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## Minorities have stereotypes of whites, each other, poll says

A new poll commissioned by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) indicates that Asian Americans, African Americans and Latinos harbor negative stereotypes of whites and also of each other, according to *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Rafu Shimpo* reports.

The survey of 2,755 respondents, conducted by Louis Harris, found that:

- Whites are considered bigoted and bossy by minorities by a two-to-one margin of those surveyed.

- When asked whether Asians are "unscrupulously crafty and devious in business," 46 percent of Latinos, 41 percent of African Americans and 27 percent of whites said yes.

- Almost half of all African Americans and Latinos agreed that Asian Americans are "wary, suspicious and unfriendly toward

non-Asians."

- When asked if Latinos have larger families than they can support, 68 percent of Asians, 50 percent of whites and 49 percent of African Americans said yes.

- Given the statement, "when it comes to choosing between people and money, Jews will choose money," 54 percent of African Americans, 43 percent of Latinos and 27 percent of whites agreed.

Respondents were asked whether they agreed with statements that alternated between positive and negative attributes about various ethnic groups other than their own. Researchers were not surprised by poll results.

"It's been known informally in political circles for some time that these stereotypes are very strong in ethnic groups," said Michael Young, political science professor, Penn State University.

## Nikkei killed by police linked to prior robbery

David Fukuto, 32, who shot and killed two Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., police officers at a Torrance hotel Feb. 14, has been linked to an earlier robbery reported to the *Daily Breeze*.

The *Daily Breeze* reported that the hotel attack was similar to a June 11 robbery of a Gardena real estate office. In both crimes, the gunman had a gun with a silencer and a black bag containing plastic wrist restraints.

Eiji Damon, 33, a victim in the Gardena robbery said police informed him that his driver's li-

cense was found in Fukuto's wallet. The driver's license of Akira Tabata, 45, was found during a search of Fukuto's home.

Fukuto died shortly after the attack from injuries incurred during a struggle to restrain him.

Prior to the robbery attempts in June 1992, Fukuto had passed the Los Angeles Police Department written and oral exams. But because of a partial hiring freeze and an influx of applicants with Gulf War experience, his application was rejected.

## AP groups back Patrick for top civil rights post

President Bill Clinton's choice of Deval Patrick for assistant attorney general for civil rights was recently endorsed by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APL-CIO), and the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC).

"We are impressed with his lifelong commitment to civil rights and look forward to working with him to restore the morale and sense of mission in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice," said JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki. She noted that Patrick will have responsibility for overseeing the Office of Redress Administration. Patrick is a partner at Hill and Barlow, a Boston law firm. His work includes a lawsuit brought against a Boston bank on behalf of minority borrowers who had been victimized by a home improvement lending scam.

Before joining Hill and Barlow, Patrick was an attorney at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He graduated from Harvard Law School and Harvard College.

## Running



NOMOTO



KIRIYAMA

George Kiriyama is running for Warren Furutani's seat on the L.A. Unified School District Board of Education, to be open in April, 1995. While Judge Tam Nomoto is running for Orange County Superior Court. She is a 14-year veteran of the Orange County Municipal Court.

## JACL commemorates

# Days of Remembrance

## Diablo gets cities to recognize internment



Diablo Chapter President Mike Hamachi thanks city of Walnut Creek, Calif., for proclaiming Day of Remembrance.

Through the efforts of the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, the cities of Walnut Creek, Martinez and Concord, Calif. recently proclaimed Feb. 19th as the Day of Remembrance.

The proclamation signed by Michael Menesini, mayor, City of Martinez, dedicates the day "as a Day of Remembrance to provide an opportunity to re-dedicate our city to the quest for justice and equality."

Authorized by George Fujioka, the proclamation also notes the historical significance of both the internment and redress to American history.

"The 52nd anniversary commemoration offers all Americans an opportunity to reflect on that period of our Nation's history and to apply the lessons of the internment by insuring that the Constitutional protections guaranteed to all citizens are vigilantly protected and upheld."

Other mayors who signed similar proclamations include Ron Beagley, mayor, Walnut Creek and Mark DeSaunier, mayor, Concord.

Mike Hamachi, president, Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, said the chapter initially wanted to

include more cities in the project, but decided to focus on three large cities in the area. The chapter president said that the Contra Costa County has had a similar proclamation for the past few years, but this year the chapter made an effort to branch out to local cities.

"At first we thought we would go for as many cities as we could, but we're a little short-staffed so we decided to go after the large cities," said Hamachi.

The chapter president credited the work of Fujioka, Jack Nakashima, Aki Toriyama, Yukio Wada, Aki Toriyama and Eizo Kobayashi for contacting the city governments.

Noting some of the cities are very conservative, Hamachi said the chapter presented the proclamations in a non-confrontational manner. The City of Concord was the site of the Aug. 1993 murder of Japanese student Masakazu Kuriyama which received considerable media attention. Hamachi said that two chapter members,

## Cherry trees to be planted at Rohwer

The Rohwer Restoration Committee of Southern California announced Japanese cherry trees will be planted on Saturday, March 19, at the Rohwer (Ark.) National Cemetery. The trees are a gift of the committee, which garnered contributions from former camp residents for restoration of two monuments built at the center in 1944-45.

The city of McGehee and Desha County have committed resources to plant and take care the trees, according to George Sakaguchi of St. Louis, project coordinator, who has been in contact with Mayor Rosalie Gould and Desha County Judge Mark McElroy on the planting and maintenance.

Information: George Sakaguchi, 314/842-3138.

who are also involved in the sister city association, approached Concord about the proclamation, rather than sending a large delegation from the chapter.

"The main thing is that at the grassroots, community level there is a lot of potential for a favorable response if you go about it the right way and be persistent," said Hamachi.

## Sacramento highlights speakers, festivities

By TOKO FUJII  
Sacramento Chapter, JACL

Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda was one of the featured speakers at the Sacramento Chapter, JACL's, "Day of Remembrance, 1994."

It was attended by 300 members and friends on Feb. 25 at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church (SJUMC). The event also honored the more than 70 seniors 75 years of age and over who were in attendance.

After the invocation by Rev. Nobu Hanaka of the SJUMC, a buffet of Asian and American foods was enjoyed by all.

Messages pertaining to the issuance of Presidential Order No. 9066 were extended by chapter member Mike Sawamura, Supervisor Illa Collin, Carl Hisatomi of



Participants in Sacramento's Day of Remembrance included, from left, Mike Sawamura, Dr. Clifford Uyeda and Toko Fujii

the Sacramento City/County Human Relations Council, Jerry Enomoto head of National JACL LEC and new appointee to the post of U.S. Marshall for the Eastern District of California, and a message from Rep. Robert Matsui read by aide Reiko Kawakami.

Wayne Maeda, teacher of Asian American history at the California State University at Sacramento introduced the keynote speaker for the evening, Dr. Uyeda.

Dr. Uyeda, head of the National Japanese American Historical Society, based in San Francisco, spoke on the formation of the society, its scope of work, the extent of its collection of artifacts, photos and memorabilia. He announced that the organization will be making its move to Fort Mason toward the end of the year, where the exhibit space will be doubled.

The speaker said his major concern today is the forthcoming "Victory" celebration, which will occur in 1995, 50 years after the end of hostilities. A backlash against the Japanese and, of course, the Japanese Americans is expected. How to minimize the effects of this event should be explored and developed in the very near future, he stated.

A 26-minute video depicting life in Tule Lake during 1942-43 was shown by Tom Fujimoto, who dubbed in music and narration of the original silent movie. The 8-mm movie was taken by Charles Parmalee, Tule Lake math teacher during the pre-segregation era.

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## Calendar

### Hawaii Honolulu

Sat. March 26—442nd's 51st Anniversary service, 9 a.m., National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; 6:30 p.m. dinner, "Talk to me, Dad" theme, Pacific Ballroom, Ilika Hotel. Information: Jennifer Baker, 442nd Veterans Club exec. sec., 806/949-7997 or 949-1539 fax. NOTE—Dr. Kenneth Mortimer, pres. University of Hawaii and chancellor, UH-Manoa, speaks at the Punchbowl; Warren Haruki, pres., GTE-Hawaiian Tel. son of the late Hiroshi Haruki, 442nd member and member of 232 Engineers/Band chapter, dinner emcee.

### Northeast U.S.

#### Philadelphia

Sat. March 26—Philadelphia JACL installation, 6:30 p.m., Ocean Harbor Restaurant, 1023 Race St., Philadelphia, 11-course Chinese dinner, information: Bill Kishi, 215/587-9613. NOTE—Bruce Yamashita, speaker.

### Michigan Detroit

Sat. March 26—JACL installation dinner, 6 p.m., cocktails, 7 dinner, Holiday Inn-Southfield, 26555 Telegraph Rd., south of I-696. Information: Mary Kamidori 313/522-7917. NOTE—Washington JACL representative Karen Narasaki, guest speaker; John Takemoto, 94 chapter president.

### Minnesota Twin Cities

Sun. March 20—JACL Twin Cities sukiyaki dinner, noon-6 p.m., Union Congregational United Church of Christ, 3700 Alabama Ave. South, St. Louis Park. Information: Tom Hara 612/420-9562. NOTE—Fund-raiser features Asian gift bazaar.

### Arkansas Rohwer

Sat. March 19—Japanese cherry tree planting, Rohwer National Cemetery. Information: George Sakaguchi, coordinator, 9109 Rustwood Trail, St. Louis, MO 63126, 314/642-3138. NOTE—The camp ceremony was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark in 1993. Trees are a gift of the Rohwer Restoration Project Committee of Southern California, Seichi Sugino, Gardens, chairman.

### Texas Houston

Mar. 12-18—JACL Houston Caper IX Invitational Golf Tournament, over five different courses including Tour 18; open to Midwest and Min-Plains JACLers; information: Mas Yamasaki, 16402 Farnell Court, Spring, TX 77379. Tex-Mex dinner to be held at residence of Lance Yamasaki; group restaurant reservations on tap featuring Cajun, Creole, Japanese, Texas-size steaks and oyster bars. AGENDA—Plans for special celebration for (a) Houston Caper X in 1995; (b) Pete Fujioka Memorial Tournament chaired by Dr. Gerry Shimura in the fall; (c) Dr. Roy Sugimoto Memorial Tournament chaired by Gordon Yoshikawa; and (d) Fall Mini Caper Tournament, co-chaired by Dr. Kaz Mayeda (Detroit), George Sakaguchi (St. Louis), Sam Honda (Twin Cities).

### Idaho Boise

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

tional Museum.

### 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 DC and Credit Union annual dinner to follow.  
Sat. March 12—National JACL Credit Union annual meeting, 5:30 social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. meeting & awards, Little America Hotel. Information: 801/355-8040, 800/544-8828. NOTE—RSVP by March 9; nominations for CU Board due 48 hours prior to Annual Meeting.  
Sat. April 16—JACL Mt. Olympus Fund-A-Rama, 6:30 p.m., Central High School.

### Nevada Las Vegas

Fri.-Sun. April 22-24—Poston III Reunion, Flamingo Hilton Hotel, information: 641 E. Kip Patrick Dr., Reedley, CA 93654. NOTE—Friday mixer Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch.

### Arizona Phoenix

Sun. March 27—JACL Arizona picnic, 11:30 a.m., Ramada 9, Sahuaro Ranch Park, 59th Ave., north of Glendale Community College.  
Sun. April 24—JACL Arizona scholarship awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Peoria, Phoenix; information: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

### Sacaton

Sat. March 12—Recognition Day, 10 a.m., Ira Hayes Monument and Park, Intersection Sacaton Rd. and Casa Blanca Rd.; information: Rebecca North, 602/428-3661. NOTE—Guest speakers include Masaji Inoshita, Gila River Relocation Camp monument project.

### California Sacramento Valley

Sat.-Sun. April 23-24—Sacramento Rebels Youth Organization 12th annual invitational basketball tournament. Information: Ken Miyao 916/446-2689, Janet Okino 916/442-7211. NOTE—Open to Asian high school athletes, men and women teams in 8 divisions, tournament dance and social for parents and coaches. Teams expected from Northern, Central and Southern California.

### San Francisco

Wed. March 16—"Kokoro (True Heart)," a play by Velina Haseu Houston, opens, Theatre of Yugen, San Francisco; information: Yuriko Doi 415/621-0507. NOTE—Limited New York run in May, sponsored by the Japanese Society.

### Eastbay

Sat. March 12—1st Hapa Issues Forum conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Berkeley Evans Hall. Information: Eric Tate 510/540-6290. NOTE—Scheduled participants: UC Prof. Jore Takahashi of Japanese American literature, moderator Cindy Nakashima.

Sat. March 12—UC Berkeley Japanese Women Alumnae luncheon, 12:15-3 p.m., Holiday Inn, Emeryville. RSVP Feb. 25: Lisa Hirai, JWA-UCB, 6730 Kenilworth, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Information: Dr. Joyce Takahashi 916/758-5437. NOTE—Guest speaker: Dr. Evelyn Nakano Glenn, chair of women's studies and professor of ethnic studies and women's studies at UC Berkeley; brief business meeting precedes at 11:15 a.m.

### San Jose

Sun. March 13—Morgan Hill Haru Matsuri, chicken teriyaki bento,

Japanese arts, crafts, noon-4 p.m., Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill. Information: Paul Yoshida or Shelley Hatakeyama 408/779-9009.

### Fresno-Central Cal

Mon. March 14—Fresno JACL Book Reading Group session: Dr. Izumi Taniguchi home. NOTE—Roy Kogawa's "Obasan" and "Isuka," Fresno State Professor Lok Chua, moderator.

### Los Angeles-Orange

Through March 13—Works of Joji Takai-Jayme Odgers "Musubiatsu" (Relationships), exhibit of graphic design and photography, 12-5 p.m. Tue-Fri, 11-4 Sat-Sun, JACCOC George J. Dozaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. NOTE—Free, information 213/628-2725.

Sat.-Sun. March 12-13—Hinomatsuri Noontime Event, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Japanese American National Museum (JANM), 369 E. 1st St.; information 213/625-0414.

Sat. March 12—Japanese American Historical Society of So. Calif. "Wake Up to the Issues of the '90s" conference, 9:30-4:30 p.m., Ken Nakagaki Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

Sun. March 13—Two Man Nisei Art Show and Sale, 10-5 p.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St., free admission. NOTE—Featuring works of painter-potter Issei Anami of Glendale and ceramic artist Shigeo Sakai of Gardena, presented by T. Hayashida, MD.

Mon.-Wed. March 14-16—USC School of Business Administration/U.S. Commerce Department annual conference, "Asia/Pacific Business Outlook 1994," full-day schedules, USC Davidson Conference Center, 900 University Blvd., Catherine Wilkins 213/740-7132. NOTE—Conference fees include breakfast, lunches, reception and bound up-to-date reports on each conference.  
Wed. March 16—Japan American Society luncheon, 11:30 a.m., L.A. Hilton & Towers, 930 Wilshire, RSVP 213/627-1717. NOTE—US-Japan Trade: To War or Not to War? George Mu, com'l attache, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo, speaker.

Fri. March 18—Opening of "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1900," produced by National Japanese American Historical Society/Cakled Museum, currently on national tour developed for circulation by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service; Gene Auye Western Heritage Museum. NOTE—Panel discussion (Carey Caldwell, Chizu Iiyama, Mel Nakano, Rosaly Tonal) follows Sat., March 19, 2 p.m. information 213/667-2000 ext 317.

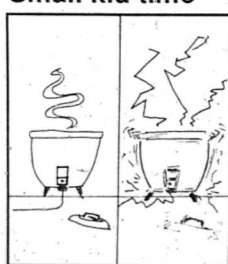
Sun. March 20—Book party for Nobuko Iinuma, 2 p.m. JANM, information 213/625-0414. NOTE—Author of "Takamine Jochi and His Wife" and "Wife of Hideyo Noguchi."  
Wed. March 24—Japan American Society, 6-7:30 p.m., UC Irvine's Plumwood House, RSVP 714/850-4335. NOTE—Harumi Kamekawa, JETRO-Hitachi Chemical Research Center director of public publications speaks on "A Woman's Perspective on Working with Japanese Men."

Thu. March 24—Japan America Society, 11:30-1 p.m., Hyatt Regency, 17900 Jamboree Blvd., Irvine; RSVP 714/850-4335. NOTE—James P. Miller of Parsons Corp., soeals job "Pacific Rim Hazardous Waste: Issues and Implications."

### Imperial Valley

Sat. March 12—Japanese American Gallery premiere opening and dedication, 1 p.m., Imperial Valley Pioneers Museum, 373 E. Alan Rd., Imperial, 6 p.m. dinner at Barbara Worth Country Club, RSVP required, information Tim Asamen 619/344-2627.

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## Agenda

### Judge Kobayashi addresses Florin, JACL

Relating his experiences in the court system, Sacramento Judge Charles Kobayashi was keynote speaker at the Florin Chapter, JACL, Sunday installation luncheon Jan. 16 at the Sacramento Hilton.

A large turnout saw new chapter President Mark Morodomi and board sworn into office by Carole Hayashino, national JACL assistant director. Morodomi is an attorney with the California Fair Political Practices Commission and an activist for Asian American equal rights and stronger prosecution of hate crimes. Andy Noguchi, chapter civil rights chair, complemented with a slide show on hate crimes.

Outgoing president Eileen Namba Otsuji reviewed chapter activities for 1993 and County Supervisor Ila Collin presented her the JACL past president's pin. The community service award was presented to Grace Kono, Dorothy Kadokawa, Frances Kushi, Etsu Yui and Dan Inouye. Remarks by Legan chair Mary Tsukamoto and benediction by Frank Iritani completed the program. Former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin, Sacramento JACL president Randy Imai and national JACL vice president Alan Nishi were introduced. Drake Nakaishi was emcee.

—From Bill Kashiwagi

### Mariner VP speaks to Lake Washington

Paul Isaki, vice president for business development for the Seattle Mariners, spoke at the Lake Washington Chapter, JACL, installation dinner of his involvement with the baseball club, his experiences at the state level as Washington Gov. Booth Gardner's director of trade and economic development and insider stories on how the state convention and trade center was established.

Don Maekawa was installed as chapter president.

A six-piece jazz band, the TKO's led by Tim Imanaka and Kevin Oyama, entertained during the cocktail and dinner hour. Other special guests included Wayne Tanaka of the Bellevue School Board, *kirie* artist Aki Sogabe, and attorney George Koshi. Former president Peter Okada was installing officer.

### Wisconsin, JACL, installation held

Hiashi Miyazaki of JETRO (Japan Export Trade Organization) was guest speaker at the Feb. 6 installation dinner of the Wisconsin Chapter, JACL, at Milwaukee's Strudel's Restaurant.

### Joint installation hears U.S. Attorney

A near-capacity crowd of 150 came to hear Michael Yamaguchi, recently appointed U.S. Attorney for Northern California, at the joint JACL installation dinner of the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley Chapters, JACL, Jan. 29, at the Laguna Seca Golf Club.

He spoke on the nature of his work, his future plans for the office, and the main focus point of investigations. He also acknowledged the support he had received from National JACL and others who championed his nomination.

Otis Kadani was recognized for his many years of leadership with the Buddhist Temple, VFW Post 1629, JACL and community-at-large. Many Issei and countless Nisei owe their livelihood to Kadani who, in his position as chief forester for Del Monte Properties (now the Pebble Beach Co.), was able to secure steady employ-

ment for them in the postwar years, the Monterey Peninsula JACL newsletter recalled.

Keith Kuwatani is the Monterey Peninsula president. Patty Wada, regional director installed the officer. Kadani was dinner emcee.

### Mt. Olympus offers '93 Curriculum Guide

The Mt. Olympus JACL has 10 copies of the current JACL Curriculum Guide, "The Japanese American Experience: a Lesson in American History," designed for elementary, intermediate and high school students. Prepared last year by the National JACL Education Committee, these copies may be borrowed by calling chapter president Reid Tateoka, (801) 278-7294.

### Assemblyman Takasugi speaks to Ventura group

OXNARD, Calif.—California's first Asian American legislator at the State Capitol in a decade, Hon. Nao Takasugi (R-37th District), was home to tell of his first year in office at the annual Ventura County JACL installation buffet luncheon at the Channel Islands Harbor Feb. 6.

Takasugi was to attend the two-day Governor's crime summit in Hollywood before returning to Sacramento. He cited the real need for a "three strikes & you're out" crime bill for felons. Students were shooting and brawling just two days earlier at a Thousand Oaks high school, which is in his district. "It shows juveniles are com-



TAKASUGI

MEETING MALLET—Tsujio Kato holds gavel as newly re-elected president, Ventura County Chapter, JACL.

mitting adult crimes."

One of the arrested youth was an Asian American, deputies reported, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Witnesses saw assailants pile out of three cars and announce, "We're the Asian Mafia," before wading into the crowd of mostly white students. They wielded lumber and baseball bats and possessed at least one .25-caliber handgun. Thousand Oaks, a thoroughly suburban community for Los Angeles and Ventura counties, is considered one of the safest U.S. cities for its size.

Takasugi, who had campaigned on legislative and fiscal accountability, said the Governor did sign one of his bills reforming the confiscatory unitary taxation bill upon foreign corporations doing business in the state. He also accompanied the California Governor's trade mission to Japan to explain the state's efforts for economic recovery which includes a reduction on the amount paid by employers in workers' compensation coverage.

"It was my first experience in partisan politics," Takasugi added in relating his experience as a freshman legislator. "We need to work together on a bipartisan basis (in the legislature) for gridlock only hurts the State of California," he explained. Of Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, "he is a tremendous person."

On introducing the speaker, Dr. Tsujio Kato, who was re-elected chapter president, revealed the board was "hard-pressed" (he was kidding) on choosing between having the onetime mayor of Oxnard as speaker or his daughter Tricia Takasugi, seen nightly as a TV news reporter on the KABC Channel 7.

Past national JACL president Harry Kajihara was emcee. The PC editor emeritus installed the officers. PSW Gov. Ruth Mizobe and PSW regional director Jim Tokeshi were present plus JACLers from the neighboring Santa Barbara and San Fernando Valley chapters.

The "inaka" tradition of sending out-of-town members with their own finest was fulfilled with gourmet strawberries, first of the season, from J.Y. Nakamura, daikon from Nagatoshi Farms, celery and nappa from Cal Cel Marketing.

### Asian Americans still face issues in higher education

BUENAPARK, Calif.—Dr. Bob Suzuki, president of California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, dwelled on findings and recommendations made three years ago as Asian Americans is-



DR. BOB SUZUKI, Cal Poly Pomona president, speaks at Selenoco JACL installation dinner at Sequoia Convention Center in Buena Park, Calif. He focused on the problems and issues facing Asian Americans in higher education and he looked forward to working with JACL on addressing these challenges.

sues in the Cal State University system in his keynote address at the Selenoco JACL installation dinner Jan. 22 at the Sequoia Convention Center here.

Among the issues ranging from an adverse campus climate, need for expanding Asian American studies, under-representation of certain Asian American groups to under-serving of Asian American students by the campuses, Suzuki covered three issues:

"The three that I focused on will certainly affect many Japanese Americans, as well as other Asian groups, and present major challenges to those of you in higher education," Suzuki said. "I look forward to working with the JACL in addressing these challenges."

The first issue—on the model minority stereotype of Asian Americans—has led to "Asian Americans being excluded from affirmative action and education equity programs," Suzuki said. It has been a subject he has personally pursued for the past two de-

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## INS director briefs AP groups on initiative

Immigration and Naturalization Service Director Doris Meissner recently met with representatives from the Organization of Chinese Americans, Japanese American Citizens League, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APLAL) and the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium to personally brief them on the new \$540 million comprehensive immigration and naturalization initiative announced by Attorney General Janet Reno. The briefing was done in advance of the announcement.

The briefing, arranged by Deputy Director of Public Liaison Doris Matsui, included officials from the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Justice and the White House.

Meissner was concerned that provisions to increase resources

for naturalization, fight discrimination from the "employers sanctions" provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, and streamline of the asylum process and the institution of a citizens advisory panel to respond to the problem of border abuse, would get lost amid the media attention given to the provisions increasing the border patrol.

Meissner said, "Strengthening our effectiveness in controlling illegal immigration will allow us to protect our country's historic legal immigration tradition." She also reassured the representatives that INS had already instituted improved training programs for INS border guards and agents and noted that the increased funding for naturalization would be made available for programs sponsored by community organizations.

OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok stated, "We appreciate the fact that Commissioner Meissner personally met with us to brief us and hear our concerns. We are pleased with the administration's commitment to ease the naturalization process and its recognition of the need to provide more resources to respond to the discrimination caused by employer sanctions."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki added, "It was reassuring to hear that the commissioner shares our commitment to legal immigration. We view the meeting as the beginning of a productive dialogue with INS Director Meissner and appreciate the efforts of the White House to ensure that INS hears the concerns of the Asian Pacific American community."

## JACL Inagaki, Uno award forms available

Guidelines and nomination forms are now available to JACL chapters and districts for the 1994 George Inagaki Chapter Citizen-Award and the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award.

"The Awards and Recognitions are a great opportunity for JACL to honor members and chapters for their dedication to civil rights and the mission of JACL," stated Chairman Randolph Shibata.

The Inagaki award is given to a chapter which has participated in

activities including social, civic, educational, environmental or legislative activities which results in the betterment of society as a whole.

Presented by the Venice-Culver JACL at the national convention, the first prize of \$800 is given to the winning chapter and \$400 to the honorable mention chapter.

Edison Uno was a strong and vocal advocate of human and civil rights, hence this award is made

on an inter-organizational basis with other national organizations or individuals for outstanding activities or leadership in the field of civil rights.

The awards will be presented at the National JACL Award Banquet luncheon during the JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Information: JACL National Headquarters at (415) 921-5225. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 1994.

## All aboard

All aboard is a listing of new 1994 board members of various organizations. Send us your list and an in-focus photo and we'll run them as soon as possible.

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### Baba

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### Berkeley Chapter, JACL

Co-President: Al Satake, Neal Ouye  
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## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Expanding the concept of Redress

**E**nergy Secretary Hazel O'Leary opened up a can of worms recently when she announced that hitherto sealed files reveal hundreds of Americans were subjected to a variety of radiation experiments during the nervous Cold War years.

Potentially deadly experimentation on human subjects apparently was approved by government officials on the grounds that it was necessary to know the effects of nuclear radiation if the Cold War should turn hot. The government, presumably, had adopted a policy of sacrificing a few of its lesser citizens—prisoners and the retarded, for example—for the welfare of the many.

Germany and Japan have been denounced for germ warfare experiments on human guinea pigs in World War II, and predictably the news that the U.S. was similarly guilty in the nuclear age was shocking and horrifying. As atonement, Secretary O'Leary has suggested that the victims of the American experimentation should be compensated in some way although she is vague about how it should be

done.

It does not take a great stretch of the imagination to see parallels between this proposal to redress a government-sponsored injustice and the successful campaign of Japanese Americans to win redress for unjustified imprisonment during World War II.

In both cases a wrong was inflicted in the name of national security. In both cases many of the victims died before redress could or can be provided, the damage on the survivors is difficult to assess, and recompense would be more symbolic than actual.

From time to time there are demands for reparations on other grounds. From Indians, for example, whose ancestors had a continent stolen from them. From blacks whose forefathers were kidnapped from their homeland and pressed into slavery to support the national economy.

At another level coal miners who suffer from black lung disease and uranium miners who contracted lung cancer are being compensated in a small way for afflictions suffered in the service of the nation. Are they less deserving than servicemen who

suffered crippling wounds in battle?

The redress won by Japanese Americans was thoroughly justified and a long-overdue gesture to right a wrong. But because of a history of casual regard for human rights, there seems to be no end of injustices that need to be redressed.

Yet, aside from the claim of promoting national security, there are profound differences in the way and the circumstances under which various injustices became part of government policy. Obviously not all can be redressed.

All of which leads to an interesting question: Now that Japanese Americans have won both an apology and at least token compensation, where should they stand on other morally important redress issues in a time when the nation is under great fiscal stress?

If you have an answer, I hope you will share it with our leaders. ☐

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

## Letters

## Doesn't like PC coverage of PSW reception for Senzaki

Are Pacific Citizen readers aware that our paper is using tabloid journalistic style instead of straight news-reporting?

A stinging example was the reporting of PSW District's reception to introduce new National Executive Director Randy Senzaki to the Los Angeles community. Mr. Senzaki spoke of his goals and a good feeling of togetherness permeated. His mother, young veteran JACLER Miyoshi Senzaki, was respectfully introduced.

From my perspective it was one of our finest receptions. For whatever reasons, instead of focusing on the event, the editors chose to sensationalize brief opening remarks by the MC, made tongue-in-cheek or not, which evoked laughter among those present. The Los Angeles vernacular the *Rafu Shimpo* did much more accurate reporting of the event. But for those members who were not present, the impression given is that the big news is that the MC blasted the PC, and Randy's fine speech and the event itself is small-time inside. It took away the moment of glory from our dear friend Miyoshi Senzaki.

Why couldn't PC have "sensationalized" that mother-son story instead of fueling a dying controversy? Previously, Randy was given front-page treatment. Why couldn't PC have continued that kind of JACL support rather than exacerbate internal strife and fuel its dying embers?

This is not a "freedom of the press" issue but propriety and purpose.

Miki Himeno

Monterey Park

## More appreciation for one who helped others

After reading Miyuki Takeuchi's letter in the Feb. 18-24 issue of the Pacific Citizen regarding Judy Austin Rantala's (Voices, Jan. 7-20) efforts, I wanted to let everyone know that I too was a beneficiary and truly appreciate all she did.

I arrived at the University of New Hampshire in October 1943, and graduated in August, 1944. (I had already completed most of my undergraduate work at the University of Washington before the war).

I have nothing but pleasant memories of my year in Durham and also made lifelong friends there.

Thanks to the PC, I have now been in touch with Judy and we are planning to get together when she comes to Minnesota in July.

Toshiko Baba Yoneji

Minneapolis, Minn.



## East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Student relocation: 1942

**A**FTER SEVERAL DAYS' train journey, we pulled into the station at Mitchell, S.D., the home of Dakota Wesleyan University (D.W.U.). Awaiting us, Tom Semba and I, were Dr. Joseph H. Edge, the President of D.W.U., and his family. Tom and I had started our trek from Tule Lake concentration camp (Newell, Calif.), taken up to Klamath Falls, Ore., where we boarded a bus for Reno, Nev.—"The Biggest Little City in the World" the sign boasted.

The time was early fall, 1942.

MY PREVIOUS ACCEPTANCE by the University of Colorado at Boulder had been vetoed by some Navy gunshoe, something about "wind tunnel testing" being conducted on campus. In my despondency, Tom suggested D.W.U., a Methodist college recommended by his brother-in-law, Reverend Tanabe. And so it was that after a going-away sojourn the previous evening, thoughtfully hosted by Kenny Hayashi (Orange County, Calif.), with mixed emotions and some trepidation, we walked through those gates at Tule.

ALONG THE WAY I did get to see Colorado anyway, one of our stops being Denver. There we met with Bob Yamasaki who was involved in a hush-hush monitor-

ing of Japanese radio transmissions. As "The Mile High City," presumably Denver was particularly well-suited to sweep the airwaves. From there our train moved on to Omaha, Neb. where Tom's brother, Toke, met us at the station. My recollection is that Toke, who held a high non-com rank, was stationed in the area. As soon as the train stopped in Denver, Tom and I headed for the luncheon counter to have some breakfast. While I was wolfing down the morning fare, a voice to my right grunted "Sugar." In response I simply pushed the sugar bowl over to him. The (white) customer asked "How many Chinese are there in the U.S.?" to which I (truthfully) replied that I wasn't sure. He then assured me that "You Chinese are okay, but not them Japs." I did not seize upon the occasion to press a dissertation on civics.

Some years later when I next travelled to Omaha, I made it a point to visit the station to see if I could locate that luncheon counter, but I could not. The station had been re-modeled.

WE WERE HOUSED at the President's home, but after a few months it became quite evident that such precautions were not necessary, so we moved to the student dormitory, a far less tranquil setting. The

students, as well as the townsfolk, were open and hospitable. Close and lasting relationships were developed. One family in particular, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Herring, opened up their home so much so that I felt free to raid the refrigerator every so often. Their son, John, a D.W.U. upperclassman, and wife Jean, have been our house guests on their visits to Pennsylvania.

TODAY, I WONDER to myself how tuition, board and room, books and incidentals were financed. The Baptist Home Mission Society initially provided some funds, a fact which I had sought to remember by annual giving. I was and am also beholden to the university which provided a scholarship, which I also have sought to recognize annually. Beyond that, there were handyman opportunities here and there: picking corn under the scorching Dakota sun, spading and seeding a lawn, replacing screens with storm windows on a private home, painting shutters, and so on.

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

## CONCERNED VETERANS



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# Viewpoint

## Why we must confront the Democratic Party

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

The following is Denny T. Yasuhara's viewpoint on the significance of the Spokane Chapter's battle with the local Democratic Party over racist issues. The author is a former Pacific Northwest JACL governor, 1983-89, a governor's caucus chair, 1984-88, and is currently a member of the boards of directors of the Spokane Chapter and the Pacific Citizen.

the first place.

Today it is the same courts that ruled against the plaintiffs in the Wards Cove case. Who placed the Wards Cove exemption in the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and then allowed it to remain in the bill. An act that relegated 2,000 Asian Americans to a second class status and a life of inferiority so that the powers-to-be could pass the Civil Rights Bill. They told us much the same thing in 1942... that we should be loyal, that we should accept the internment for the "benefit" of America.

Another real irony of the politics of today, is the reduction and then elimination of the monies for the Public Education Fund of the redress bill. In the long term, this could have been the most important segment of redress legislation, because the funds would have been used to educate the public relative to discrimination and prejudice.

All of this isn't to suggest that the conditions and attitudes in Congress and elsewhere are the same as it was 50 years ago. Of course not. Otherwise the redress bill would not have passed. But it is to say that enough remains for us to be vigilant and wary about the legal and political decisions that are being made. This doesn't just doesn't apply to the Democratic Party, it applies to the Republican colleagues as

By DENNY T. YASUHARA



well, for they are not innocent bystanders.

The case against the Democratic Party and its ramifications arouse some anxiety among Asian American Democrats, their friends, and JACL, because of our Democratic friends in Congress and the White House.

We must not feel so indebted to the success of redress legislation or let our desire for acceptance be so great that we forget

our obligations to the past and our responsibilities to the future. What has happened in the Democratic Party recently strikes at the very core of representative government. Respect, respect for the dignity of each individual or group within a community, is the basic fabric of an open and free democratic society. Our political representation has a direct relationship to the degree of that respect.

Why is this so?

The slur, "a bunch of Chinks," was used by a Spokane County Democratic State Committeewoman and president of Local 400 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union and the 4th Legislative District assistant leader and secretary-treasurer of the same union, when they referred to the owners of Spokane's historic Davenport Hotel.

This occurred at the November, 1992,

Spokane County Democratic Party Executive Board meeting. The bowing incident in February, 1993, was at the Spokane County Democratic Party Affirmative Action meeting. During the discussion of the November incident, the State Democratic Party vice chair, after a contentious exchange with a Japanese American, bowed to him in a mocking, demeaning manner. When asked what she would have done had the person been white, she replied, "I'd have given him the middle finger of my left hand."

These were not just some individuals exhibiting anti-Asian conduct in private, they were important leaders of a major political body at official party meetings. Beyond that, of critical and fundamental importance is how responsible Democrats and citizens respond to such transgressions against other Americans and fellow Democrats.

This behavior by key Democratic Party officials can have a major impact upon the participation in and access to the political process, as well as the representation at all political levels, of those that are affected. Anti-racial conduct is not an act of inclusion, it implies inferiority. Such treatment has a chilling effect upon the victims who wish to participate in the party and effectively limits their access to the political process. In turn, it creates real possibilities of inadequate or no representation from people selected or promoted by this process. That this has happened in the Democratic Party, an organization that has a major

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**A**ntonio v. Wards Cove Packing Co., Bruce Yamashita v. the U.S. Marines, and the Jap. Road controversy all have a common denominator, the lack of respect for the concerns of Asian Americans as a group, individually, and their treatment.

Fifty years ago, Japanese Americans paid an enormous price for respectability, in blood, tears, and the internment, a price no other Americans have had to pay. Some of the principle causes of which were, race prejudice and the failure of political leadership. The very factors operating today in the cases just mentioned and underlying the lawsuit against the State and Spokane County Democratic Parties in Washington.

To be sure, redress for the most part, was accomplished by Congress and our two past presidents. Let's not forget, it was that same Congress, the same U.S. courts, and a Democratic administration that put us there in



### Sidebar

By MEI NAKANO

## Giving yourselves away

**Y**ou might be interested to know that "giving yourselves away," that is, doing volunteer work, may get you a few more years—to continue doing that. That's right. According to a 10-year study, those who participate in volunteer work outside their homes live longer than their neighbors who sit on their patios. Not only that, volunteer workers generally live healthier and happier lives than their counterparts, it is told.

The excellent Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen around volunteerism fired up my curiosity on the subject, prompting a quick trip to the library and the county Volunteer Center. For, when I thought about it, in this era when time is at such a premium for working adults and a me-first mentality pervades large segments of the population, it seemed a marvel that unpaid work was performed at all.

So, who are these noble souls? And why do they do it?

According to a recent survey by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University, persons between the ages of 35 and 54 have the highest rate of volunteers (40-41%), trailed closely by the 55-65 age group (38%). A marked decline follows, then, by those 65 and older and those 34 and younger (31-29%).

Surprising, at least to me, is that persons with highest incomes (above \$60 thou) reported the highest rate of voluntary work (50%) followed by significant declining rates according to income with only 23% participation by those making below \$10 thou.

The numbers by education are even more telling. Those who completed post-graduate study volunteer at the rate of 54%, while in fairly wide variances—college grads (36%), high school grads (27%), no high school (14%)—involvement in volunteer work declines significantly.

Asians, it seems, together with Latinos, volunteer the least (19%), African Ameri-

cans have a 27% rate of volunteerism, while whites rate the highest at 38%.

In short, Americans who are in the middle age groups—especially those who are well-educated and live in affluent households—form the backbone of community service efforts.

I look askance at the above numbers about Asians—specifically as it pertains to Japanese Americans. While, by most counts, we sit in the above-average notch of both income and education, we fall inexplicably into the group with the lowest rate of volunteerism, according to the survey. One explanation to this apparent contradiction may be the flaw that often occurs in data-gathering: lumping together all Asians. Japanese and Chinese Americans, most of them well-rooted in the society (a common feature of those who tend to volunteer), may well have a much higher rate than Asians with a large contingent of new and younger immigrants among them.

That notwithstanding, I suspect that Japanese Americans have followed the national trend of declining volunteer activity. In fact, this may have more to do with JACL's gradually dwindling rolls rather than with inherent problems within the organization. Other non-profit organizations report similar declines. The Lions, for example, have lost more than 60,000 U.S. members in the last decade, an 11% decline. Similar downward trends were reported by groups like the Kiwanis Clubs and Parent Teacher's Associations.

There appears to be no question that

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Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears monthly in the Pacific Citizen.



### Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

## The role of Pacific Citizen

**A**s editor emeritus, I tell my friends that the worries of a weekly deadline are now on the shoulders of Richard Suenaga, the editor, his staff and in their talented fingers and hands. You should see them wield the Exacto knives, trimming the hard copy, waxing them to the boards on Mondays and Tuesdays.

"And invariably the question before the house is asked:

"What's going on between PC and JACL national board and staff?"

My simple response has been: "The PC is doing its job of reporting in a very professional manner."

Part of my week in the office is organizing

the PC archives, which is enormous. I'm reviewing clippings and items that were being accumulated more than 30 years ago when we were at Waller Street, then to the old Nishi Hongwanji (now the beautiful home of the Japanese American National Museum), the spanking new JACCC, to the old Spreckels brick warehouse on East Third St. and briefly at the building at Third and Alameda—all in the Little Tokyo area. And with each move, the unfilled collection of material for the archives has kept growing. The cache needs a key and this search has been like a Holy Grail for Very Truly Yours.

The other day, an Asian student in Houston inquired about material on Evacuation; perhaps something with a West Coast look,

like an editorial or articles from the Pacific Citizen. Such questions are often relayed to us by longtime PC readers, from National headquarters or from other newspaper editors.

And the same week, the archivist at California State Bar Library, who is now preparing an exhibit on "History of the Law: Diversity in the State Bar of California," requested if we could possibly supply significant information of the careers of some Japanese Americans in the law.

While looking through the PC for material to send to the student in Houston, I came upon the following editorial, entitled "A Letter to the Nisei," which is apropos to

the question now before the house. It appeared in the July 16 PC—in 1942—about a month after Larry Tajiri had assumed editorship and started operations in Salt Lake City.

"The Pacific Citizen, as we see it, is not just a house organ of the Japanese American Citizens League, but a newspaper for all loyal American Japanese."

"Similarly, Mike Masooka and George Inagaki, special representatives of the JACL in the eastern United States, have been working intensively in the past two months,

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Honda is editor emeritus of PC.



## VIEWPOINT

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role in the selection and election of a community's representation at all levels of government, is no small matter.

Nothing better exemplifies this point than what has happened or not happened since the problem arose more than a year ago. The issue has been met with utter public silence by all of Washington's Congressional delegation, except Sen. Patty Murray and locally, by former Mayor Sheri Bernard. Other than meaningless public platitudes about what the Democratic Party stands for, no public official, local, state, or national, has even publicly suggested significant disciplinary measures or reprimands, the exceptions being Murray and Bernard.

Furthermore, we have had:

(1) No resignations or disciplinary measures taken against the parties involved.

(2) No apologies from the State or County Democratic Parties to the Asian American communities.

(3) No independent, non-partisan investigation.

(4) A "hand-picked" blue ribbon committee of Democrats appointed by a defendant in the lawsuit one year after the incident, the chair of which commented that he was not investigating the complaint.

(5) No plaintiffs or those associated with them have been invited to testify.

(6) Protests of helplessness by both the State Democratic Chair and the Democratic National Chair, stating that they had no authority, implying that they had no influence and saying that they cannot interfere in local problems...in addition to commenting that Asians don't vote and don't contribute (monies).

(7) Harassment and retaliation against two of the plaintiffs.

(8) All three officials involved in the issue continuing to hold their positions and fully participating in party matters as if nothing had happened.

(9) Some Democrats and the Spokane Chapter depicted editorially by the local newspaper as dissidents and our plans to sue as quixotic.

Coming at a time of an alarming rise of hostility and violence against Asian Americans across America, as well as increasing hate crimes against those of Jewish ancestry and other peoples of color, it is deeply troubling to have legitimate concerns trivialized by the media and local, state, and national politicians with such comments as, "Aren't you over-reacting?" or "Aren't they being too sensitive?"...made by at least two prominent politicians.

Such comments do not discourage inappropriate behavior. To the contrary, they encourage it by placing the blame upon the victims and worse, exacerbating already existing negative sentiments that underlie the spreading anti-racial violence in the U.S.

The issue has not been that inappropriate racial remarks had not been made, but State and County officials contend, "We don't know who actually made the comments," despite their own inquiry, public admissions, and 28 or so affidavits stating otherwise. In addition, when one considers that the remarks were made with accompanying laughter of some 25 people in a room measuring 12 1/2 x 15 feet, that view is suspicious.

The central issue is not just that three people conducted themselves in a racially derogatory manner, but more importantly, by what has transpired since then. The failure of the Democratic Party, as a whole, for making little or no attempt to address the matter 15 months after its occurrence...with the State Democratic

chair and the Democratic National chair pleading helplessness, no authority or influence, and indicating an unwillingness to "interfere" in local "politics"...thus, making a mockery of the Democratic Party and what it stands for. Washington today. New York tomorrow? Maybe California or Texas next year? This isn't a local or regional problem, it is a national embarrassment.

We Asians cannot continue to allow society to take us cheaply. If we are to be taken seriously, we must win the battle for respect and justice. JACL and its member chapters cannot do this alone. Other Asian Americans and their organizations must assist us...particularly the Asian American vernacular newspapers and other media throughout the United States, so that our story will be told in every corner of America until it reverberates in the highest councils of government and industry. Only then will we make a significant difference and will perceptions begin to change. It will require perseverance and patience. Are we up to it?

On Feb. 12, the National JACL and the district governors voted unanimously to place a top priority on the Spokane Chapter lawsuit regarding conduct by the Washington State and Spokane County Democratic Parties. The action included National JACL's participation as an *amicus curiae* and providing National and regional staff assistance as well as the governors help in giving needed logistical and follow-up support with local chapters, the media and other Asian American groups and individuals. We will ask for specific help from our chapters, other Asian Americans and their groups, and the Asian

American vernacular news media. We will only prevail if we work together and stand together.

## GIVING

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volunteerism fills a critical need in our society. From grass roots political involvement—as, for example, the Vietnam War protests and the redress movement—to *pro bono* professional services to helping in the soup kitchens, people have given the best of themselves in an effort to create a society of fairness and connectedness.

Why, then, this alarming decline? Social scientists lay it to two main reasons: the fact that many people don't live long enough in the same community to become invested, and too much dedication to the tube.

No, Virginia and John, that "I'm too busy" excuse will not wash. As, every church minister and community leader knows, if something needs to be done, it's the busy person who gets it done.

## ROLE

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not alone for the JACL, but in the interest of all American Japanese.

In a letter to a Nisei in a West Coast assembly center, Mike Masaoka recently summed up his activities and his aspirations. We think his words bear repeating here:

"...While we are identified with the JACL, we are actually interested in representing all of the Japanese. When we seek the betterment of conditions, we do not seek them just for our members alone, but for all the people therein. When we fight for citizenship and civil rights, we fight not only for just our members, but for all Japa-

nese Americans. When we struggle to provide for student relocation, we are striving to place all students and not just those belong to our organization. Even though our work is financed by our own membership, I am confident that our organization desires to serve all before self..."

"We realize that all of us have a great task ahead of us—and that unless we do our work well now, our children and our children's children may be forced to play for our luck at this time."

Such are the gems (like the above) one finds in the archives. The role of the PC is the same: "not just a house organ...but a newspaper for all..."

## MARUTANI

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camp for outside schooling was being made possible by some organization called "American Friends Service Committee," but I was not immediately aware that an applicant, such as I, also needed a "sponsor." I later discovered that my sponsors were Warren and Jean Kleofier, Warren being a professor at D.W.U. Both were members of the Society of Friends, known as "Quakers." For a number of years I maintained contact with the Kleofiers (last in New Orleans) but the passing years attenuated the contact. Warren passed away and through the grapevine I heard that Jean is somewhere in Pittsburgh.

THIS IS BUT one segment of a story that number as many as there were student relocatees who came out of ten camps. An anthology of their varied individual ex-

periences would make fascinating reading as well as preserve for posterity this soon-to-be-lost record of what happened. ☐

## ISSUES

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causes for this "myth" have been very damaging to Asian Americans.... This situation is typical of what exists on most campuses throughout the country," he believed.

His second point—the unmet ESL needs of Asian immigrant students—was identified through public hearings, Suzuki pointed out. It is only the "tip of the iceberg" and he foresaw 20% of the students in the Cal State system would need ESL assistance, not only Asian but increasingly Latino and East European students.

Regarding the third issue—the "glass ceiling," the young people should be reminded that it is "very real." He noted only Asian legislator, Naom Takasugi, who was elected two years ago to the state legislature, when there should be more than 10, given the Asian population in the state.

By changing young people's attitude, however, these barriers can be overcome, Suzuki advised. "They should set their sights as high as possible."

And JACL can also play an important role, he added, by encouraging young people to pursue leadership positions, which help crack the glass ceiling.

The issues were covered by a 25-member statewide committee, which Suzuki chaired and which included JACL's new national director Randy Senzaki. It met last

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**Kaisaki, Shunji T.**, 80, Los Angeles, Dec. 5; Fresno-born, survived by wife Nancy, sons Masayuki, Toshio, Yoshio, 4 gc, brother Harry, sister Kimiko Okabe (Jpn).

**Kajita, Frank T.**, 77, Gardena, Dec. 8; Seattle-born, survived by wife Kazuko, daughters Janis, Jeanie, brother Henry, sister Miyuki Kawasaki (Jpn).

**Kasama, Takeyoshi**, 90, Harbor City, Dec. 4; Miyagi-born, survived by wife Hisako, sons Yoshiaki, Masataka, 3 gc.

**Kimura, Yoriko A.**, 76, Los Angeles, Dec. 6; Kyoto-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by brothers George and Ken Kimura.

**Komori, Kimiko**, 85, Gardena, Dec. 14; Hawaii-born, survived by son Roy, 2 gc, 3 Alfred, Ben, 3 gc.

**Matsumoto, Kishiyu**, 76, Los Angeles, Dec. 2; Jerome, Idaho-born, survived by husband Peter, daughter Alice Yoshinaga, 1 gc, brother Roy Nakagawa (San Francisco), sister Elsie Uyeda, Teru

**Maki (San Francisco).**

**Mine, Katsujiro**, 87, Gardena, Dec. 6; Japan-born, survived by son Katsuki, daughters Hatsumi, Sue (Hawaii), Julie Fukuzaki, 6 gc.

**Mizuno, Fred**, 74, Monterey Park, Dec. 6; Long Beach-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Fumi, son Russell, daughters Barbara K. Mizuno Fujii (Alameda County), Janice Mizuno Echigi, 4 gc, brothers William, George, in-laws Toshiyuki, Esther Mizuno, Michi Mizuno (Illinois).

**Nakamoto, Ralph I.**, 87, Los Angeles, Dec. 28 (sv.). San Rafael-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Alice, sons Ted, Jimmy, sisters Hiroko Shirakata (Jpn), Tomoye Muroka (Chicago), in-laws Art Yonimoto (Denver), David Yonimoto, Ruth Nakamoto (Chicago), Dorothy Kobata, Margaret Sakuma.

**Nakamura, Jingo**, 91, Pacoima, Dec. 22; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Mitsuru, Yukio, 8 gc.

**Nakamura, Naohachi**, 90, Los Angeles, Nov. 29; Kanagawa-born, survived by 4 gc, Linda Bettencourt (Pittsburgh), Kei Hirabayashi (San Mateo), Donna

and Brian Nakamura (Walnut), 1 great-gc, in-laws Grant Hirabayashi (Silver Spring, Md.), Yoko Suzuki (Walnut).

**Nakano, Yukiko**, 88, Sacramento, Dec. 10; Watsonville-born, survived by husband Choji, brother Henry Okimoto, sisters Tsukuro Yamaguchi (Jpn), Mary Nakayama (Chicago).

**Nakatsuka, Tazuo**, 93, Los Angeles, Dec. 21; Maui-born, survived by sons Tom, Sam, daughters Ihanaka Kawamoto, Tamako Cosby, Helen DiMila, ma, gc, and great-gc, son-in-law John Goka.

**Nekotani, Takako**, 55, San Mateo, Dec. 10; San Juan Bautista-born, survived by mother Yoshie, brothers Weston, Kenneth.

**Nishiguchi, Mitsuru**, 76, Monterey, Dec. 6; Monterey-born, survived by sons Fred, Tom, daughter Mitsuko Jividen, 8 gc, 1 great-gc.

**Nishimura, Sakaye**, 69, Los Angeles, Dec. 7; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Mie, daughters Debbie, Linda Murata, Yoko Echigi, 6 gc, sisters Ayako Fujikawa, brothers Minoru and Tom Nishimura.

**Okamoto, Yae**, 97, Los Angeles, Dec. 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Alfred, Ben, 4 gc.

**Okita, George T.**, 79, San Gabriel, Dec. 13; Westmoreland-born, survived by wife Fumiko, son Keith, daughter Georgiann Tama, 2 gc, sister Teruko Sakuda.

**Shintani, Sachio T.**, 82, Los Angeles, Dec. 16 (sv.). Torrance-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Jane, sons Steven, Stanley, Scott, daughters Sherri, Sandy Hazama, 2 gc, brothers Takao, Tadao, sisters Luiko Hamaguchi, Nancy Kohigashi, in-laws Tadayo, Shigemi, Masaki and Bob Masamu Nakagami, Yaeiko Ishigaki, Jean M. Waki, Betty M. Kato, Miori M. Morikawa, June Akio, Hisaye Nakagami.

**Shiro, Fumiko**, 66, Mill Valley, Dec. 2 in Palo Alto, San Mateo-born and Buddhist Temple of Marin church leader, survived by husband George, daughters Evelyn Shiro-McLaughlin, Jocelyn Shiro-Westphal, 5 gc, 5 sisters Yasuko Myoshi, Shigemi Furusho, Teru Taketa, Yoshiko Shindani, Arlene Sakai, 3 brothers Hideo, Akira and Michael Sakai.

**Sugura, George S.**, 73, Los Angeles,

Dec. 23; Seattle-born, survived by brothers Roy, Joe.

**Takahashi, Florence M.**, 76, Placentia, Dec. 15; Fresno-born, survived by husband Tadashi, daughter Naomi Kuwata, 1 gc, brother Susumu Fujimura.

**Takemoto, Margie**, 76, Long Beach, Dec. 1; Gardena-born, survived by son Barry, brother Tetsu Matsumoto (San Diego), sister Susumi Matsumoto.

**Tanaka, Kakuei**, 75, Tokyo, Dec. 16 of thyroid gland malfunction; former Japan prime minister (72-74) who was involved in the Lockheed payback scandal, from Niigata and was first elected in 1947.

**Tanaka, Mary**, 63, San Jose, Sept. 24; San Jose-born pediatric nurse, survived by brother Minoru, mother Hatsume predeceased her 35 years ago (Corrected).

**Tokeshi, Kanako**, 95, Los Angeles, Dec. 6; Okinawa-born, survived by sons Minoru, Frank, Robert (Washington state), daughters Mary Takagi, Kazuko, 10 gc., 11 great-gc, sister Nae Matsumoto (Jpn).

**Tsukuba, Mary**, 67, Hayward, Dec. 6; survived by husband George, daughter Jean kawata, son Tom, brother Fred Furuta, in-laws William Tsukuba, Setsuko Furuta, Setsuko Tokuyoshi.

**Wanifuchi, Richard W.**, Aurora, Colo., Dec. 9 (sv.), survived by brother Howard, and sister Diana Matsumoto, predeceased by wife Haruko.

**Yaguchi, Shizuka**, 94, Los Angeles, Dec. 4; Kagoshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughters Martha Suzuki, Yaguchi Hashiguchi (San Diego), Yunko Fukuda, Kazuko Grayburn (Berkeley), 13 gc, 9 great-gc, in-law "Maggi" Yaguchi, brothers Shigehiro and Tamotsu (both Jpn).

**Yaguchi, Yoshiya**, 74, San Valley, Dec. 12; Yamagata-born, survived by wife Margaret, son Paul, daughter Yoshie Hibino, 2 gc.

**Yamamoto, Lawrence**, 89, Gardena, Dec. 19; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Helen, son Rick.

**Yamashiro, Chiyu**, 54, La Palma, Dec. 5; Aichi-born, survived by husband Masanobu, son David, daughters, Jean, Mia, brothers Yasuyuki and Toyoshige Shimizu (both Jpn), Kazuo (Orange County), sister Fusae Endo (Orange County).

**Yoshida, Roland K.**, Los Angeles, Dec. 22; survived by wife Doris, son Brian, daughter Nora, 6 brothers Hideo, Shochi, Harold, Charles, Rancelor, Robert, 2 sisters Lillian, Mae.

**Yoshida, Tomoyuki**, 93, Los Angeles, Dec. 9 (sv.), Hiroshima-born, survived by son Roy, daughters Joyce Hoshino, Mary Y. Hahn, 13 gc, 4 great-gc.

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June to review the reports, studies and testimonies made at three public hearings.

In her introduction of the keynote speaker, Mary Karasawa recalled the anger endured by his friends when the *L.A. Times* printed stories on Dr. Suzuki in June, 1993, based on allegations of a few disgruntled people. A thorough investigation by the CSU officials cleared him and Chancellor Muntz vindicated Suzuki. "Unfortunately, the truth did not receive the publicity that the false allegations had received," she commented.

PSW Governor Ruth Mizobe, who was Senanoe president in 1989-90, installed Edwin Shiba to his third term as president. The chapter honored Kurtis Nakagawa, Jun Fukushima, Frank Kawase and Ray Hase for their contributions this past year. Assemblyman Tom Umberg (D-69th District, Garden Grove) recognized Hiroshi Kamei, Charles Iida, Clarence Nishiri, Henry Yamaga, Ken Inouye and Jun Fukushima for their continuous service to community and JACL.

The 1994 Presidential Classroom scholars Keith Watanabe (Savanna High, Garden Grove) and Stacey Yee (Edison High, Huntington Beach) were introduced. Judge Richard Hanki was toastmaster. The Rev. Carl Omaye of the Anaheim Japanese Free Methodist Church gave the invocation and benediction.

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