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Yamashita views days ahead as Marine captain

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Feeling personally vindicated, Bruce Yamashita said that he will continue to fight for equality for all minorities in the U.S. Marine Corps. Yamashita recently accepted a Pentagon proposal offering him a U.S. Marine Corps captain commission.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Yamashita said, "It's over, but it's not over. It's over in a sense because the load has been lifted off my shoulders because I've been vindicated personally. Until now, there's always been the lingering impression that I'm a liar. Now it's a constitutional fight."

Yamashita was disenrolled from the Marine Officer Candidate School (OCS) in April 1989. He has maintained that he was unjustly disenrolled after completing the course and was subject to racial slurs and other abuses by some of his superiors.

Soon to be a Marine captain, Yamashita said that he will be placed on stand-by reserve, which has no obligation to serve unless he chooses to go on active reserve. He said the next

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Yamashita to speak at JACL events

Bruce Yamashita, who recently received a Marine captain commission, will be speaking the following locations:

● Sunday, Jan. 23—Honolulu Chapter, JACL, annual membership luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. Installing 1994 officers will be State of Hawaii District Court Judge Sandra Simms. Cost: \$25, JACL members; \$30, non-members. RSVP by Jan. 20. Information: 808/988-3884.

● Saturday, Feb. 5—opening session of the JACL National Youth Council conference, "People Envisioning Tomorrow," Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., San Francisco, 9 a.m. Part of a two-day conference starting Feb. 4 focusing on youth issues. Workshops include: Asians in the media; hate crimes and Asians and AIDS awareness. Cost: \$10, student; by Feb. 1; \$20, non-student; by Feb. 1; \$15, on-site, student and \$25, on-site, non-student.

Information: Janelle Sasaki, JACL National Headquarters, 415/921-5225; Kimi Yoshino, 916/757-1556 or Gary Mayeda, 213/257-1731.

Earthquake may cause delays in PC delivery

Because of the Jan. 17 earthquake in Los Angeles, there may be a delay in the printing and/or delivery of this week's *Pacific Citizen*. PC sustained no damage and was able to produce the paper by deadline. However, we do not know whether the 6.6 temblor will cause delays in the printing or mailing of the newspaper since travel in the Los Angeles area is restricted.

Arnold Miyamoto, president, San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL, said his home in Sherman Oaks near the epicenter suffered little damage, but he wasn't sure about the status of other chapter board members who live closer to the epicenter.

Surveying his neighborhood, Miyamoto said, "There are a lot of broken chimneys and walls down. At our home, we lost almost all of our glass."

Jem Lew, freelance photographer, reported that the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center located in Pacoima suffered little damage.

At press time, the quake, the largest in modern Los Angeles history, had caused at least 33 deaths and approximately \$7 billion damage to countless structures and utility systems throughout the Southland.



NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE—Plate glass window to Sato Insurance in Little Tokyo (which had moved out seven months earlier) at East 1st and Central Ave. is broken from the 4:31 a.m. Jan. 17 earthquake. Below, books and magazines fell to the ground at the Nippon Book Co. next door. The renovated and refurbished Japanese American National Museum at the same intersection rode out the tremor outside but inside exhibits were tumbled and some glass panes fell from the chandeliers.



Photo: HARRY K. HONDA

JACL youth event set for Feb. 4-5

The JAC Youth Council announces that registration brochures are available for its Feb. 4-5, 1994, conference at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco.

The JACL National Youth Conference, "People Envisioning Tomorrow," is a leadership development and awareness building conference focusing on issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. In addition to Bruce Yamashita (see story at left) the conference will feature topics, "Promoting Positive Images of Asians in the Media,"

"Hate Crimes," "Asians and AIDS Awareness," "Political Empowerment," "Building and Maintaining an Ethnic Studies Program," and "Bridging the Gap."

The pre-registration for the conference is \$10 for students, \$15 on-site registration, and \$20 for non-students, and \$25 on-site registration. Deadline for early registration is Feb. 1. Information: Janelle Sasaki, JACL National headquarters (415) 921-5225 or Kimi Yoshino, conference coordinator (916) 757-1556.

Firebombing suspect to be tried as adult in Sacramento

Richard Campos, the 18-year-old suspect in the firebombings in Sacramento, will be tried as an adult, according to Dick Fukushima, a Sacramento Chapter, JACL, member who attended the Jan. 12 preliminary hearing. Campos was 17 years old at the time of the attacks which began with the July 26, 1993 attack on a Jewish synagogue.

If convicted, Campos could face life in prison for the bombings which included attacks last year on the office of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, the NAACP, Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the home of City Councilman Jimmy Yee.

District Attorney Steven White, according to the *Sacramento Bee*, said, "If we prosecute him as a juvenile, the penalties he would receive would be minimal—a few years in juvenile hall. As an adult he could be sent to prison for life. We will be seeking the maximum penalty."

In addition to Fukushima, Councilman Yee and Andy Noguchi and Mark Muradomi of the Florin Chapter, JACL, were in attendance at the hearing.

"We just want to monitor the proceedings and be visible. We don't just want to sit idly by," said Fukushima, who is vice president of the chapter.

The *Sacramento Bee* reported that Campos, whose adopted father is Latino, said he is a white separatist.

"My perfect world would be an all-white society, just a little homeland somewhere," said Campos.

Police found cloth at Campos' home which matched cloth in Molotov cocktails used during one of the attacks. Earlier, a person identifying himself as a member of the Aryan Liberation Front made phone calls to various local media claiming responsibility for the firebombings.

Randy Imai, president of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, said the chapter is concerned that Campos did not act alone and that there may be other suspects still at large.

"As long as the investigation continues, it doesn't close the book. We're anxious to see if others are involved," said Imai.

"It's hard to believe that a 17-year-old man did it all by himself—that's what we want to find out," said Fukushima.

The chapter president said that they have opened up their new office and that between donations and insurance the chapter was able to cover most of their expenses.

"We're grateful for the help and support we've received from JACL members across the nation," said Imai.

He said that for the future the chapter is working on a video on hate crime in conjunction with the local police and National JACL.

Blacks have tough time in Texas, too

After earlier failed attempts to integrate, federal officials moved four African American families into an all-white housing project in Vidor, Tex., reported the *Los Angeles Times*.

Vidor, located near Beaumont, is the location of Jap Lane and has been known as a center for Ku Klux Klan activity. The federal government seized the housing project in October '93 from local authorities because of their failure to desegregate. Last year, the last African American resident of the project, Bill Simpson, 37, left because of the hostile atmosphere. Less than 24 hours later, Simpson was shot to death in Beaumont in what police have called an unrelated incident. As police stood guard, Housing and Urban Development officials moved four families into the all-white com-

plex. HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros said more minority families would be moving into the Vidor project and others in eastern Texas.

Saying the town has been unfairly portrayed as racist, Vidor Mayor Ruth Woods said, "We're just anxious to

get this [integration] done and over with. Nobody wants this to work more than I do."

Michael Lowe, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, said he is planning rallies to protest the integration.

Chinese street signs created in Houston

It's not Jap Road, but these road signs in Texas are causing controversy. According to the *Austin American Statesman*, Chinese-language street signs in Houston have been added in an area dubbed "Little Taipei," at a cost of \$1,350 to taxpayers.

"Nobody ever asked me. Nobody came by with a petition. It's an insult to me," said resident Jerry Weber.

The signs were recently added at the request of the Taiwanese and Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Eight years earlier, Chinese language street signs were placed in the old Chinatown.

"A lot of my friends' parents or newcomers to that area don't speak any English," said Jackson Chang, a Houston businessman, who helped promote the street signs.

Glenn Sugiyama is Chicago Congressional candidate

Chicago businessman and Democrat Glen Sugiyama, 35, is running for U.S. House of Representatives in Illinois' ninth Congressional district.

A lifelong resident of the district, he described himself to *Asian Week* as a "social liberal and economic conservative," who believes the primary concern of the area is jobs and the economy. He lost an earlier bid in '92 for the seat to incumbent Sidney Yates, who has held the office since 1948.

A Yonsei, Sugiyama received his graduate degree from Eastern Michigan University in Social Science Education. After graduate school, he returned to Chicago and began working for a restaurant. In 1990, he became president and CEO of a chain of steakhouses.



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Calendar

Hawaii Honolulu

Sun. Jan. 23—JACL Honolulu membership luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hilton Hawaiian Village. NOTE—Bruce Yamashita, speaker.
Sat. Feb. 19—JACL Honolulu EO 9066 remembrance, 8 p.m., Kumu Kahua Theatre, 48 Merchant St. (old Kamahāhā V Post Office on the corner of Merchant and Alakaa Sts.), limited seating, information: 808/968-3884. NOTE—To see local playwright Edward Sakamoto's play, "The Life of the Land," about the three generations of a Japanese American family in Hawaii.

Japan Tokyo

Thu. Jan. 27—JACL Japan-U.S. Relations Committee panel, "WHI 1994" be characterized by cooperation or conflict? 7-9 p.m., Keidansen Hall Rm 1002, Ottemachi 1-9-4, Chiyoda-ku; information: Ted Shigeno 0468-76-2431, fax 0468-76-2432. NOTE—Panelists: Glen Fukushima, Fred Katayama; Sen Nishiyama, moderator.

Northeast U.S. Washington, D.C.

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.); and 50th anniversary Remembrance of Arrival of AJs 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 spring session, Courtyard, 10290 N Meridian St; information Charles

JACL National Board meeting set

The next JACL National Board meeting is scheduled for Sat.-Sun., Feb. 12-13 at JACL National Headquarters, 1785 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Pacific Citizen will be reporting on the meeting.
Information: 415/921-5225.

Correction

The Gila River camp reunion and monument dedication was listed as Mar. 17-19, 1994 in the Jan. 7-20 issue of Pacific Citizen. The correct date is Mar. 17-19, 1995.

Reunion information: Sei Dyo, 310/549-2350 or Sue Koyama, 213/726-3514.

Matsumoto 317/888-8505

Illinois Chicago

Sat. Jan. 29—Asian American Coalition's 11th annual Lunar New Year celebration, 5:30 p.m. cocktail, 7 dinner. Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd. Rosemead, Ill. RSVP 312/523-7764 or 624-1242. NOTE—Maryland Assembly Delegate David Vackaranga, guest speaker; US Sen Paul Simon, special presentation; Filipino American community hosts this year; Calvin Mansho of Chicago Asian American Bar Association and Buddhist Temple of Chicago, the Japanese American community honoree.

Wisconsin Milwaukee

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

Missouri St. Louis

Sat. Jan. 29—JACL St. Louis installation dinner, (details to be announced). NOTE—Rep. Jim Talent, (R-2nd Dist. Mo.), guest speaker; member of the House committees on Armed Services and Small Business; previously, state representative since 1984; Minority Leader in the State House of Representatives, (1983-93). Information: Sherry Pratt 314/938-3702.

Washington Seattle

Sat. Jan. 29—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 Takano 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 Mori, conv. chair, 801/572-2287. Program highlights: Opening reception, Aug. 3; business session & workshops, Aug. 4-6; workshop topics include family history, AJs 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.

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.

California Sacramento Valley

Sat. Feb. 5—JACL Florin "Time of Remembrance," Buddhist Hall, 7215 Pritchard Rd., Sacramento. NOTE—Preparation meetings on 2nd Weds, 7:30 p.m., Aland Mary Tsukamotohome, 9132 Doc Bar Court, Elk Grove, 916-685-6747; exhibit of educational material to remember EO 9066 will be on display two weeks prior at Elk Grove

School District board meeting room; Educator's morning workshop, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Buddhist Hall; information Ruth Seo 916/443-7746; Joanne Intani, c/o Florin JACL, PO Box 292634, Sacramento, CA 95829, 916/395-7955

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, "Envisioning Tomorrow," reception, Fri. 6-10 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 415/921-5225 or Kimi Yoshino 916/757-1556, early registration by Jan. 20, open to general public.

Peninsula

Tue. Feb. 1—Scholarship deadline: JACL San Mateo, 4155 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 Ikuta 415/733-9699 (h), 415/358-8685 (w).

Eastbay

Sat. Jan. 22—JACL Contra Costa installation dinner, 6 p.m. cocktail, 7 dinner, Hunan Villa, Pinole. NOTE: PC Editor emerita Harry K. Honda, guest speaker. Information: Natsuko Irai.
Sat. Jan. 22—Asian American (bone marrow) donor program: Volunteer orientation and Training for AADO. Information: Carol Gillespie 510/523-3366, 800/59-DONOR.

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 408/378-8877, Brian Kuwahara 415/903-4047. NOTE—Tofu Fuji of Sacramento, speaker.
Thu. Jan. 27—Ruth Asawa lecture, 6:30 p.m. San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S Market St, 408/294-2787. NOTE—"Interment Memorial."

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

Fri. Jan. 21—JACL 2nd joint Stockton-Lodi installation dinner, On Lock San Restaurant, Stockton. Information: Ruby Dobana 208/957-1801. NOTE—Andy Noguchi, pst Florin JACL president and hate crimes: its impact on the Asian Pacific American community. [Kimi Hiramoto, '94 Lodi president; Edwin Endow, '94 Stockton president.]

Los Angeles-Orange

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

Sat. Jan. 22—Mizutani (art of making ceremonial paper cords), 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414. Sun. Jan. 23—New Year's tea ceremony, Ogasawara Sencha School. See CALENDAR/page 10

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Fifty years ago, my father graduated from high school at a U.S. government "relocation facility." Today, I'm running for Congress.



Glenn Sugiyama and his father, Tak.

As a child growing up in Chicago, I remember my dad telling me stories — some good, some not so good — of his days at the Heart Mountain, Wyoming relocation camp. But what struck me most was that he never lost faith in this country. After all, even though he was a second-generation American, he was stripped of his rights as a U.S. citizen.

Yet, he never stopped believing that this is the greatest nation in the world.

Today I have a family of my own, with a wonderful wife and two beautiful children. I have owned my own business, and even served on the board of directors for the World Champion Chicago Bulls! But now it's time for me to give something back to this country that my father taught me to love as he does.

As I look at some of the problems facing our country today — crime, unemployment, education, and a political system dominated by special interests and mired in gridlock —

I understand that no matter how bad things are, nothing could compare to what my father went through 50 years ago. And if he could retain his faith in this country, how could I lose mine?

That's why I am running for a seat in the U.S. Congress.

I want to help protect the rights of *all* citizens — regardless of their ethnic make-up or social position — and do what I can to make this country an even greater place to live. That means making sure our children have the education they need to succeed. It means finding new and innovative ways to stimulate the economy and create jobs. It means changing our judicial system so that violent criminals stay behind bars where they belong. And it means reducing the massive federal deficit we have inherited so that generations to come are not burdened with debt.

But I need your help. As you know, it takes a great deal of money to run a Congressional campaign and get our message of **equal opportunity for all** out to the voters. It will be a tough race, but I believe that it can be won.

With the primary only a few short weeks away, I need your help right away. I hope I can count on you to help me by filling out the form attached below and returning it to the **Sugiyama Victory '94 Committee** with a contribution of \$50, \$100, \$250, or whatever you can afford.

The United States truly is the land of opportunity — if you are willing to work hard and stand up for what you believe in. That's what I stand for, and what I believe in. I hope you will join in my fight.

Thank you very much.

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JACL chapter news

Seabrook gets grant to tell its story through videotape

By ELLEN NAKAMURA
Seabrook Chapter, JACL

The New Jersey Committee for the Humanities (NJCH) has this week awarded the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC) a grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of creating a videotape to tell the Seabrook Village story and provide a dialogue with the community on its importance and impact on New Jersey history.

The video and public program at the Upper Deerfield Municipal Building will be held and shown on Oct. 8, 1994, the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Japanese Americans from the 10 internment camps. This will be in conjunction with the dedication of the museum which is currently under development.

The "People's Inaugural" of the museum will feature as panelists Dr. Thomas H. Brown, Presi-

dent of Union Community College; Michi Nishihara Weglyn, former resident of Seabrook and author of the book, *Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps*; and John M. Seabrook who was a former president of Seabrook Farms and instrumental in bringing the diverse ethnic groups to Seabrook. The panel presentation will be part of a gathering of former Seabrook residents from around the world and surrounding communities. The program and the inauguration of the museum will be open to the public.

The SECC was incorporated on September 3, 1991 as a New Jersey non-profit foundation whose mission is to preserve and make known the unique history of Seabrook in Upper Deerfield Township, Cumberland County, where people of different races and

cultural heritage were given a new start in life and in turn, contributed to the cultural, social, ethnic, economic, and political life of New Jersey.

The story of the arrival of Japanese Americans in Seabrook, along with Peruvian Japanese who were "imported" by the U.S. government, and the Estonians and other Europeans who were escaping the disruptions of World War II—all of whom came in search of work and domestic stability—represent a hidden chapter in American cultural history. Their collective stories, along with those of the residents already in Seabrook at the time, reflect the diversity of American identity and show how, at least in this one place at this one time, people from a broad cultural spectrum made a harmonious life together in a small town in South Jersey.

Gordon Hirabayashi to speak at Florin

Gordon Hirabayashi is scheduled to be the speaker at the 12th annual "Time of Remembrance" event of the Florin Chapter, JACL, Feb. 5 at the Florin Buddhist Church Hall, 7235 Pritchard Road, 6:45 p.m.

Hirabayashi, who challenged the legality of the internment of Japanese Americans, is currently a professor emeritus of sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

Other sponsors for the event include the Elk Grove Unified School District and the Asian American Studies Department, California State University Sacramento.

Cost: general admission, \$10; students, \$5.



GORDON HIRABAYASHI
Guest speaker

The annual remembrance of the Japanese American internment will also include a historical exhibit at the Elk Grove Unified School District Board Room, Jan. 24-Feb. 4 and an educators workshop at the Florin Buddhist Church Hall Feb. 6 from 8:30 a.m.

Registration: \$15, lunch included. Informants: Christine Umeda, 916/657-5052 or Mary Tsukamoto, 916/685-6747.

Chapter hears of violence in Japan

Although there is domestic violence in Japan, it is often not reported, according to Mieko Yoshihama, a doctoral candidate at UCLA, investigating violence against women in Japan.

Speaking at the West Los Angeles Auxiliary annual dinner meeting, Yoshihama reported on a 1992 survey she did in Japan which revealed varying levels of violence and harassment of women including hitting, pulling hair, humiliation and neglect.

Originally from Japan, Yoshihama has counseled women and children at the El Niño Counseling Center in Van Nuys, Didi Hirsch Community Center in Culver City, and the Center for Pacific Asian Family in Los Angeles.

Hoosier Chapter to present photo exhibit on internment

By CHARLES MATSUMOTO
president
Hoosier Chapter, JACL

On the 52nd anniversary of Executive Order 9066 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, the Hoosier Chapter in collaboration with the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Indiana, will present the photo-exhibit titled, "Children of the Detention Camps."

The exhibit, produced by the National Japanese American Historical Society, presents to the viewing public for the first time, the story of the incarceration experience as seen through the eyes of children. The photographs capture the innocence and acute perceptions of the children who endured the eviction and incarceration experience during the dark days of World War II. This will be the

NCWNP elects 1994 officers; adopts motions

NCWNP elected new officers and passed several resolutions at its quarterly meeting on Nov. 7 in Sebastopol, Calif.

Board officers for 1994 include: Lucy Kishiyue, district governor; John Hiyashi, vice governor; Fred Okimoto, treasurer; Kimi Yoshino, youth representative; Miko Katsura, secretary; and Neal Taniguchi, past governor.

Other board members include: Miko Katsura, Brian Kuwahara, Alan Nishi, Ichiro Nishida, Steve Okamoto, Tom Shigemasa and Joe Takano.

The district also adopted the following motions:

● NCWNP unanimously decided to oppose recent anti-immigrant legislation brought forward by state officials.

The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District of the JACL opposes administrative and legislative attempts to repeal the 14th Amendment's guarantee of citizenship to persons born in the

U.S. We call on our elected officials to ensure that immigrants are treated fairly and that due process is not denied."

● On Pacific Citizen, the district decided to send a letter to the PC board "urging that there be an end to the current debate in the paper on the Pacific Citizen 'controversy' and, while not meaning to trivialize the issues involved, that JACL move on to more important issues and provide a means to move ahead."

Kimi Yoshino said that the National Youth Council would be sending a similar letter.

● The district council also approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Sacramento JACL Recovery Fund; reconfirmed its sponsorship of the Feb. 5 luncheon at the JACL National Youth Council Conference in San Francisco; and announced it is working to revitalize the Golden Gate JACL, a unique issues-oriented chapter in the organization.

Eden announces 1994 officers, board

The Eden Township Chapter, JACL, officers and board members for 1994 were recently installed at the Willow Park Golf Club Restaurant in Castro Valley with Randy Senzaki, National JACL Director, as installing officer.

The guest speaker was Judy Sakaki, Ph.D., special assistant to the President Clinton on Educational Equity, and executive director of Student Academic Services, California State University, Hayward.

The 1994 chapter officers and board members are Victor Fujii, president; Karen Shinoda and Dick Sasaki, co-vice presidents; Ada Wada, recording secretary; Yoko Kawabata, correspondence secretary; Ted Kitayama and Shig Naito, co-treasurers; Doris Chinen, membership; Tomi Miyamoto, historian/media; Tets

Sakai, 1000 Club; Robert Sakai, scholarship; Ada Wada and Ichiro Nishida, official delegates; James Teurumoto, insurance commissioner; Ichiro Nishida, legacy fund; Isako Momono and Yoko Kawabata, JASEB reps; Yone Ito and Ichiro Nishida, PC holiday issue; Ichiro Nishida, chapter newsletter. Board members are Robert Agawa, Georgene Deardorff, Yas Ishida, Kunio Okui, Moses Oshima, Wes Sakamoto, Reverend James Toda, Motochiro Yanagi, James Takeuchi, Sally Yokomizo, John Yamada, Janet Mitobe, Harry Tanabe, Fred Miyamoto.

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

Personally speaking

Dennis Sato, past Marin JACL president, represents the Novato community on the seven-member Marin County Human Rights Commission. The San Francisco hospital administrator and chair of the Novato Police advisory and review board was recently appointed by the county board of supervisors.

Richard K. Tanaka was elected president (and the first Asian member) to the San Jose Evergreen Community College District board of trustees at its December meeting. An architect-urban planner by profession and a past San Jose Chapter, JACL, president (70), he spent some 20 years as a high school board of trustees. He was appointed a founding member of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission and is active in San Jose civic and Nikkei affairs.

Leland Nomura, 55, president of his technical publishing and engineering firm in Rock Island, Ill., was cited by the Chicago regional office of the U.S. Small Business Administration as the

Illinois Minority Small Business Person of the Year. As a firm started in 1985 with 10 people publishing manuals for the Defense Department, Nomura Enterprise Co. has grown to around 250 employees operating in five states and with annual revenues reported having grown from \$1 million at \$16 million.

He is a Chicago JACLer.

President Bill Clinton has authorized the convening of the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business. Jay Fukushima, of the Orange (Calif.) CPA firm, who was appointed to this White House conference, announced small business owners who are affected by the cutbacks in defense spend and who with comments to be heard in Washington may present them to the task force to his office: Jay Y. Fukushima, CPA and Associates, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 460, Orange, CA 92668, fax 714/939-6871. The Selanoco JACL member was also reappointed to the small business tax committee of the American Institute of CPAs.

first presentation of this exhibit outside of the state of California.

The internment exacted its toll on the entire Japanese American community; for the children, the emotional and psychological burden was a heavy one. Scholastic development was seriously curtailed. The incarceration seemed to impede the education and projected careers of many of these children. At a time in their lives when identities were still forming, these young adults, teenagers and children had to contend with the realities of living in a community incarcerated without a charge. This generation, at a young and impressionable age, were witness to the social ostracism of Japanese Americans by the American public.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Donna Nagata, conducted research on the intergenerational

impact of the Japanese American internment, Asian American mental health, and family interaction. She studied the effects of the World War II internment upon the children of those who were interned. In her opening ceremony presentation, Dr. Nagata will provide an overview of her research findings, including those which compare Sanele born after the war with Sanele who were very young children during internment.

The exhibit will be on display from Feb. 19 to April 10 at the Children's Museum. An opening ceremony is planned at 4 p.m. on the Feb. 19th with introductory comments by Dr. Nagata, associate professor of psychology, University of Michigan. Complimentary tickets will be available at the door.

Information: Charles Matsumoto, 317/888-8505.

Wards Cove interest exemption from civil rights law continues, says JACL

The special interest exemption to the 1991 Civil Rights Act obtained by the Wards Cove Packing Company continues to hurt Asian Pacific American workers as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit recently refused to apply the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to an employment discrimination case affecting more than 2,000 Asian Pacific American and Native Alaskan workers.

Writing on behalf of the court, the judge in the case acknowledged evidence offered by Asian Pacific American groups that the exemption "was the product and equal protection interests of the workers," but refused to strike it down as unconstitutional.

Using a standard developed by the Supreme Court in 1989 that was overturned by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the court upheld most of the trial court judge's ruling against the workers' discrimination claims in *Antonio vs. Ward's Cove Packing Co.* However, it re-

versed the trial court judge's ruling on the workers' claim on the issues of separate hiring channels, racially segregated housing and the race labeling of jobs, housing and messing, and returned the case to the trial court judge to revisit those issues.

Asian Pacific American community leaders have expressed disappointment in the ruling on the constitutional issue. The workers now must decide whether to ask for a rehearing or appeal to the Supreme Court.

Japanese American Citizens League National Director Randy Senzaki stated, "We are extremely disappointed that the court turned its back on the constitutional rights of Asian Pacific American workers. This setback makes it even more imperative for the Asian Pacific American community to force Congress to correct this gross injustice."

Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) Executive Director

Daphne Kwok said, "It is amazing that the two companion employment discrimination cases filed at the same time as the Wards Cove Case, with the same fact patterns were won by minority workers; yet the Wards Cove case continues to battle on. With the court's decision, we hope that Congress and President Clinton realize that the 'Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act' must be passed immediately."

Matt Finucane, executive director of Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), added, "Congress must correct the grave injustice it committed when it unfairly excluded these workers, and these workers alone, from the protections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. The working men and women of America stand squarely with the Wards Cove workers as they continue their courageous pursuit of justice in the courts and in Congress."

"The U.S. Constitution explic-

itly guarantees equal protection of the laws to every American, regardless of race, wealth or political clout," concluded Stephen Chin, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) vice president for Programs and Operations.

"It is deeply disturbing when a federal court charged with ensuring equal protection to all refuses to see a constitutional violation in special interest legislation that deprives 2,000 Americans of their civil rights protections. We will continue to fight for the repeal of this unfair and unconstitutional exemption."

JACL, OCA, APALA, and NAPABA are among the Asian Pacific American organizations that filed an amicus brief on behalf of the workers challenging the constitutionality of the special interest exemption.

Chin authored the amicus brief.

Investigation into radiation should include internment, says Matsui

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) recently asked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to expand the Justice Department's investigation into radiation experiments to include a review of activities at Japanese internment camps during World War II.

Recent disclosures indicate that the U.S. government conducted experiments on U.S. citizens to determine human reaction to radiation exposure. The tests likely were conducted during the 1948 and 1959. Many Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned against their will from 1942 to 1946. Matsui is calling for an investigation to determine if any radiation experiments were conducted at internment camps.

JACL, OCA join fight to challenge Maryland hate crime law

The JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) recently joined the Anti-Defamation League in filing an amicus brief in *Ayers v. Maryland*, a case pending before the state appellate court in Maryland. The case involves a constitutional challenge to Maryland's hate crime statute.

The defendant allegedly selected two African American women, chased one of them into the woods, assaulted her and doused her with fire. He was con-

victed of kidnapping and assault with intent to maim and was sentenced to 10 years in jail under Maryland's hate crime law.

Ayers appealed his conviction, charging that the hate crime statute violates the First Amendment.

The Maryland statute makes it a separate crime to "harass or commit a crime" because of the victim's "race, color, religious beliefs or national origin." The amicus brief argues that the statute is analogous to the Wisconsin

hate crime penalty enhancement statute, which the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled to be constitutional.

Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, said, "JACL is alarmed at the continued increase in hate crime activity."

"Hate crime statutes such as the Maryland law are an essential tool in combating these heinous crimes."

Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington representative, said, "As

the U.S. Supreme Court recently recognized, while some forms of hate speech may be constitutionally protected, acting on that bigoted hate is not."

Daphne Kwok, OCA executive director, said, "The continuous reported cases of crimes committed with racial animus, such as the Long Island Railroad gunman, point to the need to pass strong hate crime statutes."

According to a Maryland police report, Maryland had a 16.2% rise

in verified incidents of hate motivated crimes from 1991 to 1992, with an alarming 18.6% rise in verified incidents of racially motivated crimes.

The report also noted that Asian Americans and African Americans are 2.5 times more likely to become victims of a hate crime than Caucasians. Maryland also ranks sixth highest in the nation in reported anti-Semitic crimes.

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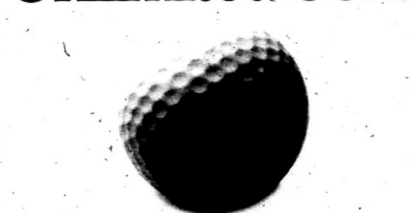
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Short takes



HISTORY—Japanese immigrants display strawberry harvest in 1930 photo, part of the exhibit to be shown at the Japanese American Gallery being built at Pioneer's Park Museum in El Centro, Calif.

Gallery to present JA history in Imperial Valley

Preserving the history of Japanese Americans in the Imperial Valley, Calif., the Japanese American Gallery, currently under construction will open early in 1994.

"The fundamental goal of the gallery is to inform the general public how Japanese American history was an integral part of Imperial Valley's development," said Tim Asamen, member of the Imperial County Historical Society and coordinator of the Japanese American Gallery.

The exhibit will include hundreds of original artifacts and photos, including a wicker trunk brought over by Issei immigrants. The gallery was designed by Mostre Design Inc. and is located in Pioneer's Park Museum near El Centro.

Issei originally came to Imperial Valley over 90 years ago, calling the area *Teikoku Heigen* (Im-

perial Valley), Japanese farmers played a key role in the area's agricultural development.

"We hope that our goal of telling the remarkable story of the Japanese American experience in Imperial Valley has been accomplished," said Asamen.

Information: 619/352-1165.

Sacramento TV station gets free offer to air ethnic programming

Back on the air? Multi-cultural station KTSP-TV in Sacramento, dropped by Sac Cable last summer amid protests, recently announced that they offered the cable company a free, full lineup of shows in Japanese, Cantonese, Italian, Mandarin and other languages and cultures.

Sac Cable's decision to drop KTSP-TV, prompted a campaign against the cable company which included protests and boycott threats.

The Coalition for Quality Multi-Cultural Cable TV, which has spearheaded protests against Sac Cable, said it is committed to having two, full-time multi-lingual channels based on the current channel capacity, but hopes the cable station accepts KTSP's offer as an interim step. If accepted, the schedule will include Cantonese news, Japanese news and dramas, Italian news and cultural shows and Filipino programs.

Anti-smoking program for Asian Pacifics may be in jeopardy

Anti-smoking campaigns targeting the Asian Pacific community are in jeopardy as Proposition 99 comes up for reauthorization by the California legislature, said Bruce Bronzan, former assemblyman and chair of the Assembly's health committee. The state's tobacco control programs are funded by Proposition 99, which levied a 25 cent tax on cigarettes.

Speaking at the Sixth Asian and Pacific Islander Tobacco Education Network Statewide conference, Bronzan said, "All of the elements are there for a mass raid of Proposition 99. You (health educators) are going to have to inform your state legislator as to what you're doing and why it's important."

The conference, attended by over 120 health educators and administrators discussed the need to educate the public about California's tobacco control pro-

grams.

Names of JA killed-in-action sought by San Gabriel

The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is looking for help in identifying Japanese Americans from the San Gabriel Valley who were killed in action during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The center plans to honor these Nikkei with a memorial plaque. Currently, they have a list of nine honorees, five from WWII, one from the Korean War and three from the Vietnam war.

Information: 818/960-2566.

AP group to provide education on immigration

Helping employers and employees know their rights under Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA), the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) received a grant from the U.S. Justice Department to conduct educational outreach on immigration-related employment discrimination in the Asian Pacific community.

IRCA makes it illegal to hire undocumented workers and requires employers to check the work papers of new employees. According to APALC, some employers decide to "play it safe" by refusing to hire people who look or sound foreign.

YAMASHITA

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step is the commissioning ceremony and he will be announcing the details shortly.

"The public commissioning ceremony is important. It is important for the Marines to acknowledge publicly that they've got a problem," said Yamashita.

Assistant Navy Secretary Frederick Ping, who worked out the details of the Pentagon proposal, said that he did not have the authority to give Yamashita back pay or restitution.

Yamashita said he would be going to the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) and if they would not address the issue, then he would go to federal court. He said that beyond his own personal vindication, it is important for the Marine Corps to acknowledge that racism exists within the Corps.

"If we don't go to the NDRB (Naval Discharge Review Board), then thousands of people will be denied basic constitutional protection," said Yamashita.

"The issue is civil rights in the military. To what extent do you sign away your civil rights when you put on a uniform? The military is wrestling with it now," said Yamashita, citing his own case and recent scandals like Tailhook.

Noting the heroism of the 442nd RCT, Yamashita said, "We have that incredible legacy, yet why do we still suffer from racism? Why are we still subjected to these indignities?"

"We've made a big splash. My goal is to reach 'Joe Six-Pack' in Pennsylvania so next time he sees an Asian person, he'll think twice before he says 'Jap' or 'Chink.'"

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

A mushrooming problem

The January issue of *Smithsonian* magazine features an article that should be deeply disturbing to Japanese Americans even though we are involved only indirectly. Innocuously enough, the article is titled *A new gold rush packs the woods in central Oregon*. It tells how the demand for wild mushrooms in Japan has turned a gentle, pleasant autumnal sport for American amateurs into a fiercely competitive industry which produces ill will, the danger of despoiling forests and big money for heavily armed professional mushroom pickers and hijackers.

At least two mushroom pickers have been slain in the mountains of western Oregon in the last year and a half, the story reports. A deputy sheriff is quoted as saying about 95 percent of the mushroom hunters in his area are armed, mostly with guns. Understaffed Forest Service lawmen wear bullet proof vests under their uniforms.

Until a decade or two ago, seeking out *matsutake* mushrooms was a genteel hobby enjoyed by Issei and Nisei in the forests of the Northwest and as far east as Colorado. They would pack lunches and venture into the woods on weekends and share their findings with friends and neighbors.

Now, according to the *Smithsonian* article by Mike Lipske, every year "an estimated \$8 million to \$15 million worth of *matsutakes* are removed from Pacific Northwest forests, and the vast majority (some observers say 80 to 90 pct.) of people pulling them from the ground are Southeast Asian immigrants."

While they have every right to pick mushrooms in national forests (but not national parks), Lipske says it is the way they do it that is causing resentment among white residents. He writes:

"Southeast Asian mushroom pickers (ed.'s note: Cambodians are named elsewhere in the story) are accused of defecating in streams, littering campsites, starting forest fires with carelessly tossed smokes, eating unorthodox wildlife and—most significantly—digging for mushrooms in a careless, heavy-handed manner that threatens future crops... The worse use rakes to expose young mushrooms under the forest's duff layer of pine needles and, in the process, damage the underground network of filamentous threads from which *matsutakes* sprout..."

"Relations between those who pick mushrooms for pleasure and those whom pick for

cash have also grown raw, with amateurs saying that the rush to provide mushrooms for markets in Japan and elsewhere has harmed our American woods..."

In the Winema National Forest of Oregon one ranger district was reporting as many as 800 to 1,200 persons per day tramping through the brush, compacting the soil and tearing up the mushroom beds. A publication for mushroom enthusiasts is quoted:

"Money, market demand and a growing population have collided with a fragile and limited ecosystem, and the resulting crash has altered our forests, maybe forever."

Commercialization of *matsutake* began when Issei and Nisei found there was a market in the Japanese restaurants in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. They could pick up a little gasoline money by selling their harvest but for good reasons didn't make a big thing of it. Now *matsutake* have become a huge business with all the evils that accompany greed. Sad. Sad indeed.

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

Letters

Shinkawa should not have been removed, says reader

I read the article by Peggy Liggett in the November 5th, 1993, issue of *Pacific Citizen* (PC). There, she described in frank detail the National Board Meeting of September 25-26.

It seems clear from the article that the *Pacific Citizen* is accountable only to the PC Board of Directors for its content. And the article further described how the main issue by members of the National Board and/or their staff was about articles in the PC that showed them in an unfavorable light.

I find it unconscionable to remove PC Board Chair Paul Shinkawa following such debate about the freedom of the press. While the President may have the legal or constitutional right to remove the PC Board and/or chair, the reasoning is clearly not in the interest of freedom of the press and the independence of the PC.

I call for the immediate re-instatement of PC Board Chair Paul Shinkawa.

Jeffrey T. Dohzen

Gardena, Calif.

PC conflict is overblown; Lim Report is key issue

The perennial jousting between JACL National and its handmaiden, *Pacific Citizen* was recently renewed, precipitated by issues of a racist street sign, and, of all things, a movie. The initial uproar and exchanges oversized the triviality of the issues and has now escalated into a battle of the absurd. With charges of PC apostasy the debate has ascended into the stratosphere of constitutional puffery.

One wished that the same energy, attention, and analysis had been brought to the Lim Report (1990), a major defining event for JACL and JA community after Redress. Be reminded that the original report was "disconstructed" by a JACL ad hoc committee which reduced the Report's 140 pages to just 25. Analysis and critique of the revision was limited and restricted; it was hardly noticed or questioned by the deaf-mute membership, delegates, and chapter officers. Moreover, the passive role of PC probably reflected muzzling by the P.C. and National Boards. The expurgated document embodied half truths and this reminded me of an ancient Hebrew truism: *Half a truth is a whole lie*. Thus the search for our souls and ghosts was foreclosed by Time.

So plague on both houses. They deserve and may even need each other. Will the "new" PC just report golf and bowling scores, beauty contests compromises, and, yes,

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Shinzo-mahi



IT CAUGHT ME completely by surprise. I was blind-sided. In annual physicals with blood tests, including cholesterol levels, electrocardiograms, running on a treadmill, everything indicated okay. The blood pressure read 120 over 80, which wasn't bad, particularly for an old man. Just the previous month I had played 18-holes of golf, the first time in more than 40 years. (Putting game particularly atrocious.) Then one evening, bam! I experienced severe chest pains and was rushed off to the hospital. After various tests, including a catheter exploratory examination, they proceeded with an open heart surgery involving by-pass of three arteries.

I write about this personal experience because there are hundreds of you out there who already have undergone this lifesaving procedure and other hundreds who will follow.

IN RETROSPECT, I now recognize the little warning signs which I dismissed as minor. For many years, as a form of exercise, I practiced the habit of running down steps or in ascending taking them two at a time. About two weeks before the heart attack, on my way into the office, I noticed

a shortness of breath that compelled me to stop to catch my breath. After a few moments, I continued on—dismissing the episode to a possible cold. My eating habits were lax, particularly when it came to desserts, such as pecan pie à la mode, a favorite. Even *tsukemono* pickled in brine generously laced with MSG (monosodium glutamate, brand names of "Aji-no-moto" or "Accent") was contributing its unhealthy share. A bowl of hot rice and *takana* (mustard greens) *tsukemono* and I'm in gustatory paradise.

THE CARDIOLOGIST inquired: "Is 'Marutani' a Japanese name?" When I confirmed that it was, he commented that "Japanese aren't supposed to have heart problems because of their diet." I assured him that regardless of racial extraction, Americans of Japanese ancestry very much indulge in all that unhealthy fare available out there. I've often thought that the simple somewhat spartan diet on which we were nurtured during our youthful days—eating whatever was then in season, such as fresh peas, carrots, potatoes, freshly killed chicken if living on a farm, and so on—was far better than the gustatory selections

made available as our economic status improved. But even back in those early years, I overheard the Issei refer to "shinzo-mahi." And though they did not explain the term, somehow by osmosis we children sensed what it meant: something to do with malfunction of the heart. In preparing this column, I looked up the term to find that it translates into "cardiac paralysis." *Kenkyusha's* New Japanese-English Dictionary, 4th ed., p. 1565. As stated at the outset, many hundreds have endured it and survived; hundreds more will (unfortunately) experience it and (fortunately) survive. In the meantime, you all take good care of yourselves. Consult a diet schedule to cut down or eliminate salts, MSG, fatty foods, etc. and get in meaningful exercise on a regular basis. We're not as young as we might believe.

And, oh, yes: thanks for listening to this bit of catharsis on my part. ☺

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Voices

I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and justice for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Once a year, since Jan. 18, 1986, when President Reagan signed Public Law 98-144, a proclamation declaring the third Monday in January of each year a public holiday in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the nation is given the opportunity to acknowledge and remember Dr. King who was born in Atlanta, Ga. in 1929. This national holiday is special, particularly for those in the civil rights community because it serves to remember those who have given so much of themselves in the long journey toward peace, justice and dignity.

It is with distress, however, that on this holiday when we can reflect upon the events of last year, we see that Dr. King's philosophy of non-violence has been overshadowed by a hardened culture of violence in

American society. In 1993 for the first time in Los Angeles Unified School District history two students were shot and killed in classrooms; 44 violent crimes against Korean American merchants in Los Angeles County were recorded, of which 14 resulted in death; 428 homicides in one of four geographic bureaus for the Los Angeles City Police Department were recorded; and more than 2,000 hate-related incidents occurred on secondary and post-secondary schools with an increase in racial and ethnic conflict on college and university campuses.

In the year after one of the most violent years in modern American history, the Los Angeles riots, which brought us to the brink of chaos, still reverberated in 1993 with a run on guns in preparation for the conclusion of the federal prosecution of two police officers in the beating of Rodney King and in the state criminal trial of those accused of beating Reginald Denny, Wanda Harris, Takao Hirata, and Fidel Lopez. Ironically, while we grappled with possibility of a second Los Angeles riot, we were also commemorating the 25th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination in April and marked the 30th anniversary of the March on Wash-

ington in August when Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Sadly, more than 30 years after that famous march, the civil rights issues that Dr. King focused this nation's attention upon institutional racism, a biased criminal justice system, discriminatory economic structure, and failed government responses to the conditions of poverty are now acknowledged as the major causes of the Los Angeles riots. Compounding these issues are the open racial hostilities between ethnic communities and the wanton levels of violence which regularly injure and take the lives of men, women and children.

For those of us who are committed to civil rights, this past year has been exacting in the struggle for peace, justice and non-violence. The difficulties flowed from combating the lack of trust in law enforcement agencies in the wake of the riots' advocating for fair participation in economic development opportunities in the revitalization of the region, educating communities about the escalation of hate crimes and the promotion of racial violence, addressing inter-

ethnic conflicts and tensions, urging a fair stake in political representation and resisting the daily violence of poverty for the less fortunate.

The life and teachings of Dr. King shows us that we are all inextricably linked to one another and that any roadblock to our full participation in American society is an impediment to realizing the full potential of this nation. He pleaded with America to examine itself with its bill of goods and then judge whether or not the promise of those goods were valid. This past year, we found more often times than not that those promises of equality, justice, and the pursuit of happiness were not fulfilled, and we set out to ensure that these promises would be realized.

This holiday, we honor Dr. King and those in the civil rights community for their tireless work, thankless toil, and incredible contributions. As we look ahead to 1994, the challenges for our community, both nationally and locally, will be to gain strength from those who have worked, lived and died before us and to push forward to

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Voices

By DR. ROY NISHIKAWA

Second the motion: Let a commission review JACL accountability

Past National JACL Director Karl Nobuyuki's proposal (P.C. Jan 7-20 issue) for an "accountability commission" is not only worthwhile but a necessity. It is a proposal with substance.

Accountability means trust, credibility, and confidence—these are JACL's greatest current needs. Without accountability, progress in all areas (membership, finances, internal and external public relations and the Program for Action) will be difficult to achieve.

Nobuyuki suggested Paul Shinkawa to chair the commission. Whether this is possible in view of President Kimura's dismissal of Shinkawa as PC board chair is problematic. But the concept of a commission is a good one. There are others with unimpeachable credentials who could chair and/or serve on the commission: Grayce Ueyehara, Cressley Nakagawa, Denny Yashihara, Cherry Kinoshita, Bill Marutani, Bill Hosokawa, Shig Wakamatsu, Jerry Enomoto and Dr. Clifford Uyeda are some

names which come to mind.

Above all such a commission would be trusted by the membership to present a fair, objective and credible report. To go into the National Convention without a plan, without extensive research and preparation would be the height of folly. The convention could be bogged down and degenerate into disarray similar to the Sept. 25-26, 1993, National Board meeting. This could result in the near self-destruction of the JACL.

Perhaps the National Board could persuade Kimura to accept the creation of an independent commission. I believe that most members of the board are honorable, decent, and well-intentioned. They may have been misguided before, but in view of the articles which have come out in the PC they could have second thoughts. I would like to believe that they now realize the importance of accountability, trust and confidence.

I realize how difficult it is to admit that

mistakes and omissions have been made. Pride and egos get in the way. But sincere attempts to resolve our problems will command far more respect than continued avoidance or stonewalling. There is little to gain by hoping the problems will go away. They must be faced.

Not much has been heard lately from those on the board who voted, indeed persuaded, Kimura to get rid of Shinkawa. Is there a "gag order" in effect because of Peggy Liggett's proposed lawsuit? Could Liggett withdraw the suit if an independent commission is set up?

Setting up a commission will not be easy. A myriad of details regarding selection, chapter approval, staff resources, possible gathering of depositions, financing meetings, preparing the report and recommendations, etc. will need attention. But the setting up of the commission comes first. The details can be worked out later.

Time is running out. There are only five months to convention time after the Feb.

12-13 National Board meeting. Can the National Board and President Kimura rise to the occasion?

There are those who say the PC should not be publishing articles about JACL's internal problems. Instead, PC should be discussing "more important things." Is there anything more important than putting JACL's house in order to insure its viability?

In conclusion, the National Board and Kimura have six choices:

1. Create a commission.
2. Engage in mediation.
3. Rescind all constitutional violations.
4. Go to court.
5. Come up with a better plan.
6. Do nothing.

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Come-On Sense

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI

1994 — Once more unto the breach

First of all I must wish each and every member of the JACL family a happy and prosperous New Year. Unfortunately, I was knocked down with a bit of the flu on New Year's day and could not really enjoy the traditional festivities as I usually do. The saddest part was that I couldn't play with my peers, my nieces and nephews—the old bones were just too beat up with the nasty flu bug.

Nonetheless, I sincerely wish to thank each and everyone of you who sent your cards, notes and faxes to Sandy and me in 1993. A very special "thank-you." And, because there were a fair number of questions, I thought I should devote this column to answering them.

I will attempt to group my responses to your questions into generic answers. As most people appear to have noticed, I do not, as a general rule, identify individuals other than for purposes of references. I prefer to operate in the realm of concepts and issues; I do this so personalities and ad-

hominum arguments do not interrupt the dialogue. At the risk of oversimplification, I will attempt to answer the questions in a modular form because, I think, that those who asked the question(s) are more interested in the answers rather than the association.

Module one: General interests in JACL.

First of all, I believe in the League. It is such a good idea that "... if we didn't think of it someone else would..." Even today, many are forming "JACL type" organizations, but very, very few have sustained it for 65 years. True, a few have been successful in drawing off the JACL legacy, and form a younger but smaller membership base, but they are relatively new. The test of time will determine if they will remain part of the continuum.

● In my opinion, the *Pacific Citizen* should remain a Japanese American newspaper rather than an organizational newsletter. If National wants a newsletter, let them put one out themselves from headquarters. Most chapters already have news-

letters and maybe the district's could publish a district newsletter. In general, administrative staff should publish newsletters, and let the journalists publish newspapers. There is a difference.

● My column to the PC started when I responded to a request for articles. I had no idea that I would be writing more frequently than my initial remarks about *Rising Sun*. One thing led to another...

● I have yet to meet the people who publish the PC. My only real acquaintance is with Harry Honda. If I met a PC staffer on the street, I wouldn't recognize him/her unless introduced. I have spoken with Richard Sunaga on the telephone, but that's about it.

One of the hardest questions I got was to identify some of my favorite personalities in JACL. This is really impossible to answer because there were so many. But I can say that when I think back over the personalities, interaction with: Chiz Satow, Mike Masaoka, George Inagaki, Jim Murakami, Em Nakadoi, Dr. Tom Yatabe, Alice Kasai

are pleasant memories, and of course, the list goes on...

Module two: Personal data

● I have no political aspirations. I am presently employed with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, as their director, visual education. I am a presentation manager, responsible for computer graphics, photography, video productions (marketing and training) and "mobile earthquake simulations." I have two sons, Craig and Bryan.

● My wife Sandra is my best friend and critic. Sandy is a 5th grade school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has been teaching at the same school for more than 20 years, though she looks like she just started. Sandra is a Kamiyabiy birth, and Nobuyuki by "whim of gods." She was born in Galveston, Texas, and graduated from Immaculate Heart College, in Hollywood, Calif.

Module three: Hobbies and inter-

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DC notes

By KAREN NARASAKI

D.C. statehood supporters celebrate

If anyone doubted whether the issue of statehood for the District of Columbia is a civil rights issue, they only had to watch the House of Representatives debate. Because the C-SPAN cameras generally do not pan the House floor, it might have been less starkly obvious to those watching the debate on television, but the imbalance in terms of diversity between the many standing shoulder to shoulder with District Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and the few willing to actually speak in opposition was overwhelming.

One-by-one, African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, Latinos, women and yes, whites, spoke up in support of statehood. I did not see a single woman or person of color speak in opposition. Why would this be so? Perhaps it is because women and people of color share the experience of being denied the basic right to vote, the right to full participation as a citizen in our great democracy. We, who have had to fight for the right to vote or to become citizens, and who have suffered under discriminatory laws passed by Congress before we had representation, understand that the issue of statehood for residents of D.C. is not one of mere symbolism.

The opposing arguments run the gamut, from the serious to the ridiculous—from concerns about feasibility and constitution-

ality to whether a jurisdiction larger than three states had enough citizens to warrant full congressional representation, an attack that caused one to wonder whether these Congressmen were arguing that the smaller states should be turned back into territories or absorbed by their larger neighbors. Most chose not to attack the basic proposition that District residents are being taxed without representation in Congress, a body that has the final word on the District's budgets and laws. Many hid behind the curious argument that the District should just be "given back" to Maryland, a state that has repeatedly made clear that it doesn't want another urban center. One Republican even had the temerity to say that statehood was only a partisan rule by the Democrats to get more votes in Congress, ignoring the flip side of the argument that perhaps that is why many of the Republicans have opposed statehood.

The House chamber was packed with people of all colors and ages. When Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) closed the debate, the chamber erupted in enthusiastic, albeit illicit, applause. While the measure went down in defeat, as it was expected it would, the debate itself marked an historic occasion. After decades of struggle, it was the first time that the issue

had been seriously considered by Congress. The 153 "yes" votes form a solid foundation for the next round—hopefully, a hearing in the Senate.

D.C. Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities for internships and entry level positions in Washington, D.C., which provide good stepping stones for future careers. Historically, Asian Pacific Americans have not had a very visible presence in our nation's capital. JACL, together with organizations such as the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership, hopes to help change that by letting people know what kind of opportunities are available.

The Administration is still making appointments. There are entry level positions for individuals who have had at least one or two years of experience working full time. If you are interested, send your resume along with a cover letter expressing your areas of interest (e.g., agencies, type of work) and your political involvement in Democratic party activities, in President Clinton's campaign, or in other Democratic candidates' election efforts, to the Office of White House Personnel, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20505, Attention: Kathleen Flores. The White

House also runs an internship program during the summer. It's unpaid, but a fun experience.

In addition to working for the White House or a congressman or senator, agencies and non-profit organizations also often have internship and fellowship programs. The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership was formed to encourage more Asian Pacific Americans to seek careers in public service. They collect and distribute information on internship opportunities and provide a support program during the summer. They also offer advice to individuals interested in D.C. careers. Last year, they also began a scholarship program.

Information: David Kim, c/o Congressman Xavier Becerra, 1710 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515, (202) 225-6235.

There are a number of opportunities for internships and fellowships at the museums which make up the Smithsonian Institution. The National Museum of American History has an extensive internship program for undergraduates, graduates and professionals that takes place year-round. Interns work in scholarly research, collections development and management, pro-

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By JIN KONOMI

The anti-matter bomb

An imaginative plan that smacks of sci-fi is being hatched by a team of scientists in, of all places, the Cosmic Science Laboratory of the Japanese government's Department of Education. It is to blast an asteroid or a large meteorite into smithereens, or off its orbit when it threatens to crash into the earth. The weapon to do this is the anti-matter bomb, which does not yet exist. Dr. Kurimoto Kyoichi and his team are engaged in the first phase of the project: the manufacture of the bomb.

The theoretical possibility of such a bomb has been known for some time. A theoretical calculation puts its potency, weight for weight, at 1000 times that of a fission bomb, or 500 times that of a fusion bomb.

According to Dr. D. L. Rabinovitch of the University of Arizona, there exists an unexplored belt of asteroids near the orbit of the earth, and each time the earth approaches it, several of these asteroids come dangerously close to the earth. Within the last four years, two of them swung by the earth at

150,000 km and 170,000 km, respectively. In terms of astronomical distances, these flybys are near hits. The specter of a cataclysmic crash, such as is supposed to have caused the extinction of the dinosaurs, began to loom as an anytime imminence over the human horizon. How to prevent such a calamity took on an urgency greater than that of the prediction of the next major earthquake.

Understandably, the American scientific thinking latched onto the stockpile of the hydrogen bombs, still functional but for the moment useless in this post-Cold War world. Unencumbered by any such impediments, Kurimoto decided that the hydrogen bombs were not powerful enough. The anti-matter bomb was the only alternative that was thinkable.

What is anti-matter? It is a hypothetical matter, consisting of particles corresponding to the particles of matter in the real world but are oppositely charged, namely negative positrons and positive electrons. When the two meet, they annihilate each

other, turning into an intense light energy. Some cosmologists think that anti-matter filled the other, vanished half of the pre-universe; that, when matter half and anti-matter half destroyed each other at the birth of the universe, there was just enough matter left to form this present universe.

As, in the real world, hydrogen is the simplest, basic element, in the anti-world, its basic element is anti-hydrogen. The first step in the fabrication of the anti-matter bomb is to create anti-hydrogen. This is how it is done:

First, hydrogen positrons are accelerated in the cyclotron. When their velocity approaches that of the light, they are dashed against the target, a tungsten bar with a diameter of 2 mm, and 6 cm long. The impact ejects jet streams of positrons and negative positrons, electrons and positive electrons, and pi mesons, of which the last named particles will vanish instantly. The anti-positrons and anti-electrons are separated from the ordinary particles by side-tracking them into the low energy anti-

positron and positive electron rings.

The two anti particles combine to form anti-hydrogen. The anti-hydrogen jet is decelerated and brought to a stop with the pressure from laser beams. In the process, the temperature of anti-hydrogen drops to near absolute zero (-273 degrees Celsius) and turns into solid. The solid hydrogen is kept afloat in a vacuum container by the use of laser beams. When a sufficient mass of solid anti-hydrogen has been accumulated, it is ready for the bomb.

But for one item, Japan has all the apparatus necessary for the fabrication of the anti-matter. What Japan lacks is the laser beam apparatus. One of Kurimoto's collaborators, a Ph. D. candidate, is making this aspect of the project his dissertation theme.

Kurimoto envisions a satellite plant for the assembly of the bomb components. Solar generators will supply the needed power. It must be identified and its collision course

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Voices

By PETER HARRIS

Conciliation, cooperation—and the Japanese character

I was shocked by the events surrounding the Pacific Citizen. But I am even more disappointed by the animosity that has followed. Disagreement is fine, and mistakes are an inevitable part of life. But personal attacks cause people to become stubborn about their positions, not flexible and conciliatory.

Our Sequoia Chapter passed a resolution supporting the Pacific Citizen, too. But we're not threatening to withhold our dues or take other extreme actions. We do intend to carry this feeling to the next district council meeting. But we also recognize the need to give people room to gracefully modify their positions. Confrontation isn't our objective! It's to gather support for an independent Pacific Citizen. Ultimately, we need a restatement of its mission that: emphasizes its independence and is endorsed by National JACL. Backing people "to the wall" isn't the way to get it.

The most disturbing aspect about this issue is not the mistakes, but the animosity

that followed. The heavy hostility toward National is terrible. As a tiny minority of the population, Japanese Americans depend upon respect for diversity within the broader population. It's ironic that JACL leadership is now suppressing it within JACL. This really can't be their true intent. Let's encourage them to step back and re-think their actions.

Free speech and a free press have received plenty of coverage, but three other fundamental issues have escaped comment. At the risk of running too long, I'll raise them here. They are the role of Japanese culture, stereotypes, and the relationship to one's ancestral homeland. We see these shaping attitudes, so they'll resurface again, long after independence for the Pacific Citizen is secured.

People claim they want to preserve Japanese culture. Yet they never seem to practice any of its better techniques. Japanese business is famous for its use of good people skills. *Nemawashi* (behind the scenes

preparation), *ninjoo* (consideration for people), and *matomari* (consensus building) are used to achieve and maintain *wa* (harmony). We seem to prefer bickering, personal attacks, and second-guessing.

We need each other. We're stuck with each other. It's time that we gave higher priority toward getting along than threatening legal action and attacking people's motives. People skills aren't exclusive to Japanese culture, but it's ironic that they don't seem to be part of our arsenal at JACL.

The other two are more subtle. They've popped up along with the controversy over *Rising Sun*. Unfortunately, nobody has noticed that they're attitude shapers. As one of JACL's *hakuji* members, I have more distance from these issues. I find that most people's attitudes are very adaptable. It's time that people accepted the challenge, instead of merely regurgitating empty formulas.

Stereotypes can be both good and bad.

The reason that they exist is that they seem to fit with many people's perceptions, even when they are false. The answer to stereotypes is not to attack the phenomena, but to counter them with better (or more accurate) stereotypes. Nobody objected to Bill Hosokawa's article in the Pacific Citizen some months ago pointing out how Japanese politics seemed to be so different from the honest way in which Japanese business is conducted. Japanese business isn't honest, but false stereotype is complimentary. Sure you'll get your wallet back, if you leave it on a counter. That's personal honesty, and Japanese people are very good at this. But Japanese business isn't honest. Two of the four largest securities trading firms, Nomura and Nikko, admitted that they gave kickbacks to large customers and did business with gangsters. Public works construction bidding has always been rigged. The recent arrests of the mayor of Sendai

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

'Chiapas' — with a PANA connection

The New Year began with a rebellion breaking out in Mexico in the state of Chiapas. Judging from news-casts and video-scenes, action seemed to be centered around San Cristobal de Las Casas, a municipality in the cooler mountain country at 7,000 ft. elevation.

Chiapas is no strange name to me, it being a place to visit after learning it was the site for Issei immigration to Mexico in 1897. Most of the approximately 500 Japanese mestizo (Mexican or Indian parentage) families in Chiapas today reside some 150 miles away by the Pacific coast, presumably away from the guerrillas, around Tapachula—one city, usually on the maps.

In 1887 at the 90th anniversary celebration of Japanese immigration to Mexico, descendants of La Colonia Enomoto were honored at the Tapachula Fair. Some of them had served as mayors, school principals and teachers.

The colony was established in 1897 near the present-day town of Acacoyagua and Escuintla, several miles north of Tapachula. A monument, dedicated in 1969 to Count Takeaki Enomoto, founder of the colony, stands at Acacoyagua in the zone of Soconusco (sometimes spelled Xocnosco). The community

(colonia) was named after Enomoto (1836-1908), navy vice chief in the last Tokugawa shogunate, a navy and foreign minister in the Meiji government who, in 1892, headed the private Resettlement Society to promote Japanese emigration overseas and to Mexico. And he never visited Mexico.

The P.C. office atlas shows Pto. (Puerto) Madero, where this first party of 34 Issei men, mostly from Aichi and Hyogo prefectures, had landed. It was then named Pto. San Benito and had no pier.

Picking up from a 1987 P.C. story—it was a 47-day voyage for the first wave of immigrants from Yokohama to San Francisco on the American steamer *Gaelic*. In Honolulu, the Mexico-bound Issei were warned by sailors about the jungles of Chiapas being full of tigers. So they purchased swords, which finally were used to tote rice, miso and their belongings. "As a matter of fact, there are no tigers in this area of Chiapas," one Mexican Nikkei assured in relating this anecdote. They disembarked on May 10, 1897, off a lifeboat of the English bark *City of Plau* and waded ashore. A German photographer took a picture of this historic

landing, which was on display at the Japanese Kaikan in Mexico City.

Another anecdote is related by Alberto Bonifaz, who remembered the occasion: He discovered how offensive "vaca" was. The vaqueros were calling their cows along the road, "Vaca, vaca," while the first immigrants thought they were being yelled at and being belittled as "stupid." This incident is in a report from Dr. Mario Niimi-Arima, a neurologist in Tapachula.

The saga of the first wave was one of disappointment. The site had been recommended by Japanese and Mexican diplomats and a Japanese agronomist who had made an on-site inspection in 1893. The group came to start a coffee plantation, not knowing the weather and tropical environment at Escuintla was unfavorable to growing coffee at the coastal elevation. (The first Japanese immigrants to California in 1869 was similarly ill-fated; their Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm colony doomed by drought and weather.) Disgusted, they deserted the colony; some returning to Japan; others to U.S., Guatemala or Peru, according to Maria Elena Ota Mishima, Nisei historian of El Colegio de Mexico

who has written about the "Seven Waves of Japanese Immigration to Mexico 1890-1978."

The second wave followed in 1898 after investigating the failure of the first wave. It was filled with health technicians to improve the living and sanitation conditions.

The crops were changed to cacao and maize. The Japanese later introduced sugar cane, beans and vegetables. The Mexicans, to this date, are grateful for their development of a sanitation and road system in this part of Chiapas.

The Japanese immigration story to Mexico started in Chiapas. There were already some 9,000 Japanese in Mexico when the Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata revolution flared in 1910. A few Issei participated with them.

Today, PANA (Pan American Nikkei Association) estimates 30,000 Japanese in Mexico with about half in Mexico City. And PANA is hosting its 1997 convention in Mexico in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Mexico.

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CALENDAR

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noon-1 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo, 213-625-0414.
Thu-Sun, Jan. 27-30—Nobuko Miyamoto in "A Grain of Sand," 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday; East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Box office 213/660-0366 between 2-6 p.m.
Fri-Jan. 28—"Gold Tooth" performance, 7:30 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo, RSVP required, 213-625-0414.

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, Karen Tani 619/931-6898.
Sat, Jan. 29—JACL Riverside installation dinner, 6 p.m., UC Riverside's University Club. NOTE—PC editor emeritus Harry K. Honda, guest speaker. Information: Dr. Gen Ogata.

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gram planning and exhibition design and management. You don't need to have a history or political science major to qualify and although there is no scholarship money, some colleges will give credit for these internships. Application or information: Museum Intern Coordinator, Room 1040, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20560; (202) 357-1606.

Hopefully, more Asian Pacific Americans are beginning to explore museum careers. The museums in this country play an important role in collecting information about American culture and educating us about history, as well as art and science. They help set the academic and cultural tone of our society. For too long, museums have lacked a diversity in their

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movie reviews? Or will they ex-hume and review Lim Report and do it right the next time?

Eji Sugama

Ellsworth, Maine

Correction on Marutani column on Kochiyama

As a historian with the 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team, I must make the following correction to the recent article by William Marutani (PC, Nov. 5-11) wherein he quotes Tooru Kanazawa concerning my WWII experiences with William Kochiyama.

Bill and I were in the same squad of the Third Platoon, Company K, 3rd Battalion. I was a private at that time later promoted to Technical Sergeant. We were approaching Luciano, Italy, when we were pinned down by artillery and small arms fire about 300 yards from a two-story building on the outskirts. I suffered a small shell fragment hit in my upper left arm from the incoming 88 on the left flank. Bill was also wounded. I reached cover in a culvert about 20 or 30 yards in front of Bill. He was hidden from frontal small arms fire by a flimsy haystack in the open field. I started firing my M-1 at the open second-story window to give Bill some covering fire from the front. We, along with the rest of the squad remained exposed to the incoming 88 fire from the left.

Someone, other than I, may have given medical attention to Bill. I just kept shooting at the window. Bill was rescued from behind the haystack with only seconds to spare. In less than half a minute later, an 88 shell blew Bill's haystack away.

Bill recovered to fight again. He was a brave and gallant comrade.

I was privileged to have known him.

Chester Tanaka

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Praise for Kochiyama from one who knew him

What a wonderful letter by Tooru Kanazawa about Bill Kochiyama and the rescue of the Lost Battalion (PC, Nov. 26, 1993)!

I too had the privilege of knowing Bill briefly. At the Martin Luther King march August 28, 1993 I walked next to him and his wife, Mary, and told them that as a teenager I accidentally visited their home in Japen Manhattan—that many people of different color and age were milling about like it was Grand Central Station. I told him that it was unusual for a Nisei couple to cope with such pondemonium, what I failed to say was that I saw "love" in that household.

Bill Kishi

Philadelphia, PA.

It's members who count, says chapter president

There have been numerous articles and letters about PC, National and what the organization needs. In that regard, this letter is not any different. I write it, though, to ask the membership to reflect on our organization's greatest success and to remind us of the process that gives the JACL its strength.

Without a doubt, the JACL's greatest success, indeed its real legacy to the JA community and the Nation, was Redress. What we sometimes forget is that the National leadership was not the driving force behind Redress. Redress was a grassroots movement. Community leaders brought the topic of Redress to their local chapters.

Chapters, in turn, brought the issue before their District Councils and eventually to the National Council. The National Council debated this controversial topic. In the end, the movement was successful because the membership wanted it.

Let's contrast our greatest achievement with a recent "failure," the Rising Sun episode. The controversy and confusion within the JACL surrounding the film *Rising Sun* grew out of a "top-down" process. National leadership took a bold move without bothering to take the membership's pulse. The result was an uncoordinated and confused effort which led to its inevitable conclusion: failure.

I am not citing the *Rising Sun* debacle as an overall indictment of National's decision-making ability. I cite both Redress and the *Rising Sun* episode as examples of lessons to be learned from and remembered. National, District and Chapter leadership must be sensitive to and understand the fact that movements starting with the membership have a greater chance of success than movements initiated by the National leadership in a vacuum.

A "bottom-up" process is the only way that this organization can continue to survive. It is the only way that it can grow. Disconnecting the leadership from the membership is no different than severing the head from the body.

History should never be forgotten. As Redress has proven, when the JACL membership voices a concern and provides the momentum to turn that concern into a cause, to be led and directed by the JACL leadership, any objective is attainable regardless of the enormity of the challenge.

Arnold Miyamoto

President, San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL

Let's get over emotion of word 'Jap'

"Jap" is an emotion-laden pejorative that brings instantaneous and predictive response from most of us. Its use continues to diminish; its elimination problematic. Many educated Americans, even William F. Buckley, Jr., have found themselves innocently using this most offensive epithet.

The 1966 edition of the unabridged Random House Dictionary defines Jap as *often disparaging*. The recent "Jap Road" incident in Texas is a case in point. There was less unanimity in the degree of response to this incident from our community reveals perhaps more the degree of security and maturity we have achieved in the American melting pot rather than indifference.

Instead of continually reacting to the use of "Jap" isn't it time to take the offensive (no pun) and drain this term of its emotional content? YAP is a recently coined acronym for "Young Americans in Prague." Except for the humor some may see in it, it claims no emotional value. For a sound bite, it has a nice ring not dissimilar to "Jap." The current designation "African-Americans" evolved from "Coloreds," "Negroes," and "Blacks" and as each of these terms, once opprobrious, were incorporated into the vernacular, they become more acceptable.

We are the principals that give "Jap" emotive currency. It is time to devalue it. Are your readers and the JACL ready to accept JAP as an acronym for "Japanese American People"?

H. Quintus Sakai

Walnut Creek, Calif.

Best way to identify minorities, reader says

To encourage unity and to fos-

ter peace I would like to see the education of the public, all forms of the media, and our government use AMERICAN first and the ethnic identifying word, i.e. Afro, Japanese, Chinese, Jew, Mexican, etc., second when referring to the multi-ethnic/multicultural society of our country. It may mean that titles, reference, textbooks and other printed matter will have to be rewritten and reprinted but what that would do to help us feel like one nation would be well worth it. Americans all!

When one is referred to as a Japanese American, there are those who hear only the Japanese and put us into their stereotype box and think that we Americans are more loyal to Japan than to this country or in the case of the Afro/Black American they might put them into the derogatory grouping of all negative thoughts they might harbor about Afro/Blacks. Italian Americans also could be put in the negative thoughts that people have of the Mafia etc. This is just a sample to give you the idea how putting ethnic names before American can be very divisive and what we need now is to have unity to lessen racial/ethnic tensions. The emphasis should be on what unites us as Americans.

I am an American Japanese and I've experienced discrimination both overt and covert. I have had people hear only "Japanese" and not the "American" and launch into questions about Japan and Japanese culture as if I was a Japanese visitor fresh off the boat. I have been accused of loyalty to Japan and have been told to "go home." I was born and raised in America and consider myself as American as anyone else that has been brought up here even though, or because, I had been interned during WWII in three different American style concentration camps when I was nine years old

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and governor of Tochigi are just a tiny incident. Japanese big business hasn't hesitated to steal big. And the public pays. Price-fixing and collusion between competitors are standard business practice.

The stereotype of the "honorable Nihonjin" is one that we don't hesitate to promote, because it complements us. It should not be surprising that other people will also have false stereotypes, some which are not flattering. The ugly Japanese businessman has replaced the "ugly American."

What should JACL do? This is the real question. Not whether people will continue to use stereotypes. Promote accurate images of Japanese Americans as hardworking members of the American mix. Promote discussion about the real nature of Japanese society and people. And recognize that we are not them, and they are not us!

Which leads to the third point. What is one's relation to one's ancestral homeland. This question faces most Americans, not just Japanese Americans. Jewish people had to discard the myth that Palestinians "voluntarily" left their homeland. For many, it took nightly TV pictures of Bosnians fleeing ethnic cleansing before they realized that Palestinians fled in fear. For Americans with Yugoslavian roots, the recent events have been a nightmare. Some have justified despicable actions with tales of the other side's "criminal behavior" being sufficient justification. A few have forthrightly condemned bad behavior by everybody, including their own relatives. It isn't easy! Japanese Americans certainly

do suffer when bigots think that criticism of Japan and Japanese business, government, or society is supporting their positions. Yet, people cannot let the prejudice and stupidity of the ignorant dictate what they do. Japanese Americans are so American in the way they think and behave that they should rid themselves of their "blind spot" toward Japan.

I know that people are uncomfortable criticizing Japan. But some Japanese companies do break our laws and discriminate against women and minority employees. They've even been caught with the same high level of proof required to catch an American company. Prime Minister Hosokawa has admitted that there has been a systematic closure of the Japanese domestic market. And the previous government, which was "doing its best" to unearth evidence pertaining to the Korean comfort women when it had the records all along, was a disgrace. When Japanese Americans attack valid criticism as Japan-bashing, they destroy their own credibility and associate themselves with the offending behavior.

The simple reality is that Japanese business and government have systematically targeted several key American industries, while protecting these at home. These are responsible for the huge trade deficit and high yen. No other country, even the European ones which own huge chunks of America, have attacked whole industries the way that Japanese industry has. Denying the truth and our own government's inability to act has produced a tremendous hostile feeling toward Japan and Japanese people. And ignorant people who cannot distinguish the difference have become

The reason we're not worried about British or Dutch takeovers of American companies isn't because people have white faces. It's only because they pose no systematic threat to wipe out a whole industry.

This hostility can never be countered by defending Japan and Japanese behavior. The only answer is to come up with an effective American response. This means going beyond labels like "unfair." We need to respond within our own value system. JACL should be at the forefront of intelligent discussion about meeting the Japanese challenge to our most lucrative industries, because a successful response is vital to Japanese American welfare. When people begin discussing these problems realistically, and see Asian Americans participating in the discussion, they'll view them as part of "us." As long as they defend behavior which undermines American interests, they'll regard them with suspicion and hatred.

Harris is a member of the Sequoia Chapter, JACL.

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orbit plotted. After this, a month or two's leeway is all that is necessary to effect the annihilation, or thwarting, of the menace, according to Dr. Kurimoto's calculations.

The theory of the anti-matter bomb is so simple that even I could understand it, with my knowledge of Newtonian, pre-nuclear physics which I studied 73 years ago at my hometown middle school. But the technological and logistic details of its manufacture involve some major operations. In short, it is a far greater undertaking than

the making of the first atomic bomb. It comes as a great surprise that Japan, at this time, is the only country engaged in such a project solely for peace (the United States is also studying the anti-matter bomb, primarily with a military objective). If it succeeds, it will be Japan's first significant, genuine contribution for the welfare of mankind.

Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif.

DC

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leadership and staff that would ensure that Asian Pacific American history, art and culture are acknowledged, collected and presented.

Finally, the JACL Washington, D.C., office welcomes unpaid interns year-round. If you are interested in an internship in the Washington, D.C., office, send a resume and a writing sample to 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, #704, Washington, D.C., 20036.

Unfortunately, most internships in D.C. are unpaid or very low paying. However, they are often the best way to get a foot in the door on Capitol Hill or at a non-profit agency and many colleges will give course credit for them. Lessons learned and connections made here can last a lifetime.

Nagasaki is the JACL Washington, D.C., representative.

KING

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the struggles that lie ahead in securing these rights.

Dr. King had once said, "Human progress is neither automatic

nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. Without persistent effort, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social destruction. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action!"

Let us move forward in 1994 with the faith of keeping Dr. King's dream alive. And let us rededicate the work of the JACL to "... hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope" in our journey for civil rights.

Takeshi is the JACL regional director for the Pacific Southwest District.

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till I was twelve years old. It would be best if we did not use the ethnic labels but sometimes it is necessary for clarity. Also when it is something good and positive it is nice for the younger generation to know that a fellow of their ethnic group has been recognized so that they can look up to them as role models.

I believe that JACL should show the way and change its name to American Japanese Citizens League (AJCL) or at least to American of Japanese Ancestry Citizen's League (AJACL). It would sure put us up in any alphabetical listings.

Kay Uno Kaneko

Holualoa, Hawaii



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Hiratsuka, Isao, 93, Oakland, Nov. 20; Fukuoka-born, survived by daughters Hideko Nagatoshi, Toshiko Fukuoka, 9 g.c., 16 great-gc.

Kamishita, Saburo, 75, San Francisco, Nov. 9; Seattle-born, survived by wife Toshiko, daughter Kathleen, brothers Toru (New York), Seichi (Jpn), sister Miyoko Miyazaki (Jpn).

Kato, Fred, 78, Fowler, Oct. 29; Fowler-born, survived by brother Roy, sisters Alta Kikuta, Grace Izumi.

Kihara, Shigeaki, 71, Mountain View, Nov. 21; Woodland-born, survived by wife Eiko, son Randy, daughter Judy Morimoto, 3 brothers Shigeyoshi, Yoshiaki, Henry, 3 sisters Shigeko Ikegami, Meiko Kondo, Emiko Shimada.

Kobata, Sueko, 71, Concord, Nov. 11; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Zenji, sons Allan, 2 g.c.

Koura, Yoshiko, 81, San Martin, Dec. 11; Wash. state-born, survived by daughters Yoshie Sugiyama, Patty Fabiny, Cindy Johnson, Emilio Mann, 8 g.c., sisters Margie Tada, Ruth Sumida, Betty Fukuoka, in-law Joe Wakatsuki.

Kozuki, James, 82, Reedley, Oct. 29; Stockton-born, survived by wife Irene, sons Richard, Kent, Jerry, Michael, Steven, daughters Sakiko Heyano, Kimiko Hashimoto, 13 g.c., 4 great-gc., sister Yukiko Hamai.

Kubota, Jun Arthur, 44, San Francisco, Dec. 6; S.F.-born, survived by mother Sadako.

Maemura, Norio, 65, San Mateo, Nov. 5; Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Tamiko, son Yuji, daughter Yoriko Kuramura, 4 g.c., sisters Michie Shihira (Jpn), Setsuko Higashimura, Minoo Aiyama.

Marube, Kazuo, 88, Los Altos, Nov. 5; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Tsuyono, sons Sadao, Yukio, daughters Emiko Moroguchi, Keiko Hayashi, Sachiko Mizuno, 6 g.c., 2 great-gc.

Miwa, Tama, 97, Sacramento, Nov. 22; Aichi-born, survived by daughter,

Mae Higaki, 4 g.c., 4 great-gc., brothers Henry, Frank, Miwa.

Mushiki, Sumiko, 73, San Mateo, Nov. 11; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Jack, daughters Joyce Gonzales, Laurie, 4 brothers John, George, James and Norman Sueoka, 3 sisters Betty, Takehara, Viola Hashida, Phyllis Nishiyama.

Nagareda, Sumiko, 91, San Francisco, Dec. 2; survived by daughter Chieko.

Nakagawa, Roy K., 60, Berkeley, Nov. 19; Oakland-born, survived by wife Gladys, son Guy, daughter Dana Nakagawa-Murakami, 1 g.c., brothers Takeshi, Noboru, Mitsuo, sisters Keiko Murata.

Nakagawa, Yoshiko, 86, Fresno, Nov. 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Kimichi, sons Bob H. Roy M., daughters Akiko Yoshida (Jpn), Etsuko Uyemura, 11 g.c., 12 great-gc., brother Kanu Nakagawa, sister Kiyuki Kamimoto.

Nakano, Yukiko, 88, Sacramento, Dec. 10; Watsonville-born, survived by husband Choji, brother Hisao Okimoto, sisters Tsukuru Yamaguchi (Jpn), Akiko Yoshida (Jpn), Etsuko Uyemura, 11 g.c., 12 great-gc., brother Kanu Nakagawa, sister Kiyuki Kamimoto.

Nakao, Esther Y., 46, Sacramento, Oct. 6; Sacto-born, survived by husband David, daughter Jolene, son Russell, parents Etsuko and Misako Takeuchi.

Nakata, Tomoko, 89, San Francisco, Dec. 10; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Edward, daughter Masako Kimoto, 5 g.c., 9 great-gc.

Otani, Yoshiko, 91, Petaluma, Nov. 26; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Yoshio, Johnny, daughters Maniko Kibayashi, Mary Kunita, Emiko Chana, Chizuko Ohara, 15 g.c., 7 great-gc.

Sakano, Jiro, 80, Mountain View, Dec. 11; Hokkaido-born, survived by wife Miyuki, daughters Irene Giordano, Julia Clark, Pamela Johnson, g.c.

Sakai, Shizu, San Francisco, Oct. 20; S.F.-born, survived by sisters Fusako, Asako Yamashita, Ikuo Hopes, brothers Yozo, Kazuo, Hisaji Sakai.

Sera, George T., 84, Alameda, Nov. 1; Alameda-born, survived by wife Esther, Shimamoto, Misayo, 91, Yuba City, Nov. 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Shig. Shuji, Fred, daughter Kyoko.

Shiraga, George, 84, El Dorado Hill, Oct. 24; Fresno-born, survived by wife Edna, son Harvey, daughter Ann Sue, 3 g.c.

Tegawa, Masako, 55, Cupertino, Sept.

7 in Jpn; survived by husband Charlie, sons Norikazu, Leon.

Takenaka, Yoshiaki, 82, Lovelock, Nev., Oct. 31; Yamaguchi-born, survived by husband Tenuo, son Kerry, mother-in-law Tsuru Takenaka.

Tanigawa, Kintu, 97, Campbell, Nov. 11; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Kenjiro, Rikar, Charles, Mac, daughter Judy Morioke, Ruby, 5 g.c., 1 great-gc.

Umeda, Hisao, 89, San Jose, Dec. 13 (sv), Hiroshima-born, survived by son David, daughter Yaeiko Araki, 2 g.c., 3 great-gc.

Yahashiji, Hideji, 93, Los Angeles, Sept. 18; Okayama-born, survived by 3 sons Haruo, Ted Kaichi, Edward (all of Chicago), 7 daughters Teruko Kawai (Mission Viejo), Shigeko Inaba (Mission Hill), Sumie, Asaye (both St. Louis), Mitsuyo (New York), Masuko Gregory (Florida), Sakiko (Chicago), 5 g.c., 1 great-gc.

Yamada, Shigeo, 80, Los Angeles, Nov. 3; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Fred, son William, 2 g.c., brother Satsuki Shigekawa, sisters Sakaye Shigekawa, Masako Katow.

Yamaguchi, Eiso, 75, Los Angeles, July 12; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Yuriko, son Takeshi, daughters Lynn Emi, Wendy Miyazaki, 8 g.c., brother Takeshi, brother-in-law Henry Yoshi, sister-in-law Chiyeko Kimura.

Yamaguchi, Hideo, 87, West Covina, July 19; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Ko, 4 g.c.

Yamamoto, Kinuko, 86, Palos Verdes Estate, Nov. 11; Hawaii-born, survived by sons James, Ted, daughter Shirley Park, Margaret Hopkins, 13 g.c., 15 great-gc., 15 great-gc., 15 great-gc.

Yamamoto, Steve, 45, San Diego, Aug. 20; due to accident, Dinuba-born, survived by wife June, daughters Stephanie, Laura, parents Yutaka and Fumiko (Druba), brother Dennis (Hawaii), sister Joyce Sasaki.

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Pocatello, ID - Miyoshi Yokota Okumura was born March 10, 1894, in Kochi Ken, Japan. She passed away Dec. 5, 1993, at the age of 99. Mrs. Okumura was a member of the Pocatello Buddhist Church and the JA CL. She became a naturalized citizen on May 18, 1954. She is survived by a brother and two sisters, residing in Japan; sons Paul (San Jose) and Roy (Los Angeles); daughter Kimi (Kazuo) Takeuchi, Aiko (Jimmy) Kusuda, Minnie Maruji and Yuni Sasaki; 22 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 10, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Shinji Okada of the Ogden Buddhist Church officiating. Burial was in the family plot at the Mountain View Cemetery.

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Takenaka, Yoshiaki, 82, Lovelock, Nev., Oct. 31; Yamaguchi-born, survived by husband Tenuo, son Kerry, mother-in-law Tsuru Takenaka.

Tanigawa, Kintu, 97, Campbell, Nov. 11; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Kenjiro, Rikar, Charles, Mac, daughter Judy Morioke, Ruby, 5 g.c., 1 great-gc.

Umeda, Hisao, 89, San Jose, Dec. 13 (sv), Hiroshima-born, survived by son David, daughter Yaeiko Araki, 2 g.c., 3 great-gc.

Yahashiji, Hideji, 93, Los Angeles, Sept. 18; Okayama-born, survived by 3 sons Haruo, Ted Kaichi, Edward (all of Chicago), 7 daughters Teruko Kawai (Mission Viejo), Shigeko Inaba (Mission Hill), Sumie, Asaye (both St. Louis), Mitsuyo (New York), Masuko Gregory (Florida), Sakiko (Chicago), 5 g.c., 1 great-gc.

Yamada, Shigeo, 80, Los Angeles, Nov. 3; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Fred, son William, 2 g.c., brother Satsuki Shigekawa, sisters Sakaye Shigekawa, Masako Katow.

Yamaguchi, Eiso, 75, Los Angeles, July 12; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Yuriko, son Takeshi, daughters Lynn Emi, Wendy Miyazaki, 8 g.c., brother Takeshi, brother-in-law Henry Yoshi, sister-in-law Chiyeko Kimura.

Yamaguchi, Hideo, 87, West Covina, July 19; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Ko, 4 g.c.

Yamamoto, Kinuko, 86, Palos Verdes Estate, Nov. 11; Hawaii-born, survived by sons James, Ted, daughter Shirley Park, Margaret Hopkins, 13 g.c., 15 great-gc., 15 great-gc., 15 great-gc.

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