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JACL National Board Meeting



RANDY SENZAKI
Praise for National staff

Senzaki: his first 4 months

At his first National Board meeting, Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, said despite the controversies, that JACL is in good shape.

"I've met a few people who are doom-and-gloomers. We need to have a long range view. This is a period of transition, we're going to get through this," said Senzaki.

The national director reported on his trips to visit various chapter installations and districts across the country during his first three months on the job. He thanked David Hayashi, governor, Midwest District, and Tom and Kimi Hara for the homecoming he received going back to the Twin Cities. "It was a good thing to see the old time JACLers. Also, it brought home the fact that JACL will always be a grassroots organization, but will always need a centralized headquarters," said Senzaki.

During his trip to the East Coast, Senzaki reported that he spent some time with Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington representative, and met with Rep. Robert Matsui and Bruce Yamashita.

Praising the staff, Senzaki said, "The staff are wonderful people. There is a lot of work done that is not visibly seen. They deserve all the credit that they sometimes don't get, but I know."

The national director said he attended some of the hearings on the Sacramento firebombing and attended the Sacramento Chapter installation.

"It was an inspiring event and underscored the need to tell other communities who we are," said Senzaki. He said he was planning on visiting the 1996 convention site in San Jose and was working on fundraising.

"We're beginning to start now. Not as an ad-hoc, but as something we can build on for the long term," said Senzaki.

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By **RICHARD SUENAGA**
Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League met Feb. 12-13 to deal with two major issues facing the organization—a significant deficit in the budget as well as the continuing Pacific Citizen conflict.

It was also a meeting in which new faces and new issues surfaced. Randy Senzaki, who took office in November of 1993, reported on his first months on the job. Jeff Itami, Terence Yamada and Ruth Mizobe attended their first board meetings as governors of the Internment, Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest District Councils, respectively.

In addition, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, governor of the Mountain Plains District, officially took over as chair of the Governor's Caucus.

Amid the usual business and reports were a discussion of future issues, including gay rights, U.S.-Japan relations and health reform.

Unlike the Sept. 25-26 National Board Meeting, in which Paul M. Shinkawa was

fired, the event was conducted with a calmer demeanor. Nonetheless, the meeting began in rocky fashion.

A quickly convened meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to resolve the PC conflict was called at 7:30 a.m., just 90 minutes prior to the beginning of the regular National Board meeting. Peggy Liggett, member of the Pacific Citizen Board, Karl Nobuyuki, president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL, and Gwen Muranaka, assistant PC editor, were denied attendance by Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

When the 9 a.m. National Board meeting began, Nobuyuki set up equipment to videotape the event. Taping began without objection until Liggett pointed out the need for substantial corrections to the Sept. 1993 board meeting minutes. "Kimura seemed uneasy and later asked Nobuyuki to 'turn it off while we're having discussions,'" Bill Kaneko, vice president of public affairs, said. "I object. This organization is known as an open organization. It ruins that intent. This is a burden placed on the National Board. It's never happened in the past. We've always had a very

open process. To do that puts a damper on that process."

Nobuyuki complied but responded by saying that he was asked to videotape the meeting at the request of the San Fernando Chapter and, further, that the 1972-78 conventions were videotaped and that he did not believe videotaping would "hinder dialogue."

Shortly after the meeting had begun, SLG Wakamatsu, former JACL president, commented on what he characterized as problems occurring at the national level. Wakamatsu, who had flown from Chicago at his own expense to attend the meeting, said that he spoke on behalf of past presidents and, more importantly, the grassroots membership, in expressing his deep concern for the preservation of PC's editorial independence and that the National staff and National Board understand that

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Ad Hoc Committee charts plans to resolve PC conflict

The Ad Hoc Committee developed short- and long-term plans to address the conflict over Pacific Citizens roles and rights at its meeting Saturday, Feb. 12, prior to the regular JACL National Board meeting.

Chaired by JACL National President Lillian Kimura, the committee announced that the immediate and short-term plan would be to arrange for dialogue among newly appointed PC Board chair Ron Ohta, JACL national director Randy Senzaki and PC editor Richard Suenaga. They would discuss issues of concern, operational problems, and attempt resolutions of the conflict.

In the meantime, the Ad Hoc Committee would proceed in the long-term to address the larger policy issues surrounding PC. Kimura said. The committee would prepare "options" on these issues and disseminate them to chapters, governors, the PC Board and members for their review and input. Among the considerations would be the 10 unanimous approved recommendations of the Pacific Southwest

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Charges, criticism leveled against PC



RUTH MZOBE
Condemns PC

By **GWEN MURANAKA**
Assistant editor

A number of charges were lodged against the Pacific Citizen at the Feb. 12-13 National Board meeting in San Francisco.

Kim Nakahara, chair, National Youth Council (NYC), presented a NYC resolution, asking the National Board "to request that the Pacific Citizen Board take affirmative and corrective action in order to remediate the current relationship between the National Youth Council, its members, and the Pacific Citizen."

The Youth Council resolution, unanimously approved Feb. 6, reads: "Whereas; the Pacific Citizen has not printed youth articles in the 'Crossroads' column within a timely and reasonable manner.

"Whereas; the Pacific Citizen has complained about the lack of articles written by youth members, and have asked youth members to submit articles on current issues and topics, yet have not published them until after 5 months of their receipt.

"Whereas; the Pacific Citizen has demonstrated a general lack of effort to serve as a public relations tool to promote the National Youth Conference in its capacity as a biennial program endorsed by the National Board and Council within a reasonable amount of time.

"Whereas; the Pacific Citizen had expressed no desire nor intention to send a staff person or reporter to the National Youth Conference due to a lack of funds.

"Whereas; had it not been for the generous donation of the Interim Pacific Citizen Board Chair to cover the costs

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KIM NAKAHARA
Points to PC failures



JON KAJI
Puzzled about PC figures amount of time.

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Board deals with deficit

Presenting a preliminary draft of the 1993 budget, Jon Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, reported that JACL is estimating a \$75,269 deficit for the year.

"The actual loss is somewhat under the original projected estimate (of \$95,955)," said Kaji.

He explained that part of the deficit is the fact that JACL incurred one-time costs by the board including the education manual and the hiring of Roger Rivera as convention consultant. Kaji also explained that overall revenue was down \$27,624. But he said that if interest rates increase then JACL will receive more revenue than is projected.

Peggy Liggett, PC board member, asked what the budget deficit would be like at the end of the biennium.

"If interest rates increase, membership increases and we hold a line on expenses, we'll be at the same level (on budget)," said Kaji.

Kaji said another reason for the deficit is the fact that JACL had budgeted for \$40,000 in fundraising which did not occur.

Liggett said, "Assuming there is no \$40,000 raised in fundraising activities by the end of the biennium, we'll still be over budget."

She asked if the board was also looking into cutting costs and asked

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Education Committee reports on guide, seminar resources

The JACL Education Committee reported its recent activities and proposals to the JACL National Board Feb. 12 in San Francisco. Here is the report as presented by



MAEBORI
Teresa Maebori, committee chair and

governor of the Eastern District, JACL. Maebori announced a proposed JACL education seminar, titled "Teaching the Japanese American Experience," to be scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 1994, at the Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Maebori said the committee anticipates an audience of about 50 people—JACL representatives from the eight

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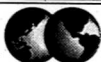
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Calendar

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 "Fighting a Wrong," on the redress movement.]

Fri. March 11-JACL-Asian American Arts and Media Theatre Night: "The Wreck" play by Philip Kan Goff, 8 p.m., Studio Theatre, 14th and P St. NW, reception to follow; ticket information: Martha Watanabe 202/543-5527. NOTE—Stars Nobu McCarthy, continues through April 10.

Philadelphia

March-JACL installation dinner

Ohio 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 Matsumoto 317/888-8505

Through Feb. 18-April 10—Photo exhibit, "Children of the Detention Camps, 1942-45," Children's Museum, 3000 N. Meridian St., information: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505

Texas Houston

Mar. 12-18-JACL Houston Caper IX Invitational Golf Tournament, over five different courses including Tour 18, open to Midwest and Mid-Plains JACLers; information: Mas Yamasaki, 16402 Farnell Court, Spring, TX 77379. Tex-Mex dinner to be held residence of Lance Yamasaki, group restaurant reservations on top featuring Cajun, Creole, Japanese, Texas-size steaks and oyster bars. AGENDA—Plans for special celebration for (a) Houston Caper X

MEETING

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they must be responsive to the membership concerns.

While the Ad Hoc Committee developed a plan to deal with the PC controversy, events occurred that seemed to counter a resolution to the conflict. Following Lucy Kishue's unannounced Jan. 31 resignation as interim PC Board chair, Kimura appointed Ron Ohata of the Downey/Los Angeles Chapter, JACL. When this was announced at the board meeting, Nobuyuki went on record opposing Ohata's appointment based on his public and "open hostility" to PC. "As far as serving in this position we need to have an objective person," Nobuyuki said. "Ohata is quoted in the San Fernando Valley newsletter making hostile remarks against PC... This appointment would be perceived as biased."

Denny Yasuhara, member of the board of directors of the Spokane Chapter, JACL, and newly ap-

pointed member of the PC Board, said, "Is he going to be objective considering the background of the district? Is he bringing in any extra baggage? I'm concerned (he's) going to make changes. Will he be consulting with the PC Board?"

In response, Ohata affirmed that he would not act unilaterally without consulting the PC Board. In addition, he agreed to resign his position as PSW legal counsel to avoid any conflict of interest.

"I'm PC Board chair," Ohata said. "One who is a chair doesn't act unilaterally. That would be insane. It's not comfortable I'm not going to do this. My number one concern is the staff, then the survival of PC." Ohata said.

Then, during the course of the board meeting, Kim Nakahara, chair of the JACL National Youth Council, and Ruth Mizobe, governor of the Pacific Southwest District, leveled charges against the PC. These and other stories appear in this issue.

Idaho Boise

Feb. 25-April 1—"In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit, Idaho State Historical Museum, 610 N. Julia Davis Dr., Boise. NOTE—Organized by Japanese American National Museum, information: 208/334-2120.

Utah Salt Lake City

Sat. March 12-JACL Intermountain DC session, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City. Mt. Olympus JACL hosts Information Jeff Itami 801/583-6789. NOTE—National JACL President Lillian Kimura will be attending both the IDC and Credit Union annual dinner to follow.

Sat. March 12—National JACL Credit Union annual meeting, 6 p.m. dinner, Little America Hotel, information: 801/355-8040, 800/544-8828.

Arizona Phoenix

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

Nevada Las Vegas

Mon. Feb. 28-JACL Las Vegas general meeting, 7 p.m., Nevada Power Meeting Room, 6226 W. Sahara, information Y. Cary Suzuki 702/228-3071.

California Sacramento Valley

Fri. Feb. 25—JACL Sacramento "Day of Remembrance" with potluck affair, Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd. NOTE—Dr. Clifford Uyeda, San Francisco, guest speaker; seniors over age 80 will be honored. Information: Toko Fuji, 916/441-7900, exts 421-6968.



YASUHARA

Yasuhara asks help in Spokane battle; named to PC Board

SAN FRANCISCO—Denny Yasuhara, board member of the Spokane Chapter, JACL, requested and unanimously requested support from the JACL National Board in his chapter's fight against the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

Yasuhara was accompanied by attorney Rod Kawakami who is handling the lawsuit against the local DNC for alleged racist remarks made in late 1992 and in the spring of 1993.

Yasuhara asked that the JACL National Board support be considered a top priority. "I'm asking for support from the headquarters staff, the regional officers and the governors," said Yasuhara who was also approved at the board meeting as the Pacific Northwest member of the PC Board of Directors.

"I am pleased," Yasuhara said. "Without the help of National JACL's success in this fight would be very difficult. This is not just a legal issue but a political and educational battle as well. We have the legal support. Now National can help us most with the two most important parts of this effort, the political and educational areas."

Nishi, Kaji: On membership

Alan Nishi, vice president of membership, reported that there are currently 24,490 JACL members, with a renewal rate of 97.8%.

"Membership has been pretty pretty stable," said Nishi. Jon Kaji, secretary/treasurer, asked Nishi, "Where did the 19,000 figure come from?"

Clay Harada, assistant membership director, answered that the names of 19,300 JACL members are sent to Pacific Citizen to send out the newspaper. He added that since 1985, membership has never dropped below 23,816.

In his address to the Mile Hi Chapter, Paul Shinkawa said that membership had gone down to 19,000.

Kaji said that the figure that Shinkawa presented constituted a "misapplication" of data.

Small kid time



Gwen Muraoka



Gwen 2/18/94

Board views 'same-sex' issue

The issue of whether the National Board should support the concept of same sex marriage as a civil rights issue came up with some of the governors requesting time to discuss the issue with the members. Bill Kaneko, vice president, public affairs, who presented the motion, agreed to send further information to the governors prior to a board vote.

Kaneko reported that the Hawaii Supreme Court had recently outlawed same sex marriages. He said the Honolulu Chapter, JACL, is already working on the issue.

Speaking in support, Trisha Murakawa, vice president, planning and development, who seconded the motion, said, "This is in line with the JACL Constitution as was amended four years ago."

Murakawa, who recently was elected president of the Southern California Board of Directors of the ACLU, further said, "The Hawaii Supreme Court decision" violates equal protection, under Hawaii state laws and the 14th amendment. Supporting this is a matter of formality."

Allen Kato, JACL legal counsel, informed the board that supporting the concept of same sex marriages is "going beyond JACL's previous positions" and would be an expansion on JACL's support of gay rights.



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rights.

"Young people look for an organization that takes positions in a timely manner," said Nakahara.

Ruth Mizobe, governor, Pacific Southwest, disagreed with Kato. "The shift is in the nature of how we support the concept. This is something we've always supported," said Mizobe.

A number of governors spoke up, expressing reservation about voting on such a position without more information and without con-

sulting with their districts.

Jeff Itami, governor, Inter-mountain district, moved to table the motion. The subsequent vote was split, with Kimura breaking the tie, voting to table the issue. Karl Nobuyuki, former national director, informed the National Board that a motion to table requires two-thirds vote and the discussion continued.

Itami said, "I feel we shouldn't always be going ahead on an issue because it's a 'cutting edge' issue." That's a fallacy, it's wrong. We're saying we want government sanctioning of same sex marriages, it has all kinds of ramifications. Without knowing the particulars, we shouldn't jump into it."

Requesting more information, Larry Ishimoto, governor, Central California district, said, "Regardless of my views, I represent a district."

Teresa Maebo, governor, Eastern district, said, "If according to the legal counsel, this represents a shift in our position, then it's better for me to have more material. It would be good for the district to have a chance to go over it."

Sharon Ishii-Jordan, governor, Mountain Plains District, said, "I know in my district, I have to go back and discuss this."

meeting. Ishii-Jordan said there was a concern about the "lack of advance communication."

● **Legal Counsel**—The governors asked that legal counsel, Allen Kato, be present at all time during board meeting discussions.

● **Procedure**—The governors asked for a clear lines of procedure for grievances and for parliamentary procedures.

The board unanimously accepted the report from the governor's caucus.



IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

Clearing up financial matters

In recent months, there have been a few questions of a financial nature floating around. For the first time in a number of years, we had a financial audit done by an independent certified public accounting firm, Grant Thornton, for the year 1992. I am happy to report that we had a "clean" audit. We expect this process to be a continuing one and will be sending out a request for proposals for auditing the 1993 year.

The transfer of \$200,000 from the Endowment Fund to the general fund has been a continuing question. Please be aware that the \$200,000 was not part of the corpus of the fund; rather it was interest income which had been allowed to accumulate because the rate of return was so good in those days. By Constitution, the interest income is to be used for programs and projects. Additional information will be forthcoming.

JACL's participation in the 30th Anniversary of the March on Washington was an opportunity for us to express our concerns on civil rights issues as they relate particularly to Asian Americans and to receive national visibility. As a co-sponsor, we were obliged to pay our share of the expenses for mounting the March. The total budget was in excess of \$300,000. Of the \$5,000 we were committed to, \$1,000 each came from the National budget and Eastern District; \$500 each from PSWDC, Washington D.C., and New York Chapters; a total of \$730 from CCDC, Philadelphia, Hoosier, New Mexico, Lodi, Marysville, Florin and San Jose Chapters and the balance from individuals. A contribution from NCWNPD went directly to the local San Francisco march. The souvenir booklets sent to the chapters and contributors were a gift of the president. The co-chairs of the New Coalition of Conscience met in September prior to a visit with President Clinton and Vice President Gore and agreed to meet on a quarterly basis. In December, a proposal was presented to institutionalize the coalition by creating a nonprofit organization so that a group did not need to start from scratch each time such a March is planned. Whether we support such a proposal will be discussed by the National Board.

Unfortunately, 1993 was not a good year financially, even for JACL. The economy of course was a factor. Contributions to the Legacy Fund were way down; there was a slight decrease in membership income; and we were not able to sponsor a fund raiser as we hoped. Fortunately, the deficit was not as large as expected and we are able to cover it because of surpluses we were able to accumulate in past years. Mindful of its responsibility for financial accountability, the National Board will be discussing on how to match our expenditures to our income ... a difficult task for anyone in these days of massive layoffs in major industries as well as major disasters which have impacted businesses. That's thirty for now. ☐

Kimura is the JACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

Governor's Caucus files reports

Sharon Ishii-Jordan, governor, Mountain Plains District, and chair of the governor's caucus reported the following from the governors:

● **PC ad hoc committee**—The governors are concerned with finding a resolution to current friction.

● **Clarification of PC's role**—As a long term goal, the governors hope the ad hoc committee will work to create a strong, viable relationship between PC and JACL.

● **PC's non-partisan status**—

That PC maintain its non-partisan status regarding political ads or any donations received by the paper.

● **Board Meeting materials**—The governor's caucus chair praised the National Staff for sending out materials prior to the



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meeting. Ishii-Jordan said there was a concern about the "lack of advance communication."

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CHARGES

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of air transportation and registration, the conference would not have been covered by the *Pacific Citizen*.

"Whereas; the *Pacific Citizen* has failed to serve the National Youth Council as an effective educational and public relations tool."

"Whereas; the National Youth Council needs a publication to promote and carry forth the National Program for Action endorsed by the National Board and Council."

"Therefore be it resolved, we the National Council request the National Board of the JACL to request that the *Pacific Citizen* Board take affirmative and corrective action in order to remediate the current relationship between the National Youth Council, its members and the *Pacific Citizen*."

● Ruth Mizobe, governor, Pacific Southwest District, condemned PC for saying it didn't have funds to pay for expenses to cover the National Youth Conference.

"For the record, our district wishes to express its displeasure that Lucy Kishue (former interim PC board chair) had to pay out of her own pocket (for coverage of the National Youth Conference)." Referring to budget figures pre-

sented by PC during its financial report, Mizobe said PC actually had the funds to cover expenses and therefore should reimburse Kishue.

● During the discussion on the budget, Jon Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, said that there were discrepancies in PC's budget, saying that PC had submitted two separate financial reports. One report was a listing of actual figures for 1993, proposed budget for 1994 and a summary of the Holiday Issue. The other report was presented as part of a resolution by Kishue requesting additional allocation. In that report prepared by Ron Shibata, PC board member, labeled, "analysis of the 1993/1994 financial situation," it showed an apparent deficit of \$42,482.50 for 1993. The figures from the other report show a reported balance of \$19,506.

"I didn't receive numbers, the staff didn't receive numbers, PC's numbers are in conflict," said Kaji. Pointing to the two reports, Kaji said, "There is a net loss-net gain of \$60,000."

PC's revised budget figures for 1994 were not included in the JACL financial report. Kaji said he didn't have time to review the report PC presented. Because of these issues, the National Board approved the budget, pending a clear up of these issues.

PC responds to charges

Pacific Citizen responds to the charges made at the Feb. 12-13 National Board meeting.

● That PC has "demonstrated a general lack of effort" to promote the Feb. 5 National Youth Conference.

PC has always considered the youth conference an important event. Prior to the Feb. 5 conference, PC has printed many articles publicizing the event. Examples:

—The youth conference was listed in the Calendar of every issue in 1994 (Jan. 7, 21, 28, Feb. 4) prior to the event.

—In the Jan. 7 issue PC published on page 5, "Yamashita to speak at JACL youth event." It should be noted, Jan. 7 was the New Year's issue, so that news normally placed on the front page was placed inside.

—In the Jan. 21 issue on page one PC published two articles publicizing the conference, "JACL youth event set for Feb. 4-5," and also on the same page, "Yamashita to speak at JACL events."

—In the Feb. 4 issue on the page one, PC published, "JACL youth announce 1st Vision Articles" with a picture of one of the recipients.

—Except for the Jan. 28th issue, the youth conference was included twice in every issue and in the Jan. 21 issue, the youth conference was announced three times.

● That PC has complained about not receiving youth articles, but upon receipt did not publish the youth column "Crossroads" in a timely manner, and delayed the publication of such an article until five months after receipt. Also, PC does not print the "Crossroads" column in a "timely and reasonable manner."

In question is Gary Mayeda's article on the need for Asian American studies printed in the 1993 Holiday Issue. PC had intended to use Mayeda's article as part of a feature on Asian American studies and had conducted interviews and gathered materials for such a piece. PC was un-

able to research and write that story and it was decided by the editor that Mayeda's piece was more appropriate to publish in the Holiday Issue.

In another instance, Kimi Yoshino wrote a "Crossroads" column. PC requested a photo from Yoshino and waited for its arrival. When PC did not receive the requested photo for months, the article ran.

● That PC had "expressed no desire nor intention to send a staff person to cover the youth conference because of a lack of funds."

Concerned about finances, PC informed JACL national staff that it was unable to come to San Francisco to cover the meeting, but PC wanted to have full page coverage of the event. Gwen Muraoka, PC assistant editor, asked if it was possible to send information on the meeting and photos, promising that PC would give as much coverage to the event as possible. National staff indicated this would not be a problem because notetakers were being assigned to cover each session.

True, PC was concerned about finances, but PC felt it could give complete coverage.

● Ruth Mizobe, governor, Pacific Southwest District, said that the district was displeased that Lucy Kishue, former interim PC board chair and governor, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District, had to pay for airline expenses in order for PC to cover the youth conference, referring to PC's \$19,506 balance as reported for review at the board meeting.

On Feb. 1, Kishue understood that PC did not have the finances to cover expenses and paid for a plane ticket to San Francisco. PC had to make its decision mindful of the reported \$95,955 projected deficit for JACL in 1993, as well as the reality of restricted operating funds and reduced revenues and frequent negative cash flow.

While \$19,506 appears to be a substantial figure, it costs PC

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Youth Council presents resolutions

Kim Nakahara, chair, National Youth Council, reporting at the National Board meeting, presented the following resolutions adopted Feb. 6 by the National Youth Council.

● The National Youth Council unanimously voted to "express support for JACL National President Lillian Kimura in her decision to call for Pacific Citizen Board Chair Paul Shinkawa's resignation, at the Sept. 25 and 26 board meeting."

● The National Youth Council believes that President Kimura was justified in her actions, based on Shinkawa's failure to provide

satisfactory leadership. The role of the Pacific Citizen board chair is to facilitate communication between the National Board and the Pacific Citizen. It was clear from recent issues of the Pacific Citizen that such communication was not occurring, and that more effective leadership was necessary."

● The National Youth Council unanimously voted to "express its appreciation of the National Staff."

● "National Staff has consistently demonstrated support of the National Youth Council and was particularly instrumental in the planning and coordination of the Na-

tional Youth Conference. The members of the National Youth Council have always found National Staff members easy to work with and accessible, and without their valuable contributions, the success of the National Youth Conference would not have been possible."

● "The National Youth Council is concerned over the growing criticism of National Staff, particularly in the Pacific Citizen. We feel that the coverage of National Staff has been highly critical, one-sided, and does not necessarily reflect everyone's interactions

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Endowment fund use explained

On the Endowment Fund, Jon Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, said, "At no time was money taken out of the corpus."

Kaji was referring to recent controversy concerning the transfer of \$200,000 from the Endowment Fund into general operations. The Endowment Fund Committee met Feb. 10 by teleconference. Included in the meeting were: Kaji, Mike Mitoma, chair; Patti Paganini, JACL business manager; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, permanent member; Shig Wakamatsu, permanent member, and Tomio Moriguchi.

"The \$200,000 was earnings from the fund accumulated over a period of time," said Kaji.

The national treasurer also said that the balance of the fund was never \$700,000—and that this number was a typo in the March '93 box minutes.

Jon Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, reported that the National Endowment Fund Committee met Feb. 10 and made the following recommendations:

● Change the investment strategy. Currently the fund is invested solely for income, the committee recommended that 25% of the fund be geared towards growth."

● Change the amount of earnings given to National. Currently all earnings go to National, the committee recommended that 50% go to National and 50% stay

in the fund for growth.

Kaji said, "This will have an impact on general operations."

President Kimura said such a change required changing the constitution.

Wakamatsu, past national president, said it was the hope of the committee to raise the original \$1 million goal.

"We hoped to create a \$1 million fund to help (former national director) Mas and Chiz (Satow) run a mom and pop organization. We still haven't reached our goal."

"It may put more pressure on members to raise income, but we should try to reach our goal," said Wakamatsu.

assumptions for the upcoming year."

"We anticipate holding the line on or slightly increasing membership revenue. The funds, if interest rates go up, will increase the money coming from our portfolio. On fundraising, with sweepstakes and other fundraisers, we are planning for \$50,000," said Kaji.

On fundraisers, David Hayaashi, governor, Midwest District, asked if a committee could be formed for fundraising.

"I know there are a lot of corporations putting aside big bucks for diversity. Someone needs to coordinate fundraising," said Hayaashi.

Gravce Uyehara, chairwoman, Legacy Fund, endorsed Hayaashi's proposal and Kaji indicated he would be happy to chair such a committee.

Kimura said, "We have to work together with the Legacy Fund so that we know we're not at cross-purposes."

more subscription income than originally budgeted.

Kaji said, "Based on the budget amount for 1993 there was an overpayment to PC of allocation."

Liggett said, "Do not consider it an allocation, it is a subscription rate. Our budget is based on that as well as anticipated revenue, we received the subscription income we were entitled to receive."

"These subscription amounts were accumulated throughout the year, money from subscriptions are collected throughout the year," said Liggett.

Kimura asked why PC showed revenue in 1993 of \$298,355 but projected revenue of only \$264,600.

"We're anticipating a reduction in membership revenue, a reduction in advertising revenue. We're trying to be as realistic as possible," said Liggett.

On the rest of the budget, Kaji said for 1994, "There are significant changes based on certain

of January of 1994 was only 27%. These and other figures showing PC's financial problems are open for anyone's scrutiny. In addition, Holiday Issue results for 1993 were below expectations. Since HI revenue accounts for 25% of our budget, this disappointing result led to greater urgency to conserve our financial resources.

Beyond the slowdown in the economy, the recent Jan. 17 earthquake caused damage to a major classified and display advertising agency and has resulted in a further drop in advertising income.

On the day Kishie made the request, PC did not have sufficient funds for general operations, much less a trip to San Francisco.

● During the discussion of the budget, Jon Kaji, national secretary/treasurer said there were discrepancies in Pacific Citizen's budget, citing the fact that PC submitted two separate reports.

The two documents referred to are the financial report submitted by Joyce Kato, PC business manager, to the National Board and a financial analysis prepared by Ron Shibata, PC Board member and a practicing accountant,

DEFICIT

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how many new members would have to be added to come up with \$40,000.

Alan Nishi, vice president of membership, answered that JACL would have to pick up 2,083 single memberships.

Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, said the board is looking into other fundraising programs.

For 1994, Kaji said he could not give a complete report because he had not received the PC financial report for '94 until the day before and had received two conflicting reports. (See Charges/page 1)

Kaji said, "One report shows a loss of \$42,482.50 the other shows a surplus of \$19,506 that's a \$60,000 discrepancy. This impacts on other parts of the budget."

Joyce Kato, PC business manager, said that PC actually broke even because PC received \$19,000

PC RESPONSE

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\$6,000 on the average every week for mailing and producing the paper. This figure does not include staff salaries or administrative overhead such as utilities. At the time of Kishie's request, PC had \$9,287 in its accounts—less than two weeks of working capital and was considering requesting additional allocation. In normal years, PC does not ask for allocation until five months later.

The PC staff was instructed by the PC board to maintain a two-month reserve. The \$19,506 balance at the end of 1993 in PC's report does not indicate sufficient funding or justification for the trip to cover the National Youth Council meeting. The only reason PC had that much money in its account is because staff had requested a \$10,000 allocation on Dec. 8 because funds were running low.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

An insult to the Mile-Hi Chapter

Old friend Ron Wakabayashi did nothing to promote harmony within JACL recently when he suggested that no speech—"by anybody"—before the Mile-Hi chapter deserved much consideration for front page coverage in *Pacific Citizen*.

Some members of the Mile-Hi Chapter understood this to be an observation by a former national director of JACL that their organization is unimportant. Wakabayashi's remarks were interpreted as meaning he thinks Mile-Hi is a chapter somehow inferior to the elite groups, presumably in Southern California where he lives, which are the only ones capable of getting speakers with important things to say.

What touched off this latest brouhaha is the page one prominence *Pacific Citizen* gave in its Jan. 28-Feb. 3 issue to a speech in Denver by Paul Shinkawa, the recently deposed chairman of its board. Shinkawa touched only lightly on the issues that led to his controversial firing, but he was critical of the way JACL was being run and urged the membership to take back their organization from an unresponsive leadership.

I thought it was a strong and thoughtful speech. Whether one agreed with all he

said, Shinkawa's remarks were significant enough to make sure the membership was made aware of them.

Wakabayashi criticized *Pacific Citizen's* coverage at a Los Angeles JACL reception for Randy Senzaki, the new national director. His remarks about the Mile-Hi Chapter were made later when Gwen Muranaka, assistant editor, telephoned Wakabayashi for clarification. She quoted him in the Feb. 4-10 issue as saying:

"One, a speech in the Mile-Hi Chapter, by anybody, would be tough to be called front page news. Two, the extensive coverage with the man on the street reaction on the inside—it's not balanced."

Muranaka stands by the accuracy of the quotations. Wakabayashi's former position gives weight to his views.

The Mile-Hi Chapter, like many chapters east of the Sierras, has only desultory contact either with JACL headquarters or chapters in concentrations of Japanese Americans on the West Coast. Members feel isolated from the mainstream. Perhaps this has led to an inferiority complex. In any event, to be told that their speakers aren't likely to amount to much is insulting.

I think the reaction would be much the

same in other inland districts. There has been anger in Texas where some members of the Houston Chapter feel they were given the brush-off by headquarters staff. The Cincinnati Chapter was unhappy with the way the national organization jumped into an issue involving a local ball club. There are other examples of inter-regional frictions.

Any put-down from the Coast rankles insiders who remember that it was the sacrifices of the Inter-Mountain District that kept JACL afloat during the war years, and it was the Mile-Hi Chapter that hosted the first postwar convention at which the audacious human rights program was shaped and launched.

At a time when JACL is badly in need of unity and harmony, gratuitous insults against a particular chapter don't help. Mile-Hi doesn't claim to be as sophisticated or important as some chapters, but it deserves a retraction. At the least, the national organization should disassociate itself from Wakabayashi's views.

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

Letters

Wakabayashi should apologize to Mile-Hi

Ron Wakabayashi contends that any speech no matter who the speaker and regardless of how significant the content, isn't likely to be worthy of front page attention in *Pacific Citizen* if delivered before the Mile-Hi Chapter of JACL.

Let me quote him directly from the Feb. 4-10 issue of *Pacific Citizen*: "One, a speech in the Mile-Hi Chapter, by anybody, would be tough to be called front page news."

By making such an assertion Wakabayashi seems to be setting up first class and second class categories of JACL chapters and membership. Presumably any chapter in the Los Angeles area, where he lives, is in the elite class while we outlanders in Denver really don't count. If this same attitude characterized Wakabayashi's 1981-1988 tenure as JACL's national director, it may help explain the organization's current disarray.

Denver may be unimportant in Wakabayashi's view, but let me remind him that JACL's first postwar convention at which the blueprint for its remarkable legislative, social and human rights program was drawn up, was under the auspices of the Mile-Hi Chapter. Our chapter, ever since, has upheld JACL's principles and our members have been among the most distinguished leaders of the national organization.

I would also remind Wakabayashi that in a recent report of chapter performance in the Legacy Fund campaign, only two California chapters (Selma and San Luis Obispo, both small and rural) are included among the top 10. This hardly entitles him to be condescending.

Wakabayashi should apologize for his slur on the Mile-Hi Chapter.

Tak Terasaki

member, Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL

Thank you to person who made college possible

That piece by Judy Austin Rantala (Voices, Jan. 7-20) deserves a follow-up. Unknowingly I was one of the beneficiaries of the author's persevering effort that made it possible for me to enter the University of New Hampshire in Durham together with the ever present assistance of the Student Relocation program of the American Friends.

Two other JA students preceded me a year prior to my arrival from Topaz in the fall of 1942 (which places the author's graduation in the summer of 1943) and except for a brief encounter with one of the student who was still on campus, I was the sole JA student during my four years there. I

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Tribute for eternity

A MAJOR PROJECT in progress, destined to rise as an eternal tribute to the commitments of Nikkei in America—the Issei, the Nisei and their progeny—particularly as exemplified during World War II (WW-II), has, for the past year or so, been moving ahead with due deliberation: It is the Nikkei monument to be erected in Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. Yet, the focus of this proposed historical monument, as a reminder to all future Americans of most significant events of its past and how the people affected faced those events, is not known to a broad spectrum of the people, including those within the Nikkei community. To clarify some of the facts, as one of many individuals involved in the monument project, I devote a couple of columns or so in this space.

THE FOCUS of the monument is succinctly stated in the legislative bill introduced by Congressman Norman Y. Mineta: "...to honor Japanese American patriotism in World War II." In submitting such bill, Congressman Mineta expounded as to the focus, in part: "The bill aims to establish a memorial to honor American citizens

of Japanese ancestry... both civilian and military alike... (to) recognize the sacrifices... men, women and children of Japanese ancestry... to their indomitable spirit of a segment of our citizenry, defined not by themselves but by the government... It is a celebration of our system of government which demonstrated its strength and dignity by admitting a wrong and correcting it." (Emphasis added). The congressman's transmittal message then concluded: "This memorial serves an important purpose, as a reminder that the lessons learned during this extraordinary and dark chapter in our nation's history will not be forgotten and will not be allowed to happen again to any segment of our citizenry, regardless of race, religion or national origin."

In the meanwhile, on the U.S. Senate side, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and his staff, contemporaneously aware of all facets of what was transpiring, were geared to act at the appropriate time. And act they did, overcoming the pressure of the closing days of the 102nd Congress. The authorizing bill passed and was sent to the president who

signed it.

SOME MAJOR HURDLES first needed to be surmounted, one of them being clearance through the all-powerful National Capital Memorial Commission whose decision, yes or nay, is final and not subject to being overridden. Not even by Congress. The statute which establishing the commission sets forth many strictures and standards, and only those projects which meet those criteria gain approval. After conducting a hearing with receipt of testimony, and careful scrutiny and review of the background, the unique historical significance of the events surrounding WWII and our Nikkei, culminating in our government demonstrating the beauty and strength of our system by acknowledging a wrong and making amends, the proposed Nikkei monument became among the very few approved

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



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● Kimura corrected the minutes to read that the TV show "the Crusaders" were doing a story on

● Liggett corrected the minutes to read that at the Sept. meeting she asked for the resignation of the national president and the national board. She also requested a copy of the tape made of the

The minutes were approved with Ruth Mizobe and Jeff Itami, newly elected governors, abstaining.

Riverside JACL hears PC editor emeritus reminisce

About the future of the paper, he was confident that "so long as issues happen for a JACL to exist, the P.C. will be

When Mabel Bristol, newsletter editor, was called up to be sworn in, she asked the toastmaster why was she first. He replied, "I'm doing this alphabetically." Thus, outgoing president Michiko Yoshimura, school

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• **Marketing:** The committee has given National Headquarters the approval to pursue contacts with educational organizations on the national level such as Educational Resources Information Center, National Council of the Social Studies, and National Education Association. National Headquar-

Senzaki reported that, despite recent controversy concerning spying by the Anti-Defamation League, he made a speech before

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shockingly empathetic manner that I encountered not a single moment of unpleasantness, on or off the campus, during the entire period.

I attended classes like a normal first year student, roomed in the freshmen dorm, worked in the library, lived in the home of a dear Ag Extension specialist, waited on tables at the McDowell Colony in Petersborough, on holidays invited to the homes of classmates, and most dear to me, I made lifelong friends from my experience at UNH. It appears I was the only one who stayed four years and fully able to benefit from Ms. Austin-Rantala's effort. I am singularly grateful and indebted to her and extend my belated thanks and best wishes some 50 years later. I did not know—Thank you again Ms. Judy Austin Rantala.

Miyuki I. Takeuchi

Richmond, Va.

RIVERSIDE

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arship chair, was the last to be called.

Newly-elected Riverside mayor, Dr. Ron Loveridge, associate professor of political science at UCR, recognized the historic Japanese American presence in the city in his remarks. The International Relations Council of Riverside honored the chapter's 25-year service with Riverside-Sendai Sister City affiliation with an award of merit. The Rev. Bill Hara of the Japanese Christian Church gave the invocation and benediction. Dr. Junji Kumamoto headed the dinner committee. Jimmy Urata introduced the speaker as another kid in his prewar neighborhood. He also called for a moment of silence in memory of a San Bernardino Issei pioneer, Tatsuo Abe, 89, who died Jan. 25 at Berkeley. He was arrested by the FBI at the outbreak of WWII because he had a suitcase, handgrip and a box filled with correspondence, all in the Japanese language.

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Obituaries

Akagi, Ichitaro, 89, Chicago, Nov. 20. Okayama-born, survived by wife Masayo.

Enoki, Kimie, 89, Twin Falls, Idaho. Dec. 1, Japan-born, survived by daughters Mary Kawabata, Martha Nishida (Huntington Beach, Calif.), sons George, Frank (both Chicago), Jim (Palm), and great-great.

Harmemo, Hatsuho, 70, Honolulu, Oct. 31. Hawaii-born PR entertainer of celebrities from Japan/producer of Hawaiian music albums. TV roles in "Hawai Five-O" and commercials, and developed sign-language hula.

Hiraga, Arthur M., 74, Anaheim, Nov. 26. San Francisco-born WWII MIS veteran, first Catholic Nurse ordained a permanent deacon, survived by daughters Madeleine Wakamatsu, Ann, son Martin (Washington, D.C.), brothers Ed, Ernest, Mike, sisters Cecilia Allen, Lucy Reed, and late Mary Martha Uvay.

Inouye, Kenneth, H., 70, Honolulu, Oct. 27. Hawaii-born 442nd veteran, Hawaii Hoshi director, founder of City Bank and United National Insurance Co., retired engineer, v.p., Hawaiian insurance companies.

Kobayashi, Yoze, 80, Medford, Ore., Nov. 9. Heart failure, prewar L.A. Nippon semi-pro baseball team player and golfer, WWII 522nd FA BN veteran, survived by wife Fumi of 57 years, son Byron, 2 gc, 3 sisters Yasuko, Sumiko Akashi, Florence Yamaguchi.

Kochiyama, William, 72, New York, Nov. 25. Multiple cardiac complications, Washington, D.C.-born, and lifelong New York resident, 442nd veteran, founder of Asian Community Center, survived by wife Yuri, sons Eddie, Jim and Tom (both Los Angeles), daughter Audee Holman (Oakland), 7 gc.

Kondo, Raymond I., 85, Chicago, Oct. 14. Hawaii-born WWII veteran, survived by son Albert, 2 gc, predeceased by wife Eunice.

Maeda, Samuel S., 92, Chicago, Oct. 17. Kochi-born, survived by wife Ito, daughters Hiroe, George, Nobuko Takahashi (Orange City, Calif.), Sadako Monikawa, 3 gc.

Masuda, Henry T., 92, Fresno, Dec. 3. Prewar landowner for MGM Studios and film stars, postwar owner of Yosemite Nursery, retired in 1978, on the board of Shin Zen Garden, survived by daughters Louise Takemoto, June Urabe, Dianne and Grace, 10 gc, 3 great-gc.

Matsubara, Tsuko, 79, Chicago, Nov. 16. Kagoshima-born, survived by daughters Etsuko, Michiko Suzuki.

Matsumoto, Alice K., 77, Half Moon Bay, Nov. 7. Florin-born, survived by sons Leonard (Seattle), Eugene and Berard, brothers James Oda (Walnut Creek), Roy (Michigan) and sister Myra Hirta (Chicago), predeceased by husband Tamotsu.

Miyake, Suyeno, 91, Nampa, Dec. 14. Okayama-born, survived by sons Ichi, Robert K. Bob, daughters Helen Oishi (Palm), Mary Records (Cascadia), Marjorie Teramura (Ontario), 21 gc, 37 great-gc, 2 great-great-gc, predeceased by husband Kenichi in 1985.

Miyama, George M., 72, Las Vegas, Nov. 16. Helper, Utah-born, WWII veteran and dry cleaner, survived by daughters Pamela Hendrick, Jane Brewer, son Bruce, sister Misa Smith (Eugene, Ore.), brother Nobuo Nakashima (Ely), 7 gc.

Nakada, Perahing, 74, Elmhurst, Ill., Oct. 26. Nebraska-born WWII veteran, captain of original 232nd Combat Engineers of 442nd RCT, survived by wife Kyo, daughter Joycel Ferguson (Rochester, N.Y.), 3 gc, sister Maude Nomi (Chicago), Beatrice Ugai, Alice Ugai (both Nebraska), He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nakano, Tom, N., 92, Ontario, Ore.,

Oct. 25. Hiroshima-born, local resident since 1937, survived by sons Jim, Donald (Portland), daughters Alice Tano (Portland), June Miura (Sacramento), Colleen Grant (Beaverton), Sammie, Mae, 6 gc, 2 great-gc.

Nishimura, Edward H., 76, Los Angeles, Oct. 2. Fresno-born, survived by wife Toshie, son Chris, daughter Eiko, 1 gc.

Nishimura, Michiko, 69, Gardena, Sept. 28. Medford, Ore.-born, survived by husband Bill T., daughter Lynn Ozawa, Donna, 2 gc, half-brother Lynn Kamikawa (Hiroshima), in-laws Heidi Kamikawa, Tomiko Terao, George Nishihara.

Noda, Roy K., 87, Los Angeles, Sept. 30. Shiga-born, survived by wife Sakaye, in-laws Joe Mitsushashi, Frances Mitsushashi, Fumichiko, Molly Yoshino, Noguchi, Kamata, 94, Los Angeles, Oct. 8, Okanawa-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by 5 sons Kosuke (Peru), Shoji (Peru), Shosho (Okinawa), Hiroshi, Sadao, 3 daughters Fumiko Kise (Argentina), Nobuko Yamamoto, Yoshiko, 16 gc, 6 great-gc.

Nosaka, Sanezo, 81, Tokyo, Nov. 14. Founder of Japan's "Communist Party," lived in exile for a time in the U.S. prewar, was expelled from party in '92 for allegedly betraying a fellow party leader Kenzo Yamamoto.

Ogawa, Yoneo, M., 72, Colorado Springs, Oct. 11. Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Hisashi, sons Ken (Aurora), Dean, daughter Joanne Ogawa-Valeciano (Littleton), brother Sam T. Uyemura, sister June K. Shimamoto (Honolulu, Calif.), 4 gc.

Okuda, Mitsuho, 84, Ontario, Ore., Oct. 26. Hiroshima-born, prewar Utah and postwar Payette resident, survived by sons Shiz (Hayward, Calif.), Min, Shig, 8 gc, 2 great-gc.

Saito, Shochiro, J., 85, Los Angeles, Oct. 1. Okayama-born, survived by daughters Naomi Nagano, Kazumi Nakawake, 2 gc.

Sakioke, Jack T., 72, Santa Ana, Oct. 6. Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Kiyo, son Roy (Irvine), Phyllis Yokoyama (Irvine), 6 gc, brothers John, Art (Cambridge), parents Roy K. and Tomio.

Shiroishi, Setsu, 53, Monterey Park, Sept. 30. Compton-born, survived by mother Masaki, brother Sachio, sister Mikey Kyota (San Francisco).

Taira, Sueo, 83, Chicago, Nov. 20. (funeral), survived by wife Marie, sons Kenneth, Robert, Kay, Andrew, daughters Marie King, Karen, 1 gc, brother Henry, sisters Kay Maehara, Harumi Sonoda.

Taira, Tom K., 92, Los Angeles, Oct. 3. Okinawa-born prewar Imperial Valley and postwar Little Tokyo businessman, survived by son Albert, daughter Akiko Matsumura, in-law Susan Taira, 4 gc, 1 great-gc, brothers Sam, Dr. John, Toko (Okinawa), sisters Sumi Nakada.

Takada, Takashi, 62, La Mirada, Oct. 13. Tokyo-raised Seoul-born, Koyo Graphic Print resident, survived by wife Toshiko, son Makoto, daughters Madoka, Kaori, 2 gc, brother Jiro, sisters Nobuko Tomita, Kiyo Ogawa.

Takahashi, Tatsuo, 60, Los Angeles, Nov. 16. Helper, Utah-born, WWII veteran and dry cleaner, survived by husband Yuzuru, daughter, Michiko, Baxter, sons James M. Mark O.

Tamura, Dr. Tom S., 87, Los Angeles, Nov. 12 in Jpn. Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughter Sachiko Nakahikari (La Palma), 5 gc, 3 great-gc.

Tamura, Tosh, 58, Los Angeles, Oct. 6. Survived by sisters Emiko Matsumoto, Aki Oki.

Taniguchi, Haruyo, 85, Fallbrook, Oct. 1. Moneta-born, survived by son Noboru, daughters Ritsuyo Standerfer, Sachio Sutton, 7 gc, 4 great-gc, brother Kameo Motonaga (Caripinteria), sister Hanu Chiumura.

Tomita, Yoshihori, 67, Gardena, Oct. 9. Sacramento-born Samsel, survived by brother Larry, sister Yaeiko Kanouchi.

Totani, Toshi, 69, Los Angeles, Oct. 25. Baldwin Park-born, survived by wife Teiko, son John, Hiram, 2000, sisters Tami, Harumi (Jpn.), Miki Kubota (Fresno), Setsuko Maki (Seattle).

in-laws Kenichi, Koji and Atsuro Tokuda (all Jpn.).

Tsuji, Emiko, Las Vegas, Nov. 24. restaurant owner and 26-year veteran, survived by husband Ken, daughter Kim Nakanishi, sister Chizuko Matsukawa and brother Sachio (Jpn.).

Tsunehara, Harold, 78, Chicago, Nov. 16. Seattle-born, bonsai expert.

Uchida, Henry F., Chicago, Nov. 19. (funeral), survived by son Terrell, daughters Linda, Marjorie, predeceased by husband Hiroaki.

Ushiroji, Gilch, 75, West Covina, Oct. 1. Wakayama-born, survived by wife Kikumi, daughter Aya Kamamura, 2 gc.

Wetada, Arthur Matajire, 95, Fort Lupton, Oct. 28. Fukui-born, lifetime Colorado farmer since 1915, founder of Fort Lupton JACL in 1936, survived by nine sons Albert, Alfred, Eugene, Alice (College Park, Wis.), Ben (Fairfax, Va.), Arthur (Little Rock), Robert (Honolulu), Everett (Brighton), Bill (Annapolis), 2 daughters Jane Sasaki, Tomiko Takada (Highlands Ranch), 53 gc, 17 great-gc, predeceased by wife En in 1990.

Watanabe, Hikomune, 86, Salt Lake City, Nov. 7. prewar carrier in Venice, organized and was the first certified shipper in Utah, survived by wife Iida, sons Fumihiko, Dan and Paul.

Whittaker, Yoneko Mitsu, 65, Fountain Valley, Oct. 12. survived by husband Paul, sons Larry, Bob, Melfu, daughter Sherry Dinsmore, 1 gc, brothers George Wada, James, Takeo, Ken and Tom.

Yamada, Hiroshi J., 82, Los Angeles, Oct. 7. La Habra-born WWII veteran, survived by son Isao, daughter Kay Yamada (Jpn.), 1 gc, brothers Minoru and Sam Yamada.

Yamamoto, Michi S., 87, Los Angeles, Oct. 7. Sacramento-born, survived by his son George, daughter Sumiko Maruya, Susuko Loeb (Camarillo), Michi Takahashi, Kiyoko Suzuki, Kiyoko Yang (Tulsa), 14 gc, 5 great-gc, brother George Yamamoto (Chicago), sister Harue Iida (Jpn.).

Yamashita, Hideo, 62, Long Beach, Oct. 5. San Pedro-born, survived by sister Sadako Takagi.

Yoshimoto, Masato, 80, Monterey Park, Nov. 17. Seattle-born, survived by wife Frances, sons Glenn M. (Los Angeles), Dennis K. (daughter Joyce Y. (San Jose), Virginia S. (Santa Monica), 9 gc.

AD HOC

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District (PC, Feb. 11-17, 1994). The meetings among Ohata, Senzaki and Suenaga will begin immediately. A PC Board meeting will be held in April to further discuss issues. The Ad Hoc Committee, receiving input from all parties; will then meet during the next JACL National Board meeting to be scheduled sometime in May.

Serving on the Ad Hoc Committee, in addition to Kimura, Senzaki and Suenaga, are Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Mountain Plains District governor; Jacy Kishue, former interim PC Board chair; Bill Kaneko, JACL vice president for public affairs; Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director; John Nakahata, PC Board member, EDC; and Cathy Yasuda, PC Board member, ICD.

An expanded report of this meeting will appear in the next issue of PC.

Whereabouts

● Of Fujino Maruki, San Francisco: Sylvia Schne-Wapner, 201-22nd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, is anxious to write to an old school chum, about 14 at the time of Evacuation. She used to live near John Sweet Jr. High near Japan-town.

● Of Lillian Iku Tomita and "Binchi" Tonooka: Two girls originally from Seattle and thought to come from Midford; attended high school in Swarthmore, Pa., graduating in 1946. Classmate Andy Kirk, Box 470006, Chugiak, AK 99567, 907/688-2548, wants to inform them of their 50th reunion in 1996.

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