity for revitalizing and renewing the organization.

We all have an important part to play in the growth and development of JACL—it is a shared responsibility. I have great faith in the National staff, board and membership to rise to the challenge before us. We must work collectively (with respect) to resolve our differences (not exacerbate them) and define our agenda and vision for the coming century.

In closing, I wish all of you a peaceful and warm holiday season, and a new year of spiritual, emotional and physical prosperity.

DIRECTOR

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world. Their world view is determined a lot by the different things that are affecting their lives. It gets back to taking the time to listen to people and let them tell you a story, and I really believe in that. It's important not to judge people quickly but to give people the benefit of the doubt and to have the ability to look into the personality of people and not be swayed just by what you view on the surface or what kinds of opinions others hold about people. And to be objective and to be able to analyze and have enough insight so that you have the depth of a situation. I think those are the kind of things I learned through hard struggles in situations in my life.

PC: What is your style of leadership?

RS: I believe in empowering the individual. I don't believe in strictly superior-subordinate relationships. Communication always is two-way and it's not just from top down. I think my style is to, number one, entrust the individuals I'm working with with their full responsibilities, allowing them the opportunities to make decisions, to use their own analytical abilities. If things aren't successful the first time or things aren't done the way one wished them to be done whether it's me or anybody else, it's important to have the patience and understanding to allow the individual to make some of those mistakes and support them so the next time they'll do it better.

I've always believed that you should never criticize people quickly. It's important to empower people by giving them the chance to understand that they can affect change and they can handle and carry out responsibilities. And a lot of that involves collective information-sharing before decisions are made. I like to hear from everybody, not to say that I'm going to (always agree). There's no way I could do what everybody wants but I can get input from all those involved on an issue or a situation and carefully try to come up with my own decisions. But it's very important to allow those decisions to reflect as much as possible the views and

the wishes of those I'm serving. So collective decision-making is very important as far as input and information.

The issues that are going to be addressed in the future will involve the input and responsibilities and commitment of all of the individuals of the organization who carry positions of responsibility. Not just the director or president. I think that's important because often it's too easy for others to absolve their own responsibility and to say, well, now it's up to the president or the director. And in any situation that's not realistic nor is it the best way to look at how things should be conducted. It gets back to individual responsibility and to a collective shared commitment. Individuals in the organization have been entrusted with certain leadership and decision-making responsibilities, but we're all part of a team. So I think it means putting the responsibility where it belongs, with each individual.

We're kind of on a fulcrum and JACL is looking at the future for Japanese Americans in society as the definition for Japanese Americans itself is changing through intermarriages, etc. And how do we as Japanese Americans relate to Asian Pacific Americans? To a multi-cultural community and society at large.

PC: One of the problems in the organization has been a lack of effective communication. How are you going to improve that?

RS: I think we have to realize that there is not necessarily only one way in which you can do anything successfully. It means being patient enough to look at the different alternatives or solutions to situations. And in this collective decision-making process, it's important to be very clear and honest about how we feel about issues without necessarily putting our whole body and soul into it so that we can't step back and discuss it. And sharing information on a more consistent basis. It doesn't mean more memos going back and forth necessarily. It can be informal, it can be on the phone, it could be just touching bases along the way. I'll ask people, "what do you think about this?" Let's bring this all out into the arena where we could look at the different alternatives for approaching the situation. And

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DIRECTOR

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then it's being able to see a common objective. Then, how do we take our input or our vision into group context. Sometimes, it won't turn out exactly the way we thought it would but that by getting input and compromising, by keeping in view what the goal is, we can get there by all working together, and everybody having that common understanding.

So we have to communicate more consistently, clearly and more honestly because we are an organization that physically is very much decentralized. Yet we

need to have an ability to coordinate at one point a focus, a locus where all this information comes in. To do that you need to be able to be in touch with all the different groups that you're reaching in the country. Even different areas of communities that are within our own states. I think a lot of it is understanding a larger picture, sublimating, maybe, the tendency of human beings to say this is the only way it's going to work and putting it into the whole group situation with a common goal so we can have input. It may not be exactly the way we would have done it, but we're going to get there. It may take a little more time.

I think a lot of it is understanding how we view the world from

our point of view. It's so easy when you're not walking in that person's shoes to try to project and say, well, that's the way we should act in this situation—but unless you've been there it's hard. We have differences (of opinion) in regions, we have these differences in political philosophy and human experiences. To have us understand we need to know each other a little bit better—our backgrounds, where we came from, how we perceive the world. I think that's kind of my philosophy about it, as far as mechanics. That's something I think that we have to work at. It's hard to fly people around to meetings all the time. I think a lot of that is what goes on behind the communication not just that we talk but the intent and understanding and sen-

sitivity to our discussion and our working relationships.

PC: What is JACL's strength?

RS: Right now, I think our strength could be our weakness. I think we have generational diversity in the organization. We continue to bring in younger people, but I think one of the strengths is that we have Nisei in the organization who have contributed in their own ways to the organization's struggles and the definition of Japanese Americans in society. We have many things we can learn and I think it's important that we respect the past but then concomitantly I think the older generation can look at the Sansei and Yonsei and understand that the strength of the organization

depends on its vitality and ability to renew itself. And that's only going to come about through leadership development, through acknowledging new ideas, new faces, new ways of doing things, without saying we're going to throw the baby out with the bath water. I kind of feel like I'm in between (the generations), that I'm on the cusp.

I think another factor is that JACL has been around so long and has had an impact most recently on anti-Asian violence and on redress and reparations, and through that we became an organization that speaks nationally on issues that affect all of us. It's an organization that has accessed the power structure. We've

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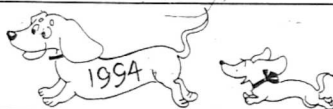
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Yamashita accepts offer of Marine captain commission

HONOLULU—In an agreement representing "an unprecedented and historical step toward equal opportunity and justice, and a complete and total victory in the fight for these essential principles," former Marine Corps Officer Candidate Bruce Yamashita announced Jan. 2 that he will accept a Pentagon proposal offering him a commission as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The agreement successfully concludes the initial phase of Yamashita's battle against racial discrimination in the Corps, which began with his "disenrollment" from Marine Officer Candidate School (OCS) in April 1989.

"Through this case, we have achieved real reform in the Marines and other branches of the armed services," Yamashita said. "We've forced the Corps to face racial and gender inequality, to explicitly prohibit the kind of harassment and discrimination I encountered at OCS, and now all branches of the armed forces have certified they will not discriminate in their training and educational institutions. What we've accomplished benefits men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds who wish only to have an equal opportunity to serve their country," he said.

"I am grateful and appreciative that my personal case now has been resolved along those same principles of justice and equal opportunity," he said.

"The resolution of Bruce's case is a victory for equal opportunity, not only for one single individual, but a victory for the Asian Pacific American community and the American people," Randy Senzaki, national director of the Japanese American Citizens League, said in a statement released Jan. 2. The JACL, both in Honolulu and nationally, has supported Yamashita and his case for almost four years, and called the agreement "a victory against this country's institutional racism and discrimination... in the name of

freedom, justice and equal opportunity."

The agreement under which Yamashita will be commissioned as a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve is the result of extensive discussions with Assistant Naval Secretary Frederick Pang. In a Dec. 6, 1993 letter, Pang outlined the Navy proposal, noting that "I have determined that the racially insensitive treatment to which you were subjected by individuals at OCS contributed to an environment which may have compromised your ability to succeed at OCS, and that remedial action is appropriate."

In a written reply accepting the proposal, Yamashita said, "It has been my contention from the beginning that for there to be a just resolution of the case, the Marine Corps would have to recognize that the discriminatory racial remarks tainted the subjective leadership evaluation at OCS... (your statement) finally gives official acknowledgment of this fundamental principle... It is now incumbent upon the Marine Corps leadership to ensure that this principle is instilled into the heart and



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mind of every Marine."

Pang also acknowledged the inadequacy of existing Marine and Navy procedures to provide "appropriate remedy" on substantive issues such as discrimination, a problem noted most recently by

the United States Civil Rights Commission. Yamashita noted that he "appreciate(s) the significance of your statement. After three-and-a-half years of working through the administrative process, the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) and the Board for the Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) still refuse to address issues of racial discrimination. This policy leaves hundreds if not thousands of Marine Corps and Navy personnel who have been victims of discrimination without any meaningful legal remedy and basic constitutional protection. Your intervention in the case is a clear demonstration that positive change at the BCNR and the NDRB is a priority at the highest levels of the Naval Service."

That change, Yamashita said, is one step toward ensuring that those who serve in the military have the basic constitutional rights they defend for other Americans; he intends to continue to pursue those aspects of his case to clarify the rights of uniformed military personnel. "It's now crucial to take our fight to a new level and work to preserve the rights of hundreds of thousands of people serving in the armed forces," he said. "Just because someone chooses to wear the uniform of their country doesn't mean they should sacrifice the very rights they are sworn to protect."

Noting the changes that his case already has brought from reform of OCS policies and procedures to new efforts to address racial and gender inequities in the Marine Corps, Yamashita said, "we're prepared to go back through the Navy's administrative process, and if necessary to federal court—all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if need be, to see that these fundamental principles finally are recognized, once and for all."

Details of Yamashita's appointment, along with a public commissioning ceremony in Washington, D.C., will be arranged with the Navy and Marine Corps later this month.

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Yamashita to speak at JACL youth event

Bruce Yamashita is the featured keynote speaker for the Japanese American Citizens League National Youth Conference, "People Envisioning Tomorrow." The biennial conference sponsored by the JACL National Youth Council will be held on Feb. 4 and 5, 1994, at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco.

During the morning session, Yamashita will relate his personal experiences on his fight for justice, and discuss how he envisions the future of Asian Pacific Americans.

According to chairperson, Kimi

Yoshino, the purpose of the conference is to develop the leadership skills of young Asian Americans and educate them about critical issues related to the mission of JACL. The conference will feature workshops on "Political Empowerment," "Building and Maintaining an Ethnic Studies Program," "Asians and AIDS Awareness," "Hate Crimes," and "Promoting Positive Images of Asians in the Media."

As a part of the special program at the luncheon, the JACL National Youth Council plans to announce its first award to honor

an Asian American youth whose contributions have had a significant impact on the Asian American community and/or have made significant strides in a field atypical for Asian Americans.

Pre-registration for the conference is \$10 for students, \$15 at the door, and \$20 for non-students.

The deadline for early registration is Jan. 20, 1994. The conference is open to the general public. Information: Janelle Sasaki, JACL National Headquarters, 415/921-5225, or Kimi Yoshino, 916/757-1556.

Ishimaru named acting civil rights director

President Bill Clinton recently designated Stuart Ishimaru as acting staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), along with other civil rights organizations, applauded the move, and will work to persuade the president and members of the Commission to install Ishimaru as the permanent Staff Director.

In his new position, Ishimaru will be responsible for supervising the operations of the Commission. He is the first Asian American to act in that capacity.

Ishimaru is a third generation Japanese American attorney with

an extensive background in civil rights. He began his work in civil rights as a research assistant for the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981. He served seven years as assistant counsel for the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, where he oversaw such landmark legislation as the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act. He has been working with Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) the past two years as a staff member on the House Armed Ser-

vices Subcommittee.

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki stated, "With his extensive civil rights experience, we believe that Ishimaru will do an outstanding job. JACL commends the President for making this selection and urges him and the Commission to make the appointment permanent."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki added, "Ishimaru has demonstrated his strong commitment to public service. He is highly respected by the civil rights community and by members of Congress and we look forward to working with him in his new role."

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DIRECTOR

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learned how to work with congressmen, politicians, educators and in the process I think we've created a vehicle by which we can address many of our concerns as JAs, Asian Pacific Americans, and also to some degree, concerns that may affect other groups of people multiculturally. JACL's strength is that other organizations look to us. I've heard comments from other Asian Pacific leaders and they told me that sometimes they feel that JACL may not understand the value of the stature it has in the eyes of other communities of colors and Asian Pacific communities. We are a model for them and we can help other groups of people in this society be more effective in acculturating and becoming more effective at having their needs responded to in this society.

PC: You've been in the job now for a couple of months. Has anything surprised you?

RS: That's a real good question. You know, I'm surprised at the enthusiasm people have in the organization, to be a part of it. And also I'm surprised at the way people view the organization. There's this respect for the organization there. And given issues and personality conflicts, putting that aside, I think the membership at large are willing to give respect to people in the organization in positions of leadership, and I think that's really positive.

What else surprised me? The amount of work. The kind of issues that we're dealing with as an Asian American organization are fascinating. The whole spectrum of things that we're dealing with.

And as I look at the situation in the organization I think we have to start thinking differently. It's almost like the suit is getting a little too small for us now; we're outgrowing our clothing. We're talking about all these issues now, like communication, financial issues in terms of fiscal planning for the future, and membership development. We have to look at the way we addressed these issues in the past and decide we need to be effective now and in the future. Some of the ways we've done things may not be effective any longer; changes have occurred. It's important to step back and have a fresh view of where we're at and look at what works and what doesn't and make adjustments so that we, the organization, can be successful. As we grow and larger and more complex issues arise, we have to assess whether we're doing it the most effective way. I think that kind of surprised me. I didn't realize just the fact that there's certain needs in the organization, maybe money's the reason why we haven't been able to do certain things that we should do that would make us more effective and efficient.

PC: What do you think are the priorities for the organization?

RS: We know there are controversies. But I think the organization as a whole needs to look at our membership. Number one, asking

the right questions is the most important thing that one can do as an administrator or somebody in the organization trying to effect positive change.

I would ask what is the membership like? What is the average age, tell me the income levels, ethnic components within our organization. To what degree are we dealing with a changing membership? I do know that the majority of our membership is 55 years and over. What that says on the other side is that we have to expand our base of younger people. But I can't get the answers I need right now about demographics because we don't have them. So number one, I would like to see us be able to do what we've done on a pilot basis in the computerized membership renewals. Expanding that so that we have a computerized data base. It'll take time and money but I think we need that as an organization so we know what the needs are and who we're serving and how best to meet their needs. At some point there's going to be a drop off in membership and we need to address that.

Besides membership, the other things we need to look at is how are we going to work multiculturally with other organization without diluting our agenda in any way. I think we need to be working very closely with, for instance, Latin American-Hispanic organizations on a national level as well as African American organizations. Because right now, the way I see it, when we look at what's happening in

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Still playing somewhere

During my teens, and for a few years before and after that period, our family lived in Seattle on the second floor of a two-story home on Lane Street between 16th and 18th avenues. It was a mixed neighborhood. The Palcones lived at the 16th avenue end of the street and the Yanagimachis at the 18th avenue end.

For some reason there was no 17th, but if there had been one that's about where our house would have been. The Tahara family (Mr. Tahara ran a butcher shop) lived on the first floor until the D'Avanzos bought the place and moved in. They let us continue to rent the upper floor. The last time I was in Seattle we drove by the place. It was boarded up and looked ready to fall in.

Much of our ten-years activity centered around the Yanagimachi home because there were five kids in the family. Nobu, the only girl, was the first-born and among the first Nisei women to attend the University of Washington. After that came Mako who was about a year older than I, then Harry whose real name was Frank and Fat who became known as Bill.

That was a lively family, especially the four boys who were big, muscular, athletic

and boisterous. Papa Yanagimachi had to scramble to keep them in groceries and when times were tough Mama Yanagimachi took a job in a factory where Issei women sewed canvas work gloves. The household became even more lively when Harry Honda (not to be confused with the Los Angeles Harry Honda), left the farm in Wapato during the off-season to board with the Yanagimachis and drive a truck for their fish market. Some of our group formed a basketball team we called the Lane Street Steamrollers, indicating correctly that we were more ponderous than noteworthy for speed and finesse. We won a few.

These memories returned with a rush one day last month when Honda telephoned from Spokane where he now lives. Did you know, he asked, that Mako had died recently? Yes, we had heard from some other old friends. Although he had looked pretty good when we saw him last spring, Mako had a lot of things wrong with his tired old system and his death was not unexpected. Then Honda delivered the shocker. A couple of weeks after Mako died, Harry too, was gone. He just keeled over. Like that.

Realistically, that should have been no surprise. A stroke had crippled him years

ago. He continued to live with his wife, Yuki, near his oyster farm in South Bend, Wash., his spirit unbroken in a once powerful body. How powerful? He may have been the best football lineman in Seattle high schools during the decade of the '30s. In World War II he landed in the Philippines not as an interpreter, but as a commissioned officer leading his platoon in jungle combat. It was difficult to think of him as incapacitated.

But now Harry and Mako are gone, joining Bill the youngest who preceded them in death several years ago. It is as hard to comprehend time's swift passage as it is to understand that three of the four Yanagimachi brothers—so rough and tough and blithe and close together in youth, theirs and mine—are no more.

Up where they've gone, they must be getting ready for one heckuva ball game, full of loud laughter and high spirits and competitiveness and fun. ☺

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

The mettle of money

IT'S FUNNY HOW some seemingly inconsequential comment from one's parents sticks in one's mind. For example, as a lesson to respect the value of a penny, our Issei parents pointed out that if you are short even one cent for a bus fare, you can't board. Speaking of pennies, what ever happened to those minted from aluminum to replace copper pennies? They came into vogue, as I recall, during WWII to conserve copper. In Japan, even to this day aluminum is used for the single yen. During that same WWII, the Japanese were called upon to contribute their rain gutters (made of copper) to the war effort. In 1946, I noted at least one home that had no copper gutters on the outside perimeter while the inside—not visible from the street—remained *aka-gane* (copper). Obviously patriotism had its limits.

SPEAKING OF MONEY, did you hear about a bill pending in Congress to replace the dollar bill with a coin? The last time they tried it, you'll recall, was back in 1979 with those Susan B. Anthony dollar coins which confusingly looked like a quarter. Eight years before that was the Eisenhower dollar which, while attractive enough,

weighed you down if you carried five or ten dollars worth. Not to mention the jingle topple to those preying for a robbery victim. The ballast weight alone could decidedly hamper flight. Not only that, but try clearing airport security. I manage to set those devices off just wearing a pair of suspenders.

There is, however, a case to be made for replacing the dollar bill with a coin of equal face value.

VENDING MACHINE operators, for example, favor coins. To incorporate a dollar-bill-processing device to a vending machine means an additional capital cost of some \$400. These devices are so finicky that even if a small part of the paper currency is wrinkled or slightly dog-eared, the device spits out the bill. Even if you're lucky enough to have a crispy new one, you have to insert the paper so that ole' George's face is up (or down) and facing to the right (or left), or it still won't work.

By that time, I've forgotten what flavor soda I wanted anyway.

FARE BOXES on public transportation vehicles present yet another frustrating challenge. Supposedly geared to accepting

dollar bills, a limp dollar bill will, more often than not, simply "accordon," stubbornly refusing to enter the slot. Invariably, I'm the one behind (patiently) waiting to board as that passenger ahead gets even more flustered so that (s)he couldn't insert even a crisp bill. It's happened to me just often enough times that I carry a spare bill which has not yet lost its backbone, to swap it for the customer's limp one. So we can get moving.

And that's not all: there's the matter of counting the money.

AT THE END of each day (or shift) the money has to be counted. As for coins, machines readily do the sorting, tabulating and packing in categories, at a cost of \$2 per thousand dollars. With such mechanical devices no lunch, no smoke break, no social security taxes, no sick leave, no vacations, no worker's compensation, no unemployment compensation, no overtime. A business person's dream. On the other hand, paper currency is quite another matter: it costs \$22 per thousand to count. An outfit such as the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in effect "sells"

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Letters

JACL financial problems: attention must be paid

As a past National Treasurer, I was appalled to read in Peggy Liggett's article that JACL is facing a \$100,000 deficit and on top of that they contributed \$5,000 to some event so the President could participate. Was that a priority? Who's monitoring the expenditures so they don't go over the budget. When George Kodama was Treasurer he brought in a Business Manager and established controls so that these kinds of problems could be avoided. I know the Business Manager puts out a monthly report so it's not difficult for the Treasurer to analyze what's happening. The Treasurer should advise the President and National Director monthly on any problem areas and what action should be taken.

In addition the Treasurer should apprise the National Board at their meetings and on action that needs to be taken, so that they can establish priorities and cut backs. Instead of worrying about the PC I don't know why the Board didn't have more concern about the budget.

We used to publish the National Budget in the PC and periodically give an update on how we were doing so everyone wouldn't be surprised at the end of the year. I think the Treasurer should explain to the membership how they got into this mess, there may be a good reason. I know the PC isn't the fault since they only receive \$12 for each subscription (one per family regardless of the number of members) that probably cost PC \$15 to publish. They try to make up the difference by advertising, typesetting and non-member subscriptions. I think they should get more than \$12 so they can build a reserve like other businesses do. The membership and National get a pretty good deal from PC.

The problem in the past with many National officers was they liked the position and title but they never did anything except come to the Board meeting and blow hot air and take up space. I hope we aren't continuing to have the same problem, but it looks like someone isn't doing his/her job.

Hank Sakai

Beaverton, Ore.

Midwest members rely on PC for news and information

Much has been written regarding the flap surrounding the dismissal of P.C. Board Chair Paul Shinkawa.

We cannot add anything substantive to what has already been said in the many excellent Opinions and Letters to the Editor.

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By TERESA MAEBORI

JACL Curriculum Guide—It's ready to go

As chairperson of the JACL's National Education Committee I have the good fortune of witnessing the behind the scenes work of the members of the committee, the national staff, the district governors, the chapter presidents and their members who have worked tirelessly in getting our new "Curriculum and Resource Guide, the Japanese American Experience: A Lesson in American History," into the hands of the appropriate chapter people. It is time now to let the membership in on what has happened and to inspire them to distribute and educate the general public about our experiences as Japanese Americans.

Before the August 1993 publication date the national staff, principally Carole Hayashino, Cheryl Kagawa, and Janelle Saseki, worked to author, verify, and gain rights to the wealth of information included in the guide. In this guide one can find 1) a historical overview, 2) a timeline with key dates, 3) selected book lists, 4) curriculum guide lists, 5) additional resources, 6) learning activities for elementary and secondary students, and 7) an appendix with such items as a copy of Executive Order 9066, pictures of the internment, the Bill of Rights and a reading selection. It is an impressive and helpful guide for educators who will teach about this episode in American history. Initially 500 copies were printed. The National Education Committee, consisting of Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Carol Kawamoto, Greg Marutani, Izumi Taniguchi, Teresa MaeBori, and Stephanie Sato decided to make the guide available free of charge to

all the chapters, district governors, and national officers. The remaining copies would be available to those who expressed their needs in writing through their chapter president, governor, or district education liaison person to National Headquarters. Most of the 500 copies are in the hands of chapter people. By all accounts the guide has been enthusiastically received as a much needed resource for the teaching of diversity in our country. We are now looking toward a second printing and searching for funding to help us with costs.

Now that we have a product; the hard work begins. How can chapters help? The critical link to getting the public educated about the Japanese American experience is local advocacy. We now ask that individual chapters form education committees to research local policy on curriculum inclusion. We have found that most textbooks include very little about Japanese American history, perhaps a sentence or two about the internment. To insure that our story is told so that denial of civil rights and discrimination are not repeated we have developed this guide to be used as a supplement to the study of constitutional rights, multicultural education, and World War II history. The guide can be the basis for local workshops with teacher organizations or PTA. It can be given to libraries to be used as a resource. But most importantly it must be used in the classroom where it can have an impact on future generations.

In the Eastern District Council to begin our outreach goal we are asking each chapter to find a school and a teacher who will

pilot one of the lessons from the guide. In this way we can have a resource and testimony about the value and effectiveness of the lessons. We are trying to outreach local teacher organizations and state curriculum agencies for their support and approval of the guide, Gracy Ueyehara has met with the New Jersey chair of a committee on diversity and with numerous administrators to discuss the issue of inclusion and diversity and to give them copies of the curriculum guide. She has also spoken to countless high school groups about her experiences in the internment and her redress work. Ellen Horuchi Williams, Washington, D.C. chapter, has agreed to find teachers and schools to pilot the lessons in the guide. She will make a presentation to a principals' group. In another area we are trying to organize a local video or audio-visual presentation from the members. Miiko Horikawa, Philadelphia chapter, for instance has an excellent slide-tape presentation of her experiences which she has shown numerous times to school and college groups. We want to see how we can share her story to a wider range of classes. Through these presentations we can put a personal face to the experiences outlined in the guide.

In other districts efforts are underway to distribute the guide. Greg Marutani, San Francisco chapter, has worked diligently and obtained approval of the Out-of-Cycle Legal Compliance Review of the California Department of Education. Now the guide can be recommended by the state as a supplementary material. Greg has net-

worked with dozens of educators getting the word out about the guide and their feedback and evaluation. Through his efforts the NCWNP chapters have been kept up-to-date about the guide. Izumi Taniguchi, Fresno Chapter, gave a workshop for teachers on the Japanese American experience last spring and arranged with a college for participants to get credit for their work. In PSW Carol Kawamoto piloted one of the lessons with a group of Japanese American students. Last August Sharon Ishii-Jordan and I presented a workshop at the Tri-District Conference in Cleveland using a lesson from the guide to help participants see the value of the guide and how they might use it in their chapters and districts. The chapters received the guides enthusiastically and requested extra copies. So as you can see the seeds have been planted. We now need a national effort.

To begin a national effort the national staff along with Carol Kawamoto are planning an education conference in San Francisco for chapter education representatives in late winter or early spring of 1994. This workshop will focus on how to get the information implemented in schools and how to have the greatest educational impact. We ask you to look for future information about the conference and to send a representative. We're ready to go and now need you to get the word out.

MaeBori is also governor of Eastern District, Council, JACL.

DC notes



By KAREN NARASAKI

Working together to battle hate crimes

Many Asian American community leaders fear that anti-Asian violence appears to be escalating. The recent mass murder on the Long Island Railroad, in which two of the victims apparently were targeted because they were Asian, is a grim indicator that the problem is not diminishing. The current wave of anti-immigrant rhetoric continues to fuel the fire.

JACL and other members of the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence are monitoring several incidents nationwide. One of the most recent murders occurred in Fall River, Mass. where 21-year-old Cambodian American Sain Nang Nhem died of a severe beating by a group of white youths who shouted racial slurs while kicking Nhem in the head. Only one of the youths has been charged with the murder. Community members are concerned that local law enforcement is not doing enough to bring the rest of the youths to justice.

JACL National is working on an update for our anti-Asian violence manual, "Walk with

Pride," that will be reprinted in 1994. JACL and the other Network members also continue to push Congress for the passage of the Hate Crime Penalty Enhancement Act which passed the Senate as part of the Senate version of the Crime Bill. The Crime Bill will be hammered out by a conference committee because the House and Senate versions are so radically different. JACL members need to let their representatives in Congress know that they want the conference committee to keep the Hate Crime Penalty Enhancement Act in the Crime Bill.

Local hate crime laws continue to be challenged in state court. This year's unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the penalty enhancement form of statute in Wisconsin has made the community hopeful that most of the other challenges can be successfully defeated. JACL helped to work on the amicus briefs filed by Network members in the Wisconsin case. To date, hate crime statutes in Washing-

ton, Oregon and Wisconsin have been upheld against First Amendment challenges. JACL has joined with other Network members as an amicus on briefs filed in ongoing challenges in California, New Jersey and Maryland. The JACL Chicago chapter joined an amicus brief filed in a challenge to the Illinois statute. Because the legal arguments staked out in the amicus briefs signed onto by JACL may differ in some degree from positions held by other organizations, it is important that Districts or chapters consult with JACL National before signing onto such briefs. While JACL National continues to play an important role on the national level, the battle against hate crimes must also be waged on the local level. JACL chapters throughout the country continue to be among the leaders in this battle. The JACL Arizona chapter is an example of what chapters can do on a local level to address hate crimes.

Arizona JACL chapter President Joe Allman, Fumiko Okabayashi and Dr. Dick

Matsuishi regularly meet with the Phoenix Police Department and the Arizona Attorney General as members of an Asian American Advisory Committee. They have worked in support of hate crime legislation on the local and state level, encouraged hate crime reporting programs by local law enforcement agencies and helped to advocate for thorough police training and additional law enforcement and prosecutorial resources through letters and meetings with county and state officials. The Chapter has also reviewed law enforcement training materials, and monitored the collection of hate crime data. In addition, the chapter newsletter includes victims rights information and other hate crime related information for its members. The chapter also works in coalition with the Arizona chapters of the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the

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Voices

By KAY KANEKO

Weaving a multicultural fabric

What's a tapestry? A tapestry is a weaving and is held together by strong common threads that are called warp-threads. The threads that run back and forth to make the design and body of the tapestry are the warp or filler threads. A tapestry is flexible; can accommodate various materials and textures in the body of the weaving; areas can be left empty in open weaves or can have concentrated areas of the same material or color; and it can be repaired if torn or worn.

The idea of America being a multicultural society has been studied and discussed in the realms of academia. I would like to illustrate it for the general public in a way they will be able to relate to and understand. I would like to help people understand how intertwined our lives are by promoting the metaphor that

America is a tapestry rather than a melting pot, symphony, rainbow, salad or stew.

After the symphony is finished the members of the orchestra pack up and disperse. When the sun and the showers disappear there is no rainbow to be seen. The salad needs a salad bowl and the stew a stew pot, then after the meal the elements are gone. The most damaging to one's self-image and self-respect is the metaphor that we live in a "melting pot."

Imagine an empty glass representing America. Pour in colors to represent the various ethnic groups that contribute to our society. Pour in red for native Americans, white for the Europeans, brown for the Africans, and yellow for the Asians. Once the colors are mixed they are inseparable and the resulting color is not pleasing. It is impossible to identify the indi-

vidual, ethnic, and cultural differences that are so important to recognize as contributions to what makes American culture and Americans.

Many people go through an identity crisis because they cannot identify or be proud of their cultural base as they become mixed into the "melting pot." It is difficult for the individual to find himself, and he has difficulty as he tries to assimilate into the "American culture." He/she begins to focus on the superficial and material things that can be easily identified as "American." Just when he/she thinks of himself/herself as "American," an event or meeting may jolt him/her into the realization that others may not recognize him/her as an "American."

In order for a democracy to exist a person must have inner discipline which can only

be achieved if one has a sense of self and can be proud of who one is.

Using the tapestry as metaphor, the threads woven into a tapestry can be spun together from many single strands. Each strand can represent a different culture/ethnic group or a mix of cultures/ethnic groups depending on a person's parentage. Each thread added and spun to make a new thread makes it stronger and more colorful and so each person is made so by one's parents. One can untwist the threads and follow each strand back to its origin and find something of value to be proud of and thus gain self-esteem and with self-esteem develop discipline. Since there are ideas, practices, and events in every culture that are fine and a beautiful person can find something in one's inherited make-up to be

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Viewpoint

National JACL: Review and renewal

Viewpoint is a Pacific Citizen forum for in-depth analyses of key issues affecting the JACL or the Japanese American community in general. Opposing views are welcomed.

In this outing, Karl Nobuyuki offers a report card on JACL's activities in 1993 and offers a plan for 1994...

By KARL NOBUYUKI



rights has increased. At this same meeting the balance of the trust fund is reported to have been \$700,000.

● In April, the national board issues its revised report on its revision of its earlier revision of a previous revision on the League's reorganization. (Isn't there a saying about the blind leading the blind...?)

● In May, the Endowment Fund Committee members worry about the funds they were entrusted to oversee and ask for a meeting. The rumored loss/transfer of some \$200,000 was important to the committee members because it was earning a brisk 8% (Hello, is anybody home?)

● In June, PC staff wear two hats and come to the aid of the Houston Chapter by providing articles and other supporting data to aid the Houston Chapter's July hearing before the Jefferson County Commissioner's Court. (Another reason why PC must remain a viable entity of JACL)

● In July, the Houston Chapter's "Jap Road" saga hits the front page of the PC. Meanwhile, national staff from the district offices to headquarters and the Washington office all jump on the bandwagon to oppose *Rising Sun*. (The lure of Hollywood strikes again...)

● In August, the *Rising Sun* controversy heats up; the PSWDC begins its PC-bashing campaign, and the national staff

becomes irate that their perspective of *Rising Sun* was not universally accepted (Anyone for Trivial Pursuit?)

● In September, the roof caves in. The national board elects to expend an additional \$7,500 that requires National Council approval, but the Board chooses not to contact the Chapters.

National board and staff have a tantrum, blame the shortcomings of the League on the Pacific Citizen and attempt censorship.

● In October, the national board and staff launch their PC-bashing, and again from headquarters to the Washington office the assault begins. The membership begins to articulate their opposition to the attempts at censorship of the PC. (The Pacific Citizen hangs tough)

● The National Treasurer reports that the Endowment Fund now sits at \$454,983 (PC, Oct. 10, 1993).

● In November, PC board member Peggy Liggett draws the line, and lays out the facts of the September JACL debacle. Then, in the last regular issue of the PC for 1993:

● Bill Hoshokawa delivers his third commentary on the leadership crisis and hits the nail on the head, challenging the national leadership to lead and not to consider the membership a body of idiots and;

● Past National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa details the leadership crisis, "... again, again and again" and pinpoints a leadership process that would better script material for *Saturday Night Live*. He notes in his commentary that this (national) board of directors proposes to own the organization. (Excuse me...?)

Most of us would like to see the old year pass and the new year arrive with better and brighter expectations. For JACLers, it's usually a time that we send our greetings to each other via the PC and let each other know "that we're still out there."

However, it appears that for 1994 the rules will be different. The JACL as most of us know it is under a cloud. "Business as usual" for the League is in disarray. This is because today's national structure is not prepared to handle its traditional obligations.

For example, let me briefly summarize the organizational highlights of 1993:

● National JACL is operating under a \$100,000 shortfall. This deficit includes a transfer of some \$200,000 from the corpus of the Endowment Fund facilitated by staff, who have no authority to do so, ignoring the Constitutional prescription. (Evidently the membership was not advised of this deficit nor were they made aware of the fund transfer until the fourth quarter of '93.)

● In March, the National Board decides to meet in Washington, D.C., pushing the quarterly meeting costs upward; the national board also purchases a \$5,000 co-chair slot for the civil rights march in Washington, D.C. (How the price of civil

Getting us back on the right track

We've got some real problems here, and we have got to fix 'em. At this point in time, it will not do much to fix the blame, but rather to focus on solutions. Proposals for solution should be so designed to allow the National Council to determine specific conclusions during the national convention in August. (Delegates, be ready!)

I suggest that our first step should be to analyze what we are facing. Here I submit that there are three basic categories that can keep us focused:

1. National JACL's financial dilemma involving its deficit and fund transfer
2. The accountability of JACL nationally elected and appointed officials, and
3. The method of assuring membership ownership of the League.

1. National JACL's financial dilemma

If what is being said is true, that the League is operating under a \$100,000 deficit, and that there has been a "transfer of funds" from the Endowment Fund upwards of \$200,000, then we are really talking about a revenue gap of \$300,000. This number is arrived at by simply adding the \$200,000 transfer to the \$100,000 deficit. Now mind you the so-called deficit and fund transfers are figures relayed to the membership via articles in the PC, (Nov. 5, 1993 and Nov. 11-26, 1993) and there can be a more sophisticated term(s) used to explain them. Nevertheless, whether the amount is \$100K or \$300K it is substantial.

Let's put this number in perspective. Now, I don't know what National JACL's operational budget is, but for sake of discussion let's assume it's \$500,000. This would mean that a \$300,000 revenue gap is 60% in the red. If the budget were, let's say \$900,000, the gap would still be 33%, at \$600,000, 37.5%, at \$700,000, 42.8% and \$600,000, 50%. You get the message

On the other hand, if the \$100,000 deficit is the only revenue gap the shortfall still factors out to 20%. Ouch! Why? As a shareholder in the association

wouldn't you think that you have a right to know?

This leads me to my second point.

2. Accountability of nationally elected and appointed officials

What has become clear about the turmoil facing the League is the absence of accountability by its elected and appointed officials. At times the actions of our national representatives appear to be rooted in a "devil-may-care" attitude. This is a methodology that is predicated upon a "do-it-my-or-no-way" approach or "... if it's not the way I like it, I'll quit."

Now, I am sure that there are those in the League that believe that we must follow our national leaders "right or wrong." Some would suggest that those who oppose national wishes, just like to *monku*. They are wrong. As "representatives," elected and appointed officials are required to adhere to organizational procedures. They are required to furnish a justifying analysis explanation of their actions.

Our national board, by its action is not automatically right. If they contradict prescribed rules of order they are wrong, and under the principles of accountability they are required to provide a legitimate justification or rescind their actions. We of all people cannot forget that the president of the United States and the Congress said evacuation was proper. We (JACL) said they were wrong and proceeded to make our case. Were we just "monku-ing"?

At the same time, I cannot totally fault the national personalities. Our Constitution and By-laws have, over the years relinquished far too much authority to the national board.

I recently received a copy of the *Chapter President's Handbook*. In reviewing the rules and regulations, I noticed that there have been substantial changes over the years. And, while these changes may

have had a legitimate basis, there appears to be a substantial deletion of authority that formerly was the prerogative of the National Council.

For example, up until 1980, the National Council had definitive control over the budget of the League. Each member of the national board knew that if the National Council did not approve a specific line item, the item was gone. The national director's selection required ratification by the chapters; forcing the national director to be accountable to the chapters, and to serve as the functional representative of chapters at national board meetings. Further, since all national staff were accountable to the national director, there was little "acting out" by staff (i.e., threats to quit). Even the National Council was subject to review and consent; specific actions of the National Council required ratification by the chapters after the national convention. This forced the delegate to exercise caution in being overwhelmed by the proceedings of the national convention, and to provide the delegate with a safeguard as he/she explained the issues to the chapter. This was the process of accountability and responsibility. As difficult as it was it had its place in ensuring representative democracy.

Perhaps, some of these concepts should be restored.

A final note that I must add is that unlike to any other national director, when I first walked in doors of national headquarters, I inherited six lawsuits. I inherited a budget crisis that was in excess of 20% of the budget. The National Council adopted national board proposal for a budget reduction plan that in essence shortened the current fiscal year from 12 months to 9; providing a balanced budget for the current year, but building in a \$100,000 plus deficit for the subsequent one.

The lawsuits were ugly. And, in my opinion there were no real winners. Na-

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tor published since that event.

As midwest JACL members, however, we rely heavily upon the PC as the source of our information about Japanese Americans and the issues affecting us, both great and small.

Truthfully, "Jap Road" and "Rising Sun" have never been looked upon as important issues to most of us in the Detroit JACL. We felt that the issues warranted some discussion pro and con, but were not important enough to take a stand upon nationally. That is why we took delight in the different viewpoints expressed about "Jap Road" and "Rising Sun," and viewed the expression of differences as being representative of a healthy, vibrant, and meaningful newspaper.

We have never regarded these articles, or any other articles published in the PC, as being derogatory or detrimental to JACL or the National Board or Staff. Quite the contrary, the expression of differences of opinion shows us the strength of JACL through the diversity of its membership and its willingness to listen to and consider a wide range of opinions and beliefs.

We have no desire to further criticize the actions of the National Board or Staff. We simply wish to keep the P.C. editorially open as a true newspaper should be, while at the same time ask that it support those issues which safeguard the basic civil rights of Japanese Americans and others.

Scott Yamazaki

Past president, Detroit Chapter, JACL

New member says JACL needs to wake up

As a new member of the JACL, I have been following the events of the past few months with interest and concern, and finally feel impelled to speak out.

I joined because I felt that perhaps the JACL had changed since my parent's days—because I felt that perhaps the organization was truly vested in doing the work laid out in its mission statement—because I thought that finally the organization had "woken up" to the realities of life in the U.S. in the 90's.

How wrong I was! I am quite ashamed and embarrassed by the activities of our President and the National Board.

Perhaps she should read the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes."

Penelope Haru Snipper
Minneapolis, Minn.

Praises Shinkawa for doing the right thing

I am writing to thank Richard Suenaga, Gwen Muranaka, Bill Yoshino, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, William Marutani, Joe Allman, Mas Yamasaki, Councilman Andy Mirikitani, Congressman Robert Matsui, Betty Waki and the Houston JACL Chapter, and especially Paul Shinkawa. I admire Mr. Shinkawa's courage, leadership, and conviction in doing what he believes to be the right thing. We will always be grateful to Paul for his support and understanding. I can imagine how proud his family must be. He emulates the true spirit of all fair minded Americans.

One of the important tasks of the JACL, I believe, is to correct past mistakes which affect all Japanese Americans, present and future. The renaming of "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane" thoroughfares located here in Southeast Texas, is one of these important tasks. The misuse of the term "Jap," universally recognized as a racial slur, wherever it occurs, must be corrected.

We, as Americans of Japanese ancestry, tend to shy away from involvement in controversial issues by rationalizing that it is not "our way." That, in my mind, is really a poor excuse, bordering on a cop out. As Dr. Uyeda wrote to me recently, "The desire of so many of us to be the 'good guys' in the eyes of the majority by not complaining has been pathological at times." He went on further to write, "When something hurts, it is necessary to cry out in pain to let the public know it hurts. Otherwise, the public remains ignorant and assumes that their treatment of the injured is acceptable."

I agree wholeheartedly with Clifford Uyeda's sentiments. We have been silent too long.

"Gaman" can be carried too far.

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tional JACL's insurance premiums jumped more than 400%. My heart sinks to learn that once again, the League is faced with litigation from within...

Litigation has its place, but when we as an association face the prescribed orders of the judicial system "we" all lose. Many strong supporters will fade away and our scarce resources will further dwindle.

3. Assuring membership ownership of the League

I feel very uncomfortable when I hear

our national president suggest that the organization belongs to the national board. When I look at the organizational chart I see that the membership is at the top filtering through the chapters. And, I believe strongly that this is the best way to go.

Based upon Betty Waki's commentary on the "Jap Road" situation there was cause for the Houston Chapter to demand their entitlement for national support without repercussions.

We apparently have a national organization gone awry, and a national staff that elects its own priorities with the full blessing of the national board. This must stop, and "we" as members must be part of the solution.

According to the Nishikawa article (Nov. 26, 1993) the national board, and thereby all of us, are facing court proceedings due to the actions of our national leadership. As members and chapters, we must begin to ask the questions about how we got into this mess.

The national staff's preoccupation with *Rising Sun* vis-a-vis the "Jap Road" issue warrants a second look on how priorities are set and how the so-called "Plan For Action" is interpreted, and by whom.

Chapter loyalty to the national structure is no longer enough. Chapters must have the right to exercise a specific bona fide recourse to question national whims.

These objections must be adjudicated swiftly and allow final determination by the National Council.

But the national board cannot take all the blame. We as individual members of local chapters share that responsibility if we fail to initiate remedial action.

I am suggesting that JACL should "Go Back to the Future" and re-institute articles of accountability that can better safeguard the integrity of the League. This means that JACL should implement Constitutional and By-law amendments that reinstate the membership as the ultimate owners of the League, and designate the Executive and National Board as the caretakers.

A proposal for organization accountability

By KARL NOBUYUKI

How can we go about beginning a restoration process? Below, I offer my suggestions:

1. Let me first suggest that the re-re-organizational process of the League be held in abeyance. There have been too many failed attempts to restructure, and to continue this process given the present brouhaha in the League is like pouring salt into the wound.

2. We propose that a specific workshop session be convened during the upcoming national convention to provide for at least four hours, in no less than two sessions, discussion on organizational accountability.

● National staff should be charged with the responsibility to assure that the host chapter is properly accommodated for any inexperience that results.

● The focus of discussion should be based upon a written accountability proposal submitted by an independent JACL commission on organizational accountability. This workshop and subsequent

agenda discussion will provide the basis for organization resolution.

3. The National President with approval of the National Council's majority ratification should consider appointing Paul Shinkawa as the chair of the *Pacific Citizen* and/or of an ad hoc National JACL Commission on Organizational Accountability.

The chair of the ad hoc National JACL Commission on Organizational Accountability and members must be assured sufficient organizational resources to convene at least three meetings prior to the national convention to develop a proposal for organizational accountability within JACL. There should be no more than five appointees with ex-officio representation from the *Pacific Citizen* and national headquarters staff.

The chair will be authorized to independently appoint the committee and will be charged to report directly to the National Council during the upcoming national convention in Salt Lake City.

4. The National President should designate/dispatch the national executive di-

rector as the principal investigator into the "Jap Road" controversy pending before the Houston Chapter, JACL.

As the designated principle investigator, the national director with assistance from the Midwest JACL District regional director, will be responsible to present a nationwide plan of action for JACL chapters, or in absence of the need for such a plan, provide a detailed report to the National Council or through the *Pacific Citizen*.

5. Direct the JACL business manager to facilitate, with the National Treasurer a meeting of the JACL National Endowment Fund Committee with the specific intent of providing to the National Council a detailed status report on the National Endowment Fund. The business manager will be responsible to provide staff support for this meeting.

● The National Treasurer, with majority approval of the National JACL Endowment Fund Committee will author this report to the National Council.

● The National Treasurer and the Chair of the National JACL Endowment Com-

mittee will each, respectively be required to provide an advance report to the National Council or report through the *Pacific Citizen*.

I offer these suggestions with the hope that some of these suggestions can be implemented to resolve our present conflict. I sincerely hope that these suggestions can help put the League back on track.

Conclusion

There must be an intervention into the ways that national JACL is doing business. The League is in trouble, and it must be the membership and chapters that rally to correct the problem. This is the price one pays to be assured of a responsive national network and one that will be around when we need it.

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

JACL legal counsel Kato interprets PC's constitutional role

Pacific Citizen has received a number of requests for information on the legal opinion of JACL legal counsel Allen Kato regarding PC's role. Here, then, is the text of his Aug. 30, 1993, analysis.

By ALLEN KATO

Per (the President Lillian Kimura's) request, we have reviewed whether the National Council intended the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper ("PC") to be an independent publication or a JACL "in house" publication subject to JACL editorial control. We have analyzed the JACL constitution, By-laws, and minutes of National Council meetings. In summary, we conclude the 1984 National Council intended the PC as an independent publication and that its editorial content should be subject to the direct control of the PC Board. JACL retains indirect editorial control by virtue of the National President's ability to remove the PC Board Chairperson with or without the approval of the JACL Board. We also conclude the National President may, with the concurrence of the National Board, remove any or all of the other PC Board members.

PC Purpose and Operations

BY-LAWS

The By-laws state that the PC is "(t)he official publication of this organization...and shall be conducted as an educational and public relations project." Article XII, section 1. The PC Board is entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of this publication." Id.

Also, Article IX, section 3 (c) provides that: "The *Pacific Citizen* and its staff shall be responsible to the National President, National Board and National Council through the *Pacific Citizen* Board."

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

1. The 1984 Amendment to the By-laws.

Article IX, section 3 (c) was added to the By-laws at the 1984 National Convention. The PC Board submitted the resolution, which states:

Whereas, Article XII of the National JACL By-laws entrusts the responsibility for...the *Pacific Citizen*, to the *Pacific Citizen*'s Board of Directors, and

Whereas, The *Pacific Citizen* Board reports to the National President, National Board, and to the National Council as does the National Director, and

Whereas, The responsibility delegated to the *Pacific Citizen* Board must be accompa-

nied by authority, and

Whereas, without said authority, the *Pacific Citizen* Board would be relegated to the meaningless role of an advisory body, and

Whereas, The *Pacific Citizen* must remain editorially independent to fulfill its function of maintaining press freedom, and

Whereas, The By-laws are not clear as to the role of the National Director regarding *Pacific Citizen* staff,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the JACL By-laws be amended... (1984 National Council Minutes, p.75)

The PC Board explained the background for this resolution as follows:

The *Pacific Citizen*... was established by the organization's founding fathers as an entity separate from National Headquarters to be governed by its own board of directors reporting to the National President, National Board and the National Council.

The relationship among the *Pacific Citizen* Board, the *Pacific Citizen* staff and the National Director has been clouded by ambiguities in the bylaws. ... The current National Director correctly has requested clarification of these responsibilities, and National Legal Counsel has found that under the bylaws the *Pacific Citizen* staff is to be considered as part of the National staff and therefore falls under the jurisdiction of the National Director.

The *Pacific Citizen* Board believes this was not the intent of the founding fathers. Further, the *Pacific Citizen* Board believes that in the

spirit of the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press, it is imperative to free the *Pacific Citizen* from the possibility or even appearance of outside influence. Therefore, ... The *Pacific Citizen* Board has proposed the following resolution... (1984 Minutes, p.75)

2. The 1982 National Convention.

Additional background for the 1984 amendment to the By-laws is contained in the 1982 National Council minutes. The 1982 PC Board report states:

The 1980-82 biennium ended with the completion of guidelines for the *Pacific Citizen*. It was a document designed to make PC function as a broad Japanese American newspaper as well as a publication devoted to reporting JACL affairs. When presented to the National Board at the convention, two controversial points developed.

The PC Board maintained that editorial freedom for PC was essential and to accomplish this it held that no single elected or appointed officer of the organization should have a direct financial and editorial control of the publication...

The National Board, meeting at the convention, ruled that the hiring, firing and the supervision of the PC personnel came directly under the National Director...

The PC Board's position was that supervision by someone not entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of the publication is within the system of prior restraint and is adverse to the freedom of expression.

The PC Board gave serious thought to the going for a constitutional amendment at the See LEGAL/page 13

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The people of Beaumont, Fannett, and Vidor are not isolated from the rest of the world. Their misuse of the term "Jap," whatever the original intent by the local citizenry, will always be deplored by the vast majority of people throughout this great land of ours.

I know in my heart that we will prevail and bring about the name changes. And it will happen, in large measure, because of the support that we (Betty Waki and the Houston JACL chapter and I) have received, and continue to receive, from you, your PC staff and Paul Shinkawa.

May the coming year bring us more

understanding and tolerance. My family and I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday.

Sandra Tanamachi Nakata

Beaumont, Texas

Likes recent Hosokawa articles on PC controversy

Some months ago I wrote to Bill Hosokawa complaining about his references to his family and other personal matters in his column. I felt that they were not always of general interest or good journalism. Now, on balance, I feel I must write to commend

Hosokawa for his fine, thoughtful articles, particularly those dealing with the PC situation. Your article in the November 26-December 16 issue was right on target. I do hope that all JACL members read it and take heed. If there is to be any future for JACL, some good resolutions must come out of this most unfortunate situation. Otherwise, all this hue and cry will be just another exercise in shadow boxing with a lot of residual bitterness.

Molly Ozaki

Chicago, Ill.

'Kotokun,' an insult to mainland Nikkei

Before Honolulu councilman Andy

Mirikitani makes a federal case out of changing the name of Jap Road in Fannett, Texas (PC, Nov. 26-Dec. 16), shouldn't he discourage the use of "kotokun" in referring to mainland Japanese Americans?

"Kotokun" is undeniably an insulting term, while "Jap" is simply a shortened form for "Japanese." Almost always it is NOT "a derogatory, offensive, archaic and unacceptable label utilized solely as a racial slur against people of Japanese ancestry," as stated by Mr. Mirikitani.

"While common usage of 'Jap' shows bad taste, does it make sense for hypersensitive non-residents to raise a hullabaloo about an obscure road in a town that isn't

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Voices

By JUDY AUSTIN RANTALA

Helping JA students into college

The December 7th strike on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese sent most of us at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) to our attases to see where in the world Pearl Harbor was. We were not unfamiliar with the European war effort, for there were several places on the east coast that were Ports of Embarkation for allied troops going to war. Our own boyfriends, especially those in ROTC, were already alerted. Soon many more were to be drafted or would volunteer to serve in the armed forces. But a war in the Pacific seemed very remote. The most we knew about the Japanese were those hideous caricatures of buck-toothed, wild-eyed, sword-wielding ape-like men who began to appear on posters. Because of them we were entreated to save gas, observe the rationing restrictions, and generally tighten our belts. The Japanese were portrayed as hideous little people who had sneaked up on an American port in a most unsportsmanlike manner and had blown us out of the water.

If anyone in my sorority house knew about the relocation of West Coast Japanese into concentration camps, they did not mention it. From a few people who did know I heard murmurs of approval, verifying that "it was the right thing to do to lock up those people who obviously would take any chance they got to betray the United States." No one mentioned that these were American citizens and we certainly read nothing about the loss of property, let alone the loss of self-esteem the detainees suffered.

I might have stumbled through the rest of my college days unaware of this gross travesty of justice had I not been a member of the Student Christian Association. Our Director, a Quaker, began to tell us in detail about the injustice that was being perpetrated by the American government on innocent people, all in the name of national security. He brought into our meetings releases written by staff members of the American Friends Service Committee, and although we were a small group, we were reasonably informed.

It is possible to get students out of the relocation camps and back into college, as long as the colleges are not on the West Coast." Bob James told us one day. His words meant little to us, until after some discussion, he suggested we think about bringing a student to UNH. We couldn't be much further away from the West Coast and no one seemed to think our proximity to the east coast a problem. Could we do this?

As a group, we talked for many days about the implications of this possibility. Many of the male students were totally opposed to the idea. With their buddies going into service and they themselves draft-eligible, this seemed like aiding the enemy. Some of the women displayed a fierce loyalty to their drafted boy-friends and said it would be a betrayal to support a Japanese when our men were fighting them. That they were talking about American citizens, like themselves, who were college students yanked out of their classrooms didn't sink in. Others of us countered their objections by asking how one lone Japanese American student could subvert the entire student body of the U. of N.H.? Wouldn't this student feel terribly isolated? Our detractors scoffed. Wouldn't it be up to us, as Christian students, to befriend this student and prevent him or her from loneliness. Who is going to welcome a Japane-

nese student into their dorm or living group, another asked.

We discussed and hurried questions and counter-questions back and forth until, as the Cabinet of the SCA, we voted to sponsor a Japanese-American student from a detention camp. Our Director agreed to help us figure out how to go about this.

The first hurdle was enormous. The University administration told us that before any such student could come to our campus, EVERY SINGLE ORGANIZED CAMPUS GROUP HAD TO MEET AND AGREE TO ACCEPT THIS STUDENT AND TO GUARANTEE THERE WOULD BE NO HARASSMENT, NO CAMPUS "INCIDENTS." It was an incredibly large stumbling block which threatened to derail our effort, which is what, I am sure, the administration hoped to do. We decided to go ahead with the plan.

Very carefully, we organized a speakers bureau and armed ourselves with as many facts as we could. We listed all of the campus organizations, not just sororities and fraternities, sport teams, intramural organizations and choral groups. It was a herculean task, but we started down the list, scheduling meetings with each group. We would explain the project and then, after discussion, take a vote. We had been told that EVERY campus group had to agree; it wasn't a case of a majority, or even high percentage. We had to get an okay from each group. The administration would tolerate NO disturbances of any kind. To our considerable surprise, although there was a lot of foot-dragging, when they voted, the members of each campus group we reached agreed to support our effort.

Weeks stretched into months as we slogged along toward our goal. I became almost totally ostracized by my sorority sisters, many of whom would hurl epithets such as "Jap lover" at me when I passed on the stairs. I had not anticipated such personal animosity, but I stuck with the program.

We had begun in the fall of my Junior year, and in May of that year, we still had a couple of groups to see. One, I remember clearly, was the fraternity house of the young man who was co-president with me of the Student Christian Association. He had been very lukewarm about the project, saying he would not oppose it, but neither would he work for it. I was very angry with him, discouraged that he couldn't seem to find a sensible Christian reason to support what by now had become a flaming humanitarian cause for me.

The day his own fraternity had agreed to discuss the issue, the speaker came down with the flu. This was the last group we needed to reach and I was desperate to find a speaker. I finally called Ken, my co-chair, telling him, "you've got to make the presentation tonight to your own fraternity. There is no one else available to do it, and we are so close to the end of the semester, we can't postpone it. Please take it."

I think now that the fact that I trusted him to give a dispassionate presentation, knowing his lack of support, touched a hidden chord. He not only spoke to his own brothers, but as their unforgotten, racist remarks began to be flung at him, he saw how unfair, how prejudiced, how absurd his own opposition had been, and he was transformed into an impassioned advocate for the cause. They voted to support our efforts to bring a Japanese American student to the

campus. Late in the school year, on a very rainy day, I sloshed up to the Registrar's office to talk to Dean Sackett. "We've done it," I reported. "Every campus group has voted to support bringing a student from a camp. Now all we have to do is get one here."

"Not so fast. The student will have to go to the bottom of the waiting list just as any other new applicant."

I stared at the Dean in disbelief. "But that's monstrous!" I shouted. "We've been working on this for a whole year. You can't put the student at the bottom of the list!" I glared at him, tears close to the surface. The Dean simply turned away and went back into his office.

I was so angry, so upset, I marched across the hall to the office of the President of the University, and asked to see Prexy. One look at my face and the secretary knew I was not going to be put off. Within minutes I sank into a chair across from President Englehardt, heaved a huge sigh, and remarked, "we presidents sure do have our troubles."

Managing to control his face reasonably well, the President hid his amusement and suggested that I explain myself.

I poured out the story of all we had done to reach every organization, as requested. I said we had fulfilled all the requirements placed upon us to make it possible to realize our goal of bringing a Japanese American student to the campus, and now, Dean Sackett said we would have to wait for that student to work his way up from the bottom of the list. "It just isn't fair, and I want you to do something about it."

I sank back, conscious for the first time of my bedraggled appearance in rain gear, rubber boots, wet, stringy hair, with righteous indignation bristling from every pore. Whatever had possessed me to barge into the President's office to tell him what he had to do? I bit my lip, desperately trying not to cry, wondering if I had just blown the whole project.

President Englehardt came around his desk, patted my shoulder and said he would look into the matter and be in touch—and that perhaps I should get into some dry clothes. Next morning I was informed that our student was now at the head of the admissions list and our SCA Director had been asked to work with the Office of Admissions to speed up the process.

Because I needed only 18 credits to graduate during this war year, I accelerated my courses and finished up over the summer. I wasn't on campus in the fall when not one, but two Japanese Americans arrived to continue their education. I never met them, but I understand that they fitted in so easily that no one even noticed, and the next year other students were released from camp and attended UNH.

Years later when I went to live in Hawaii and began to meet Japanese Americans who had been interned, the significance of our small effort took on new importance, and I felt able to hold up my head among people badly treated by my country and theirs, because I knew that I had had a very small part in making these years more tolerable, at least for a few.

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convention to clarify the ambiguity... (1982 Minutes, p. 41).

The 1982 PC Board report concludes:

Over the years the Pacific Citizen has evolved from a strictly house organ publication to a respected minority publication.

The Pacific Citizen Board believes that one of the major functions of this publication is its role in allowing members to examine, question and challenge the leadership in power. Our membership must be constantly reminded of the diverse opinions within the organization. Being aware of these diversities serves to strengthen and unify the organization. (Id. at p. 42.)

Thereafter, in 1984, the PC Board proposed the aforementioned amendment to the By-laws, and Article IX, section 3 (c) was adopted by the National Council.

3. The 1990 National Convention.

While subsequent legislative history is not necessarily relevant in determining the intent of the 1984 National Council, we thought it important to point out the following from your 1990 PC Board report:

By Constitution the board is entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of the Pacific Citizen, and if I remember correctly, the board was created to assure the independence and the First Amendment freedom of the Pacific Citizen. I think there was a point in time when the staff of the Pacific Citizen thought that there was too much interference by Headquarters

and so we kind of act like a buffer. (1990 National Council Minutes, p. 26)

Conclusion

From the foregoing, we must conclude that the National Council, by adopting the amendment to the By-laws, agreed with the PC Board's position that the PC should be an independent publication subject to the editorial control of the PC Board, rather than an in-house publication of the JACL.

Appointment and removal of PC Board

This is not to say the JACL has no editorial control over the PC. However, the JACL's editorial control is indirect, by virtue of JACL's ability to remove PC Board

Chairperson

The Constitution (1992) makes two references to the Pacific Citizen. Article IX, section 1, states: "The National Board shall be comprised of... the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. All Board Members shall have one vote with the exception of... the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board, both of whom shall have no vote." Also, Article X, section 2 provides: "The appointive officers shall be... the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. These shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board and shall have no vote. All appointive officers shall serve only at the pleasure and sole discretion of the National President."

Accordingly, as the PC Board Chairperson "serve[s] only at the pleasure and sole discretion of the National President," the President may remove the Chair at any time

with or without the approval of the National Board.

Other Board members
The By-laws provide that the PC Board "shall be comprised of the... Chairperson and a representative from each District." Article XII, section 2 (b). The National President appoints the Chairperson (section 2 (c)), and also "upon recommendation from the District Governors," appoints a PC Board member from each District. Section 2 (d), (e). These PC Board appointments are "subject to approval by the National Board." Section 2 (d).

Interestingly, unlike the Chairperson, the Constitution and By-laws make no reference to the procedure for removal of the remaining PC Board members. However, we may imply that the power to appoint carries with it the concomitant power to remove a Board member. Accordingly, we conclude the National President, with the approval of the National Board, may remove any or all PC Board members.

Conclusion

We conclude the 1984 National Council intended the PC as an independent publication and that its editorial content should be subject to the direct control of the PC Board. JACL retains indirect editorial control by virtue of the National President's ability to remove the PC Board Chairperson with or without the approval of the JACL Board. We also conclude the National President may, with the concurrence of the National Board, remove any or all of the other PC Board members. We trust this fully responds to your request. Please feel free to call me should you have additional questions or comments.

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Los Angeles, and what's happening out east with the differences between Asian Pacific Americans and Latinos and African Americans, there's a lot of misunderstanding going on. And we're pitted against each other sometimes. And to be quite frank, I think we as an organization need to educate ourselves on how to work with and understand better the African American and Hispanic communities so that we don't end up working against each other or at odds, but work together to help expand human and civil rights for all of us. And we have to do it at a national level, now. I think the lessons we've learned the hard way with inter-ethnic strife has told us that it's time to really get moving on this agenda. I think that will strengthen us, not weaken us.

Another priority is fiscal planning and fund-raising. I think one of the things we've got to look at is not relying just on membership alone anymore. We need to find ways to bring revenue in. I think a partnership with corporations and other long range planning and project development is going to be important.

And looking beyond the biennium, whether it be fiscal planning, membership issues, or communication, I do think is important. Most organizations have a minimum five-year plan. Five years is not a long term plan, they go beyond that. I think we have to plan at least six to seven years in advance.

What it means is that every time we come to a convention there are certain continuities in terms of goals, objectives and issues that will always be there that we're developing.

PC: What are your immediate plans?

RS: I want to go to Washington, D.C., and get introduced to some of the people there. I think it's very important that I be there. And also to go to the East Coast and the Midwest to meet the leadership and the membership there and find out what their concerns are and their views on what the

needs and concerns of the organization are.

PC: Do you have a message you would like to give members at this point?

RS: The message, I think, is to not give up your faith in the organization and to try to understand that a lot of what we view as controversy means that we are playing out ideas and this is a part of what democracy is all about. I don't mind controversy, without controversy you will not have intelligent decision-making and input on issues. You've got to have the different sides of the coin, the different views on an issue. We can't think we must always agree on everything. Sometimes as Japanese Americans we want to show that public face that even if we don't agree we're going to put it out there. What we want to do though is to make sure that the way in which we disagree and carry out things is done with dignity and respect. We're in a transition. I see several issues out there that are a result of change within the organization that has been occurring. I think it's really important that we address and guide ourselves collectively in shared cooperativeness through this transition period in the organization. This is a wonderful time to reassess, reaffirm and renew ourselves. This is the process through which life and growth development continues.

PC: Last question: how's your saxophone playing these days?

RS: In the last nine or 10 years I haven't had much of a chance to play. I spent many years playing with George Yoshida, a Nisei musician, and his swing band.

I love music. When I was in the fourth grade I started playing. Because of my father I grew up listening to Count Basie. We couldn't afford a saxophone so ever since I started playing one of the things I realized is that there's a lot of talent in the Japanese American community.

I don't play a lot lately. But I do it every now and then. When I need to let off some stress it feels good to just take my horns out and just blow.

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The brochure, entitled "Hate, Crime in a Multicultural Society," discusses the problem of hate crimes and contains a self-assessment test for valuing diversity.

JACL's 1991 publication, "Walk with Pride: Taking Steps to Address Anti-Asian Violence," is listed as one of the selected resources.

The kit also covers gang prevention, crime prevention for small businesses, older Americans and for people with physical disabilities, apartment security, con games, child protection, victim assistance, preventing family violence, fighting drug dealers, sexual assault prevention, conflict management and action ideas.

Motorola provided funding for the project and the Department of Justice is helping to distribute the information.

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by wife Masaye, sons John, Ricky (Seattle), daughter Sherry, Mishina, 4 g.c., sister Fumi Shimada.

Masada, Kerry N., 44, Placenta, Nov. 15 of heart condition; Chicago-born Sausalito Vietnam War veteran; survived by daughters Kathryn, Lauren, parents Frank and Miyeko, brothers Dick, Tom, Glenn (Las Vegas).

Matayoshi, Shigeru K., 66, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; survived by wife Minnie, children and g.c.

Matsumoto, Yoshio, 71, Los Angeles, Nov. 2; Fallbrook-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Taeko, son Edward, daughter Taichi (Orange County), brother Takayoshi (Arizona), Jack, half-brothers Sakai, George Onodera, sisters Tomiko Yamamoto (both Arizona), Emiko Koide (San Diego), Haruko Kurochi.

Mayeda, Janice S., 39, Montebello, Nov. 28; Los Angeles-born Samsel, survived by mother Harumi, brother Glen, sister June.

Mihara, Ayako, 69, Los Angeles, Sept. 23; Shimane-born from Argentina, survived by daughters Miwako Yogi, Etsuko Shirai, 7 g.c.

Minami, Midori, 92, Gardena, Aug. 19; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by her daughter, daughter Emiko Masada, 3 g.c., 1 great-g.

Mishima, Ayako, 97, Gardena, Nov. 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Frank, James, daughter Yukie Shoji (Irvine), 4 g.c., 3 great-g.

Mito, Dick H., 80, Sun Valley, Nov. 10; Newcastle-born, survived by sons Wayne, Ryan, daughters Carolyn Kalka, Janet Chew, 9 g.c., brother Frank, other brothers and sisters in Japan.

Miura, Katsumi B., 78, Los Angeles, Nov. 22; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Allen, Richard, Raymond, daughter Jan Nishimura, 1 great-g., brothers Annobu, Albert, William, James (all of Hawaii), David and Harry.

Miyabara, Tomiko, Gardena, Nov. 8; Hokkaido-born proprietor of Furusato Travel, survived by husband, George. Miyamae, Kinko, 73, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Fukui-born, survived by son Donald, daughter Chiyo, 3 g.c.

Moriwaka, George M., 71, Gardena, Aug. 12; Portland-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Neva, sons Mark, Stephen, daughter Karen Kimoto, 6 g.c., other brothers, sons Shizuo, Shigeo, Gotanda (Ontario), Kimi Nakamura (Cincinnati), Utako Honma, Sakae Yoneyama (both Portland), Kathy Kubo (Seattle), in-laws Otto and Tom Uehara.

Morimoto, Yukio, 88, San Gabriel, Aug. 8; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Tomoe, son Ken, daughter Jean Morimoto, 5 g.c., 2 great-g., brother Koji Morimoto (Japan).

Mukai, Kenneth, South San Gabriel, Aug. 25; Sacramento-born Nisei, survived by wife Sally, son Randy, daughters Teruko Yee, Hideko Routledge, 3 g.c., sister Nancy Shimada, in-laws Emiko, Yukio, Norio.

Murakami, Akira Joe, 60, Los Angeles, Sept. 15; Encinitas-born, survived by wife Emilia, daughters Sandy, Susan, sisters Kazuko, Masako Sowa, brother Teruji.

Murata, Ralph, 79, Gardena, Sept. 16; Lindsay-born, survived by wife Katsuko, son Victor, Devaney, daughter Kei, 3 g.c., sisters Ann Nakagawa, Bernice Matsumoto, Ruby Takahisa, brother Donald (Ohio), in-laws Mike Murata, George Takahisa (Ohio), Dorothy Katayama, Mary Nakayama (both of Japan), Philip Kobashi (San Jose).

Nageshihi, Masakatsu, 95, Los Angeles, Aug. 10; Okayama-born, survived by wife Misao, sons James, John, daughter Emiko Hayashi, Megumi, Hara, 12 g.c., 2 great-g.

Nagata, Alice M., 62, Monterey Park, Sept. 14; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Bonch T., son Keith, 2 g.c., brother Harry Arakaki, sisters Dorothy Yamanishi, Jane Sakagawa, Clara Etsu, Elaine Taniguchi, in-laws Tom Nagata, Helen Tani, Lily Kikuchi.

Nagata, Kazuji, 77, Gardena, Nov. 13; Monterey-born, survived by wife Amy, son Wayne, daughter Arleen Hirano, Pauline Takahashi, Julia Lewis (Africa), Margie, 5 g.c., sister Sueko Okaya, brother Masaharu.

Nakano, Kikuo, 92, West Los Angeles, Nov. 9; Okinawa-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Harry, Thomas, David, Bob, daughter Lily Okumura, 14 g.c., 11 great-g.

Nakamura, Michael Y., 48, Los Angeles, Nov. 1; Los Angeles-born Samsel, survived by wife, daughter, brother Robert T. (New York), sister Kathryn (Temecula).

Nakashima, Ko George, Camano Is., Wash., Oct. 29; survived by wife Mary, brother, Bill D. (Seattle), sisters Patsy Hokama (Vancouver), Garnet (Seattle).

Nakashima, Mori, 73, Los Angeles,

Sept. 20; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Masako.

Nakatsuki, Yoneo F., 70, Bellflower, Sept. 2; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons David, Brian, Dale, David, daughters Ann Marshall, Emi, 1 g.c., many sisters.

Nakuchi, Hidemitsu, 90, Huntington Beach, Sept. 9; Kochi-born naturalized U.S. citizen, founder of M&H Nursery, Westminster; survived by wife Satsue, sons David, Edward, Steven, daughters Hatsuaki, Yoneo, Kayoko, 10 g.c., 2 great-g., brothers Isao, Nobuichi and Tomoe, sister Hanako (Japan).

Nishikawa, Bob W., 70, Gardena, Aug. 17; Lemore-born, survived by wife Suzy, sons Kiyoshi, Jun, daughter Amy, 5 g.c., brothers Noboru, Mas, Toshi, Kei, sisters Tomi Watari, Sue Fukuda (Fresno).

Nitta, Ayame, 89, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughter Yuriko Takeoka, Harue Shimazaki, Grace Nakano, 6 g.c., 8 great-g., in-law Tsuyoshi Nitta.

Nomiyama, Mei Man, 97, Los Angeles, Sept. 17; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Tak, daughters Akio Kiyono, Michi Oki, 5 g.c., 4 great-g.

Ogata, Joyce K., 49, Buena Park, Sept. 7; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Tetsuo, sons David, Sheldun, daughter Kanna, brother Sumuru (all Hawaii), sister June Kimura, parents in-law Teruki and Miki Ogata.

Okamoto, Kameichi, 95, Gardena, Nov. 8; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Takashi, daughter Tomoko, Kiyomi Fukuda, in-law Chizuko Yakura (Visalia), 10 g.c., 3 great-g.

Ozaki, Betty C., 63, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Howard T., sons Robert, Michael.

Ozawa, Hiroshi, 76, Lomita, Nov. 15; Santa Pedro-born, survived by wife Michiko, sons Goro, Randy, daughter Gloria Hopson, 6 g.c., sister Tomoe Sato, in-laws Masayuki Hashimoto.

Sadakane, Mamoru, 74, Santa Ana, Aug. 5; Brawley-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Sara, sons Kei, Eugene, Alan, John, 1 g.c., brothers Masao, Norihiro, in-laws Harry, Mike and Tak Kimura, Fusaye Tokonami, Akio Asato.

Saito, Yasuo, 83, Gardena, Sept. 14; Hawaii-born, survived by son Mel, daughters Doris Sugihara, Jean Oka, Ellen Little, brothers Isami, Susumu and Red Minemitsu, sister Mitsuko Minemitsu.

Sakamoto, Robert N., 62, Los Angeles, Nov. 12; Hawaii-born, survived by brothers George, James, sisters Edith Inouye, Ethel Sakamoto.

Sakloka, Shizuo, 96, Anaheim, Sept. 4; Shimane-born Orange County pioneer, survived by sons Shizuo, Charles, Frank, daughters Yayoi Yoshida, Susie Oki, 10 g.c., 10 great-g.

Sekural, Toshiko Terry, Rolling Hills, Aug. 22; founder of Young Musicians Concert for Harbor Foundation for the Retarded, annual Chamber Music/L.A. Concerts, survived by husband Dr. Fred, son George, daughter Jennifer, brother Tadaaki Shindo (Osaka, Japan).

Sato, Yukio H., 64, Gardena, Nov. 27; Maui-born Korean War veteran, survived by wife Doris, sons Wayne, Brian, Roger, daughter Sharon Asamoto, parents Zenosuke and Chiyo, brothers Takao, Kimio, Tomio and sister Mildred Wakawaku.

Sawada, Kameyoshi, 68, Los Angeles, Nov. 23; covina-born, survived by wife Kazuko, brothers Minoru (La Habra), Haruo Kitagawa (Japan), sister Satoko Sawada (Japan).

Shibata, Takeo, 68, Vista, Nov. 1; Salt Lake City-born, survived by wife Wanda, son Glenn, daughter June Matsubara, brother Kazuo, sister Akiko Hattori.

Shiratori, Sadaaki, 63, Fullerton, Aug. 29; Gardena-born, survived by husband Yukio, daughters Michiko, Nobuko Ise, Hanako, brother, Dr. Shigeo Kishi, sisters Fumi Kiyomura, Shizuko Uno, Chiko Uno.

Shundo, John, 73, San Pedro, Sept. 21; Upland-born WWII veteran, survived by son Wes, daughter Janine Hatheway, 3 g.c., brother Frank, Jack, Bill.

Sudo, Takao Henry, Los Angeles, Sept. 21; Los Angeles-born, survived by brother William, sister Yoshiko Mizuki.

Sugita, Tei Taisei, 74, Sierra Madre, Nov. 8; Salinas-born 552nd FA BN veteran, survived by wife Kaoru, brother Kenzo, sister Sumi Tamaki, in-laws Frank and Arthur Emi.

Sugiyama, Frank S., 71, Long Beach, Nov. 23; Huntington Beach-born, JACL, Harbor Optimist leader, JACL Silver Pin recipient, survived by wife Sue, daughters Lisa, Cynthia Page, 4 g.c., mother Kimi, brothers Eugene (Santa Ana), Dr. Richard, Dr. Raymond, sister Mariko Suzuki (West L.A.).

Sumi, Yoshio A., 72, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; L.A.-born, survived by wife

Lillie, son Randall, daughter Christine, 1 g.c., sister Yoko Endo.

Suruki, Kiyomi, 51, Los Angeles, Sept. 10; Shimane-born, survived by husband Masahiro, son Clifford, daughters Junko, Fie, mother Masako Hashizu, brother Osamu, sister Akemi Fitzgerald.

Tagami, Toshitsuki, 92, Culver City, Nov. 10; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Chiko, daughter Grace Sukimoto, 3 g.c., 5 great-g., brother Ken Tagami (San Diego), sister Toshi Hagi (Japan).

Togawa, Sueko, 74, New York, Aug. 9; Salinas-born, survived by brothers James and Jack, sister Violet.

Takahashi, Tracy, 30, Gardena, Nov. 16 of fatal gunshot wounds after answering knock on front door; Sacramento-born Samsel chemist, survived by parents Thomas and Hiroko (Sacramento), brother Dean.

Takeda, Margie T., 60, Fountain Valley, Nov. 7; Hyogo-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by husband Yoshimichi, son Todd, daughter Michi, 2 g.c.

Takemichi, Sue, 74, Los Angeles, Nov. 20; San Gabriel-born, survived by husband Henry, son Norman, daughter Ruth, brothers Toshio and Henry Fujimura, sister Mary Fukushima, in-law Sam Takeuchi.

Tanahashi, Kin, 96, Los Angeles, Aug. 31; Gifu-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Kiyoshi, 3 g.c.

Tanaka, Ginger, 89, Torrance, Sept. 7; Gifu-born, survived by wife Yaeiko, sons James, Gerald, Glen, 2 g.c., in-laws Kazumi Watanabe, Toshiko Matoba.

Tanaka, Kazuko, 76, Oxnard, Dec. 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Sonny, Kenji, Kenji, Vincent, Eugene and Norman Terada, 8 g.c., brothers Tokuo and Noboru Nakatsuki.

Tanaka, Lily Y., Los Angeles, Sept. 10; survived by sister Eva Nozawa.

Tanaka, Nobu, 98, Gardena, Dec. 18; Osaka-born, survived by g.c. Harumi Tanaka, in-laws Kiyoko, Yoko.

Tanaka, Vivian C., 68, Gardena, Oct. 29; Kobe-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by husband Warren H., sons Danny, Nathan, daughter Patricia, 1 g.c., brother Kazuma (Japan).

Tani, Kagen L., 47, Long Beach, Aug. 15; Ogdan-born, survived by mother Kikaku, brother Hideki, sisters Kazuko, Yukari.

Tanoue, Bill K., 67, Santa Barbara, Nov. 17; Torrance-born Lockheed research engineer for 35 years, survived by wife, sons Ted (Fullerton), Steve (Carson), brother Isao, sister Sumi Ota, Tami, Yukiko, 96, Seattle, Oct. 26.

Terada, Margaret F., 75, La Mesa, Nov. 22; Sylmar-born, survived by son Eugene, daughter Vyyranna Owashi, sisters Hazel Ito, Elsie Nishi, brothers Harry F., Elwood, Richard and Bobby Ito.

Togawa, Kikuo, 63, Los Angeles, Sept. 20; Hawaii-born, survived by brothers Hiroshi (Japan), Toshio, Yoshito, sisters Yuki Maruko (Japan), Chieko Leong, Saeko Togawa.

Tokumaru, Richard H., 87, San Diego, Sept. 5; Maui-born, former Santa Barbara County sheriff and postwar Santa Barbara gardener-horticulturist of 43 years, survived by son Dennis (Goleta), daughter Janet Kobata, 3 g.c., brother Albert (Hawaii).

Tsuge, Job, 67, Gardena, Sept. 5; Torrance-born, survived by wife Teruko, sons Michael, Glenn, daughters Joan Minamide, Donna Wada, 4 g.c., brothers Takashi, Nishimoto, sister Masako Shimada.

Tsukihira, Kikuo, 100, Los Angeles, Nov. 12; Nagano-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Toshio (Bethesda, Md.), 8 g.c., 6 great-g., daughters in-law Ruth and Lillian Tsukihira.

Uyeda, Kikui, 88, Los Angeles, Sept. 2; Shiga-born founder of Uyeda Dry Goods Store (first post-Evacuation Japanese business in Little Tokyo in '45) survived by wife Shizuko, son Satoru, daughters Chiyoko Yamashiro, Aiko Kawano, 6 g.c., in-laws Kazumi Takami, Frank and Tadaaki Kishi, Menoru Kimi.

Uno, Masao, 61, Hawthorne, Nov. 18; Santa Maria-born Korean War veteran, survived by wife Miyuki, daughter Mayumi Mikelson, mother Yukie Uno, brothers Dr. Tadao, Dr. Tetsuo, sister Kazuko Nakawatake, in-laws Victor Kawasaka, Anne Owa.

Uyeno, Hataeyu, 93, El Cajon, Nov. 20; Wakayama-born, survived by daughters Matsuye Morishige, Ritsu Nabeta, Katsuyo Tsugimura (Japan) g.c.

Wakihiro, Larry K., 70, Los Angeles, Nov. 23; Honolulu-born WWII veteran, survived by wife, daughter, daughter Wendy Thomas (San Diego), Dr. Nakano (Gardena), 5 g.c., sisters Dorothy Tamashiro, Mary Fuji (both Hawaii), brothers Hissao (Gardena), James, William (both Hawaii).

Yoshida, Hide, 95, Palo Alto, Aug. 15; survived by daughters Grace Sata, Emily Kyan, Sachiko Shimamoto, 6 g.c.

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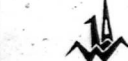
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TAPESTRY

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proud of and feel good about. This and identity as part of the whole as one's thread is woven into the tapestry can give meaning to life and lessen the chances of destructive behavior.

I would like to get people to think in terms of America as a Tapestry where they can identify their own threads and recognize that they contribute to the texture and design of the whole fabric. They need not struggle within themselves to be "American." They need not feel they have to deny or be ashamed of their "roots." How fortunate we are to be able to add richness and diversity to the whole design. The beauty of America is that the immigrants and their offsprings didn't keep totally to themselves but mingled and spun cultures together and made a new, more colorful and richly textured culture we recognize as "American culture." We are held together by the strong warp threads of our constitution, the Bill of Rights, our Judicial System, our Flag, our representative form of government and the freedom of religion with the separation of church and state. All of that makes our country a unique democratic government. My hope is that we will all recognize that we are the fibers that

make this the Tapestry that is America.

I believe that through educational programs we can bring communities, groups, and our nation together. The tapestry could be used to show how families are bound together; organizations, communities, and groups could find what are their common threads and create their own tapestries. Our country is being divided and weakened by the rhetoric of divisiveness. I am afraid that we are in danger of being divided so that we could be broken into warring factions and weakened as a nation. It is my hope that if we get people to think in terms of "America as a Tapestry," it would help create better Americans for a greater America.

I have a tapestry, a video, and a presentation to help illustrate this metaphor and would be glad to share it and explain my ideas to any class, group or audience that would be interested. My video, "Hawaii: A Part of the American Tapestry" is 29:27 minutes long and is suitable for any age group. It gives a brief history of Hawaii and the people that have come to these islands and how their cultures have intertwined to make the Tapestry that is Hawaii.

Any honorarium would help to defray the expense of future projects that I would like to pur-

sue. They are a series of videos that would show the Tapestry that is the United States and another would show the Tapestry that is the world.

Kay Kaneko is a member of the Honolulu Chapter, JACL.

WORKING

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NAACP and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Arizona provides the Washington, D.C. office with copies of its newsletter, which helps JACL National to know what kind of assistance we can give to their efforts to fight hate crimes and to achieve civil rights. We have provided information to them on Supreme Court rulings and federal legislation. If your chapter would like assistance or information for its anti-Asian violence program, or your local hate crime law is being challenged, or you want to work on getting legislation or persuading local law enforcement to participate in the national reporting system under the Hate Crime Statistics Act, please let JACL National know how we can help. Working together, we can make a difference!

LETTERS

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even on the map? Don't we JACLers have more important matters to attend to?

Mar Odoi

Renton, Wash.

Likes Hosokawa profile in Holiday Issue

I am glad that you interviewed Bill Hosokawa, giant Nisei journalist, for your 1993 Holiday Issue. I have been a fan of his since Bill's college days at the University of Washington, when he wrote a column called "Disquisitions" for presumably the Seattle Japanese American Courier, Jimmie Sakamoto editor.

"Disquisitions" appeared in the pre-WW2 *Rafu Shimpo* English section in Los Angeles, Louise Sasaki and Togo Tanaka editors during "the Golden Age of Nisei journalism." I, then a teenager, read Bill's column there.

I recall that some of Bill's col-

umns were lucid, introspective gems.

Is there anyone who thinks that Dr. Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan" is a column about cooking? I hope that Bill (does he have a Japanese first name?) will keep enlightening us with his scintillating skillet for many, many more years.

Naomi

Kashiwabara

San Diego, Calif.

EAST WIND

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the paper money by weight to a private contractor who pays 98 cents on the dollar. If only coins were involved, it is estimated that it would save the L.A. MTA about \$4 million annually.

THE COST of producing a dollar bill is said to be four cents; a dollar coin, eight cents, or double that of the paper currency. But whereas the coin will last about 30 years, the paper currency's life span is a mere 17 months, about 20 times shorter. So where do the venerable bankers stand on this question? The American Bankers Association is opposed to any changes, contending that any change would involve sizeable changeover costs as well as anticipated extra weight in transporting dollar coins versus paper currency.

COME TO THINK of it, what about conserving metal and weight by incorporating a hole, round and square, in coins—as the Japanese do?

O-hane.

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

IN-SIGHT

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In the time before Convention, we hope to work on internal controls and Randy Senzaki has a style of leadership which is most amenable to all units working together. We intend to resolve the Pacific Citizen issue for the greatest good of the organization. Delegates to Convention will be involved in helping to decide what that should be.

We have our work cut out and let's do it together. Happy New Year!

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