



JACL Washington, D.C., rep discusses nature of civil rights work with Detroit Chapter

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SOUTHFIELD, Mich.—The nature of civil rights work demands people to stand on principle for issues that are often unpopular causes noted Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative. She made her remarks to over 85 attendees at the 48th annual Detroit Chapter, JACL, installation dinner held in Southfield on March 26.

Narasaki reminded her audience that civil rights work is seldom not controversial nor does it come to an end. As an example, she related a personal story of an event that became her call for action. Nearly 11 years ago while attending UCLA Law School,



KAREN NARASAKI

Narasaki met Lillian Chin, mother of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American who was brutally murdered by two unemployed white automotive workers in Detroit. Although it served as a catalyst among the various Asian American community groups in the Detroit area to organize a unified civil rights effort, this tragic incident has come to symbolize the Asian American community's worst fear about racially-biased crimes and sensitivity to tensions in Japan-America relations.

Other trends in the U.S. political process that continue to im-

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Detroit members honored

The Detroit Chapter recognized at March 26 dinner two of its members for outstanding contribution to the chapter and Japanese American community. Julie Sasaki, a chapter board member, received the 1993 Outstanding JACLer of the Year for her development of a successful membership program and increased chapter publicity/visibility. Last year, the chapter gained 38 new members and almost 50% more paid renewals versus 1992 as a result of these efforts.

Yukiko Osaki, a member from Bloomfield Hills,



JULIE SASAKI

Mich., received a Certificate of Appreciation for her coalition work between the Detroit Japanese American and Japanese foreign national communities. Osaki was unable to attend the dinner, however, her daughter Kana Christine Osaki, a 1994 National JACL scholarship winner, accepted the honor on her behalf. Frank

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JACL presents report, recommendations on health care issues

By Dr. TOARU ISHIYAMA

Chairman, JACL Ad Hoc Task Force on Health Care Issues

The issue of a health care crisis in America came to the forefront of public concern in 1993, spurred by the Clinton Administration's decision to make health care reform a high priority endeavor and culminating in the introduction to Congress of the Administration's Health Security Act of 1993, (HR 3600 and S 1757).

In response, Lillian Kimura, JACL National President created an Ad Hoc Task Force on Health Care Issues to evaluate and recommend a position related to Health Care Reform. Assisting on the committee were Eileen Namba Otsuji, Florin, Pharm.D.; Gerald Takehara, Sacramento, insurance executive; Grayce Uyebara, Philadelphia, social worker; Carol Yoshino, Chicago, health care

Director of the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, (APIAHF) made a presentation at the meeting. The APIAHF has identified key issues critical to the Asian and Pacific Islander population, particularly with respect to potential discriminatory procedures. Given the nature of politics, the likelihood of any proposal



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Philadelphia Chapter, JACL



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Florin Chapter, JACL



DR. TOARU ISHIYAMA
Heads Task Force

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professional; and Homer Yasui, Portland, retired surgeon. Yoshiye Togasaki, M.D., a respected public health expert, also provided invaluable support. Karen Narasaki, WDC representative and Clay Harada, assistant director for membership, provided staff support.

The Task Force met for a working session at the JACL National Headquarters in San Francisco on March 12 and 13, 1994. The Task Force reviewed most of the major health care reform proposals and comparisons.

Tessie Guillermo, Executive

passing intact is very slim. The Task Force recognized that health care reform was on a fast track in the United States Congress which meant the JACL had to act quickly if it wished to make an impact consonant with its perceived political clout. The Task Force is recommending a fundamental position without entering into the politics, financing or structure of each proposal.

The following report and recommendations has been approved for distribution to the membership by the National

President. The intent of sharing this report is to invite member feedback only. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE NATIONAL JACL.

Members are expected to review the draft report and submit comments to headquarters by May 6, 1994. A final report shall be presented to the National Board for formal consideration at the May 21 and 22, 1994 meeting.

Students protest McDonald's in Germany

Indiana students object to Chinese stereotyping in hamburger restaurant ads

A group of West Lafayette, Ind. high school students have protested the use of stereotypical Chinese images to sell McDonald's Shanghai Chicken in Germany, reported the Lafayette, Ind., *Journal and Courier*.

The students were in Germany on a 10-day exchange program when they saw the ads which feature a stereotypical portrayal of a Chinese man with slanted eyes and buck teeth. When the students presented the advertising to students in their social science class, members of the class initiated a letter writing campaign to McDonald's.

Ursula Eagly, 16, said, "I wrote and told them I found it very offensive, given the myriad of possibilities they could have used. I find it peculiar that they used an exaggerated racial caricature."

JACL's Yoshino writes to corporate CEO

Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, in a letter to Edward Rensi, president and CEO of McDonald's Corporation, joined the protest of the German advertising.

"We are particularly concerned because recent incidents in Germany have shown a clear bigotry toward immigrants by some who have chosen to act in an intolerant



erant manner," said Yoshino.

"The caricature has no value except to demean, dehumanize and promote the worst kind of stereotype."

According to the *Journal and Courier*, McDonald's had received the students' letters, but had thus far taken no action.

"This is the first we have seen of

the artwork. We are trying to contact our German office so we can respond to these students' concerns," said McDonald's spokesman Brad Trask.

Convention reminders

It's not too early to register for the 33rd Biennial National JACL Convention, scheduled from Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 3-6, in Salt Lake City. Registration letters have been mailed to each member.

The event will feature workshops on current topics, youth activities, social functions, and plenty of extracurricular events including golf and tennis tournaments.

Preceding the convention is the Japanese American reunion for University of Utah alumni, Sunday through Tuesday, July 31-Aug. 2. Information: Grace Takahashi, 801/581-6998.

JACL Convention information: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.

Tennis tourney scheduled Aug. 3

A tennis tournament for all levels of players will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, during the JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City.

The all-day event will be held on the outdoor municipal courts of Liberty Park, about 2 1/2 miles from the Marriott Hotel, site of the convention.

Tournament includes doubles—men, women and mixed. Play format will be determined by the number of entries. Entry fee is \$10 per person, which includes court time, balls and a T-shirt.

Information: Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567.

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East Coast U.S. Washington, D.C.

Fri.-Sat. May 6—Asian Pacific American Heritage Council Leadership Conference, Capital Hilton; information 202/659-1875.
Mon. May 30—Annual JACL Memorial Day Services, Arlington National Cemetery.

Midwest Twin Cities

Thu.-Sat. April 21-24—Festival of Nations, St. Paul Civic Center. NOTE—JACL booth; information: Chuck Tatsuda Jr., 612/724-7265.
Thu. May 12—JACL Twin Cities scholarship banquet, Campus Club, 4th Fl. Coffman Union, University of Minnesota campus.

Sat.-Sat. May 28-June 4—America Japan Week '94. Exhibits, activities, workshops, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (May 30-June 4) Minneapolis Convention Center; information: Kathleen Hollen, 612/661-4755. OTHER EVENTS (through 6/27 p.m.): Opening ceremony, State Theater, May 29, 2-4 p.m.; Opening celebration, Mpls. Institute of Arts, May 30, Music, kite-flying, Lake Harriet Bandshell; May 31-June 2, Concerts, 5-7 p.m. Peavey Plaza, 7-10 p.m.; State Theater, June 3, Martial arts, 7-10 p.m.; Target Center, June 4, Downtown parade, 1-3 p.m.; Minneapolis; Closing ceremony, 3-6 p.m.; Target Center.
Sun. June 26—JACL Twin Cities summer picnic, Lake Cornelia Park Pavilion. Edna; information: John Nakasone, 612/646-6999.

Intermountain Salt Lake City

Sat. April 16—JACL Mt. Olympus Fund-a-Rama, 6:30 p.m., Central High School.

Pacific Northwest Portland

Sun. May 1—Greater Portland Japanese American Scholarship banquet, Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland.
Sun. May 15—JACL Gresham-Trousdale senior appreciation banquet.

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. April 24—JACL Arizona scholarship awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2552 W. Peoria, Phoenix; information: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

California Sacramento Valley

Week of April 17-23—UC Davis Asian Pacific Cultural Week and Film Festival. "Building Bridges, Connecting Worlds," information: event schedule 916/752-4936. NOTE—On-campus lectures (MUII in the Memorial Union), music (Mon. noon, Quad; Wed. jazz, 6:30 p.m., Keiser Hall #3; Fri. 7 p.m., Freebom Hall), nine films (Sun.-Thu. 7 p.m., free, Chemistry Bldg 194) and Cultural Faire (Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Quad). LECTURES—Topics / Speakers—Immigration, Mon. 6:30 p.m., filmmaker Kenn Kashima, Tue. noon, Capt. Bruce Yamashita USMC, Tue. 6:30 p.m., Native Hawaiians, Wed. noon, South Asian Women's Collective, Thu. noon, Domestic violence, Fri. noon, FILMS—Sun. 7 p.m. "Women from the Lake of Scented Souls (China)," 7 p.m. "Sop Yong (Korea)," Mon. 7 p.m.

Cannes UNESCO winner, "Boatman from the River Padma (India)," Tue. 7 p.m. "Muddy River (Jpn)," 9 p.m. The Cyclist: Iran 1989," Wed. 7 p.m. "South and Silk: US/China 1990," 9 p.m. "South Winds: Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, 1992," Thu. 7 p.m. "Praying with Anger (India)," 9 p.m. tentative. "Pushing Hands (Taiwan)" Films sponsored by UC Davis Dept. of Chinese and Japanese. Union Bank, Asia Pacific Culture Week, Hawaii International Film Festival.
Sat.-Sun. April 23-24—Sacramento Rebels Youth Organization 12th annual invitational basketball tournament; information: Ken Miyao, 916/444-2689. Japnet Okino 916/444-7211. NOTE—Open to Asian high school athletes, men and women teams in 8 divisions, tournament date and social for parents and coaches. Teams expected from Northern, Central and Southern California.

San Francisco

Fri. April 15—Cherry Blossom Festival, Preview, noon, Justin Herman Plaza. Photo exhibit: Japanese American Rural communities (through 4/15 p.m.). Tasan Blossom All Festival information: 415/563-2313.
Sat. April 16—Cherry Blossom Festival, Opening ceremony and introduction of Cherry Blossom Queen and court, 11:45 a.m. Takko drums, noon. Ono dancing, 12:30 p.m., Japan Center Pavilion. Cherry Blossom Queen, 1:15 p.m. April 22 weekend. All Festival information: 415/563-2313.

Sat. Sun. April 16-17—Cherry Blossom Festival, Ono dancing; 12:30 p.m. Martial arts, bill 5:15 p.m. Akita dog show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Japan Center Peace Plaza. Cooking demonstration, 11 a.m. Traditional Japanese arts demonstration, 1-4 p.m. Kimono Senior Citizens art exhibit, 1-4 p.m., Tasamak Bldg; Hisashi Otsuka paintings, 10 a.m., Miyako Hotel Sakura Room; Origami, noon-4 p.m.; Koto & Japanese Classical dance, noon-5 p.m.; Ikebana, noon, Japanese swords, 11 a.m. Chanoyu, 1 p.m., Miyako Hotel; Arts & craft fair, AT&T phone booth, 11 a.m.; Post St. between Laguna & Buchanan; Children's Village, 11-4 p.m.; Post St. between Laguna & Fillmore; Contemporary Music & Show, noon-4:30 p.m.; Webster St. between Geary & Post; Food Bazaar, MCI phone booth; Webster St. between Post & Sutter; Arts & craft fair, Buchanan Mall; Basketball tournament, 9 a.m.; Films on Japan, 2-5 p.m. Calligraphy, 12-4 p.m. JCCNCC, 1840 Sutter St.

Sat.-Sun. April 23-24—Cherry Blossom Festival, Bonsai, 11 a.m. Chanoyu, noon; Origami, 1-5 p.m., Miyako Hotel; Arts & craft fair, 11-5 p.m.; Post St. between Laguna & Buchanan; Handmade dolls, 12-5 p.m., Tasamak Bldg.; Contemporary music and show, 12-4 p.m.; Food bazaar, MCI phone booth, 11 a.m.; Webster St. between Geary & Sutter; Basketball tournament, 9-5 p.m.; Films on Japan, 2-5 p.m., JCCNCC, 1840 Sutter St.; Japan-U.S. Talko Festival, 7 p.m. AMC Kabuki Theater tickets: 415/528-2456; Hiro Yamagata exhibit, Miyako Hotel; information: Gail Ideno 415/249-4180. NOTE—Conmemorative posters to be autographed.

Peninsula

Sat. May 21—25th anniversary JACP (Japanese American Curriculum Project) dinner, 6:30 p.m., Lake Merced Golf & Country Club, Daly City. RSVP, JACP 415/343-9408. NOTE—Florence Hongo, founder, to be honored; Charlie Chin, emcee.

Eastbay

Sat. April 23—EB Nikki Singles Susie Yawata memorial golf tournament, first tee-off 11 a.m., Jack Clark course, Chuck Conca Golf Complex, Alameda Heights, 510/453-9048.
Tue. Yoshwara 510/523-5205; Millie Nakano 510/223-5619.
Sun. May 1—Oakland Buddhist Women's fashion show benefit, noon-4 p.m., Oakland Buddhist Temple, 625 Temple, Oakland, 510/453-9040. NOTE—Featuring Kanajo USA's Spring 1994 show, "Kimono: Past, present and future."

San Jose

Sat. April 23—Yu-Ai Kai JJA Community Senior Service volunteer recognition potluck, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai Center, 588 N. 4th St., San Jose. RSVP by April 13, 408/294-2505.

Manzanar

Sat. April 23—25th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar National Historic Site. 11 a.m. information: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles 90025; 213/652-5102. Oasis Garden Club 69/377-5386. NOTE—Program includes dedication of Blue Star Memorial Highway marker in cooperation with Oasis Garden Club and Caltrans to honor 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team and U.S. Army MIS. Blue Star markers are posted along federal highway as memorials to those who served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Los Angeles-Orange

Fri. April 15—6th annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UCLA Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom; information: Jeff Murakami 213/740-4999, Bill Watanabe 213/680-3729, Megg Thurston 916/825-1006, George Imezawa 213/343-3383. NOTE—Theme: Responding to race realities.

Sat. April 16—JANM Talk: "Issei Women: Through Harsh Winters" by Dr. Akemi Kikumura, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.
Sat. April 16—Orange County Sansei Singles Spring Fantasy dinner-dance, 7 p.m., Seagula Conference Center, 7750 Orangeflower Ave., Buena Park.
Sat. Sun. April 16-17—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo, 213/620-8861.

Sun. April 17—JANM Talk: "History of Fujunkai in America" by Terry Nakawatase and Eisei Kanegawa of Sennin Buddhist Temple Fujunkai, 2 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414.
Sun. April 17—Koreisha Chushokukai 18th anniversary banquet, 5 p.m. social hour, dinner at 6. New Chari Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles, Los Angeles. RSVP: 213/680-9173. NOTE—Rose M. Ochi, Nisei Activity Club and lunch program volunteers with over 10 years are to be honored.

Sun. April 17—Jodoshu Betsuin Fujunkai fashion show, 12:15 p.m., Jodoshu Betsuin, 442 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles. NOTE—Featuring Kanajo USA's "Kimono: past, present and future."
Wed. April 20—Japanese America Society's (JAS) 84th Anniversary Dinner, 6:15 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, Biltmore Hotel, RSVP: 213/627-5217x14. NOTE—Honoring Gov. Pete Wilson with Kokusai Shimin Sho International Citizen's Award.

Thu. April 21—JAS dinner-program, "Japan-U.S. Relations in a Changing World," 6:30 p.m. dinner, Four Seasons Hotel, 690 Newport Center Dr., Newport Beach, RSVP: 714/850-4335; NOTE—Consul General Seiichiro Noboru, speaker.

San Diego

Sun. April 24—Urasenke School's 15th Anniversary tea ceremony ceremony and lecture, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Pan Pacific Hotel, 400 W. Broadway; information 619/272-5426.

Small kid time



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Women's Concerns Committee schedules May 7 conference

Assertiveness and communication will be the focus of a one-day NCWNP JACL Women's Concerns Committee conference May 7 at the Christ United Presbyterian Church in Japantown, San Francisco.

Titled "Taking Charge: Making a Difference," the conference is scheduled to offer workshops examining assertiveness-communication issues in the work place, politics, education and health issues.

The Nobiru-Kai and Himawari-Kai-Tobehisa or "new immigrants and the Sansei Legacy group have also joined in the planning and will be active participants in various workshops. Conference co-chair Chizuyama said the goal of the conference is to come up with "positive and affirming ways of using our resources to deal with situations out there."

"That applies not only to careers, but extends to our everyday lives. We hope that both women and men will take advantage of this conference to find new ways of communicating with one another and managing their lives."

Among the conference highlights:

- Marlene Shigekawa, cultural diversity consultant and author, will give the keynote speaking on the conference theme.

"We can make a difference because we bring to the table unique perspectives. We Asians need to honor our uniqueness, those core values of our heritage," said Shigekawa.



MARLENE SHIGEKAWA
Featured speaker

As a management consultant for Marlene Shigekawa and Associates, Shigekawa designs and implements processes in organizational planning, team building, managing change, diversity and career enhancement.

She is also the author of *Succeeding in High Tech: A Guide to Building Your Career* and *The Children's Book Blue Jay in the Desert*.

● "Beyond Sumisen," a workshop exploring the problems of cross-cultural communication between "new immigrants and the larger society."

The first workshop of its kind to be sponsored by Japanese Americans, the facilitator is Yuko Franklin, a faculty member of the Asian Studies Department of San Francisco State University.

● Rev. Michael Yoshii and Rev. Naomi Southard will facilitate the workshop, "Men Don't Talk: Women Talk Too Much?"

Sponsored by the Sansei Legacy Project, the workshop will discuss the cultural forces which may serve to create barriers of communication between men and women.

● Dr. Kay Yatabe, a family physician at the Southeast Health Center and a member of the Sansei Legacy Project, will address the specific issue of Asian American health care.

"People should take charge of their own health," said Yatabe. "Know what to ask, and then not be afraid to ask it."

Registration: \$25 (morning refreshment and lunch included).

Checks payable to: J.A.C.L. Women's Concerns Committee, Alice Nakahata, 148 Woodbine Dr., Mill Valley CA, 94941.

Information: Lucy Kishaba, 707/823-0376 or Chizu Iiyama, 510/233-9595.



Yuko Franklin (left) and Kazuko Tsuchiyu at planning meeting for conference.

San Jose dedicates internment sculpture

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

vors of the camps. An anchor of the murals is a replica of Gen. DeWitt's "Instructions to all persons of JAPANESE ancestry" to assemble for the evacuation that was to follow.

In San Jose's Federal Building Plaza off South 1st Street is the "Japanese American Internment Memorial," a bas-relief sculpture in bronze by Ruth Asawa of San Francisco, telling the history of the Japanese American internment. It was dedicated on Saturday, March 3.

The back-to-back 6x14-foot murals include images of the signing of EO 9066 by President Roosevelt in 1942, the guard tower at Manzanar with MPs looking in, and in one corner are the 42nd GI cooking rice in a helmet, a mother receiving a medal honoring a son killed in action, and children playing volleyball in camp. There is an origami paper airplane sailing over the strands of barbed wire, strung along the top of the mural.

The second panel on redress shows President Carter establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which heard the wartime testimonies of President Reagan signing into law the government making a formal apology and issuing \$20,000 checks to the survi-



MEMORIAL—Part of Ruth Asawa's bronze sculpture of the internment. This is a scene of the guard tower at Manzanar.

The project was paid for with \$170,000 from the San Jose City Transit Mall art fund and \$42,000 was raised by the local Japanese American community. Jerry Hiura, former San Jose arts commission and active in the memorial planning, said, "After redress See SAN JOSE/page 11

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New Santa Barbara officers

Recently installed 1994 officers for the Santa Barbara Chapter, JAACL, are (from left) Tom Hirashima, treasurer; John Suzuki, vice president; Marvin Glaser, insurance chair; Jane Uyesaka, secretary; Mike Hide, president; Reiko Uyesaka, membership; and Hiro

Goto, board member. Missing board members are Dennis Tokumaru, David Wakumoto, Goro Takeuchi Mamoru Takeuchi and Tad Kanetomo. They were installed Feb. 26 by past national president Harry Kajihara of Oxnard at the Montecito Country Club.



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MIS leaders

The Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California board members for 1994 are (from left) Joe Nakamura, Ken Akune, George Kanegai, Victor Abe, James Mita, president; Cathy Tanaka, secretary; Shi Nomura and Mits Usui. Board member Frank Hayashi

was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Japanese Consul General Makoto Ito, guest speaker, spoke on Japan's current peace-keeping missions through the United Nations. The Philippine Defense Medals were also distributed to many MIS veterans.



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Newly installed officers are (from left) Bob Mizukami, chapter representative; Steve Kono, vice president, File; Carolyn Takemoto, vice president, Tacoma; Garry Fujita, president; Dr. Charles Rich, treasurer; and Jeff Hiroo, vice president, Valley. Not pictured are Joseph Kosai, recording secretary, and Elsie Taniguchi, corresponding secretary.



Puyallup in '94

H. Del Tanabe (left) receives the JAACL sapphire pin for his many years of service from President Fujita. Membership contact: Miyo Uchiyama, 206/922-8141.



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Omaha lineup

ABOVE—New officers for 1994 are (from left) Mike Watanabe, vice president, programs; Reiko Renee Parker, recording secretary/historian; Akiyo Rebarich, corresponding secretary; Steve Hasegawa, treasurer; and Russell Matsunami, re-elected president. AT RIGHT—Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Mountain Plains District governor, welcomes guest speaker Gordon Hirabayashi (left) and Richard Takechi, Omaha City councilman, at the recent district council meeting in Omaha.



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Health care issues: JACL report, recommendations

The Task Force recommends that the JACL make health care reform a major priority program since: 1) 21 percent of the Asian American and Pacific Islander American population in the United States do not have health insurance; 2) Health care reform will significantly impact access to and delivery of health services to our members, Americans of Japanese ancestry and all Americans; and 3) the chapters have expressed widespread concern related to health care reform and health care issues as identified in a recent survey of the chapter leadership.

JACL health care reform principles

The following guidelines by which the Task Force believes any reform proposal should be evaluated are based largely on the "Ethical Foundations of Health Reform" contained in the Clinton legislative proposal and on the recommendations of the Asian American Health Forum and the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations.

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the largest Asian American civil and human rights organization in America, believes that this country faces a health care crisis. Consequently, JACL supports comprehensive reform to our health care system.

JACL believes that the following principles should be the basis for reform:

- **Universal Access:** Every resident of the United States should have access to health care without barriers.
- **Comprehensive Benefits:** Guaranteed benefits should meet the full range of health needs, including primary, preventive and specialized care.
- **Choice:** Each consumer should have the opportunity to exercise effective informed choice about providers, plans and treatments.
- **Equality of Care:** The system should avoid the creation of a tiered system providing care based only on differences of need, and not recognizing individual or group characteristics.
- **Fair Distribution of Costs:** The health care system should spread the costs and burdens of care across the entire community, basing the level of contribution required of consumers on ability to pay.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Each individual and family should assume responsibility for protecting and promoting health and contributing to the cost of care.
- **Inter-Generational Justice:** The health care system should respond to the unique needs of each stage of life, sharing benefits and burdens fairly across generations.
- **Wide Allocation of Resources:** The nation should balance prudently what it spends on health care against other important national priorities.

- **Effectiveness:** The new system should deliver culturally competent care and effective innovation. It should encourage the discovery of better treatments. It should make it possible for the academic community and health care providers to exercise effectively their responsibility to evaluate and improve health care by providing resources for the systematic study of health care outcomes.

- **Quality:** The system should deliver high quality care and provide individuals with the information necessary to make informed health care choices.

- **Effective Management:** By encouraging simplification and continuous improvement, as well as making the system easier to use for patients and providers, the health care system should focus on care, rather than administration.

- **Professional Integrity and Responsibility:** The health care system should treat the clinical judgments of professionals with respect and protect the integrity of the provider-patient relationship while ensuring that health providers have the resources to fulfill their responsibilities for the effective delivery of quality care.

- **Fair Procedures:** To protect these values and principles, fair and open democratic procedures should underlie decisions concerning the operation of the health care system and the resolution of disputes that arise within it.

- **Local Responsibility:** Working within the framework of national reform, the new health care system should allow states and local communities to design effective, high-quality systems of care that serve each of their residents.

Addressing specific issues

To achieve these goals for the Asian Pacific American community, JACL believes that the following specific principles also must be addressed by any reform package.

- **Effective Anti-Discrimination Measures:** Reform must include effective anti-discrimination enforcement measures and provisions for outreach targeted at Asian Pacific Americans and other underserved groups to ensure that neither intentional nor unintentional discrimination occur.
- **Accessibility:** Health care services must be linguistically, culturally and physically accessible to all Americans.
- **Community-based Provision of Services:** Community-based providers must be an integral part of our health care system. Community-based training programs must be established for providers to serve Asian Pacific Americans and other underserved groups in all health disciplines at all levels.
- **Governance:** Asian Pacific Americans and other underserved groups must be represented at all levels of the health care governance system.
- **Research:** Data must be collected, ana-

lyzed and reported on Asian Pacific Americans on an ethnic basis consistent with the U.S. Census ethnic categories. The health system must conduct more health research targeted on the health status of the various Asian Pacific American ethnic groups.

Recommended set of basic health services

The following listing of recommended health services should be used to evaluate each proposal for the appropriateness and extent of the basic coverage. Preventative Services, Physician Services or Hospital Services, Diagnostic Tests and Procedures, Inpatient Treatment, Prescription Drugs, Home Health Care, Extended Skilled Nursing Rehabilitation, Outpatient Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy, Mental Health - Substance Abuse, Hospice Care, Ambulance, Durable Medical Equipment, Dental, Eye and Ear, and Institutional Nursing Care.

Effect on JACL Membership

The Task Force believes that health care reform may either eliminate the ability of JACL to offer at least the basic, if not all, of its health insurance programs, or the need for individuals to obtain health insurance coverage through JACL membership. The Clinton plan, as introduced, will eliminate the ability of membership organizations, such as JACL, to offer health care coverage. Single payer plans, such as the McDermott plan, would obviate the need for individuals to rely on JACL to provide coverage. Other plans may or may not allow JACL to continue to offer coverage, but will provide more alternatives for coverage than are currently available.

The JACL membership of 24,490 members is comprised of seventy percent over the age 55. Fifty three percent of those same members are over the age 65. Approximately 28% of the JACL insurance participants in one of the 24,490 members programs. Since comprehensive health care reform may very likely remove the ability to obtain coverage as a membership incentive, JACL should develop and implement an aggressive membership recruitment campaign. The Task Force has forwarded recommendations related to programs for membership development to the VP of Membership Services.

The Task Force offers the following recommendations for providing information to JACL members and for advocacy in working towards appropriate reform.

Recommendations to educate membership

- Prepare a series of articles to appear

in the *Pacific Citizen*. The articles should be designed to educate the membership on health care reform issues, and solicit membership feedback on the proposed JACL Guidelines.

- Send information to the chapters. This information should be designed to inform and empower the grassroots allowing chapters to become actively involved in health care reform. Disseminate the American Association of Retired Persons, "Comparison of Major Health Care Reform," and The League of Women Voters Education Publication, "Voicing your Choice: A Guide to Citizen Participation in Health Reform."

- Conduct a workshop at the National Convention. The workshop should be designed to inform members as to the status of legislative proposals, educate as to how the proposals may affect members, and encourage active participation in bringing about appropriate reform.

The Task Force recommends that the workshop include an update by a member of the Clinton Administration or a congressional leader and a responding panel with various viewpoints. A Blue Shield Representative and a Wobler's Insurance Representative should be invited to participate. A representative from the Asian Pacific American Health Forum should also be invited to participate.

Other recommendations, concerns

- The Task Force recommends that the JACL pursue and become active in Asian and Pacific Islander coalitions and other minority groups working on health care reform to ensure that minority health care concerns are adequately addressed.
- The Task Force is equally concerned about the other factors that contribute to the high cost of health care such as professional liability and excessive profits.
- Once health care reform legislation passes, JACL should produce informational brochures explaining how to access the system and hold informational meetings for its members.
- Once health care reform legislation passes, the JACL should continue to monitor and provide input into the development and implementation of federal regulations and state laws and regulations.
- We recommend ongoing participation in the governance and development of policies related to the implementation of such legislation.

Forward comments to the JACL Task Force on Health Care Issues, Attention Clay Harada, JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif., 94115.

TAKES

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Moving up

Minorities gain seats in Fortune 1,000

Asian Americans improved their position on Fortune 1,000 company board seats in 1993, according to a recent newsletter of *Directorship* for corporate directors.

While African Americans (266) hold the bulk of seats (total of 404), Asian Americans improved from under 10 to 37. Hispanic-held seats rose from 61 to 101. It was also noted 518 of the 819 public Fortune 1,000 firms had no minority board members, as of June, 1993.

In a pickle

Kyoto tsukemono derivative introduced

A new probiotic, Labre (short for *Lactobacillus brevis subsp.*

cies coagulans), was introduced in the United States March 11 at a Natural Products Expo West seminar in Anaheim.

It was discovered by Dr. Tsunataro Kishida of the Institut Pasteur de Kyoto from the suguki pickle and introduced in Japan last year as a means of improving digestive function and enhancing the body's natural defenses, according to Maypro Industries, 914/381-2233.

Communities

Norwalk Nikkei community center ready to rebuild

The venerable Norwalk (Southeast L.A.) Japanese School at 14615 Gridley Road, which was vandalized twice last year, will be torn down to make room for a 9,550 square-foot, annex to the Norwalk Nikkei Community Center. For the past two years, some \$242,000 has been raised, according to Hy Shishino, with a \$600,000 goal. Union Bank is granting a \$300,000 loan.

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Four honored as women of the year

The Downtown L.A. Chapter, JACL, and the Nanka Nikkei Fujin-kai are scheduled to honor four Japanese American women at the annual Women of the Year luncheon, New Otani Hotel Golden Ballroom, Little Tokyo, Sunday, Apr. 17, 12:30 p.m.

This year's honorees are:

- **Meriko Mori**—a member of the Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, JACL, Mori has served in various capacities on the chapter and district level. She has been chapter president and vice president, served four years on the PSWD JACL board and one year on the JACL-LEC board.

After an internship with Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital, Mori began a career as an administrative dietitian.

- **Mitsuko Sankey**—Sankey is an active member of the Fort Buckner Officers Wives Club and serves as president of the Okinawa International Wives Club. When she was in Japan she worked and served as a board member of the International Social Service and in

Los Angeles was a board member of the Downtown Chapter, JACL, and an officer of the Hoku-bei Okinawa Ken-jinkai.

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Okinaka Junko Shunyo—skilled in the Japanese arts, Shunyo teaches Ikebana

for Sogestu-ryu and instructs and exhibits Japanese calligraphy at Nihon-shuji. In Japan she worked at the Yamaguchi Prefectural Education Department in employment and social welfare programs and in Los Angeles she volunteered at the Pioneer Japanese Community



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- **Kimiko Wakabayashi**—Wakabayashi has been active in a number of community groups. She served as vice president and treasurer of the Nanka-Nikkei Fujin-kai and vice president of the Nanka Yamana-nashi Club.

In addition she has been a board member of the Japanese Community Pioneer Social Service organization and is active in Nichiren Buddhist Church, Nishi Hongwanji Jr. Matrons, AARP, Ninyo Kyokai and Koreisha-chu Shoku-kai.

Personally speaking

Poetry

National Library of Poetry, publishers of *Tears of Fire*, an anthology of North American poets, gave Joe Oyama's "After Midwinter," a semi-finalist ranking. The Berkeley writer was informed by managing editor Howard Ely that you have a rare talent and (we) look forward to publication of your poem. Oyama has been a long-time contributor to the P.C., reporting for many years from New York City and conducting his Manahatta column. "Recalling the Earth" was the theme of the '93 Thanksgiving Week Big Island writers conference and poetry festival with Garrett Hongo returning home from the University of Oregon, where he is currently director of the writing program. One of his books of poetry, "The River of Heaven," won the Lamont Prize from the Academy of American Poets and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. Garrett's father ran the Hongo Store on the Big Island; Garrett was born at Volcano. Lois-Ann Yamakana, University of Hawaii graduate in 1979 who taught in public school, went back to writing poems in pidgin English as she did as a youngster, after Hawaiian poet Eric Chock visited her classroom to encourage her students to write about their lives. Her poem, "Saturday Night at the Pahala Theater" (Bamboo Ridge Press), is her first book.

Education

High school English teacher Elaine Wetterauer, daughter of Koji and Mary Norikane of Auburn, Wash., was accorded another professional award as Seattle public schools' Teacher of the Year. She is known for assignments that blend writing with life experiences. She has received the most influential teacher award in 1989 from the Western Washington University and was nominated for Excellence in Education award in 1988 and 1990. She received the state award for excellence in education in 1993 from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. A University of Washington graduate in 1965, she taught at Franklin High until 1975, took a child-care leave and returned in 1976 when minority teachers were needed and has been at Nathan High since. She earned her master's in education at UW in 1980.

El Camino College psychology professor Midori Kamei Watanabe, one of the first Nisei women to be hired by the Torrance area community college in 1967, recently retired but will continue to work on a part-time basis. She plans to volunteer with various homeless shelters and drug rehabilitation programs in Southern California.

L.A.'s 'Buddy Awards'

The fifth annual Los Angeles "BUDDY (Bringing Up Your Daughters Differently)" awards were awarded Barbara Miyamoto, director of governmental affairs for Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, and active with the National women's political caucus-Metro Chapter board. The program was created to honor culturally and ethnically diverse families committed to equal opportunity. Other honorees were the White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers, Olympian Anita DeFrantz, and ARCO director of community relations Toni Martinez-Burgoyne.

World of music

Lawrence Glenn, senior corporate officer of Citicorp, was elected president of the Japan America Symphony Association of Los Angeles for the 1993-94 fiscal year. He is also involved with the Music Center of Los Angeles, Claremont University Cen-

ter and Graduate School, L.A. chamber of commerce board of directors, and Asia Society. Re-elected for another term were chairman Yukiyasu Togo, chairman of Toyota Motor Sales USA; vice-presidents Lily Miyata, Toshiaki Ogasawara, Fred Sakurai, Ruth Watanabe, and treasurer Mitchell Fulscher.

Politics

George Kunio Uehara, candidate for assessor of Alameda County, received endorsement from the Alameda County Green Party, after pointing out his civil rights struggle needs to be connected with the environmentalists, because without accurate budget assessments, the first things cut by agencies are the "luxury" items, such as environmental programs. The Berkeley JACLER added, "Some of the Green were surprised that JACLER is a leading civil rights organization." Uehara is counting on the "unhappy" 115,000 households for votes after charging the incumbent broke his campaign promise of "having the lowest taxes on homes."

Honors

The Texas State chapter of National Organization for Women (NOW) recently honored Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington representative, as one of its "Women of the 20th Century" at its 20th anniversary state convention in Dallas recently. She also spoke on issues facing Asian American women and cited JACL's support of the Freedom of Choice Act, the Equal Remedies Act and the Family Medical Leave Act. She thanked the group for its support in the *Jap Road* issue in Beaumont and asked for the same in the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act.

Sports

A Nisei Episcopal priest, the Rev. Michael Seiichi Yasutake, 73, of Chicago, after a hiatus of some 40 years, was persuaded to return to practicing kendo in the late '70s at the Chicago Kendo Dojo. Last November, the longtime Chicago JACLER achieved the 5th-dan black belt at promotional examinations conducted in Long Beach, Calif. An avid kendo student in Seattle since age 16, he studied in Japan in 1940 and returned as a 3rd-dan. With World War II, he had given up the sport. Teachers Frank Matsumoto, 7th dan, and George Izu of Chicago Kendo Dojo, kendo officials of Beikoku Kendo Renmei, Masaharu Shimoda, 7th dan, president of Santa Barbara, and Taro Gene Ito, 7th dan, executive secretary of Lomita, Calif., were instrumental in his successful promotion. Candidates pass kendo techniques in matches with two other kendoists of equivalent black-belt rank, using the *bokken* (wooden swords) rather than the *shinai* (bamboo instruments).

Tokyo Yomiuri Giants home-run king Sadaharu Oh, 53, was elected to the Japanese Baseball Home of Fame the first year he became eligible, receiving 206 of 221 votes from the baseball writers in the January poll. The Hawaiian-born Giants outfielder and later manager for the Chunichi Dragons, Wally Yonamine, who now lives in Los Angeles, is the first American named to the Hall of Fame with 168 votes, two over the required 166. Thus far, 45 players have been honored since the Japanese Hall of Fame was founded in 1960.

Medicine

Marie M. Kurihara, chief of nursing service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), Fort Miller, San Francisco, was recently commended by the Department of Veterans Affairs for her leadership during the closure of the VAMC facility at Martinez in 1991 which saw



MARIE KURIHARA

the successful placement of staff members to other facilities. She is also the Asian Pacific Islander EEO program manager at Ft. Miley, a major referral care center which is providing surgical, neurological and psychiatric care to over 200,000 veterans in Northern California.

Business

Scott Paper Co.'s world headquarters in Philadelphia named Stephen P. Sakai, former resident of Portland, Ore., as vice president & category leader, USA Consumer Towel Business. He is a University of Washington graduate with an MBA from the College of Puget Sound.

Glendale, Arizona-born Christine Yamamoto was recently named to the partnership of Ernst and Young Accounting Firm, Washington, D.C. During her senior year at Peoria (Ariz.) High in 1972, she represented Arizona as one of two Presidential Scholars invited to the White House. A USC graduate that included a year at Waseda University on a Rotary scholarship, she earned her Master's degree at Harvard University.



KYLE KAWAKAMI

Orange County-born Sansel Kyle S. Kawakami, who joined the firm in 1987, became a partner in the law firm of Irell & Mandella, Newport Beach. He is a graduate of UC San Diego and Stanford Law School.

Community



MINORU TONAI

Minoru Tonal, 64, retired high-tech executive and businessman, of Woodland Hills was elected president of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCOC) board of directors in Los Angeles, succeeding Toshihiko Terasawa, who was elected to co-chairman of the board with Frank Kuwahara. A UCLA business administration graduate (1955), Tonal was chief accountant with an electronics firm in Culver City, then moved to TRW, Inc., in '59, to Informatics

in '66, to Pertec in '69 and subsequently vice president of operations at Xincom (1974), director of business development for Fairchild Camera & Instruments, vice president in charge of finance and administration at Compucorp and vice president-general manager of Western operations of Symbolics, Inc. (1981-87), and co-founder in 1991 and third largest shareholder of NetVantage in Santa Monica. Tonal's community ties are with the Japanese American National Museum, Amache Historical Society, East West Players, Omote Senke Domonkai, UCLA Business Economic Council, Japan America Symphony Association and Nikkei Bruin committee.

United Way of King County, Wash., has honored Helen Yamamoto, 78, for her unprejudiced 40 years as the bookkeeper with the agency. She was totally surprised when she was invited by John Goessens, former United Way president. She thought it was to be a coffee break. Nearly 100 co-workers and friends gathered. She raised her three sons during the war year in Japan and learned accounting on a U.S. Army base.

Film and Video

The Learning Channel promoted Mary Ellen Iwata to director, program production and development in 1993. She had joined the Bethesda, Md., based Discovery Channel as an executive producer in 1989. Her "Evening Magazine" series on "Archaeology" garnered a CableACE Award as the best documentary series. She is the daughter of Harry and Margaret Nakagawa Iwata, longtime Nisei residents of Towson, Md., and formerly of Spokane and Seattle, respectively.



KAREN ISHIZUKA

The Library of Congress named Karen Ishizuka, curator of the photographic and moving image archives for the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles, to its Public Awareness Task Force of the National Film Preservation Program. She and Robert Nakamura have produced "Moving Memories," a video comprised of computer-enhanced historic home movies taken by Issei in the '20s and '30s. The 30-minute video features George Takei as host/narrator.



DAVID MAS MASUMOTO

The California Council for the Humanities elected writer-farmer David Mas Masumoto of Del Rey to a three-year term, starting with its March quarterly meeting at Riverside. An independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities founded in 1975, it has awarded over 12

million in grants to nonprofit groups to produce exhibits, film and radio programs, lectures and conferences that explore the state's legacy of histories, cultures and values.

Author of *Country Voices*, about three generations of Japanese American family farming, Masumoto organically farms 80 acres outside of Fresno, serves on the tree fruit and raisin industry research board and is a director of an on-farm institute for sustainable agriculture.



JEAN USHIJIMA

Jean Ushijima, Beverly Hills city clerk since 1973, announced her plans to retire at the end of May and do some traveling she and her husband, Tad, a retired Hughes Aircraft design engineer, had put off.

Originally from Chicago, she first worked as secretary to Beverly Hills public works director, was a legal secretary for the Beverly Hills city attorney in 1970 and was appointed city clerk by the city council in 1973.

She reached a career milestone in 1993, attaining permanent status in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, only the sixth of 10,000 members to reach that level.

She was honored as City Clerk of the Year in 1988 by the City Clerks Association of California. Jean was president of the West Los Angeles JACL (1988-91) and its Auxiliary (1991-94), a board member and chair (89) of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics and active on other area civic projects.

Science

Earning attention in the Ventura County edition of the *Los Angeles Times* recently was James Fujita, 12, a sixth-grader at the Rose Avenue School in Oxnard, because of his massive collection of insects. He was named the 1993 Young Entomologist of the Year by the Los Angeles chapter of the international Lorquin Entomological Society.

Besides documenting insects from Arizona and California and collecting, he chased one white monarch butterfly on Oahu for three miles. He lectures to classrooms from preschool to college.

His parents David and Carol, both high school teachers, said their son took fancy to a book on bugs at age 3, returned all of his Toys R Us presents one Christmas to the store to buy more books on insects.

He wants to collect insects in the Costa Rican rain forest next summer. One photo shows Jim exercising a six-year-old pet snake which he received when it was the size of a pencil. That makes him a herpetologist-to-be.

Retiring runners

Harry Shironaka, 82, a pre-war Stocktonian and postwar procer in Ordway, Colo., ended 55 years in the business in 1987 and moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where he resumed more than active interest in baseball, playing with the world renowned Kids & Kubs softball team, comprised of seniors 75 years and up. Harry, who played semi-pro baseball in the '30s, is captain of the Kid-roster. He was also Arkansas Valley JACL president in 1954, 1968-69 and 1982.

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Roads taken and not taken

Judging from what I have heard, the Pacific Southwest District Council's recent endorsement of same-sex marriage has jolted a number of JACLers. Is this, the questions seems to be, a proper matter for involvement by an organization with JACL's history and objectives?

Trisha Murakawa, national JACL vice president for planning and development and chairperson of the civil rights caucus, has an answer. As reported in this newspaper, she said gay men and lesbians living together are denied marital benefits which, she argued, is a restriction on their civil rights. She said the issue before the council was not of individual feelings toward gays and lesbians, but of their right to have their marriage relationship recognized as legal.

Interesting. JACL is indeed a civil rights organization. It was founded to promote the right of Japanese Americans to enjoy the privileges of U.S. citizenship regardless of race or ethnicity. It failed in its purpose when the federal government got away with treating them like enemy aliens under the wartime Executive Order 9066. It succeeded in having that wrong rectified with passage of the Redress bill.

Earlier this year JACL's National Board, in opposition to a budding movement in the

Pacific Northwest, reaffirmed its support for equal opportunity of all Americans without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability or sexual orientation. This is in line with JACL objectives as a civil rights organization.

Now the Pacific Southwest District's action has gone a step further by endorsing the legality of same-sex marriages. It comes on the heels of the Mountain Plains District Council's vote against support the issue, which first came up in a National Board meeting. Sharon Ishii Jordan, the Mountain Plains District governor, said the district doesn't necessarily think legal recognition of same-sex marriages is not a civil rights issue, but "it is an issue we didn't feel we should take a position on."

In these contentious times there is a broad range of issues about which one can wax indignant. If JACL wishes to be on the cutting edge of civil rights activism, the opportunities for taking a position are almost limitless.

They range from Singapore, where the issue is whether an 18-year-old American male should be subject to the flogging provided for certain crimes under local law, to the repression of dissent in China, to Hispanic-Chinese friction in Monterey Park,

Calif. politics. They range from smoking rights to abortion to making every curb and second story office accessible to the physically disabled. These are not frivolous issues. They are also difficult. A person who needs a wheelchair to get around should, ideally, be able to roll up an incline from the street to the sidewalk. But in view of restricted budgets, should curbs be replaced by inclines if it would mean slashing school budgets or the police force?

More to the point, should JACL take or not take a stand on these issues any more than it should or should not take a public position on same-sex marriages? And what criteria should be used in deciding which of the countless issues before society are worthy of JACL's organizational concern?

The generation that founded JACL and steered it through the perilous years, for better or worse, is mostly gone. A new generation has taken control in a new era and its agenda is not always in keeping with JACL's root concerns. To say the least, it is an interesting time.

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

Letters

Praise for JACL-OCA leadership conference

I'd like to thank the NCWNP District and Sonoma County Chapter for sponsoring my participation in the 1994 Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. It was an action-packed, exciting four-days that taught participants many informative and useful techniques. Under the expert guidance of Karen Narasaki and Daphne Kwak, we were exposed to the many complex aspects and issues of legislation. Thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. George Wakiji for support and encouragement.

The conference began at a furious pace with a tour of the internet exhibit "A More Perfect Union" at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, followed by a reception dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Okura, the Washington, D.C. Chapter, and EDC. Though this was my third visit, the exhibit tour always strongly renews my commitment to JACL. A profound comment made by Mr. Okura that evening made me realize that this commitment would need to be lifetime. He said, "In the 60 years of my involvement with JACL, I would have expected prejudice to have disappeared by now and it hasn't." Lillian Kimura's comments further emphasized the need to get involved in order to carry on those strong Asian leadership traditions perpetuated by JACL.

The remainder of the conference instilled many ideals that still require development. First and foremost is coalition building and networking. Because there is so much cultural diversity in this country, we need to pursue ways to learn and work with everyone. It is important to recognize the potential of coalitions in order to present a unified voice to address issues that threaten human and civil rights. Many times, working effectively with diverse groups means learning to be diplomatic and to respect confidentiality.

Secondly, one must learn to effectively address the various issues that arise. This requires access to resources and the ability to research information needed for an accurate presentation. Many times immediate action is necessary, especially for emergent situations that arise in legislation and in your communities. It may seem impossible to those with numerous other personal commitments to become involved. But as members of a volunteer organization, we need to assess the importance of these issues and prioritize our time.

The final and perhaps most important issue is our organization's credibility, which has been strained due to recent internal turmoil. Members need to provide constructive criticism and utilize proper avenues for any grievances, i.e. "JACL Guidelines on Organizational Decision Making and

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

May it please the court

I'M DELIGHTED by President Clinton's nomination of New Yorker, Denny Chin, Esq., to a seat on the U.S. District court for the Southern District of New York. To the best of my knowledge, outside of the Pacific basin states, this will be the first time that an Asian American will be assuming the federal district court bench. According to an article in the latest issue of the American Bar Association Journal, in the years since 1969 to date—that is covering the five administrations of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush—a total of eight Asian Americans were named to the federal judiciary, assignable as follows: Bush - 1; Reagan - 2; and Carter - 2; Ford - 2, and Nixon - 1. Adding Clinton's pending nomination, the total comes to nine. When it comes to Asian American females, the tally is zilch—across the board. President Clinton has available to him about 120 vacancies to fill. We trust that he will so exercise his nominating power to include several Asian American women.

WHAT ABOUT African Americans? In

the 12 years of Bush-Reagan, 18 African Americans were appointed, 11 by Bush and 7 by Reagan. Included in this number of 18 are 3 African American women. In President Carter's term of four years, 37 African Americans were appointed to the federal bench, including 7 African American women. President Clinton, thus far, has appointed 6 African Americans, all men—although he has appointed a Hispanic American woman. Continuing with the Hispanic American category, again from 1969 to date, the tabulation breaks down as follows: Nixon - 2; Ford - 1; Carter 26, including one woman; Reagan 13, including 2 women; and Bush 8, including 3 women.

WHITE WOMEN JUDGES appointed to the federal bench during this period from 1969, total 104. Here the breakdown is: Carter, with the largest number at 33, followed by Bush at 31, Reagan at 28, and Clinton, thus far, at 10, and Ford and Nixon at one each. One commentator from the "conservative Free Congress Foundation," to quote from the Journal article, opposes

quotas, contending that it is "inappropriate to either choose or evaluate the judiciary based on quotas," continuing, "The only thing some of these groups care about is race and gender." Noble sounding as such contention may be, it suffers from at least three innate defects: first, the contender remains absolutely silent when racism and sexism is perpetrated, so that his/her later critique comes with ill grace; second, it presupposes that, the social milieu in which we operate is a neutral one, free of race or gender discrimination, so that no remedial formulas are necessary; thirdly, implicit in the contention is the unspoken premise that minorities and women are inferior—otherwise why do they require quotas to attain I positions which have been traditionally filled by white males?

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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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Voices

By STEVEN C. CLEMONS

Too many deals were his downfall

Few thought that Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa would keep his job for long. Hosokawa, Japan's first head of state in 38 years not a standard bearer of the long-reigning Liberal Democratic Party, had obvious problems leading a coalition of seven divergent political parties. Some thought that fierce battling over political and electoral reform bills would bring Hosokawa down; others thought that recent feuds between two coalition giants, Ichiro Ozawa and Masayoshi Takemura would end the Prime Minister's tenure. But these he survived. To his credit, Hosokawa has completely changed Japan's election system, led modest but important reforms in campaign finance laws, and just announced that his own party *Nihon Shinto* would merge with the Clean Government Party (*Komeito*) and with Ichiro Ozawa's *Shinseitō* Party. Boosting him further, Hosokawa has been sporting the highest public approval rating of any prime minister in recent years, upwards of about 58%. Things could not have been much better for this media savvy new leader.

But Hosokawa, often referred to as "Mr. Clean," may not be so clean after all. Like

every other top-ranked politician in Japan, Hosokawa has been climbing Japan's political ladder by exchanging favors for money and votes; by providing government goods and government access to constituents in exchange for their campaign contributions. The political machines crafted by former Louisiana Gov. Huey Long and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley are not dissimilar from the powerful and enriching machines that former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka built.

Although Tanaka's prime ministerial career ended in 1974 amidst allegations of money politics that later erupted into the famous Lockheed bribery scandal, his machine still went on to support both former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who finally resigned because of the furor surrounding his role in the Recruit scandal, and LDP kingpin Shin Kanemaru, who resigned his Diet post when it was discovered that \$50 million in gold bars and cash bearer bonds lay stashed in his home closet. Ichiro Ozawa, the behind-the-scenes political orchestrator who brought Hosokawa to power, is the latest beneficiary of the powerful Tanaka machine. Huey Long and

Kakuei Tanaka may be the superstars in the process of political back-scratching but Hosokawa is reflective of something different.

Although Lockheed and the Recruit affair registered at extraordinarily high levels on the Richter scale for scandals in Japan, the attention focused on the firms and individuals involved has directed attention away from the real issue: all local, prefectural, and national level politicians in Japan, if they have wished to keep their jobs, have pursued votes and money in exchange for government favors. Maybe a local contractor gets the permit to build a new train station, or a small delivery company receives a tough-to-get permit to expand its territory, or a driving school gets an exclusive contract to work a region without competition, or a bullet train line is redirected to some far off rural constituency, or any of a million other special favors are doled out to campaign donors by politicians scrambling to increase their position and power. Hosokawa, though he certainly presents himself well on camera, does not differ from the hundreds and thousands of elected political leaders in Japan who have

built their state through a process of mutual collusion between politicians, bureaucrats and favor-seeking firms.

Hosokawa's problem is that although he grew up in the same political fraternity as most of those in Japan's Diet, the Japanese people are demanding the kind of transparency into personal and financial affairs that was unthinkable until recent years. The Japanese public was outraged when it learned that securities houses were guaranteeing big companies like Hitachi and Nissan against losses while housewives took real risks in the stock market. They have been further shocked by revelations that Japan's gangsters, *yakuza*, have bankrolled politicians, compromised major financial institutions, and have been well taken care of by the government. Kanemaru's gold bars and numerous Hawaii condos as well as the continuing spate of revelations about outright bribes of public officials by construction firms have fi-

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Voices

By COREY TAKAHASHI

Yonsei youth responds to racist spitter

Corey Takahashi is a 17-year-old senior at Grand Haven (Mich.) High School, where he is a feature editor of his school newspaper. As a society, he says, we are all too tolerant of intolerance. "I am an American, a Japanese American—a guy who shouldn't have to justify either identity... Because of our racial features, Asian Americans often deal with an attitude otherwise reserved for foreigners—particularly in the Midwest."

If he hadn't shouted it in my face, repeated it several times and tried to provoke a fight, I never would've believed what I'd heard.

"I'm going to get you for Vietnam, mother—!" he screamed. That's just one of the slurs an angry white classmate yelled recently. This was after I'd confronted him for spitting on me as I walked to my car that afternoon.

I still don't know what made him spit on me. But why he ranted about Vietnam is even more confusing. I do have a suggestion for him: He should take up the issue with someone who is Vietnamese. Or maybe

someone who lived in Vietnam during the war and is personally responsible for whatever grievance he was pinning on me.

If he has a problem with fourth-generation Americans, too, then we can talk, because that's what I am. He got the wrong guy. He was looking for someone he saw in the movies.

I am an American, a Japanese American—a guy who shouldn't have to justify either identity. I didn't do it with him, and I won't do it now.

Unfortunately, the concept of Americans who happen to be of Asian ancestry is still remote to some people. Because of our racial features, Asian Americans often deal with an attitude otherwise reserved for foreigners—particularly in the Midwest.

Every day, Asian Americans realize that this incident is not isolated, and neither is the attitude.

Just ask the vice principal of my former high school in Rhode Island, who unsuccessfully argued that I needed to take a course in English as a second language. It wasn't because of my accent, because I don't have an accent.

Or ask my cousin in Los Angeles, who was hospitalized after her skin heads attacked him. Or the relatives of Vincent Chin, the Chinese American who was beaten to death in Highland Park 11 years ago because an autoworker thought he was Japanese.

Ask my father, a commander in the U.S. Coast Guard. Once, while he was giving a tour of his ship, he was pointed at by a child who told his father, "Look, dad, the Japanese are invading."

The kid didn't learn that on his own. Neither did the one who tried to assault me. But it's disturbing when you realize that the same types of misconceptions and assumptions led to the imprisonment of more than 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry in America during World War II, appearance is all that counts—for the U.S. government then, and for the kid who spit on me today. We often forget that America is a nation of immigrants. We need to understand differences between people, or ignorance will succumb to prejudice. Attitudes must evolve.

I feel sorry for the kid who thought I was

Vietnamese. He had no reason to attack me. Actually, he is the victim, not me.

Regardless, his actions are inexcusable. If you're going to be racist, you should at least know why. He didn't know I'm Japanese, and he didn't know I'm American. He doesn't know how foreign I feel when faced with statements like his. Yet he doesn't know how American I feel when I meet my counterparts from Japan, or other Asian countries, for whom I'm often mistaken.

America is geography and ideals, not appearances. And if America is to live up to its promise of "equality and justice for all," we must realize that understanding and learning is everyone's issue, whether you're Asian, black, Hispanic, American Indian or white.

Sometimes it seems we'll never learn from the past. Every time another racial slur comes my way, I have to remind myself that this is 1994. But I shouldn't have to remind anyone that this is America—and that as an American, I refuse to tolerate other people's intolerance. No one should have to.

Voices

By JOHN NAKAHATA

In defense of the JACL's D.C. rep

In reading of the Mountain Plains District Council's discussion of the role of the JACL Washington representative, two thoughts ran through my head. I was grateful that I never had the civic commitment to actually work for JACL—to be underpaid, under budgeted, overworked and subject to constant "monku." I was also saddened by the degree to which this organization has apparently stooped ad hominem attack on staff in lieu of policy debate or criticism of elected leaders.

Underlying the MPDC discussion of the role of the Washington representative seemed to be an image of a free-lancing staffer, completely out of control, taking positions on issues willy-nilly without any accountability to members, dragging JACL into fights in which it has no stake. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Washington representative reports and works under the direction of the national director. She does not take positions or issue statements without first clearing them with the national director. Even her *Pacific Citizen* columns are cleared by the national director. Positions and state-

ments must be consistent with national Council or National Board resolutions, JACL's by-laws and the National Program for Action. In addition, the National Board has adopted guidelines governing media responses. If there are any questions, the national president and the vice president for public affairs are consulted.

It is also difficult to see how the MPDC imagines a Washington representative could function. The MPDC apparently does not want the Washington representative to make position statements. How can you represent anyone without making position statements? The Washington representative's job is to make the positions and interests of JACL and its members known to political and governmental leaders, to leaders and representatives of other interest groups, and to the media. JACL has been effective because we have had dedicated individuals serving as our Washington representatives who have been able to do just that, with vigor and commitment.

It is important to remember that JACL must sometimes be able to act quickly in order to be effective. As a minor example, a

member of Congress from Western Maryland, Roscoe Bartlett, last year took to the floor of the House of Representatives to vent his spleen about people (Asians and Hispanics) with names that are not "normal." Our Washington representative, on behalf of the organization, was able to react quickly to criticize Rep. Bartlett for his inflammatory and racist remarks. I add that new members joined because of JACL's role in that fight.

For the record, I have been tremendously impressed with the work of our current Washington representative, Karen Narasaki. As both the president of the Washington, D.C. Chapter and as a congressional staff person, I have held a ring-side seat from which to watch Karen work. We are lucky to have such a talented, dynamic, and forceful representative in Washington—which is definitely a town in which you must make yourself be heard above the din. As a result of her work, JACL has been able to continue to raise its national profile, particularly in the civil rights arena. We sometimes forget the prominence we have. JACL sits on the Executive Council

of the nation's premier civil rights coalition, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. It is the only Asian Pacific Islander group to be accorded such a position. Karen's work has continued to earn JACL the respect that goes with such an honor.

Over the past year, there has been a lot of "staff bashing." This has got to stop. The people who work for JACL do so because they care enough to want to serve the rest of us. They do so despite low-pay, long hours, and chronic under funding. We at least owe the staff the courtesy of not using them as proxy whipping posts for political disagreements within the organization. If members disagree with the positions the National JACL has taken, those complaints and criticisms should be aimed at the National Board and National Officers. It is they who control JACL's direction.

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Search for Japan Friendship Dolls

The late Frank Miller of Riverside Mission Inn fame, known for his philanthropy and interest in people and things Japanese, received two Japanese Friendship Dolls from Chiba Prefecture in 1928. Today, freelance writer Seiji Horita is seeking to locate them for Japanese publications and a real estate agent in Alhambra.

According to Horita, the Miss Chiba doll is 32-inches tall and Miss Fusa is the smaller 20-inch doll, garbed in an elegant silk kimono, wearing zori and with a Japanese girl's haircut with bangs.

The dolls were said to be on display in 1928 at the Mission Inn's Japanese section as part of the Hinamatsuri (Girl's Day) Festival, which featured a Noh presentation, Japanese music, and messages from the Japanese consul general, Prof. Nakazawa of USC and author Mrs. Austin of "The Daughter of Bushi."

According to the Riverside Press-Enterprise, Mission Inn Museum director Kevin Halloran finds no trace of the missing dolls in his archives. After Miller's death in 1935 at age 78, his doll collection as a tourist attraction and the hotel began a slow decline. Halloran speculates the dolls were either sold at auction or handed down to family members, but he has no idea if the dolls remain in the extended Miller family.

The paper also reported Vince Moses, curator of history for the Riverside Municipal Museum, has a hunch the dolls are in the Jeanne Hutchings' estate, now under probate. She was married to Miller's grandson, Frank.

According to a 1978 *Japan Times* article, there were 58 Japanese dolls sent to the U.S. in acknowledgment of the American dolls. Many of them can still be seen at U.S. museums.

Search for the dolls from Chiba-ken began several years ago when Prof. Masako Yamashiki began researching the whereabouts of the Japanese Friendship Dolls and has found 27 of them, but she has been stymied at every turn of the pair given to Miller, Horita said.

Chiba wants to borrow them for another Hinamatsuri and also pay tribute to Japanese doll-making—"not to take them back"—as this nostalgic story is being closely followed in Japan. A TV crew is willing to come to record the discovery of

these dolls, Horita continued.

In a picture story from the *Japan Times* about the Japanese dolls that appeared in the Nov. 24, 1978 *Pacific Citizen*, Kaniko Ariyoshi, then 56, remembers carrying one of these Friendship Dolls in the welcome parade in Yokohama in 1927 when one of the largest U.S. Japan goodwill gestures in history saw 12,000 blue-eyed dolls arrive with great fanfare at the Yokohama port.

The American dolls were from 30 to 60 cm. (about 12 to 24 inches) in length, each bearing names like Rosemary and Ruth, closed their eyes and cried out, "Mama," when laid on their backs. Each carried a message: "Dear Children of Japan: I have come from faraway America. Please love me forever."

At the time, when Japan's economy was dismal, the American dolls were highly coveted by the children. (A children's song written in the early 1920s about a celluloid doll from America, "Aoi-me no O-Ningyosan," is a tune remembered by many Nisei who must be in their '70s today—like me. The U.S. Friendship Dolls, incidentally, were not celluloid.)

The dolls from America were accepted after a letter addressed to the International Children's Festival of Japan, headed by Eiichi Shibusawa, arrived and the association consulted with the Education Ministry. They were distributed to kindergarten and primary school children across Japan and proved to be excellent goodwill emissaries.

As Japan started treading the road of militarism, most of the dolls fell victim to anti-American hysteria of the military leaders during the Pacific War and nearly all were destroyed.

About 20 or so remaining dolls from America reappeared at Mitaukoshi, a Tokyo department store, on Aug. 15, 1978—the 33rd anniversary of Japan's surrender to Allied Forces. Ten years later, Sogo Department Store showed them at ten cities throughout Japan.

Leads about the missing dolls, Miss Chiba and Miss Fusa, will be welcome by Seiji Horita, Prudential California Realty, 1525 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra, CA, 91801, 818/289-8892, x283 or fax: 818/458-3747.

Honda is editor emeritus of *Pacific Citizen*.

TAKES

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The new building will have 10 classrooms and a multi-purpose room suitable for martial arts. The building committee selected architect Dick T. Sakamoto of Pasadena and Toda Construction of California.

Among the local member organizations: Southeast Gakuen, Norwalk Judo, Norwalk Kendo, Shotokan Karate, cultural and social groups, and youth basketball and baseball.

Information: Hy Shishino 310/926-8159.

Community service basis for APAN JACL scholarship

JACL's Asian Pacific American Network (APAN) chapter is accepting applications until May 27 from Asian-Pacific American college-bound high school seniors, it according to scholarship chair Kathleen Agbayani, 310/841-2991.

The award is made on the basis of community service, "candidates who go beyond scholastic achievements and who show a commitment to the community," chapter president Craig Minami explained.

On the bookshelf

Here are the latest books and publicity releases received from publishers. Additional charges for shipping in U.S. from the University of Hawaii Press are \$2 for the first book and \$1 each thereafter. Sales taxes, where applicable, should be added.

JAPANESE AMERICAN

Easy-to-follow maps

■ Frank and Joanne Iritani. *Ten Visits*, F. Iritani, P.O. Box 221090, Sacramento, CA, 95822. (Jan., 1994, 68pp, color photos, maps, reading list, 8x11", \$15.95/\$18.24 for CA residents, tax and postage included.)

The Iritanis, Frank and Joanne (active Florin JACLers), had prepared their booklet after treks in 1989 to the 10 WWII Japanese American concentration camps sites with directions in time for the 50th anniversary of EO 9066 in 1992.

In the intervening months, they embellished the original edition with easy-to-follow maps and colored photos of the various campsite dedications: i.e., Manzanar and Amache pilgrimages, Heart Mountain, Topaz and Delta monuments, Rohwer Cemetery's three monuments, Tule Lake, the Minidoka dedication during Idaho's Centennial year '90; and the Poston memorial dedication '92 with a one-year later picture for its front cover.

Thanks to George Kihara of Davis, the Iritanis received road directions to Gilera River's second camp. Only Jerome is missing picture-wise. The stories of the U.S. and Canadian redress campaigns are appended.

The maps alone are worth the price of the book. It's also a handy introduction to the Japanese American experience from the Evacuation angle to the post-WWII generations and their children. (Also available at JACP, 224 Main St., San Mateo, CA, 96401, and JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.)

14 Issei remember

■ Linda Tamura. *The Hood River Issei: an Oral History of Japanese Settlers in Oregon's Hood River Valley*. University of Illinois Press, 1325 S. Oak St., Champaign, IL, 61820. Dec. 1993, 337pp., foreword by Roger Daniels, index, notes, bibliography, 6x9", \$49.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper.)

Here we see a commendable product of oral history, polished by its book-design and the 14 Hood River Valley Issei being introduced in the opening chapter by the author, a Sansei native of Hood River, professor and chair of the Education Department at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore. Here are some interesting tidbits:

—Mrs. Itsu Akiyama, 89 (pleased by recalling so much, she was sharing to her sister in Japan to write some family history);

—Mrs. Tei Endow, 85 (obviously delighted in talking about her children);

—Mrs. Shigeko Fukui, 85 (highly-colored afghans and pillows that she had knitted decorated the living room sofas);

—Mrs. Maki Hamada, 89 (re-telling letters from her sister-in-law in Japan was among her pleasures);

—Masaji Kusachi, 82 (a widower with 7 children, he had developed a reputation as a fine cook and baked three-layer birthday cakes for them to take to school);

—Mrs. Misuyo Nakamura, 82 (having faithfully kept a diary,

she was able to give exact dates and numbers);

—Mrs. Hatsumi Nishimoto, 85 (so spirited and infectious that it was easy to become involved in her stories);

—Mrs. Asayo Noji, 89 (her family was the first to return to Hood River after the war and became the test case for determining American Legion attitudes toward parents of Nisei serving in the Army);

—Mrs. Miyoshi Nojori, 85 (she told the interviewer: "Isn't it fun to delve into history?");

—Chiho Tomita, 95 (she chose to answer mostly in broken English, relying on translation only when necessary);

—Mrs. Hisa Wakamatsu, 92 (though talking without pause, she also expressed *kinoduku*—regret that she was unable to give more information);

—Mrs. Hama Yamaki, 94 (her son and daughter-in-law mentioned the interviews were good mental stimulation for her);

—Mrs. Masayo Yumibe, 82, and Miyoko Yumibe, 84 (they were the only Issei couple in the valley when the interviews were being conducted in the mid-1980s.)

'Namida no Adios'

■ Seiichi Higashide, tr. by his eight children from Japanese to English and Spanish, *Adios to Tears: the Memoirs of a Japanese Peruvian Internee in the U.S. Concentration Camps*. Elsa H. Kudo, 5265 Lawelave Place, Honolulu, HI, 96821 (1993, 256pp, photos, maps, index, 6x9", \$22 shipping included, one dollar extra to Canada, Japan, soft.)

While the title calls attention to the plight of some 1,800 Japanese who were "kidnapped from Peru" by armed detectives (Feb. 22, 1943), i.e., those who were "deported" to the United States and forced to spend a long period of detention in internment camps, the Higashide story in Peru and how he coped in the 1930s when anti-Japanese prejudice were the most enlightening.

He had finished technical school to engage in construction design and work (he couldn't as positions were only open to those with citizenship).

He arrived in Peru in 1930 as a young man of 21, who toiled in Cañete as a "working guest," as a school teacher (and introducing baseball), co-owner of a high-quality merchandise store (and for good business reasons, too), getting married to a Peruvian Nisei (however, there were no interfering anti-miscegenation laws), and moving further south to Ica to start a merchandise store in the plaza. His role in the community as president of the local Japanese association made him a marked man when WWII broke out.

There are many Issei anecdotes throughout the memoirs that reveal pictures of prewar Japanese life in Peru that are eloquently personal—through March, 1944, when he was shipped out to face new hardships. These memoirs brings Peru into body politic of the U.S. Nikkei.

After the war, he chose to stay in the U.S., moving from Crystal City, Texas, to Chicago in the '50s, and being naturalized a U.S. citizen in 1958. He retired from his apartment business in 1974 to live in Hawaii and to be near their children.

JAPANESE CANADIAN

'History' in the raw

■ Yon Shimizu. *The Exiles: An Archival History of the*

WWII Japanese Road Camps in British Columbia and Ontario. Shimizu Consulting & Publishing, 303 Dora Drive, Wallaceburg, Ont. N8A 2J9, Canada. (1993, 609pp, illus., index, 5.5x9". US\$25 / no personal cheques, soft.)

Seasonal work for Japanese Americans from the wartime camps was saving or harvesting the agricultural crop—sugar beets, onions, etc. The Canadian government, on the other hand, arranged to send the able-bodied men to road camps in the mountainous Rockies and to a bleak stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway along Lake Superior. Others voluntarily moved inland to live and work in Alberta and Manitoba.

Of particular interest was the chapter on the road camp working the B.C. highway between Hope and Princeton, which we had traversed in 1988 from Vancouver to Greenwood, the first ghost town populated by Japanese Canadian families, many of them Catholics sheltered by Father Benedict Quigley.

Clippings from the *New Canadian* and local press lend a "you are there" realism throughout the coverage of the four road camps. These road camp reports are all up-beat, the author warns in the foreword, and cheerful in contrast to the reports of the Resident Engineers as gleaned from the Public Archives of Canada.

The author, a survivor of the Ontario road camp, further notes the reports by the Resident Engineers could be misleading, "covering up and protecting one's ass." And the recall 50 years later by one of the men and the appendix of papers at the end of the chapter are but another way to tell the Evacuation - Internment story, U.S. or Canada.

JAPAN LITERATURE

Period elegance

From the University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822, are three Japanese literature titles released in February.

1—Michele Marra. *Representations of Power: the Literary Politics of Medieval Japan*. (1993, 256pp, \$14.95 paper.) Cultural politics from the 14th to the 16th centuries are examined. Mr. Marra teaches Japanese literature at UCLA.

2—Hiroaki Sato, tr. *String of Beads: Complete Poems of Princess Shikishi*. (1993, 192pp, \$34 cloth.) Noted translator Sato has translated some 400 of tanks in one-line form attributed to Princess Shikishi. Many of them are accompanied by extensive footnotes and endnotes. He is the author of 15 books of Japanese poems in English translation.

3—Haruo Sato, tr. by Francis B. Tenny. *The Sick Rose: A Pastoral Elegy*. (1993, 240pp, \$11.95 paper.) A story that made Sato instantly famous when it appeared in 1918, Terry makes available in English for the first time a novella that signalled the emergence of the contemporary Japanese that took place in the Taisho era (1912-1926).

Its sequel, "Gloom in the City," and a companion piece, "Okinu and Her Brother," are added. Tenny is executive director of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and currently a research associate of the Reischauer Institute of Harvard University.

—HARRY K. HONDA

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Ross Harano

Chicago Chapter, JACL

Susan Gammer and Fred Korematsu were among the speakers. The Rev. Gerald Sakamoto of the San Jose Buddhist Temple gave the invocation; the San Jose Taiko drummers performed.

DETROIT

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part—the Japanese and Asian American communities include anti-immigrant legislation and policy proposals, as well as on-going legal cases such as the 20-year old Wards Cove discrimination lawsuit, according to Narasaki. She stated that Japanese Americans cannot expect to be treated with respect in the halls of the Senate and Congress on these issues without making a loud outcry. Unfortunately less than approximately 6% of Japanese Americans are even registered to vote in California and the Japanese American community remains barely visible in the halls of the House and Senate.

Narasaki also cited another subject impacting the community: the pending vote in the House and Senate for federal government appropriation to support redress education. Known as the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, this \$5 million request would fund research and public education efforts on the internment camp experience. Such education would do much to increase public awareness but gaining funding requires Japanese and Asian Americans to write letters or make other communications with the representatives and senators.

Narasaki called upon the Japanese American community in the Detroit area to continue its efforts in upholding the responsibilities of citizenship and its obligation to stand up and be counted in the American political process. She said that the community cannot afford to rest on its laurels—Japanese Americans must continue to contribute time, money and effort to keep the gains of redress and wartime bravery.

Following Narasaki's presentation, dinner attendees participated in a letter writing campaign developed by Detroit Chapter, JACL, board member Valerie Yoshimura. These letters asked Sen. Don Riegle Jr. (D-Mich.) and appropriate Michigan congressmen for their support in the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act (S. 1037).

HONORS

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Watanabe, the Detroit JACL's board member in charge of scholarships and awards, bestowed honors on both members.

Midwest District Governor David Hayashi, from the Twin Cities Chapter in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., administered the oath to the newly elected officers, who included President John Takemoto and board members Valerie Yoshimura, Bill Shays, Mary Kamidori, Julie Sasaki, Gerry Shimoura, Ernie Otani, Frank Watanabe, Scott Yamazaki, and Toshi Shimoura.

In addition to Hayashi, guests at the dinner included Yasukuni Enoki, Consul General, Detroit Consulate of Japan. Other Detroit-based Asian American community groups representatives included the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and American Citizens for Justice. Ernie Otani, immediate past president of the Detroit JACL and an engineer at General Motors Corp., served as toastmaster, while David Fukuzawa, program officer with the Skillman Foundation in Detroit, provided the invocation and benediction.

The Detroit Chapter, JACL, is an over 200-member local, non-profit community group founded in 1946 to support Japanese Americans in southeastern Michigan.

JACL national legislative committee (then pushing the Repeal of Title II). He was awarded the JACL Silver Pin in 1970, the Sapphire Pin in 1973 and a 20-year hiatus as he returned to the chapter board in 1992 as vice-president, budget-finance, and president this year.

Immediate chapter objectives include (a) better communications with membership, (b) fiscally sound budget and programs, and (c) expanding the chapter board to include newer JACL members.

Ross Masao Harano was born Sept. 17, 1942, at Fresno, relocated from the Fresno Assembly Center to Jerome, Ark., is divorced, and has three children: Michelle Akiko Kolak, Michael and Mark and three grandchildren. A JACLer since 1959, he is a 20-year plus Thousand Clubber.

His community ties currently reach out by being president, Illinois Ethnic Coalition; vice-chair, the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Committee; chairing the Asian Pacific American Democratic Council of Illinois, and as board member of the Asian American Institute.

As for timeout, he just started taking up golf last year.

Send your biography or resume and a good photo of yourself to be featured in PC's Chapter President Profile: Pacific Citizen, 2 Coral Circle, #204, Monterey Park, CA, 91755.

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

Ross Harano's "mugshot" (pardon the shop label) appeared on the P.C. front page March 4-10 with the U.S.-Japan "tough trade talks" story, where he believed the national JACL "should not become involved in international politics." Those words came as national chair of the JACL U.S.-Japan relations committee.

He also happens to be president of World Trade Center Chicago Association.

But the P.C. story didn't identify him as the 1994 Chicago JACL chapter president, a post he still finds challenging as the first time he was elected in 1969 (a quarter-century ago) and touted in the P.C. then as the "first Samsui chapter president." The following year he chaired the 1970 JACL National Convention at the Palmer House.

His climb up the leadership ladder began as Chicago Jr. JACL president at age 19 in 1961; next as chair of the National Youth Convention in 1964, which was sanctioned inside the national JACL convention at the Sheraton Cadillac in Detroit; and after he had graduated in '65 from Illinois as a finance major, he was sitting on the Chicago chapter board through 1971.

The next leap was being Midwest District youth commissioner, then to MDC governor ('71-'74), and also chairing the

SAN JOSE

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reparations, we needed something that was more visual and that would invite others to understand what the camps were about."

The sculpture details 177 mans—Japanese family crest, which families had submitted in response to her ad in the vernacular press.

Ruth Asawa, who was 16 at the time of evacuation, said the sculpture is "personal, but very generic too, as it happened to 110,000 people." Her parents and family of six brothers and sisters farmed in Norway. She remembered her father was arrested by the FBI in February and he didn't return till after the war. The Asawas spent the war years at Santa Anita and Rohwer, where she was taught how to draw by Nisei cartoonists

from Disney Studios in camp. She continued with art classes at Milwaukee State Teachers because tuition was \$25 a year and at the experimental art school, Black Mountain College, in North Carolina, where she met her future husband, architect Albert Lanier.

Her works in San Francisco include the water fountain in Japantown's Buchanan St. Mall, the whimsical mermaid fountain at Ghirardelli Square, the sculpture of landmarks and people of San Francisco on the steps of the Hyatt Hotel on Union Square and the tied-wire sculpture in front of the Oakland Museum.

Over 200 people gathered at the unveiling. Rep. Norman Mineta, Richard Tanaka of the San Jose Commission on the Internment of Local Japanese Americans; Steve French of the San Jose Arts Commission, Mayor

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Obituaries

Abe, Dr. Theodore Teru, 57, Mountain View, March 6 of heart attack while golfing with friends at Coyote; Watsonville-born, evacuated to Poston, graduated from Los Gatos High (55) started in baseball, 12 grad. g.c., coached in track and wrestling, coached in later years, UCSF School of Dentistry (61); Air Force dentist in Spokane, in private practice in Palo Alto with Dr. George Hiura and in Mountain View, private practice with Margaret (Jumaru), sons Dr. Keith, Dr. Craig, Kifaru, King, predeceased by son Kent (81), brother Dr. Robert, in-laws mother Shizu Jumara, daughter Dr. Quyuh Abe.

Akiyama, Hifumi, 95, Los Angeles, Feb. 5; Okayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons George, Robert, daughters Betty Yamaguchi, Shirley Hiroko Monahan, 12 grad. g.c., great-grand-g.c., in-law Jean K. Akiyama.

Ando, Fumio G, 90, San Francisco, Dec. 19; Kanagawa-born, survived by wife Eiko, daughter Connie Morita, 23.

Antoku, Charles T., 71, Redwood, Feb. 8; Mountain View-born, survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Marjorie, granddaughters Linda Brookhaus, Kay Keneber, Roxanne, g.c., sisters Toriyé Watanabe, Dorothy Yamada, Mary Dowki, brother George.

Aoyama, Hana, 79, Reno, Feb. 20; a Nisei pioneer within Order of Eastern Star (wives of Masanos) and Daughters of the Nile (wives of Shinners), Worthy Grand Matron in Nevada (77), queen of Ammon-Ra Temple No. 56 (80), OES Education Committee chair for General Grand Chapter, survived by husband of 57 years Fred, son Cal (Alameda), daughter Judy Takeida (Danville), 5 g.c. Since she had first learned of the Eastern Star through her daughter's membership in Rainbow Girls, the Nevada Grand Assembly International Order of

Rainbow Girls established the Hana Aoyama Memorial, PO Box 71354, Reno, NV 89570.

Aro, Aasne, 92, Los Angeles, Feb. 4; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Masachika, Motomi, daughters Eiko, Nobuko Mitsuda, Haruko Alberti, Lucilia Graham, 14 g.c., 11 great-g.c.

Fukute, Masayoshi, 92, Chula Vista, Dec. 29; Gifu-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Edward, Eugene, daughters June Morita, Naomi Tanaka, 13 g.c., 11 great-g.c.

Hasegawa, Matsue, 91, Torrance, Feb. 8; Kohaka, Hawaii-born, survived by son Shigeki, daughter Louise, 4 g.c., brother Masachiko Toishigawa, sisters Gladys Wataoka, Fujiyoshi Nishiyama all Hawaii.

Hayashida, Misae, 89, Dana Point, Feb. 7; Osaka-born, survived by daughters Suzuko Okada, Moko Okada, 6 g.c., and many great-g.c.

Iijima, Sachiko, 92, Los Angeles, Jan. 31; Yamana-shi-born, survived by daughter Sarah Sawai, 8 g.c., sister Chizuko Hayakawa (Jpn), son-in-law Harry Fujiyoshi.

Ikeida, Michael T., 32, Altadena, Feb. 6, in an accident; Pasadena-born, survived by parents Takemichi and Chizuko, brothers Steven, Eric.

Ito, Michiko Nakamura, 71, Gardena, Feb. 1; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Victor, son Stanley (San Diego), daughters Dr. Susan Ito-Hollander, Dr. Julie Ito-Sue (Chicago), 5 g.c., sister Rikyoku Toda.

Kami, Kimi, 94, Berkeley, Jan. 29; Hiroshima-born, predeceased by husband.

Death Notice

K. VICTOR TSUBOTA
78, beloved husband of Tomeko Ruth, father of Kenneth Masaru (Tuana), Alan Richard, grandfather of James Masaru, Roberto Jiro, Tamara Tomoko, brother of Minoru and Haruo Tsubota in Japan.
Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 7, at Fukui Mortuary "Chapel of Garden" Fukui Mortuary Directors.

band Junichi, survived by daughters Masako, Yaeiko, Yodosty, Yachyo Kow, sons Seichi, Dr. Frank, Dr. Saburo, 9 g.c., 5 great-g.c.

Kasamatsu, Miyoshi, 94, Sacramento, Dec. 29; Miyoshi-born, survived by sons Yashio, Yutoku, Yashio, Yutoku, Yashio, Yutoku, daughter Shizuko Kaizawa (Hawaii), 5 g.c.

Kawakami, Yoshionem, 95, Berkeley, Feb. 4; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Henry, daughters Kikuko, Sumiko Aoki, Miyoko Tanaka, Fumiko Aoki, 16 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Kon, Hiroshi, 81, San Francisco, Feb. 8; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Noboru, Harold, Samuel (Hawaii), Cyrus, James (Cupertino), Melvin, daughter Karen Kon-Garcia, 14 g.c., 1 great-g.c.

Kubota, Takehi, 75, Reno, Feb. 25; Stockton-born WWII Army veteran, retired Nevada nurse-power supervisor, husband, Reno, JACL'er, survived by brother Tsugio (Lodi, Calif.).

Kusabe, Daniel M., 46, Buena Park, Feb. 2; Long Beach-born, survived by daughter Sheri, brothers Masaru, Katsuyoshi, sisters Masako Tani, Eiko Hatanaka, 10 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Manabe, Dick M., 81, Aptos, Feb. 8; Watsonville-born, survived by daughter Janice Manabe, sons Ron, Barry, 3 g.c., brother Saeo.

Mandeville, Zekuko, 65, Oakland, Nov. 28; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Satoru, daughter Yoko, 10 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Mayeda, Shimoyo, 93, Las Vegas, Feb. 24; Hawaii-born farmer's wife, survived by son Richard, daughters Grace Tsugiyama, Edna Tomianna (Gardena), 10 g.c.

Mito, Frank, 74, Watsonville, Feb. 12; Newark-born, survived by wife Helen, son Donald, 1 g.c.

Mizuguchi, Tami, 78, Los Angeles, Feb. 1; Gardena-born, survived by husband Kanao, sons Yoshinori Hifumi (Jpn), Yoshihiro Hifumi, daughters Setsuko Sakamoto (Jpn), Yoshiko Ojio, 7 g.c., 2 great-g.c., brothers Kiyoichi Takemura, Hiroshi (Jpn), Takeshi.

Nakagawa, Kunichi, 91, Fresno, Feb. 17; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Bob, Roy, daughters Akiko Yoshida (Jpn), Etsuko Ueyama, 11 g.c., 12 great-g.c., in-law Koyuki Kamimoto.

Nakamura, Tsuneo, 81; El Cerrito, Dec. 22 (sv), survived by brothers Motohiro, Fred, sister Kimiko Shobata.

Nishida, Hamako, 75, San Lorenzo, Feb. 12; Alameda-born, survived by husband Ichiro, brother Seiji Hamasaki, in-law Amy Nagaki.

Nishimoto, Chieno, 97, Sacramento, Feb. 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Shigeo, Kiyoto, Imami, Yoshiharu, daughter Toshie Shimoe, 16 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Oda, Shinobu, 77, Los Angeles, Feb.

9; Gardena-born, survived by wife Yaeiko, sons Robert, Kenji, Takeshi, 3 g.c., sisters Kikumi Sakanawa, Harumi Oda, Takemi Shimizu, in-law Hisayo Oda.

Okada, Kichi, 97, Sacramento, Feb. 5; Shizuoka-born, survived by sons Eugene, Harold, daughter Yuriko Kojima (Jpn), 8 g.c.

Onishi, Ted T., 72, Monterey Park, Dec. 18; Sacramento-born post-WWII Japan Occupation veteran, survived by wife Okada, daughter Yoko, 10 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Oyama, Toshikuni, 59, Pasadena, Feb. 5; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Carol, sons Andrew, John, James, Richard, daughter Name Chis, 3 g.c., brother Masayoshi, mother-in-law Yoshiko Nakashimo (Santa Barbara).

Saito, Kotoyo, 100, Los Angeles, Jan. 6 (sv); Okayama-born, survived by daughter Toshiko J. Yamamoto, son Minoru Sakaguchi, 6 g.c., 4 great-g.c., 1 great-great-g.c.

Shimizu, Chitoe, 89, Foster City, Ca., Dec. 17; Wakayama-born, survived son Hirochi, daughters Tsuneo and June Muro, 10 g.c., 10 great-g.c.

Shindo, Victor M., 60, Los Angeles, Jan. 28; survived by wife Peggy, daughters Robin, Cherie, Sandra, Valerie, 1 g.c., brother Richard, Arthur and sister Clara Hirose.

Shiraji, Masami, 5, 71, Long Beach, Feb. 5; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tami, brother Hiroshi, sister Agnes.

Shimoto, Takeo, 82, Glendale, Feb. 8; Washington-born, survived by wife Shizue, son Dr. Thomas, daughter Michiko, 2 g.c.

Shinto, John, 67, Santa Ana, Feb. 2; Orange County-born, survived by wife Haruko, brother George, 10 g.c., sisters Rose Kono, Shizu Hirose.

Tegami, Chito, 86, Los Angeles, Dec. 30; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughter Grace Sukimoto, 3 g.c., 5 great-g.c.

Takahashi, Robert K., Gardena, Jan. 5; Los Angeles-born Sansie, survived by parents Toshio and Tetsuko, brothers Gene, Bruce, grandmother Tokiye Murakami.

Takahashi, Yueno, 91, Sacramento, Jan. 29; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Yoshiharu, Tom, daughters Akie Fujiyoko, Miori Ueno, Frances Yokota, Teruko Yokoyama, 12 g.c., 6 great-g.c., 4 g.c., brother Eiichi Yoshida, Park, Jan. 3; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Carl, Roy, Byron, daughter Lydia, 6 g.c.

Takeshita, Tosh, 70, Monterey Park, Feb. 5; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Ruby, sons Donon, Lyle, daughter Yoko, 4 g.c., brother Eiichi Yoshida, sisters Miyoko Kinoshita, Tomoko Torio, Fusaye Kameyoshi, Tomiko Huddleston, Aiko Yoshida, Michi Kropp.

Tamura, Matsuno, 97, Los Angeles, Jan. 3; Okinawa-born, survived by daughters Jeon Shizuko, Toshiko Inukai (Jpn), 14 g.c., 18 great-g.c., in-law Sadayee Tambara.

Tazoi, Miye, 97, Anaheim, Dec. 31; Kumamoto-born Utah resident, survived by sons Jim (Utah), Taiichi, daughters Ruth Koga, Masako Fujimoto (Washington), Faye Chikazawa, Michie Watanabe, Maye Tomo, 19 g.c., 15 great-g.c.

Tokunaga, Nobuko, 68, Yuba City, Jan. 26; Cali-born Marysville JACL'er, survived by husband Isao, son Isamu, daughter Aiko Arakaki, 2 g.c., 6 brothers Peter-Hamatori, Yoshi, George, Minoru, Osamu, Tomio, 5 sisters Kiki Tanaka, Molee Hamatani, Shizue Sugioka, Fumie Agnes, Yuko Combs.

Tsushima, Sadami, 83, San Jose, Jan. 18; Renton, Wash.-born, survived by daughter Peggy Tokushige, 2 g.c.

Tsushima, Tom Tamotsu, 85, Oakland, Feb. 16; Loomis-born, survived by wife Ueda, sons Miki, 4 g.c.

Ueda, Harold, 5, 63, Torrance, Jan. 4; survived by wife Agnes, mother Alice, g.c., brothers Robert, Charles Ueda, sister Alice Umetsu.

Yonemura, Sam Masaki, 80, Linden, Feb. 13; Watsonville-born, survived by sons Richard (Concord), Roy (Madera), George, Donald (Stockton), daughters Peggy Martin, Sachie Enokida (Suguna Hills), June Peters, 12 g.c., brother Minoru (JACL'er), sisters Midori, Kikuno Daibou (both Jpn).

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nally pushed the Japanese public beyond their tolerance of "behind the shoji screen corruption."

Hosokawa has refused to allow his personal finances to be opened to the public, although other LDP leaders in recent years had to do this as a matter of course. Hosokawa, riding into office on the wave of political reform hysteria in Japan, has tragically fallen on his own sword. In contrast to the clean image he promised, Hosokawa reflects the general and broad corruption of Japan's political system, not a corruption that has recently developed but the kind of publicly accepted and known corruption that has characterized Japanese politics in the entire post-war period. Hosokawa claims that a one million dollar loan that he received from the now infamous Sagawa Kyubin firm was repaid. If so, then he is one of the only politicians who has indeed repaid such a loan, the kind that the company never expects to be paid back. And if that was the case, Hosokawa would be the white knight that the media made him appear for ten months and would presumably still have his job.

The key issue for Japan today is that none of Japan's current leaders matured in a clean political system. They are powerful because they built the best political machines, raised the most money, and secured the greatest amount of government resources to return to their constituents. No politician has been exempt from this reality. Thus, Prime Minister Hosokawa's

departure means one of two things, either the public is going to have to forgive the past misdeeds of their current leaders or the revolving door of the Prime Minister's office is going to be swinging for some time.

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I HAD the pleasure of meeting Denny Chin last year when we were seated at the same table celebrating the induction of The Honorable Marilyn Go to the position of Magistrate Judge in the federal system in New York so present is his spouse, Kathy Hirata Chin, Esq., yes, also a lawyer and also with a prestigious New York law firm. There were many other accomplished Asian American lawyers at that gathering. So whoever you may be, either remove those long-standing obstacles or face having them battered down by whatever is necessary, be it quotas or not have you.

Competence will be recognized.

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Communications" drafted September, 1993. It is important to visualize this organization as a whole and maintain the policies consistent with our National Program for Action. One hope that we can redirect our energy to addressing the most important issues at hand.

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Sacramento Chapter criticizes ad in PC

The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, is deeply troubled by a personal advertisement that was allowed to be published in the February 25 - March 3, 1994, and March 4 - 10, 1994 issues of the Pacific Citizen. The ad was submitted by a gentleman in Florida seeking a permanent relationship with a Japanese female. What is more disturbing is that this ad was allowed to appear in our national publication of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Advertisements of personal nature such as this should not be accepted. The Pacific Citizen is not a mail-order bride catalog. The JACL has fought to dispel negative stereotypes that Asian women are compliant, submissive, and subservient to men. Despite our organization's efforts, this ad has belittled our attempts to tear down these negative portrayals of Asian women.

Since you have indicated in the past that the Pacific Citizen has specific guidelines and policies, please transfer a copy of your policies concerning personal ads in the Pacific Citizen.

In the future, I suggest you consider the consequences and tastefulness of allowing a personal ad in your publication from an individual that not only insults our members but also confuses the nationality of our members.

Sacramento Chapter Board of Directors, Officers