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Deadlines for '94 JACL convention

June 1, 1994

RESOLUTIONS/CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & BY-LAWS:

Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments/Bylaws to be considered by National Council at the Salt Lake City National Convention, must be postmarked on June 1, 1994.

For an optional, non-binding review by the Resolutions/Amendment Committee, chapters may wish to forward proposed resolutions and constitutional/bylaws changes to the Resolutions Committee for review by May 1, 1994. The Committee will respond back to the Chapter with comments prior to the June 1st deadline.

CREDENTIALS:

Official delegate forms and proxy forms are due to the Credentials Committee, c/o JACL Headquarters by this date.

Proposed biennial budget to be distributed to district councils and chapters from national headquarters.

Chapter dues, fees and assessments due to national headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

June 15, 1994

National Council meeting agenda distributed to chapter delegates.

Resolutions, constitution and bylaw amendments distributed to chapter delegates.

Aug. 4, 1994

Resolutions/Constitution and Bylaw Amendments: Emergency resolutions and amendments due to Resolution and Amendments chairperson at convention site.

Candidates to be announced

The deadline for candidate filing for JACL president and the National Board was May 1. *Pacific Citizen* will announce the individuals running for various offices in the next issue. Later, questions and statements from candidates will be published so that JACL members may study candidate positions.



Check it out

Ted Nagata of the National JACL Credit Union presents JACL National President Lillian Kimura with a check for \$10,000 for the Legacy Fund. The event took place March 12 at the 51st anniversary of the organization in Salt Lake City. Some 119 members and guests attended, including Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, Carole Hayashino, assistant national director and Roger Ramirez, consultant for the 1994 national JACL convention. The Credit Union reports that it now has 4,258 members with assets totaling \$18,070,732. Serving on its board are Shake Ushio, chairman, Rolan Yoshinaga, Karen Seo, Jane Omura, Steven Tachiki, Nob Iwamoto and Nagata.

Judge censured for insensitive remark against Nikkei lawyer

The Commission on Judicial Performance in San Francisco recently publicly reprimanded Alameda County Superior Court judge for insensitive remarks made to a Japanese American lawyer, reported the *Oakland Tribune*.

Judge Richard Haugner, during a murder trial last year, told San Francisco Deputy Public Defender Jeffrey Adachi that no further arguments were necessary unless there was "some brilliant case" Adachi "found somewhere in the Upper Tokyo Reports or somewhere that nobody knows about."

In a public letter, the commission said the remark "reflected insensitivity towards persons of Japanese American ancestry and was offensive to Mr. Adachi."

In addition, the commission said that regardless of the judge's intent, the remark suggested racial or ethnic bias on the part of Judge Haugner. The Commission on Judicial Performance is an independent agency that investigates complaints of judicial misconduct.

JACL, YWCA, other groups commit to eliminating racism

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) joined the YWCA, members of Congress and other civil rights and community organizations on April 25 in observing a National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism. Washington, D.C., representative Karen Nara-saki represented National President Lillian Kimura at the third annual event in Washington, D.C.

"Unfortunately, this country has not made much progress in pro-

moting racial harmony in the two years since the Los Angeles riots," stated Nara-saki. "In the last year alone, there were 335 reported anti-Asian incidents and at least 30 Asian Pacific Americans died from attacks in which racial animus was suspected or proven. Government officials who are currently exploiting the wave of anti-immigrant sentiment are fanning the flames of racism. Extremists are fostering hate and separatism. We must hold

such individuals accountable for their reckless actions and rededicate ourselves to building a world where we celebrate our diverse contributions to the American culture rather than separate, ourselves from people who are different from us."

With 114 chapters nationwide, the Japanese American Citizens League is the largest and one of the oldest Asian American civil rights organizations in the United States.

JACL currently is distributing a curriculum resource guide entitled, "The Japanese American Experience: A Lesson in American History," which offers information and lesson plans to educators interested in teaching their students about the World War II internment of Americans of Japanese descent. JACL also supports legislative efforts to encourage schools to include diversity programs as part of their curriculum.

Nixon and his Nikkei connections

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

In the almost twenty years since President Nixon resigned the presidency because of the Watergate scandal, he has made an amazing comeback as an elder statesman. What could be said of

him is that he was a survivor. The Japanese American Citizens League joins the rest of the Nation in paying tribute to his indomitable spirit."

— Lillian Kimura
JACL national president
April 26, 1994



Richard M. Nixon, in a photo taken 1958, as vice president, meets with the late Fred Takata, PSW regional director, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, JACL president.

As the Nation observed a day of mourning last week, a look at the record of Richard Milhous Nixon (1913-1994) and his associations with Japanese Americans and the JACL might best start with leads from Mike Masaoka's "Washington Newsletter" (P.C., Nov. 22, 1968), as the then president-elect was preparing to be inaugurated as the 37th president of the United States. Here are some highlights. As a Whittier College student (1930-34), Nixon was personally acquainted with the very few Nisei classmates, including Dick Kunishima, the football player who kicked the point-after-touchdowns barefooted.

A prominent Little Tokyoan of those years and Whittier alumna, class of '30, was Mrs. Kay Sugahara (Yone Kuwahara), now of New York. The late Little Tokyo photographer Jack Iwata is believed to be another prewar

Whittier graduate. Postwar, William "Mo" Marumoto, '57, now of McLean, Va., was student body president during his senior year as was Nixon when he graduated in '34. "Being in the same fraternity and both of us being student body presidents helped me to meet Mr. Nixon," said Marumoto, who was among the 1,800 invited guests at the Apr. 27 funeral. He also had volunteered in Nixon's presidential and gubernatorial campaigns in the '60s and caught the Potomac fever as an assistant to Health Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch in Washington in the new Nixon government in 1968.

As the first Asian American to serve on the executive level at the White House (1970-73), Marumoto said he was asked by Mr. Nixon to find a financially successful, Catholic Southern Cali-

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

Sat. May 14—JACL Washington DC Day of Remembrance Reflections, 2-4 p.m., Smithsonian Institution Museum of American History. Call Marilyn Nagane Schliel 202/822-7839, Mary Tada 301/942-6096, Leslie Hatamaya 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.

Mon. May 30—Annual JACL Memorial Day Services, Arlington National Cemetery.

Midwest Detroit

Sun. May 15—JACL Detroit general dinner meeting, 4-7 p.m., Cherry Blossom Restaurant, 43588 S Oaks Dr., Novi (west of Twelve Oaks Mall). RSVP May 9, Tosh Shimamura 810/356-3089, Mary Kamada 313/522-7917.

Wisconsin

Sun. May 15—JACL Wisconsin recognition dinner, 4 p.m. cash bar, 5 p.m. program, 6 p.m. dinner, King & I, 7225 N. 76th St., Milwaukee. RSVP by May 16, April Goral 414/421-6620, Sherr Fujihira 414/423-1408. NOTE—Video: "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi v. the U.S."

Twin Cities

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

Sat.-Sun. 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: May 28, 7 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.

Pacific Northwest Portland

Sun. May 15—JACL Gresham-Trousdale senior appreciation banquet.

Seattle

May 6-9—Seattle Asian American Film Festival.

Nevada Reno

Sun.-Mon. May 20-23—2nd annual Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, Sparks Victorian Square. NOTE—In addition to food booths, arts & craft—the San Jose Taiko drummers, Polynesian Cultural Center performance from Hawaii, the Dragon Dance down Victorian Ave. will be students of the Washoe County School District constructing the Great Wall of Nevada. Information: John Asocuga's Nugget 702/356-3300, 800/843-2427.

Las Vegas

Sun. May 22—International Food Festival, Convention Center-South Hall, Desert Inn Rd. b/w Paradise and Swensen.

California San Francisco

Sat. May 7—JACL NCWNP Districts 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 11—Stanford Medical Center's lecture: Immigrant and health issues, noon-1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center, Alvarado Bldg., M-108. Information: Ron Garcia 415/725-0403. NOTE—Dr. Winston Wong, USPHS, regional clinical coordinator, speaker. Bring your lunch.

Wed. May 18—Stanford Medical Center's lecture: Health issues concerning Asian Americans, noon-1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center Alway Bldg., M-108. Information: Ron Garcia 415/725-0403. NOTE—Dr. Winston Wong, USPHS, regional clinical coordinator, speaker. Bring your lunch.

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 Honore, Charlie Chin, emcee.

Wed. May 25—Stanford Medical Center's final lecture: Race and Ethnicity's impact on patient care, noon-1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center Alway Bldg., 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: Nanci Pieret 415/595-3691, Alice Tada 510/828-2017.

San Jose

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

Sat. May 7—Asian Law Alliance fundraiser, 12-4 p.m., Civic Light Opera Studio, 1717 Technology, near SJO airport. Information: Jackie Murahashi 408/287-9710. NOTE—Featuring Kanajo 'USA's Spring 1994 show, "Kimono: Past, present and future."

Salinas-Monterey

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

Sat. May 15—Bando Mitsuihiro classical Japanese dance program, 2 p.m., Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple. Information: Jackie Murahashi 408/287-9710. NOTE—Featuring Kanajo 'USA's Spring 1994 show, "Kimono: Past, present and future."

Sat. May 15—Henry J. Mello Center at Watsonville High School, E. Beach St. and Lincoln Ave.

Los Angeles-Orange

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

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

Sat. May 7—Panel: "The Unknown Intermment: the Japanese Peruvian Experience during WWII," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Meet the author, Seiichi Higashide, "Adios to Tears."

Sat. May 7—JACC/Azuma Sumako II dance concert, 7 p.m., Japan-America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A. NOTE—Guest artist Johnny Mori of "Hiroshima," information: 805/496-8520.

Sun. May 8—Mother's Day craft, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., information: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Ryoko Shibata, instructor.

May 10 (Tue)-June 5 (Sun)—Exhibit: "Architecture: East-West," JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A. NOTE—In honor of the national convention of the American Institute of Architects, Asian American Architects and Engineers Association, AIA

Los Angeles.

Fri. May 13—JACL Grt LA Singles talk: Dr. Drew Francis on "Chinese Herbs," 7 p.m., Japanese Cultural Institute, 1625 S. Gracery Pl., Gardena; information: Miyako Kadogawa 310/839-1194.

Sat. May 14—Orphanage Benefit Dance, Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Mar Vista, 8 p.m. Proceeds go to help orphans in Kerala, South India. Performers include the Music Company with Dane Matsunaga (seniors of Hiroshima).

Cost: \$30, \$25, seniors and students information: Colleen, 310/455-1897.

Sat. May 14—St. Mary's Church carnival-bazaar, 9615 S. Mariposa Ave., L.A. 213/387-1334 (corrected).

Sat. May 14—Asian Pacific American Conference: Past Present, Future II, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Luau to follow at 4:30 p.m., Carson High School, 223rd and Main St., Carson. Information: George Kiriama, 310/923-2586 (Mon-Thu 12:30-8:30 p.m.) NOTE: Co-sponsors: Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, Asian Pacific American Education Commission, Alliance of Asian Pacific Administrators, Asian American Educators Assn., Korean Educators Assn./Filipino Educators Assn., Assn. of Pacific Island Educators.

Sat. May 14—CCDMIS Zebra Platoon reunion, 7 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Torrance. Information: Koji Kawaguchi, 8192 Grant Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646. NOTE—CCDMIS concert detachments were stationed during occupation era in Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka and Pusan.

Sat. May 14—10th Anniversary of Japanese Garden and Yukimi Doro, 3:30-6 p.m., Tilman Water Reclamation Plant, 1200 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys. NOTE: RSVP May 6, 9-11 a.m., 213/869-8165.

Sat. Sun. May 14-15—JANM Family Weekend's "Videos for Children," 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Onigami workshop, 1-3 p.m., 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; information: 213/625-0414.

Sun. May 15—Nikkei Widowed Group theater party, "My One and Only," 1:30 p.m., San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, 320 S. Mission Dr., S.G.

Tue. May 17—Henry Koster Film: "Flower Drum Song," 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, RSVP May 7, 213/680-4462. NOTE—Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival gala opening night celebration in tribute to the late Guy Lee, co-founder of East West Players and Association of Asian Pacific American Artists.

Wed. May 18—Japan America Society business symposium: Dominating the Dialogue: How Government/Industry Relationships affect trade negotiations. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, 711 S. Hope St., Los Angeles. Information: 213/627-6217x14.

Riverside

Sun. May 15—JACL Riverside scholarship potluck dinner, 5 p.m., UCR University Club. NOTE: Honoring high school graduates.

San Diego

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 619/287-7583. 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., Onigami workshop, Museum of Photography Arts, Balboa Park; information: 619/232-2780.

Sun. May 15—Tayama Koto Ensemble performance for children, 1-3 p.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park; information: 619/232-2780.

Sat. Sun. May 21-22—Sogetsu Ikebana School demonstration, 10-4 p.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park; information: 619/232-2780.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka



Chapter news

Chapters clean up Okei memorial

In a yearly ritual, the Placer County Chapter, JACL, and the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, gathered April 17 to clean up the Okei Memorial, marking the establishment of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony in 1869, at Gold Hill, El Dorado County, Calif.

The memorial commemorates the 21 Japanese immigrants from Aizu Wakamatsu, who are considered to be the first organized group of Japanese who came to America to establish a colony. Okei, who came as a baby-sitter, was the first of the colony to die.

In recent years, vandalism has forced the owner to close off the area of the actual gravesite some 100 yards to a hilltop. The memo-



JACL clean-up crew at work at the Okei Memorial in Gold Hill, Calif., during annual visit to the memorial established in 1969.

rial, next to Gold Trails School, is still open for public visitation.

The yearly clean-up has continued since the dedication of the

memorial in 1969. This year, the event was chaired by Ellen Kubo, Placer County and Tom Fujimoto, Sacramento.

San Gabriel Chapter holds race day for scholarships

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter, JACL, recently held its annual Day at the Races benefit at Santa Anita Park for its scholarship program.

The event, which began in 1946, has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to deserving students from San Gabriel Valley area high schools, according to Deni Uejima, benefit chairman.

Last year nine scholarships were presented. This year, awards winners will be announced at their various schools this month, Uejima said.

Posing in the in-field area at Santa Anita Park during San Gabriel Valley Chapter's benefit were, from left, Dorothy King, June Uejima, Deni Uejima and Yo Makda.



IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

Exercise your voting right

Newspaper photographs and television images of the long lines of South Africans waiting to vote were sights to behold this past week. Imagine waiting in a line for hours and in the excessive heat or pouring rain to exercise your franchise! Would you have done it?

This was a historic time for blacks and the colored in South Africa to be finally regarded as citizens after three centuries of apartheid. The large turnout made it necessary to keep the polls open for an additional day.

In contrast, this nation founded on democratic principles has a hard time in getting its citizens to the poll. Increasingly we hear of

poor voter turnout. As a result our leaders are actually being put into office by a handful who vote. And we complain when these leaders try to act.

The record of Asian Americans going to the polling place is even sorer still. I recently read somewhere that a ridiculously low percentage of Southern California Japanese Americans voted in a recent election.

This has got to change. JACL as a non-partisan organization takes no sides as far as candidates are concerned. But we should speak out on the issues. We need to get the voters out and better yet we need more who are eligible to be registered to vote.

This is an election year. For us to be respected and our views regarded we must demonstrate that we are a force by the numbers who go to the polls. In the past, I used to skip a primary if I thought there was not a contest. But I soon learned that I needed to cast a ballot in favor of the candidate of my choice so he/she could know that there is support.

Let the visions of the South Africans carry us when next it is time for us to cast a ballot. That's thirty for now.

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

Asians: language, culture barriers to health care

Language and culture form significant barriers in health care for Asian Pacific Islanders, said Sherry Hirota, executive director, Asian Health Service, at an April 25 meeting in Washington D.C. with Donna Shalala, secretary, Health and Human Services. A group of Asian Pacific Islander health professionals had met April 7 with the HHS secretary to push for increased responsiveness to Asian Pacific American health care needs.

"API health organizations nationwide have raised language and

cultural barriers and discriminatory health practices as a top priority issue for the last ten years and worry this could worsen under health reform," said Shirota.

The executive director said that there is a concern that the current health reform packages could have a detrimental effect on Asian Pacific Islander health care.

"Already in Hawaii and in California, the move toward managed care has resulted in waivers for translation reimbursement and inadequate cultural competence standards," said Shirota.

Secretary Shalala said she is "convinced that language is an overwhelming factor in providing access to health care."

Another major concern among the group of health professionals was House bill, HR 3500, part of the Republican welfare proposal.

Health care attorney Kelvin Quan said, "If this bill or any other legislation denying legal, non-citizen residents eligibility for programs such as Medicaid, AFDC, and SSI is passed, all of our efforts in advocating for adequate health care for Asians could be rendered meaningless."

In the past five years, Japanese investment in U.S. real estate has fallen 96% from a high of \$16.5 billion in 1988 to a low of \$705 million last year.

Japanese cutting back on U.S. investments

After investing \$77.3 billion in U.S. real estate since the '80s, Japanese investors are currently trying to sell or restructure many of their property assets, reports the Kenneth Leventhal & Co.

Japanese companies have already sold or restructured \$17.6 billion in real estate holdings. Leventhal predicted that this year

Japanese investors were likely to sell or restructure \$12 billion in property assets by the end of the year, bringing the total to 40 percent of all Japanese-owned real estate in the country.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

On being an editor

This in no way is a complaint regarding the way my remarks about news paper editing were reported in last week's *Pacific Citizen*. But it is a complicated subject, particularly in view of the controversy over the way this newspaper (assuming it is a newspaper, not a newsletter) is operated, and amplification may be useful.

I believe the objective of a newspaper is to report the news and comment adequately thereon.

The news should be printed in the news columns. The news should be reported fairly, completely, objectively and with balance. The newspaper's, or the reporter's, opinions have no place in reporting the news.

Opinion should be printed in the opinion section of the newspaper and be clearly identified as opinion. The opinion may be that of a columnist, or of the newspaper itself. Years ago *Pacific Citizen* published opinions as an institution, but such editorials have not appeared in recent years. On the other hand it has a plethora of columnists given virtually unrestricted freedom to say what they think. They speak for themselves from a forum provided by *Pacific Citizen*; they do not speak for the paper.

Let me give you an example of the difference between news reporting and opinion. Take the following paragraph:

"Taro Suzuki, age 5, was hit and killed by a truck today at the corner of 5th and Main, a death that needn't have occurred if the stubborn City Council had heeded community pleas to install a traffic signal at this dangerous street corner."

The first part is news. The italicized portion is opinion which belongs on the editorial page, not in the news columns.

Readers should have an opportunity to express their opinions in print. *Pacific Citizen* provides this opportunity by running a letters section. Because of space limitations, the length and number of such letters must be restricted.

In cases where the owner of the newspaper does not work as editor, one is hired to run the publication. The editor is given certain ground rules to follow. He should have complete authority to run the paper within those rules. If he fails to operate within his guidelines, he needs to be replaced. But he should not be subjected to day-to-day or hour-to-hour scrutiny. He's too busy for that kind of nonsense.

The owner of *Pacific Citizen* is JACL which has vested oversight authority in the

Pacific Citizen Board. The Board has the responsibility of setting guidelines, hiring an editor to take care of day-to-day functions, and seeing that the guidelines are observed. Failure to observe them should be cause for discharge.

The PC Board has named some of its members to an Editorial Advisory Board to advise the editor. That's okay. The editor should be free to seek the advice of the Editorial Advisory Board or the opinion of anyone on any issue. But lacking specific rules about what kinds of issues must be taken to the Editorial Advisory Board, he should use his judgment as to when to consult it. He should weigh the board's views but need not consider them binding. He is free to exercise his editorial judgment within the authority he has been given.

If for whatever reason the ownership doesn't like the guidelines, it has the prerogative of changing them and finding an editor who can accept them. I think this is unequivocal and clear. And sensible. ☐

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

Letters

Takes issue with reader on 'same-sex' issue

We are dismayed by Mas Odoi's letter to the editor condemning Ruth Mizobe and Trisha Murakawa in their efforts to support the rights of gay men and lesbians. May we remind Mr. Odoi that the preamble to the JACL Constitution says, "We members of the Japanese American Citizens League, in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice and equal opportunities for Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as for all people regardless of race, creed and religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability, do establish this constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America."

Among the purposes of JACL is to "secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people." We wonder if Mr. Odoi understands the meaning of civil and human rights as well as ethics; where is the conflict of interest when a civil rights organization takes an affirmative position supporting a group of people who are being discriminated against because of who they are? The JACL has been practicing civil and human rights for more than 60 years. JACL does not only sponsor temporary shrimp fundraiser dinners, obon carnival booths and fashion shows, but embraces a history of struggles and hard work toward equal rights for all people.

We're disappointed that Mr. Odoi does not feel that all people should be treated equally and wonder if he remembers a time when most Americans felt we Japanese Americans were not equal.

Kudos to the Pacific Southwest District chapters for taking a stand on a very important contemporary civil rights issue. We are thankful for leaders like the Honolulu Chapter members, Ruth Mizobe and Trisha Murakawa who have the courage and willingness to support issues like this. These individuals show true character and do not hide behind the "They Say" club.

May we further remind Mr. Odoi that he is a member of the premier civil and human rights organization serving the Japanese American and Asian American communities and to add that Karen Narasaki does a fabulous job linking us to other like-minded organizations and legislators in Washington, D.C. Yes, JACL will continue to maintain its credibility and viability as a recognized representative in these communities as long as we have leaders like these to continue the JACL legacy.

Galen and Phyllis Murakawa

Los Angeles

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Tano-mô-shi

REFERRED TO AS "tano-mô-shi" it was a vehicle for socializing as well as round-robin financing for the Issei. When I first heard the term, I thought it meant a pleasant get-together, a reference to *tano-shi-i* (pleasant). The Issei participants obviously looked forward to these monthly get-togethers and seemed to have a relaxing great time. I looked up "tano-mô-shi" in the *ji-ten* (dictionary) and was confounded by two of the three *kanji* (Chinese character) that make up the term. The first one was simple: it is the character for "tano-mu" (entrust, seek). The next two were *ha-ha* (mother) and "kodomo" (child). I failed to grasp the relationship of these last two characters to the resulting meaning of "mutual financing association."

Undoubtedly some scholar out there can provide an explanatory guide.

THE WAY IT worked was simple: everyone paid in monthly dues. At the monthly gathering, there would be a *kuji-biki* (lottery drawing) and the winning number was awarded the pot. Yes, I too at first thought it was either gambling or else a close cousin to it. Until I realized that a participant could only win once until everyone, in turn,

had won a pot. The *kuji-biki* only determined the sequence in which claimants were chosen. The month's winner then had available a sizeable sum of cash, enabling him/her to engage in an investment or satisfy a need which otherwise would not have been possible.

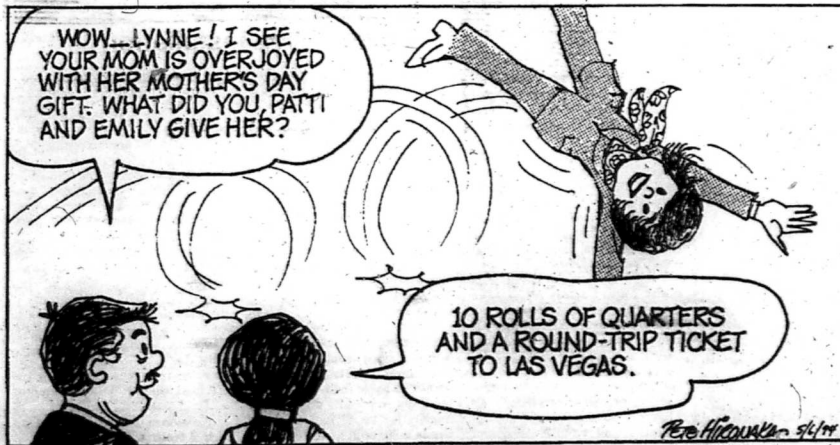
Since those early years, I've learned that other immigrant groups each have their own form of "tano-mô-shi." More recently on a much broader and sophisticated scale, as in the case of ethnic resident Koreans in today's Japan.

IN JAPAN, where some 700,000 residents of Korean ancestry reside, they have set up their own financing system, but much more sophisticated than the rudimentary *tano-mô-shi* of our Issei forebears. Formed almost 50 years ago by ethnic Koreans congregated in the *Kansai* (Osaka area) region, and known as "credit cooperatives," the operation today has proliferated to include some 42 branches. With deposits of 1.13 trillion yen, or \$11 billion dollars, this is the mother of all "tano-mô-shi's." In fact, it is seeking to change its legal status to that of an accredited bank in Japan and accordingly has filed for such with the Japa-

nese Ministry of Finance. As a fully accredited bank, it will then be able to provide full-bank services. It is reported that the finance ministry will approve the application, thereby enabling the ethnic Korean cooperative to function as a bank in the spring of 1995.

IN PRE-WW-II ERA in the U.S., many Issei had placed their hard-earned savings into Japanese banks which maintained offices in this country. Two names that immediately come to mind are Sumitomo Bank and Yokohama Shokin-Ginko. Following outbreak of the Pacific War, depositors' assets in these banks were frozen by our government and it was only after much delay and aggravation that then only a fractional return was disbursed to depositors. A lot of Issei-Nisei sweat and deprivations went down the drain in the course of such event. Better to have invested in *tano-mô-shi*. ☐

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



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Sidebar

By MEI NAKANO

3 homelands: a war story

War is cruel and you cannot refine it.

—William T. Sherman

Picture this: Two countries are at war. Call them Country I and II. Now, Country I needs bodies to exchange for their citizens, thousands of them, who have been caught abroad in countries dominated by their enemy, Country II, but they have few POWs they can use for trade. What to do? Enter Country III. It has no quarrel in this conflict, but it does have within its borders, certain persons whose ancestry can be traced to Country II. Voilà! a solution, thinks Country I: these people will make good better bait. Upon which, they put into play the full force of their cunning and power to induce Country III to permit them to take—no, kidnap, is more to the point—those people whose unfortunate (for this plot) identity marks them. The hostages are taken from their homes with unceremonious dispatch, loaded on ships like so much chattel, and put into holding camps set up in Country I.

After more than three years of battle, Country I defeats its enemy, ending the war. The hostages, who have endured unspeakable suffering and injustice, are left twisting in the wind. By now, the once-sweet relationship forged between countries I and III has soured, and when Country I attempts to return the hostages to Country III, the latter slams the door. In a cruel irony, the former hostages, who had been abducted and forced into camp in Country I, by Country I, now find themselves classified as "illegal immigrants"

there. At the same time, they remain under threat of being deported to Country II, a place where many have never even visited, let alone lived.

A decade or so passes since the former hostages were kidnapped. Times have changed. Country I, being in the magnanimous mood of a victor, and feeling a twinge of remorse, allows the former hostages to end their diaspora by granting citizenship. Country III, moreover, opens its doors to them. Barely one hundred of the exiles choose to re-enter, in a fitting finale.

A Shakespearean tragedy? Well, no, though there are villains and chicanery aplenty here. I deliberately presented this scenario without names to try to objectify the action and to set this incredible, improbable plot into sharp relief. But those who have read Michi Weglyn's superbly informed and documented account of it in *Wages of Infamy* (New York: William Morrow and Co., 1976) would have plugged in the United States, Japan and Peru for Countries I, II and III, respectively.

What brings me back to this event is a newly published book *Adios to Tears* (Honolulu: E. & E. Kudo, 1993) by Seiichi Higashide. Here, in telling detail, the author fleshes out this outrageous historical episode in an intensely personal account.

Higashide had emigrated from Japan to Peru in 1930 in his early twenties. Hardset with the values of his culture like the willingness to work hard and persevere, and given with ambition and intelligence as well, Higashide

moved from work as an unskilled carpenter to becoming a successful entrepreneur. With the help of luck, pluck and a chunk of business acumen, he built up his shop, the "Bazar Bienvenida," from a "mom and pop" store to a near million-dollar enterprise by the late 1930s. The shop now catered mainly to middle and upper class Peruvians.

As prominent business persons, Higashide and his wife Angelica (a Peruvian citizen) became acquainted with influential Peruvians, like the provincial governor, the police chief and others. "In Peru," the author observes, "there was discrimination according to social class but, unlike the United States, there was no strong tradition of discrimination based on race." He also states with some authority that the powerful Peruvian military as a whole had "leaned toward the Axis nations and increasingly showed signs of distancing themselves from the United States" in the period preceding the conflict.

These points are key to exposing the extent to which the U.S. poked into the internal affairs not only of Peru, but other Central and South American countries for its own purposes. In Peru, the U.S. cranked up its Machiavellian machinery of craft and deceit to destabilize the relationship between the resident Japanese and

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

Crossroads

By KIM NAKAHARA

A new generation to inspire



On Feb. 4 and 5, 1994, the JACL National Youth Council (NYC) sponsored its third biennial National Youth Conference. The conference attracted 205 participants, and indicated strong interest in the JACL youth program. For the NYC, it was an opportunity to recruit new members, to introduce the JACL, and to help spread awareness about the many complex issues facing Asian Pacific Islanders today.

For me, attending the National Youth Conference was much different than for others. As an assistant English teacher on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, I have spent the last eight months living in Japan and answering questions like, "Does everyone own a gun?" "Can you buy a gun anywhere?" and "Does every school have a metal detector?" I have spent a great deal of time trying to convince my students that America is not as horrifying a place as is portrayed in the media, but I have to admit that for the first time I was scared about being at home.

I returned for the JACL National Youth Conference, and the first speaker I heard upon my return was Bruce Yamashita. Although I knew his story, and had heard him speak before, his detailed account of the pain he had suffered was a striking re-introduction into American society. As I listened to him recount the humiliation that he had endured and

the battles he had fought, I was struck by how different my life in Japan is. This is not to say that racism, prejudice, and discrimination don't exist in Japan—it's just different. At times I think that the Japanese people construct invisible walls around foreigners, and try to make sure that we hear only the good things.

Bruce was a fitting speaker for the third biennial National Youth Conference for he and his experiences reaffirm the need for a civil rights organization. His five-year struggle to obtain an apology from the Marine Corps demonstrate very effectively to youth and students the need for continued support, as well as the reality that one individual can make a difference.

During the luncheon, we were able to see another fighter, Liane Yasumoto. A recipient of the National Youth Council's inaugural "Vision" award, she personifies the theme "People Envisioning Tomorrow." A graduate of UC Berkeley, Liane has become renowned as a vocal advocate of disabled rights. Last fall, she filed lawsuits against San Francisco businesses for their failure to meet handicap codes.

In creating the "Vision" award, the members of the National Youth Council sought to honor an individual whose accomplishments in their field of endeavor led them to become positive role models for youth and students. Liane's strength and passion

make her an outstanding role model for young Asian Pacific Americans, as she demonstrates the importance of defending human and civil rights.

It was a wonderful moment when Bruce Yamashita placed the award in the hands of Liane Yasumoto: "From one fighter to another." The youth and students who were in attendance, were spellbound as they listened to Liane speak about her motivations, inspiration, and plans for the future. It was a moment I wish we could have captured and shared with all young Asian Pacific Americans.

These experiences are ones which I so desperately want to share with my students in Japan. But Japanese junior high school students struggle to answer, "what did you eat for dinner last night?" and are unlikely to comprehend the inspiration that I felt. Instead I hope that all JACLers who read this article can understand how special the National Youth Conference was, not only for myself and other conference participants, but also for all Asian Pacific American youth and students. The JACLers of tomorrow will draw their inspiration from Bruce Yamashita and Liane Yasumoto.

Nakahara is chairwoman of the JACL National Youth Council.



By the board

By RUTH MIZOBE

Importance of same-sex issue

On Feb. 28 at the JACL-PSW district council meeting, approximately 50 people representing the district's chapters attended our first quarterly meeting of 1994 and held it at Little Tokyo Towers in downtown Los Angeles. One of the issues discussed among the myriad in a day long session was the issue of same sex marriages. The district council, after considerable discussion both pro and con, adopted a position of supporting the rights of gays and lesbians on the issue of same sex marriages. Unfortunately since then, it has become a point of contention in the eyes of those who conclude that this issue is not within the purview of the JACL nor is it in the interests of the majority of our membership.

To clarify the PGW position, our support addresses, fundamentally, the issue of social equality and intolerance for discrimination. Our support did not constitute an endorsement of homosexuality nor gay lifestyle as many believe, but rather to denounce discrimination for those who wish to obtain a government regulated license for marriage whether they are homosexual or heterosexual. Further, we maintain that the government should not deny to gays and lesbians the equal benefits, privileges and sanctions that are accorded to all married couples. We are advocating for

equal treatment and not for special or extra privilege.

Historically, parallel to same-sex marriages are marriages of mixed races. In our discussion, we acknowledged the racist and vicious traditions of our society against inter-racial couples. Anti-miscegenation laws took citizenship rights away from couples simply because they were not of the same race. Inter-ethnic couples were demonized and condemned as a threat to white culture, religion, and society. These couples faced alienation, harassment and violence as did their children. Ethnic men that married white women were seen as violating the sanctity of the white race and were, in extreme incidents, killed.

Today, the same challenges of harassment that still face inter-ethnic couples are exacted more savagely on couples of the same gender. In accepting this understanding one is compelled to ask, "Can the intolerance, discrimination and violence faced by couples of the same sex be any different than the kind of intolerance couples of mixed races face?"

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." When I stated that I took great pride in our district, it is because the chapter representatives recognized the categorical denial of civil rights and that discrimination is intolerable in any manner,

shape or form. It didn't matter that the issue had a narrow impact in terms of our membership because we understand the scope, influence, and oppression of racism and that homophobia is fundamentally no different than race prejudice.

Despite the controversy, I am still proud of the PSW chapter leadership in their support of a very simple gesture to acknowledge the gays and lesbians in the Japanese American community and in the community at large. The PSW position is about erasing one of the many difficult lines that divide our diverse and complex community, and about a vision for a bias-free and tolerant society.

The motion to support the resolution was made by the Venice-Culver Chapter and seconded by the South Bay Chapter without any votes and two abstentions. The chapters supporting the resolution were: Asian Pacific American Network, Carson, Downtown LA, East LA, Gardena Valley, Greater LA Singles, Latin America, Marina, Orange County, Pasadena, Riverside, San Diego, San Gabriel Valley, Southern California American Nikkei, South East Los Angeles North Orange County, South Bay and Venice-Culver.

Mizobe is governor of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

NIXON

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U.S. Supreme Court; JACL joint groups in opposition.

Nov. 14—JACL favors reversion of Okinawa to Japan by 1972 in statement issued as President Nixon and Prime Minister Eisaku Sato meet in Washington.

1970:

April 7—Nixon posthumously awards Medal of Honor to Sgt. Rodney Young of Hilo, Hawaii, who was killed in action in Vietnam on Jan. 1, 1969.

April 7—Nixon signs important amendment to 1965 Immigration Act.

April 30—As Nixon orders troops into Cambodia, issue questions competence of JACL units to take stand on current Southeast Asian conflict.

July 13—Nixon signs immigration bill to admit 205 Japanese residents from Bonin Islands, residents with ancestral traces of Yankee sailors.

Oct. 7—Senator Inouye hails President Nixon's Indochina peace proposal.

Nov. 12—Nixon names William "Mo" Marumoto as consultant on executive manpower—the first Japanese American elevated to the White House executive staff.

1971:

Jan. 10—President Nixon ends 21-year embargo on Red China trade.

Sept. 14—Nixon signs HR 234, the bill to repeal Title II, the Emergency Detention Act, of the 1950 Internal Security Act, at Portland, Ore., (enroute to welcome Emperor Hirohito in his Sept. 25 Alaska stop-over to London).

Oct. 22—Some 700 JACLers in Tokyo gather as Ambassador Armin Meyer reads President Nixon's message citing the role of Japanese in America. (Then Governor Reagan, accompanying Meyer, also greeted the JACLers.)

Nov. 30—Nixon nominates Shiro Kashiwa to the U.S. Court of Claims; ratified by Senate Dec. 2.

1972:

Jan. 26—Nixon names Chicago industrialist Robert S. Ingersoll to succeed Armin Meyer as U.S. ambassador to Japan.

Feb. 20—Nixon visits Beijing's leaders, Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

Sept. 5—Emperor Hirohito seeks wish to visit the U.S. soon; President Nixon had extended invitation during Honolulu summit with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

Oct. 4—Nixon signs HR 8215, authorizing WW2 internees and parolees to recover their yen certificate of deposits in the prewar Yokohama Specie Bank.

Nov. 6—President Nixon wins second term.

1973:

March 29—U.S.'s participation in Vietnam war officially ends as last of POWs including 7 Nisei are released.

May 20—Senator Inouye tells UH-Hilo commencement President Nixon should be impeached if hard evidence of Watergate break-in coverup warrants.

July 13—Nixon slashes soybean export to Japan by 50% until Sept. 15.

July 21—Nixon and Prime Minister Tanaka hold second summit meeting in Washington.

Sept. 2—William Marumoto resigns as staff assistant to the President, was the highest ranking Nisei at the White House.

Oct. 22—in a Miami Beach address, Senator Inouye urges President Nixon to either resign or face impeachment. (This was the initial public statement from a member of the Senate select committee investigating the Watergate break-in.)

Nov. 7—Phase III of Watergate hearings commences with William Marumoto as witness, relates politicking with Spanish-speaking groups.

1974:

Jan. 24—Rep. Spark Matsunaga tells Monterey Peninsula Chapter,

JACL, that President Nixon will resign.

Jan. 30—Nixon's State of the Union message includes "Equal opportunity for all Americans."

Feb. 22—Impeachment issue swirls at National JACL Board meeting. JACL President Henry Tanaka had written of JACL's support for SB 2511 to establish special counsel for "full and complete inquiry."

June 4—Nixon abolishes Justice Dept. list of proscribed/subversive organizations compiled in 1947 that included defunct prewar Japanese groups.

Aug. 9—President Nixon resigns; Vice President Gerald Ford assumes office.

Sept. 9—JACL expresses public disappointment over President Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon.

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The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) announced that it will award six stipends to Asian American students working in public sector internships in Washington, D.C., this summer.

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Obituaries

Ehara, John, 73, El Cerrito, March 6; Calif. born, survived by wife Kaoru, daughter Joan, sons Paul, Richard, 2 gc, sister Mariko, brothers Harry (both Jpn), Ben, Tom.

Higuchi, Takeyo, 87, Berkeley, Feb. 5; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Kunitsuka, daughter Fumiko Mori, in-laws Katsumi Komori (Jpn), 7 gc, 6 great-gc. Kaidmoto, Ikuro "Ikay," 84, Santa

Barbara, March 23; retired wholesale produce businessman with Jordano's, first Nisei male born in Old Town Santa Barbara (1909), son of Kumamoto-born grocer-wholesale produce market proprietor and founder of local Buddhist temple, Santa Barbara High graduate (27) and lettered in baseball as catcher, charter JACLer (30), president (52), evacuated to Heart Mountain, Wyo., in WWII, returned in '45, member Magnolia LaCumbre Masonic Lodge, survived by wife Amy (Komori), daughters Kay Willis, Jean Yuki, 3 gc, 3 great-gc. In lieu of flower memorial: Masonic Homes Endowment Fund, 16 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara 93101, or Bethany Congregational Church Bldg. Fund, 556 N. Hope Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Kawaguchi, Glich, 91, San Francisco, Feb. 23; survived by wife Taeko, sons Keiji, Yoshimi, daughters Sakiko, Mamiko, 2 gc.

Konishi, Sandra, 26, Redfield, March 4 in traffic accident; Redfield-born, survived by parents Harukichi and Nagiko, sisters Kagumi Persall, Izuzu Quitoriano, brother Glen.

Matoba, Tom Nichi, 95, Toronto, Dec. 13 (sv); played with Seattle Asahis and Vancouver, B.C. Asahis in Japan (21), coached all-French Canadian softball team postwar in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Matsumura, Yasochi, 83, San Jose, Feb. 21; Hawaii-born, predeceased by wife Yoshiko, survived by brother Hideo and in-laws Suzuki Matsumura, Fujiko Fuji.

Mayeda, Roy K., 69, Foster City, Feb. 11; Stockton-born, survived by wife Sachiko, son Ronald, daughter Lynne Villalobos, 2 gc, mother Yaeiko, 6 brothers Thomas, Fred, Stanley, Richard, Victor, Joel, 3 sisters Alice Shingu, Manan Gong, Colleen Yamada.

Morishita, Matsuya, 74, El Cerrito, March 2; Oakland-born, survived by husband Ray, son Scott, brother George Kido, sister Sumiko Kago, 4 in-laws all in Jpn.

Shirahishi, Frank, Burlington, Ont., Jan. 23; Japan-born Vancouverite, founding Asahi Baseball Team player, postwar employee of 41 years with International Harvester, survived by wife Chiyu, sons Frank Jr., daughter Sachiko, 5 gc.

Wade, Nobue, 98, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 1; Wakayama-born homemaker, Yakima Valley resident (19), to Vale, Ore. (31), to Ontario (47), survived by 6 daughters Tsunoyu Nishi (Grandview, Wash.), Akiko Sako (Old Tappan, N.J.), Teruko Tanaka, Sumiko Sato, Matsuyo Furuya (all Ontario), Tomiko Nishimoto (Spokane), 2 sons Shingo, James (both Ontario), 23 gc, 30 great-gc, predeceased by husband Kango, 1 grandson.

Yamamoto, Rebekah L. Alito, 19, Caldwell, Idaho, Mar. 19 in auto accident at Colfax, Wash.; Caldwell-born student at Washington State University, survived by parents Victor and Jeanne, sisters Stacy, Amy, granddaughters Kay/ Frances Yamamoto and Kay/Carol Yasuda.

Yamamoto, Shiget, 79, Dribute, Feb. 9; Selma-born, survived by wife Rosie, daughters Karen Miller, Teri Tanimoto, Jori, 2 gc, brothers George, Gene, sister Virginia Sowa, Ruth Sasaki, Margaret Yee, Mary Furuyama.

Yamane, Masao, 88, Gilroy, Feb. 15; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Bennie, Timmy, daughters Daisy Tsujimoto, Grace Limones, Nancy, 9 gc, 3 great-gc.

Yamashiro, George Setey, 82, Los Angeles, Jan. 3; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Tsune, son Ken, 1 gc, brother Dr. Yoshio (Honolulu), Jack, Shoji (both Okinawa).

Yamashita, Tommy, 46, Aromas, Calif., March 5; Watsonville-born, survived by wife Jackie, son Moushi, mother Masano, brother Tokio, sisters Kyoko Oba, Toshiko.

Yamashita, Toshio, 87, Redfield, Jan. 1, survived by wife Pearl, son Ruchi, daughters Satsuko Kim, Keiko Nishimoto, Tamiko, 8 gc, 5 great-gc.

Yanagimachi, Harry Isamu, South Bend, Wash., Dec. 16; South Bend-born, prewar Seattle Garfield High School athlete in football, track, baseball and basketball, OWI MIS veteran from Mindok in the Philippines and Japan, survived by wife Yuki (Shirakawa), sons Harry, David, daughter Marian, brother Frank, sister Naoko Suzuki, predeceased by brothers Mako and William.

Yoshikawa, Miya, 96, Loomis, Jan. 2, survived by sons Tom, Walter, daughters, Anna Murekawa, Emiko Kashiwagi, Teruko.

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LETTERS

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Wants no part of 'same-sex' issue

In the April 15-21 PC, Bill Hosokawa hit it right on. That Trisha Murakawa was in favor of recognizing same-sex marriage as legal.

Now, that is a brand new ball game as far as I'm concerned. If this new generation of JACL leaders feels this way about gay and lesbians—I want no part of it.

No wonder that majority of the Sansei couldn't care less about joining the JACL. None of my four kids are members and when they read the article about same-sex marriage, they threw the paper in disgust.

When my membership expires, so be it. I've made sizeable contributions to the JACL up to this point but that's it.

I have two questions: 1) Is Trisha Murakawa married? 2) Is she a lesbian?

Beans M. Sogakawa
Chino, Calif.

Wants PC to remain independent

I am saddened by the current controversy regarding PC. I am on the side of an independent PC and was glad to read Bill Hosokawa's column supporting that view. Also the most recent words of support from a group in Chicago. I hope the problem can be resolved without too much bitterness. I personally enjoyed reading the two views of "Rising Sun." I want to see it and thought it was an exciting adventure yarn. I thought it tried to be evenhanded. There were good guys and bad guys on both the U.S. and Japan's sides. The actor who played Eddie I thought was pretty sexy guy. And of course I always enjoy seeing Sean Corinry.

Sumiko Kobayashi
Mount Holly, N.J.

SIDEBAR

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the rest of the population in Peru. It succeeded admirably. By 1939, Higashide writes, "outrageous rumors began flying about," creating a climate of hate against the resident Japanese. As was the case in the U.S., business interests exploited the opportunity to rid themselves of competition from successful Japanese-owned businesses and enthusiastically stoked the fire of hostility.

So, when war was declared between Japan and the U.S., the Peruvian Japanese came quickly under threat of random arrest or deportation to Japan—or incarceration in the U.S.

Higashide was arrested in this, his second homeland, after spending weeks in an underground hideout he had built for himself beneath his home. Discovered, he was first jailed in Peru ("wretched beyond imagination"), forced into hard labor in a detention camp in Panama, and finally shipped to Crystal City, Tex., the "family camp." Shortly thereafter, his wife whom he describes as a woman of "magnificent courage" and their five small children joined him in camp in July 1944, six months after he had left Peru.

After two and a half years of incarceration, the Higashides left camp on "provisional release" to Seabrook Farms, New Jersey. There, realizing he had jumped on an economic treadmill, Higashide "escaped" and eventually established himself in Chicago as a successful landlord. He now lives in Hawaii, the third of his homelands, as a U.S. citizen.

In telling his story, Higashide remains remarkably calm. His passion is reserved for his family, to speak against the inanity that wars engender and the inequities of redress provided for Latin Americans. While Higashide and the members of his family have received redress, some Peruvians have not. It is his fervent prayer "that the U.S. proceed to complete the repair by extending redress to all the Latin American deportees whose rights, wealth, and reputations were taken away."