



MEMORIALS—Sue Kunitomi Embrey of the Manzanar Committee stands before the monument at the April 23 pilgrimage. Below, the new Blue Star Memorial Highway plaque honor Japanese American soldiers.



Blue Star Highway named for Nisei vets

A stretch of U.S. Highway 395 was dedicated a Blue Star Highway April 23 at the 25th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. The dedication is in honor of the members of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. Stanley Albright, regional director, National Park Service Western Region, presented a plaque in honor of the Nisei veterans. Accepting on behalf of the veterans was George Yoshihara, president, 100th/442nd Veterans Association.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker program began during World War II and establishes federal highways and by-ways as living memorials in tribute to the armed forces which have served in defense of the country. The Manzanar interment camp is located off of Highway 395 near the town of Lone Pine. The Blue Star Marker was presented by Marjorie Johnson, chairwoman, Pacific Region Blue Star Marker, and accepted by Lewis Wood, district director of transportation, Caltrans Bishop office.

In addition to the highway dedication, highlights of this year's pilgrimage included:

- Memorial services conducted by Father Joe Klecha, Maryknoll Church, Rev. Ren Kimura, Nikkei Ministerial Mission, and Rick Tsuyuki, Konkō Church and a representative of the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation.

- On the spot oral interviews with former Manzanar internees were conducted on video tape. Explaining earlier why it is necessary, Sue Kunitomi Embrey,

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Pacific Citizen annual board meeting, April 23, 1994

The bottom line: revenues lacking to produce PC's

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—It is very important for the membership to understand how much it costs to produce the newspaper, said Ron Ohata, chairman of the PC Board. That was in reaction to board member Ron Shibata's comment that membership subscription money accounts for only 42 cents out of every dollar that comes into PC. "It is really important for people to understand," Ohata said. "If the membership says we only want to pay \$12, we have to explain that that only reflects 42% of the money coming to PC."

This and other financial issues dominated the April 23 Pacific Citizen board meeting as the members looked into ways of dealing with rising costs and decreasing advertising revenue. Held at the PC offices, the meeting was the first for newly appointed chair Ohata, who replaced Lucy Kishue who had been appointed interim chair after JACL National President Lillian Kimura fired then PC Board Chairman Paul Shinkawa on Sept. 13, 1993.

Shibata, Mountain Plains District board representative and a member of PC's Finance Committee, presented a report on first quarter PC finances. He said based on current spending and earning patterns, PC is projecting a deficit in 1994 of \$56,000.

Within this context, the board approved the 1994 PC budget revisions and talked about ways of either increasing revenue or cutting costs. Some of the options recommended through the course of discussion included reducing the number of issues PC produces and raising advertising rates. Shibata suggested keeping dues the same and increasing the portion PC receives from JACL dues from \$12 to \$15. At the Feb. 12 National board meeting, Kishue presented a resolution increasing the PC subscription rate to \$15.

"We have had some savings through spending cuts but a deficit is still a deficit," said Shibata. "PC has suffered from inflation and the (Jan. 17 Northridge) earthquake." Richard Suenaga, PC editor/general manager, explained that

one of PC's principal advertising agencies was heavily damaged during the earthquake and PC consequently suffered a substantial drop in classified ad revenue.

Shibata said the budget presented before the PC board was very bare bones. "We are at a bare minimum on personnel. The problem is that when you cut costs, you also cut programs," said Shibata.

Peggy Liggett, Central California District PC board member and former PC board chair, said that at one time JACL subscription money counted for almost half of all PC revenue.

"We used to run close to

50%, but as costs [increase] JACL subscription revenue has not covered expenses," said Liggett.

Kim Tachiki, PSW PC board member, said, "In PSW, the (PC) Ad Hoc Committee said if we knew how much it costs to produce the PC, members may be more likely to spend an extra two to three dollars."

A September, 1993, PC analysis presented at the board meeting showed an average cost of \$4,371 for an 8-page issue and \$4,835 for a 12-page issue. The analysis included the cost of postage, printing, disk

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PC Board says no to personal, political ads

The PC Board, while not making a formal motion, issued a policy of not publishing any personal advertising, citing a recent PC ad in which an American man in Florida was seeking a Japanese woman for companionship.

Richard Suenaga, editor/general manager, said that he received and published a complaint and added that Bill Hosokawa had expressed similar feelings in his column. Suenaga took full responsibility for the publishing of the ad and said that he understood and appreciated the concern.

"The issue is principle," said Greg Marutani, representing the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District. "Whether it's \$1,000 in revenue or not it is unacceptable."

Tachiki said, "As a Japanese American woman, I did not appreciate the recent ad."

Ohata said, "Given the nature of the organization, it is not appropriate."

While the board was unified in its rejection of

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On board

Attending the April 23, 1994 meeting were members of the Pacific Citizen Board or representatives. They were:

- Ron Ohata, chair, Central California District.

- Jeff Itami, governor, Intermountain District, attending for Cathy Yasuda.

- Greg Marutani, San Francisco Chapter, JACL, attending for Les Hata, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District.

- Jim Miyazaki, Midwest District.

- John Nakahata, Eastern District.

- Ron Shibata, Mountain Plains District.

- Kim Tachiki, Pacific Southwest District.

- Denny Yasuhara, Pacific Northwest District.

Also attending were:

- Bill Hosokawa, PC advisor.

- Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, attending for Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

Interested parties present were: Ruth Mizobe, governor, PSW; Trisha Murakawa, JACL national vice president, planning and development; Carole Hayashing, associate national director; Jimmy Tokeshi, PSW regional director; Craig Minami, PSW vice governor; Karl Nobuyuki, president, San Fernando Valley Chapter, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, president, Wilshire Chapter; and Miyako Kadogawa, first vice president, Greater L.A. Singles Chapter.

Also discussed

- A number of PC board members asked for greater communication between PC and National staffs. Senzaki and Suenaga both agreed to reestablish communication on a regular basis.

- The PC Board chair asked the national director to look into the issue of National payment for merging JACL subscriber information with PC records.

- Ohata, Senzaki and Suenaga agreed to work on the addendum to the personnel manual and work with the JACL personnel committee chaired by Neal Taniguchi, JACL vice president of operations. Discussion focused on the exempt or non-exempt status of PC staff. A personnel expert may assist in this area, the board decided.

Editorial Advisory Board clarified

The PC Board appointed new members to the PC advisory board after lengthy discussion about the group's purpose. The advisory board includes: Ron Ohata, board chairman; Richard Suenaga, editor/general manager; Kim Tachiki, PSW member; and Jim Miyazaki, Midwest member. Tachiki and Miyazaki will serve staggered terms.

Asked to explain the original purpose of the advisory board, Suenaga said, "The discussion initiated with Paul Shinkawa. In terms of journalism, we know the guidelines and we have Bill Hosokawa who serves as advisor. At that time, we didn't know JACL as well. If we wrote about an issue, we wanted to know how it would be received."

Hosokawa asked if the the board reached a majority decision if the editor was obliged to follow its opinion.

Ohata said, "It's advisory. It's his (Suenaga's) decision. But if two-thirds agree, he could go out and query others."

John Nakahata, EDC, said, "The (advisory) board takes it to the whole board and it becomes binding."

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Calendar

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

Sun. May 1—Asian Pacific Heritage Month Festival, Freedom Plaza, 14th and Pennsylvania Ave NW.

Fri.-Sat. May 6—Asian Pacific American Heritage Council Leadership Conference, Capital Hilton; information 202/659-1875.

Sat. May 14—JACL Washington DC 'Day of Remembrance Reflections,' 2-4 p.m., Smithsonian Institution Museum of American History. Call Marilyn Nagane Schiefel 202/622-7839, Mary Toda 301/942-6096, Leslie Hatamiya 202/686-1954.

Wed.-Fri. May 18-20—Natl Conference of Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. Information: Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) 213/485-1422.

Midwest Twin Cities

Thu. May 12—JACL Twin Cities scholarship banquet, Campus Club, 4th Fl. Coffman Union, University of Minnesota campus.

Intermountain Salt Lake City

Sun.-Tue. July 31-Aug. 2—Japanese American reunion for University of Utah alumni. Information Grace Takekoshi 801/581-6995.

Aug. 3-6—33rd Biennial National JACL Convention—Mt Olympus JACL sponsors, Downtown Marriott Hotel. Information: Irene or Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287. PRE-REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE (before June 25)—Convention package (f) \$135, Youth Package \$135, covering following events: Aug. 4-6 National Council meetings, Aug. 5-6 workshops on (a) AAs in the arts, (b) dealing with the media, (c) successful lobbying, (d) personal finance and retirement preparation, (e) personal history of JAs, (f) AAs in the workplace—corporate glass ceiling, (g) relations with other minority/civil rights groups, (h) youth, (i) U.S.-Japan relations, (j) education, (k) Hawaii sovereignty, (l) gay and lesbian issues, (m) Topaz, (n) hate and violent crimes, (o) 6 Youth luncheon (for all young adults), Aug. 6 Sayonara banquet-ball, Special/Optional events: Aug. 2-3 Two-day golf tournament, men & women flights by handicap, also one-day format (\$100 member, \$110 non-member), Aug. 3 Social tennis tournament, Liberty Park Tennis Courts, Aug. 4 Old Timers luncheon, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, formerly the Hotel Utah (\$20); Aug. 6—Golf tournament; tennis tournament at Liberty Park, \$10 entry fee includes court time, balls and a T-shirt; Aug. 7—Day trip to Topaz (\$20, bus and lunch included); Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast, 9-30 a.m., Temple Square. Other Booster activities: SLC historic tour (\$14, historic site, Old Mormon Trail); Salt Lake Area bus tour (\$22 includes visit to Great Salt Lake and Brigham Open Pit copper mine, etc.); Wendover, Nev., gambling tour (\$11); Aug. 7-10 four-day tour Bryce, Grand Canyon, Zion and Shakespeare Festival at Cedar City, Utah (\$580 per dbl occ 3 nights); Aug. 7 three-day tour Yellowstone, Teton Park (\$360 per dbl occ 2 nights). Registration forms, additional details including separate fees for individual events in Convention package (f): Yas Tokita, Mountain West Travel, 1390 S 1100 East, Suite 104, Salt Lake City, UT 84105, 801/487-

4567, fax 801/487-4574. NOTE—Hotel reservations 800/345-4754 (specify "JACL Convention"); for Disabled Services, Edith Miko, 801/468-4211.

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.

Seattle

May 6-9—Seattle Asian American Film Festival (details to come).

California

San Francisco

Sun. May 1—Nikkei Widowed Group, 2 p.m., call Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268; Yuri Moriwaki 415/482-3280.

Sat. May 7—JACL NCWNP District's Women's Concerns Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. S.F. Registration: JACL Women's Concerns, Alice Nakahata, 148 Woodbine Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94991. Information: Lucy Kishaba 707/823-0376, Chizu Iiyama 510/233-9595. NOTE—Panels (a): "Men Don't Talk, Women Talk Too Much," (b) Health Issues.

Peninsula

Wed. May 4—Stanford Medical Center's nighttime lecture: Culturally sensitive health care for American Indians, noon-1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center, Noon Building M-108. Information: Ron Garcia 415/725-0403. NOTE—Bring your lunch.

Wed. May 11—Stanford Medical Center's lecture: Immigrant and health issues, noon-1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center, Noon Building M-108. Information: Ron Garcia 415/725-0403. NOTE—Bring your lunch.

Eastbay

Sat. May 7—NorCal JEMS Women's Ministry luncheon, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Leavelle Blvd., San Leandro; information: Nancy Piretti 415/595-3691, Alice Toda 510/826-2017.

San Jose

Sat. May 7—Historical Tour of S.J. Japan town, 1-5 p.m., information and RSVP: Connie Shaw 408/298-4303 (TuWTh, 10-3). NOTE—Brochure and refreshments at Issai Memorial Bldg.

Sat. May 7—Asian Law Alliance fundraiser, 12-4 p.m., Civic Light Opera Studio, 1717 Technology, near SJO airport; information: Jackie Muranaka 408/287-8710. NOTE—Featuring Kanjo USA's Spring 1994 show, "Kimono: Past, present and future."

Salinas-Monterey

Sat. May 14—Nisei WFWV Post 1641 installation, JACL Hall. NOTE: John Baker succeeds Ken Kealalo.

Los Angeles-Orange

Closing May 30—Strength & Diversity—Japanese American Women's exhibit, Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum, Los Angeles.

Sat. April 30—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, Centenary United Methodist Church "Arigato Bazaar," 10-6 p.m., 300 S. Central Ave., 213/617-9097. NOTE—Free shuttle buses operate to Spring Festival sites on Saturday, all outdoor events are open and free to public.

Sat. Sun. April 30-May 1—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, Asian Pacific Arts and Crafts Fair, Children's Day Plaza Fair, film and exhibits, 10-4 at JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. "Community Celebrations," 11 a.m.-5 p.m., JANM, E 1st and Central, Little Tokyo. NOTE—Sat. events include multi-cultural dancers and musicians at JANM; Sunday Chibi-Krun, check-in 7-30 a.m., JACCC; JANM special creating the world's longest sushi roll at noon; Kodomo-no-Hi at Japanese Village Plaza.

Sat. Sun., April 30-May 1—Torrance Sister City's Bunka Sai/Japanese Cultural Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Torrance Recreation Center, 3141 Torrance Blvd. This May 5—East West Players premiere: "Letters to a Student Revolt," by Elizabeth Wong, 8 p.m., East West Theater 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., weekend curtains through June 12, box office 213/660-0366. NOTE—Playwright Wong hangs from Los Angeles, contributes to the L.A. Times, instructor for the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute at EWPlayers and member of several playwright programs.

Fri. May 6—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, Story-telling by Sandra Mizumoto Posey, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Public Library Little Tokyo Branch, 600 E. 3rd St., 213/612-0525, 625-0414.

Sat. May 7—Panel: "The Unknown Inheritance: The Japanese Peruvian Experience during WWII," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., LA, information: 213/625-0414.

Sat. May 15—JACL Riverside scholarship "sudoku" dinner, 5 p.m., UCR University Club. NOTE—Honoring eighth school graduate.

San Diego
Sun. May 1—JACL San Diego scholarship dinner, 5:30 p.m., Tom Ham's Light House Restaurant; information: JACL Office, 619/230-0314. NOTE—Joe Horiye, speaker.

Sat. May 14—Ocean View United Church of Christ fashion show, 12:15-4 p.m., 3541 Ocean View Blvd., S.D. RSVP by May 1: Carol Kawamoto 619/267-7583. NOTE—Kanajo USA's Spring collection.

Sat. May 14—Japan America Society's children's program, 2 and 3 p.m. Vista Buddhist Temple Taiko drummers, 2:15-4 p.m. Ongami workshop, Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park; information 619/239-5262.

JACL board meeting in S.F. scheduled
The next meeting of the JACL National Board will be held Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22, in San Francisco. The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday. Information: 415/921-5225.

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Cost is \$18; Cash bar, 4 p.m. The program begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

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Reaching out to other groups

As president, I am asked to participate in activities which do not have direct bearing on AJACL but do on the broader Asian American community. I would like to share a few of these involvements.

Last week, I joined J.D. Hokoyama in calling a meeting of Asian American leaders to discuss ways to outreach to the Asian Pacific community for individuals who could be valuable members on social service and cultural boards in the New York area. (As you all know, J.D. is president and executive director of LEAP and former governor of PSWDC.) We called the meeting at the behest of an organization which trains nonprofit boards and has a project which brings together these boards and prospective trustees. Also engaged in a similar project is the United Way of Greater New York. There are a minuscule number of Asian Americans who serve on such boards so both groups are interested in recruiting more. Of course, these days diversity is a matter of "political correctness."

Among the discussion points were issues about Asian American organizations having a difficult time in raising funds from the broader community or receiving adequate funds from groups such as the United Way so AAs tend to direct their energies on behalf of their own communities; about cultural characteristics which may hinder the recruitment process; about the notion of whether contributing time and expertise can offset the expectation that board members give and get lots of dollars for the agency. I thought the discussion was fruitful and gave the conveners much to think about as they proceed to help diversify agency boards.

Then I flew to Williamsburg, Virginia to participate on a planning committee for Increasing Public Confidence in the Courts:

National Town Hall Meeting via videoconference. This is a joint project of the American Judicature Society, the National Center for State Courts and the State Justice Institute. About twenty of us met to begin plans for a videoconference designed to examine current efforts to strengthen the relationships between the courts and the communities they serve and to develop ways to improve public confidence in and access to the courts.

Unlike the first meeting which was predominantly Asian American, I was the only Asian American at the court meeting. On a previous occasion when I met with some of the same people at a court and community conference, I was one of two persons of color. When we find ourselves in such situations, we take on the burden of being perceived as representing all of the Asian or minority communities. My personal agenda is to challenge these sponsors to do a better job in involving other people of color in such gatherings. It is important to have the perspectives of particular groups, especially those who have been out of the mainstream as we all work toward making America truly a pluralistic nation.

Thirdly, I have been asked to serve as a judge for a human relations essay contest sponsored by the American Jewish Committee of New Jersey for high school juniors and seniors. I just received 20 entries from 67 submitted and am looking forward to judging each based on criteria set forth by the Committee. The topic of the competition is "how can we address the problems of drugs, guns and violence in American society?" I am looking forward to reading these essays.

On a more personal note, I was invited by David Kim of Anheuser-Busch to attend the 20th anniversary banquet of the

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. (As a member, I had already bought a ticket to attend but accepting David's invitation allowed me to meet new people.) This year's theme of "Righting Wrongs" was carried out in the annual "Justice In Action" awards being presented to our own Norman Mineta, to Asian Americans for Action, founded by Kazu Iijima and Minn Shizu Matsuda, and to Lani Guinier.

Norman was recognized for his leadership role in getting the redress bill through Congress thus "righting an egregious wrong" perpetrated on Japanese Americans over fifty years ago. It was fitting that Gordon Hirabayashi presented the award to Norman. Norm's sisters, Etsu Masaoka and Aya Endo and her husband Min, were present as were the Hiroshi Uyeahara and Tak Moriguchi from Medford, N.J.

In presenting an award to Lani Guinier, AALDEF said it was its way in "righting a wrong inflicted during the controversy over her nomination and subsequent disappointment as head of the Justice Department's civil rights division."

Kazu Iijima and Minn Shizu Matsuda founded Asian Americans for Action in 1969 to encourage their children to learn about their identity and make a commitment to work for social justice. AAA was the first pan-Asian organization in the east coast. Although disbanded in 1978, it served as a catalyst for a new generation of Asian Americans to carry on the fight for justice. We congratulate all of the winners.

That's thirty for now.

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

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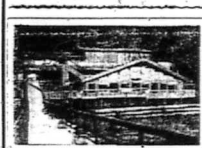
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PC ADS

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personal ads, it found that the issue of ads for adoption or donor eggs was more complex and required greater sensitivity.

Ohata said that he conducted an informal poll among some of his female friends and they told him of the difficulties for Japanese American women to find donor eggs.

Tachiki agreed, saying, "I used to work in a pharmacy and I saw the pain these women go through as they are trying to have a child."

Ohata said, "The egg donor issue is very serious. With only 24,000 readers it's a very narrow band, but there are some who would target our demographics."

Marutani suggested that if an ad deals with complex issues such as egg donors perhaps PC should do a story on it to help educate the readers.

"I want to make clear that we are not taking ads just for revenue," said Marutani.

Liggett agreed saying, "If ads have some socially redeeming value then it is good to let the members."

Hosokawa warned the group that by censoring ads they were "opening a big can of worms."

"For example, what would you do if a guy from Japan with porno pictures wanted to advertise? He could argue, it's artful. Who are we to argue this is art?" said Hosokawa.

The board decided to leave it to the discretion of the PC editor to decide if an ad is appropriate or not for the PC except for political ads.

On the issue of political adver-

tisement, the PC board voted unanimously to reject any form of political advertisement.

Explaining his opposition to political ads, Jeff Itami, representing Cathy Yasuda of the Intermountain District, said, "As a civil rights organization and PC as the newspaper of the organization, it may go against the fact that we are non-profit. And it may seem as if we are taking a political stand."

Ohata explained that political ads would be defined as advertisement for the purposes of influencing legislation or public elections. Advertisement for internal JACL elections would be accepted.

PC FINANCES

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merging and mailing.

"We have a business to run," said Shibata. "All of us here have the interests of PC at heart. The responsibility is on our shoulders to run the business properly."

The PC Board also discussed the issue of cash flow of subscription revenue from JACL National headquarters to PC. The issue had originally come up at the May 22, 1993, PC Board meeting. At that time, the discussion centered around PC receiving its subscription revenue in a more timely manner.

"We had quite an extensive discussion," said Liggett. "The subscription amount belongs to PC. As the subscription money is received it should be placed in a trust account or given directly to PC."

Denny Yasuhara, Pacific Northwest PC board member, emphasized that the issue of cash flow is an old one, separate from any of the recent controversies between

PC and National JACL.

"It is a longstanding problem and we should divorce it from the current controversy," said Yasuhara.

Shibata said that as a business PC should have a 60-day cash reserve. He recommended PC receive membership figures from National and once it is determined how much money PC is supposed to receive, the revenue should be spread out in monthly payments.

Yasuhara suggested that since most membership revenue comes in the first three months of the year, PC should receive the money as it comes in.

Ohata said, "Cash flow on a more even basis should be difficult. The mechanism is not difficult."

He suggested that a group consisting of Ohata, Shibata, Suenaga, Senzaki, and a member of the National Board would discuss the various options for creating a cash flow mechanism, which would be discussed further before going to the National Board.

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Shibata said that this definition would have the advisory board serving as censors.

Nakahata said he was speaking only about opinions and not stories.

On the idea of an advisory board, Ohata said, "In the relative position of JACL as an organization there is structured friction between PC, National staff and the membership. There always will be friction because it serves both as a newspaper and public relations vehicle. Those two have points of friction. That's when editorial policy comes into play."

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Museum's legacy speaks to future.

The Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles recently published a booklet commemorating its achievements since that day in 1983 when a group of Little Tokyo civic leaders and Nisei war veterans agreed to work together to establish such an institution.

The booklet tells a remarkable and heart-warming story of what can be accomplished by a dedicated staff, backed by thousands of volunteers and the public, working for a cause in which they believe. That is articulated in the booklet in these words:

"In communicating the Japanese American experience as an integral part of this nation's heritage, and in fostering appreciation for ethnic and cultural diversity, the Museum is creating a legacy for future generations in the United States and around the world."

Since numbers are one way of dramatizing achievement, let me cite a few from the commemorative booklet:

- More than 16,500 individuals have become Museum members.

- More than \$13 million, almost \$3 million more than the original goal, was raised in Phase I to get the museum in operation and renovate the abandoned Nishi

Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as its first home.

- More than 1,000 individuals, families and companies gave \$3,000 or more each, and 27 were gifts of \$100,000 or more. Almost 4,000 other donors gave amounts up to \$3,000 each.

- More than \$10 million, much of it from American and Japanese corporations, has been pledged toward the goal of raising \$17 million for the first portion of Phase II development.

- More than 25,000 objects have been donated.

Not simply a musty repository for memorabilia, the museum has shaped a strong outreach program that keeps it from being a solely Los Angeles institution. The project has gained the energetic backing of a national cross-section of Japanese American civic leaders, some high-powered Nisei and Sansei businessmen and a growing body of scholars, plus the all-important recognition of local, state and federal entities.

How was all this possible? The Japanese American National Museum is a prime example of an idea that came along just as its need was being perceived. It was a

happy meeting. The history of a significant bit of America was fading away at the moment those who helped make it realized the importance of commemorating it, and they rallied to preserve it for posterity. The melding of idea and need brought out leadership with commitment that ensured success.

This is such a far-reaching project that few in the fragmented and often contentious Japanese American community can oppose it. Most of us will be grateful for the efforts the leaders, the volunteers, the staff and the contributors have made to memorialize the history of an important segment of our nation. And oddly enough, the progress of the project stirs pride in our present as well as the past.

If we don't tell our story, who will do it for us? No one, of course, but then we seem to be doing a pretty good job of taking care of the responsibility. ☐

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



Mushi Mushi

JIN KONOMI

Phony accents

Of all the contradictions of contemporary Japanese culture, the most stupid is its phonology. It is so totally incongruous with its widely recognized qualities such as innovativeness, discipline, and perfectionism, that it makes me think of a corporation executive in a Brooks Brothers suit going to office, wearing sneakers. Between the *kana* and *Romaji* the Japanese do not have either complete, or accurate, representation of all the speech sounds they use in their daily lives. Try to write in *kana* "tomorrow," "tutu," "id," "ido"; or to differentiate, also in *kana*, between "Brando" and "brand," "Waldo" and "wald," "ditto" and "dit," or write in *Romaji* "pick-up," "pickle," "love letter," and "Pidgin English." For the benefit of those who do not use *Kenkyusha's New Japanese-English Dictionary*, they are entered as follows: "pikkuppu," "pikkuru," "rabu reta" and "Pijin Ingurishsu." Now other than the most ignorant old fogies living in the remotest sticks isolated from all cultural activities, no self-respecting Japanese would be caught pronouncing these loan words the way they are spelled.

About a year ago I noted that an ad on a nightly radio show was promoting FOOTON. I thought it was ridiculous. Then I remembered the TV commercials of SOObaroo, back in the '70s. No Japanese, for that matter no Nikkei, would call their bedding Footon. SOObaroo is utterly alien to their word sound patterns. So I decided to renew my one-man campaign to persuade, or goad, the Japanese to revise the flawed *Romaji* orthography.

So far it has been a futile, lonely campaign. But I've had a few encouragements, too.

Ben Takeshita says he spells his name Takeshita. I wish he would drop the apostrophe. A former critic of my "samrai" has changed her mind. Then, my experiment worked. I have maintained that any *ra-gyo* sound immediately following an "n" in the preceding syllable is pronounced with an "l," like *benli* for *benri*, *kanli* for *kanri*, *Tenlikyo* for *Tenrikyo*. Prof. William LaFleur of Pennsylvania U's Japan studies, whom I asked to try the experiment, tried it on his wife who is Japanese. It worked. "You're right on!" he wrote back.

Recently Harry Honda sent me a copy of the Japanese glossary compiled from the notes of Ronald MacDonald, an agent of the Hudson Bay company who traveled the northern provinces and Hokkaido in 1848-1849. Some examples: (All caps are MacDonald's renditions. Small letters are in today's *Romaji*.)

NIGURU — niguru. (to run away); WASREMASITA — wasuremashita (I forgot).

HOR — horu (to dig); YASKE — yashiki (mansion) Please see note.

MUSKO — musuko (son); TSKA — tsuka (hilt) These are but a few samples. MacDonald's unbiased ears caught the unvoiced consonants honestly as such in the articulations of his interpreters.

I seem to be the first student of Japanese to note the presence of l in Japanese and propose its recognition in *Romaji*. But I am

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Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

Correction: Nishikawa April 22-28 editorial

In last week's issue, lines were inadvertently dropped out of the beginning of Dr. Roy Nishikawa's editorial comments on the JACL "For the Record" document. Here is the complete part of that text:

Not being listed on the agenda, I was mildly surprised when PSW District Gov. Ruth Mizobe called upon me for some comments on the Endowment Fund at the PSWDC quarterly meeting on Feb. 27, 1994.

Later, I saw it for the first time. "For the Record" on plain paper. No JACL identification. No author. I felt blindsided because prior awareness of the paper would have made a difference in my presentation.

I got up again and said to the delegates, I stand by what I wrote about the Endowment Fund in the *Pacific Citizen* (Nov. 26, 1993) and if I made a mistake I would apologize.

Later, Mizobe graciously apologized to me for not alerting me on "For the Record." On her own initiative she had duplicated what she had picked up at the Feb. 12-13 National Board meeting.

On March 8, I received another copy of "For the Record." This copy was on official JACL stationery but still lacked the name of the author.

The official version was widely distributed: chapter presidents, past national JACL presidents, National Board and staff, the *Pacific Citizen* and Grace Yehara, chairwoman, Legacy Fund.

If you don't have the background (Nov. 26, 1993 article in the PC), "For the Record" sounds plausible. I feel that I must respond to correct any possible misperceptions from this paper. To me it suggests an attempt to defuse a critical problem, reminding me of the initial information coming out of National when Paul Shinkawa was fired. Quite a contrast to the more complete version provided in the PC (Oct. 1-7, 1993, issue).

I strongly urge readers to review the Nov. 26 article which charges the National Board with three constitutional violations. This article has an extensive and detailed account of the Endowment Fund. Compare it with "For the Record."

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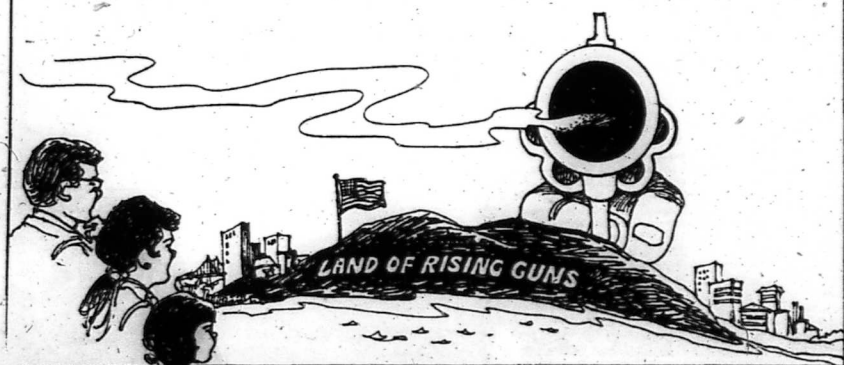
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Come-on sense

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI

JACL youth program is unconstitutional

Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty.
—Henry M. Robert

One of the things an organization must do to assure its continuance is to develop a viable succession plan. Among the more popular are youth programs designed to engage a youthful clientele for eventual full-fledged membership. In this regard, youth programs are part of a long range plan and generally characterized by activities that foster positive organizational experiences.

In recognition that the youth process requires maturation, exposure and experience, youth programs are given organizational exemptions not common to the main body of the organization. National youth programs are frequently characterized by parallel sub-units of a local parent unit in order to facilitate exposure, peer group relations and association-wide networking.

The concept of parallel sub-units is supported by the need of the local (or regional) chapter to benefit from the youthful evolution. By contrast, an independent "youth chapter" concentrates youth participants into only one entity and draws away from the youth evolution into the respective parent group.

Ironically, the JACL youth program

has evolved into a facade representing more of what a youth program should not be. JACL's youth program has become highly politicized and racked with reckless regard for the organization's integrity, evolution and succession plans.

Let's begin with the basics. First of all, youth (in this nation) and under our Bylaws, is defined as "under the age of 18 or equivalent of a high school senior" [sec. 5(a)]. This is the basic definition under Article I of our "Membership."

Second, under "ARTICLE XIX: JACL YOUTH PROGRAM, Section 1 (a) says:

"The JACL Youth Program shall encompass all JACL youth-related activities and programs."

These are not my rules, but those of the League.

The national leadership then should explain why the spokespersons/representatives of the "Youth" program are not youth. It is difficult to rationalize why adults must speak on behalf of youth. JACL's youth program is likened to a little league team where all the coaches play and the kids sit on the bench.

Example. Our national youth representative is over 30 years old. We have a chairperson of the National Youth program who is well over the age of 21.

Yet, we have a National Board

that is practically all Sensei (Sensei Jido) or younger with only one exception, so why must we violate the definition of "youth"? Is there another agenda that proposes to draw youthful participants away from the local chapters and ignore succession plans?

I decided to go to the top. I asked our National President Lillian Kimura (during a break at the National Board meeting) about this. Lillian's answer was that the "youth" came up with their own definition of age 25. I responded that it would be unconstitutional for the youth to unilaterally adopt a definition that was contrary to our Bylaws (Art. XIX, Sec. 1). I further indicated that if JACL wanted to change these rules then it must do so first. Lillian's response was "Oh, we will change the rules..." and she hastily departed. Under the 1994 "Convention Guidelines" this illegal definition is again proposed.

Hmm... After reading the resolution on the PC from our so-called "youth" convention, things began to add up. The shell of JACL's "youth" program is vulnerable to exploitation and internal political manipulation. The national leadership has been selling the appearance of youthfulness as "youth."

The League may well need a na-

tional "student" recruitment drive focusing on college-age students to young professionals, but this is another matter.

If one were to analyze the impact of this bylaw violation, the conclusion would be serious. One would find that the number of "youth" votes at a national convention are enough to sway the election of National JACL president and all other national officers. This is because each district is entitled to a youth representative vote at the national convention. "He who controls the youth vote wins..." Recent convention history suggests that it takes less than 90 votes to win the election of JACL's National Officers.

Come-On Sensei: The rules are the law. None of us are above them. Doing otherwise would be the greatest hypocrisy and render the League's mission void. A bylaw violation is grounds for the revocation of a chapter's charter (Art. 11, Sec. 5). JACL's national leadership, and the "youth" in particular, must learn to appreciate the importance of compliance...

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

PC EDITORIAL

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Ohtsuka said PC needs to find out what the membership intent is for PC.

Liggett responded, "You already have that in Allen Kato's opinion (read at the Sept. 25, 1993 National Board meeting). Are you asking us to review and reject that opinion?"

Ohtsuka said the advisory board and PC Board serve as checks and balances. Liggett said that that was the duty of the National Council and that CDCD feels that PC has to serve as an "independent voice to report JACL news."

Marutani said the PC editor should feel free to consult with anyone in JACL.

"I think he should feel free to consult. The first resource is National. Ask them. If you're stonewalled then write an investigative report. I have a problem if there is no real input," said Marutani.

Hosokawa, who served as the editorial page editor on the *Denver Post*, said it is up to the editor to make final editorial decisions. "I think this board is ill-conceived and extraneous. The function of a newspaper is to report and comment. PC is not commenting. You may feel it is, but it is not. Hire an editor, if you don't like how it's run, fire him."

"If we're saying we want you to write what we want, that is precarious. If we don't like Richard (Suenaga) we should fire him. Get someone who will write what you agree with," said Hosokawa.

Nakahata said, "With respect to opinions, I disagree a little. Because of the dual roles, the (PC) Board has more responsibility to decide the directions and orienta-

tions of opinion."

When asked by Shibata and Liggett to present a specific example, Nakahata said, "On *Rising Sun*, Neal (Taniguchi, vice president, general operations) wrote an editorial and Richard

(Suenaga) wrote in the name of PC. This is in the realm of editorial issues. There have been several instances where responses have come out in the name of the paper. If what we're saying is we want Richard to write opinions on

behalf of the paper that's okay, but if Richard wants to write, for example, opposing gays in the military (an issue which the National Board took a position on), then that's what we're saying."

The EDC representative asked who is the decision-making body on editorials. Yasuhara said Suenaga has the right to respond. Ohtsuka said the final decision on editorial opinion is with the editor and if there is disagreement then "Richard falls on the sword."

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KONOMI

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not the first to detect the unvoiced consonants in Japanese. There is the great Zen scholar Suzuki who spelled his pen name Daisetz; a composer who was a member of the French League of Honor Yamada Kocak (Czech spelling for Kocak, with a cedilla under c); Kitazawa Racten, cartoonists Takenobu Yoshitomo, a great lexicographer. Louise Suski, pre-war *Rafu Shimpō's* English editor, and Hoshimiyu Toske were my contemporaries.

Too bad Dr. Suzuki is not alive.

If he were he would certainly lend his voice to my lone ranting against the dead wall of Japanese conservatism—another anomaly of a society which has the reputation of progressivism and innovation.

Note: Among the guides and interpreters who accompanied MacDonald there must have been some men who were from the northern provinces with the distinctive "Zoozo" pronunciation, ie, su for shi, and vice versa; and their tendency to change k sounds to g sounds. Throughout, MacDonald uses E for Japanese. By the way, his name is Ranaid, not Ronald.

Obituaries

Inouye, Tatsue, 88, Los Altos, Feb. 22; Mie-born, survived by sons Atsushi, Isao, daughter Kimiko Nomura, 96, 14 great-g.

Morita, Yukiko, 87, Fair Oaks, Calif., March 8; Koshi-born, survived by sons Henry, Keiji, daughter Mary Fukui. Nagata, Kiyomi, 66, Fresno, March 9; Kerman-born, survived by husband Mac, sons Fred, Gene, daughter Naomi Laub, 4, c, brother Kyo Ogawa.

Nakagawa, Kunio Yoshio, 84, Auburn, Calif., March 8, retired engineer, Gold Country Fairground's secretary-manager, 1961-74, Placer County JACL

president ('39), member: Placer County Historical Society, Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Kwanis, survived by wife of 64 years, Capt. Gordon (USN ret.), Marina, sister Marjorie Tashio (Los Angeles), brother Winston (Marysville), 8, c, 2 great-g. [Credited with saving the Auburn Fair from closing its gates more than 30 years ago, despite state politics and community, booster support by getting improving the site.]

Nakano, Stewart K., 89, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 14; Honolulu-born retired controller, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Stanford University Phi Beta Kappa graduate ('29), master's Tufts ('31), survived by wife Alice, daughter: Idle McGinty, 1, c, brother Kiyoshi (North Hollywood).

Okamoto, Shigeru, 83, San Jose, Feb. 25; Seattle-born, survived by wife Mary, sons Robert, Raymond, Fred, daughters Jane Stufthand, Sandra, brothers Takumi, Jun, Tosh, sisters Yoshiko, Sato, Akiko Brousseau, Reiko Nomura.

Otani, Kohel, 85, East Palo Alto, March 8; Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Izue, sons Yukio, George, 2, c.

Sakuragi, Hanayo, 89, Redwood, Feb. 25; Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Shizuko, Hiramatsu, Matsuko Okamura, Umeiko Nakayama, Masayo Sakamoto, sons Kyoji, 13, c, 13 great-g.

Shibata, Yoshiyuki, 72, Hayward, Feb. 13; Mt. Eden-born, past president-chairman emeritus of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Temple, former director of Alameda County Fair Board, commissioner of International Boys' Baseball League, survived by wife Arlene, sons Eric (Union City), Owen (Mission Viejo), daughter Yvette Hornig (Fremont), 4, c, brothers Yoshimi (San Leandro), Yoshito (San Leandro), Yoshikuni (Sacramento), sister Aileen Shibata (Los Angeles).

Shiota, Shuzo, 70, Alameda, March 4; Oakland-born, survived by sister Reiko Shiota.

Shiroma, Teruko, 65, Cameron Park, Calif., Feb. 22; Yokohama-born, sur-

vived by husband Kozo, sons Yasuaki, daughter Takako Cusita, 2, c.

Shitanishi, Yutaka, 86, Fresno, Feb. 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Kimiko, sons Toyotaka, Katsuhiko, Takahiro, Masayoshi, daughter Reiko Lauris, 9, c.

Tanaka, Kumiko, 52, Morgan Hill, Feb. 21 in traffic accident; Kumamoto-born, survived by husband Kousa, daughters Tetsuko, Sachie, mother Setsuko Miyazaki (Jpn), three brothers in Jpn, sister Toshiko Iwanaga.

Wade, Mitsuo Ichiki, 57, Fowler, Feb. 15; Kochi-born, survived by husband James, son Martin, Mark, daughter Judy Uemura, 2, c, brothers and sisters in Jpn.

Wakayama, Grace Toshiko, 86, Salinas, Feb. 17; Maui-born, survived by sons William, Benny, in-law, Muriel Wakayama, 10, c, 5 great-g.

Yamaguchi, Yoshihito, 72, Fresno, Jan. 27; Fresno-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Wayne, Howard, Martin, daughter Irene Oliver, 9, c.

HIGHWAY

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chairwoman, Manzaiar Committee, said, "While the National Park Service is planning to include oral histories for use at the Visitors' Center on they open up the site, we feel an urgency to capture on tape experiences of former internees who will be attending the Pilgrimage. We have lost too many stories."

● Noel "Koby" Kobayashi of Mammoth Lakes, Calif. opened the morning program with the National Anthem. Invocation was given by Rev. Glenn Stover, Inyokern Community United Methodist Church. The flag salute was led by members of the Sons and Daughters of the 100th/442nd Association of Southern California.

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