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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.

In the running for JACL national offices

Candidates for JACL PRESIDENT


SAWAMURA


YASUHARA

Michael A. Sawamura of Sacramento Calif., and Denny Yasuhara of Spokane, Wash., are the candidates for JACL president, according to Ken Yokota, co-chair of the JACL Nominations Committee. In the vice presidential categories, here are the candidates: Vice President/Planning and Development—Trisha Murakawa (incumbent), Redondo Beach, Calif. Vice President/Membership Services—Neal Taniguchi, Oakland, Calif. Secretary/Treasurer—Jon Kaji (incumbent), Tokyo/Japan National Youth Council/Chair—Kim Nakahara (incumbent), Japan National Youth Council/Representative—Kimi Yoshino, Davis, Calif.

No nominations were received by the May 1 deadline for Vice President/General Operations or Vice President/Public Affairs.

Candidates for JACL VICE PRESIDENT

Planning & Development


MURAKAWA

Membership Services


TANIGUCHI

Secretary/Treasurer


KAJI

National Youth Council Chair


NAKAHARA

National Youth Council Representative


YOSHINO

Got a question for a candidate?

In an upcoming edition, *Pacific Citizen* will present in-depth profiles of all the candidates, including biographical information, platform statements and

you have a question to ask of a candidate, please submit them to Ken Yokota, co-chair, Nominations Committee, c/o P.O. Box 11785, Fresno, CA, 93775.

'Let me teach'

San Diego-area teacher, ousted for planning to show 'Zoot Suit,' makes appeal for reinstatement at hearing; school administrators allege personnel evaluation, not film, is reason for dismissing her...

Stories & photos: GWEN MURANAKA
GROSSMONT, Calif.—In many ways it was a typical school night at Grossmont High. Rock music echoed from the auditorium as students slowly straggled home. Squirrels darted from burrows under the school field, a janitor came to clean up trash cans. But in the cafeteria at the school district governing board meeting May 12 regular school business gave way to issues of teacher evaluations, racism and censorship. In sometimes moving statements, professors, activists, students and parents came out in support of Santana High School teacher Reiko Obata and her decision to show the film "Zoot Suit" to her 11th grade American Literature classes.

Asking for her reinstatement, Obata said, "The district superintendent's office took what they themselves called a highly unusual action by dismissing me on April 26 and assigning me to home. I now call on the governing board of the Grossmont Union High School District to take another highly unusual action to rectify the wrong committed, that is reinstate me immediately and allow me to do what I enjoy most, that is teach." The crowd at the meeting spilled over the available seating and many stood in the back, clapping enthusiastically after each speaker came up in support of Obata. Located east of San Diego, Grossmont Union High School District is made up of ten high schools. Prior to the beginning

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Teacher Reiko Obata holds a video of "Zoot Suit"



TANI
San Diego JACL rep calls for Obata's reinstatement

Attending the May 12 school district governing board meeting, Karen Tani, president, San Diego Chapter, JACL, representing the Pacific Southwest District, JACL asked for reinstatement and a formal apology to Santana High School teacher Reiko Obata.

"The retaliatory firing of Ms. Obata, despite her adherence to the school

See REP/page 3

Woman who supported Latinos on trial in '40s defends Obata

Alice McGrath, 77, executive secretary of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee, drove down from Ventura, Calif., to speak on behalf of Obata before the school board hearing. As executive secretary between 1942-44, McGrath worked for two years raising money, publicizing the case and visiting the defendants while they were in prison. See DEFENDS/page 3
Alice McGrath, at right, holds photo of Latino defendants wrongfully accused of murder in 1940s



Legacy Fund grant application deadline

June 1, 1994

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Donna Choo
1765 Sutter St.
San Francisco, CA, 94115
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Calendar

East Coast U.S. Seabrook, N.J.

Fri.-Sun. Oct. 7-9—JACL and Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center's 50th Year celebration, Ramada Inn, 2216 W. Lands & Rte. 55, Vineland, NJ 08360, 609-986-3800. Brochures, forms, info by: JACL, U.S. Dept. of Defense/210 Municipal Bldg., Hwy. 77, P.O. Box 5041, Seabrook, NJ 08302. NOTE—U.S. Dept. of Energy (\$50) at hotel, 7:30 registration; Oct. 8, 8 a.m. Registration, 8:30-9:30 Seabrook Village tour, 11 a.m. People's inaugural: Seabrook: a New Beginning' program, Upper Deerfield Mtn Hall - dedication of museum, video, speakers, buffet luncheon. (Optional Fri. evening activities include Atlantic City casino excursion, 5 p.m., Filices Flashback dance at Bridgton Firehall, 7 p.m., Bridgton symphony concert at the newly located BHS Auditorium, West Ave., 8 p.m.) Oct. 9, Social hour, 6 p.m.; Banquet, Ramada Inn, 7:30 p.m. (Optional Sunday events: Church services, 10 a.m.; Golf tourna-ment, 12:30 p.m.; Lunch under the tent, 1:15-4 p.m.; Whelan Village tour at Millville.) Transportation and charter air: Gene Nakata, Bridgton, 609-874-1885; Randall Kurushima, Monterey Park 815/288-5369.

Washington, D.C.

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

Midwest Mpls.-St. Paul

Sat.-Sat. May 28-June 4—America Japan Week '94. Exhibits, activities, workshops, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (May 30-June 4) Minneapolis Convention Center, 2000 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 612/661-4755. OTHER EVENTS: May 28, 7 p.m. Opening ceremony, State Theater, 29, 29-40 p.m. Opening reception, Mori Institute of Arts, May 30, Mori Institute of Arts, Harriet Bandshell, May 31-June 2, Conestoga, 5-7 p.m. Peggy Plaza, 7-10 p.m., State Theater, June 3, Martial arts, 7-10 p.m., Target Center, June 4, Downtown, 1-3 p.m., Minneapolis; Closing ceremony, 3-6 p.m., Target Center.

Intermountain Salt Lake City

Sun.-Tue. July 31-Aug. 2—Japanese American reunion for University of Utah alumni. Info: Grace Takahashi 801/561-6995.
Aug. 3-6—33rd Biennial National JACL Convention—Mt. Olympus JACL sponsors, Downtown Marriott Hotel. Info: Irene or Floyd Mor, 801/572-2287. Pre-June 25 registration fee schedule—Convention package (1) \$135, Youth Package \$135, covering lodging events: Aug. 3 Welcome reception with buffet, Salt Lake Art Center gallery and private showing of JACL's "Views from Within" exhibit, Aug. 4 Grande Western Barbecue dinner and Floodwood, Wagonmaster Restaurant, Aug. 5 National Awards luncheon, noon, Downtown Marriott, Aug. 4-6 National Council meetings, Aug. 5-6 workshops on (a) AJAs in the arts, (b) dealing with the media, (c) successful lobbying, (d) personal finance and retirement preparation, (e) personal history of JAs. (f) AJAs 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, Aug. 6 Youth luncheon (for all young adults), Aug. 6 Savorians banquet-buffet. Special/Optional events: Aug. 2-3 Two-day golf tournament, men & women lights by handicap, also one-day format (\$100 member, \$110 non-member), Aug. 3 Social tennis tournament, Liberty Park Tennis Courts, Aug. 4 Old Times 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: SLIC 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.); Wenderow, Nev., gambling tour (\$11); Aug. 7-16 four-day tour Bryce, Grand Canyon, Zion and Shakespeare Festival at Cedar City, Utah (\$50 per day, 3 nights); Aug. 7 Three-day tour Yellowstone, Teton Park (\$360 per day, 2 nights), Yas Tokita, Mountain View Travel, 1390 S 1100 East, Suite 104, Salt Lake City, UT 84106, 801/487-4567, fax 801/487-4574. NOTE—

Hotel reservations 800/345-4754 (specify "JACL Convention") for Disabled Services, Edith Mikko 801/468-4211. Registration forms, additional details, including separate fees for individual events in Convention package (1): 1994 National JACL Convention, P.O. Box 17715, Salt Lake City, UT 84117.

Pacific Northwest Seattle

Ending May 31—Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Seattle. Works of visual artists, Pacific Crossing' photo story of Filipino immigrants (1900-1935), Seattle Public Library, 1000-4th Ave.
Sat. May 21—Readings by local author Ken Mochizuki, 1 p.m., Southwest Library, 9010 35th Ave. SW. info: 206/386-4184. Benefit Readings for International Exchange, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Elliott Bay Book Co., 101 S. Main, \$6 donation, 206/624-3925. Tsunami Talk, 2 p.m., Columbia Library, 4721 Swain Ave. S, info: 206/936-1966. Puppet mask show, 11 a.m., Ballard Library, 5711 24th Ave. NW, info: 206/684-4026. Morning Star Korean Dancer, 2 p.m., Southwest Library, 9010-35th Ave. SW, 684-7455.
Tue. May 24—International puppet mask show, Lakes City Library, 12501-28th Ave. NE, info: 206/684-7518.

Wed. May 25—Community Voice Awards ceremony, 5 p.m., Four Seasons Restaurant, 714 S. King St., info: 206/624-3925. NOTE—Celebrating the 20th anniversary of "International Examiner," Dances of the Silk Road, 7 p.m., West Seattle Community Center, 2306-42nd Ave. SW, info: 206/684-7444.

Thu. May 26—Panel: The First 100 Years, 5:30-7 p.m., Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407-7th Ave. S., info: 206/252-5124. "Waves" music, dance & poetry, 8 p.m., Nippon Kan, 628 S. Washington, tickets 206/382-3093.

Sat. May 28—Hawaiian sovereignty issue, noon-4 p.m., UW Ethnology Cultural Theater, 393 & Brooklyn, info: Denny Yamauchi 206/620-0500. Indonesian puppet mask show, 2:30 p.m., Wainwright Wintz Library, 4423 Broadway, info: 206/684-1339. Japanese Star Korean Dancer, 2 p.m., Southwest Library, 9010-35th Ave. SW, info: 684-7455. Dancers of the Silk Road, 2 p.m., Douglas Cemetery, Ave. N, 23rd and E. Yester, info: 206/664-4704.

Mon. May 30—Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Day service, 10 a.m., Lakeview Cemetery, Ave. N, 23rd and E. Yester, info: 206/664-4704.

Tacoma

Thu. June 9—Re-dedication of Fire High School plaque given to school in 1932 but removed during WWII, in conjunction with graduation, Tacoma Dome, info: Bob Mizukami, Puyallup Valley JACL.

Nevada Reno

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

Sun. May 22—International Food Festival, Convention Center-South Hall, Desert Inn Rd. (between Paradise and Swensen) Inn Rd. info: 775-733-3165.
Tue. June 21—Alanzoran High 44 50th Anniversary reunion-luncheon, California Hotel-Casino. NOTE—Dedicated in memory of Ralph Lutz, Contacts: Susu Nakakama Hayama 213/262-3165, Bruce Kaji 310/327-7790, Nori Kuroyama 702/626-5273, Rosie Maruki Kakuchi 702/656-6119, Arnold Manda 310/398-5157, Kuno Manda 310/493-1838, Kazuo Nagai 213/380-2611, Kohji Nakai 310/391-5931, Seiichi Tori 310/324-5148, Lillian Ueyama Yano 310/327-9101, Seigo Yoshinaga 213/263-1971.

California San Francisco

Fri.-June 10—JACL San Francisco 2d annual scholarship benefit golf tournament, 10 a.m., Sonoma Golf Club, info: Joty Hayashi, 415/563-9468; Sherry Itozaki 415/2141.
Sun. June 6—Nisei Widowed Women, 4 p.m., call Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuki Moriwaki 510/482-3280.

Peninsula

Sat. May 21—25th anniversary JACP (Lapa-

nese American Curriculum Project) dinner, 6:30 p.m., Lake Merced Golf & Country Club, Daily City, RSVP, JACP, 415/343-9408. NCTJ Florence Hiro, honoree; Chayote Chin, emcee.
Wed. May 25—Stanford Medical Center's first lecture: Race and Ethnicity's impact on patient care, room 1 p.m., Stanford Medical Center Atrium Bldg., M-108, info: Ron Garcia 415/725-0403. NOTE—Bring your lunch.
Sat. May 28—San Mateo Asian Pacific Heritage Center, 114 p.m., Stanford Park Recreation Center, Mat 5 E. 5th Ave. NOTE—Musicians and ex-Navy Officer Charlie Chin, emcee. info: 415/343-9408 (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Sat).

Eastbay

Fri. June 3—JACL Berkeley scholarship awards dinner, 6:30-8:45 p.m., Lantern Restaurant, 814 Webster St., Oakland, RSVP, \$25 per by May 15. Ise Ogawa, Berkeley Optometric Group, 2414 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94520. NOTE—KPIX-TV reporter Wendy Hanamura, speaker, Awardees Brent Kakegami, Art Fujimoto, 415/854-6174.
Sun. June 5—42nd annual (Northern and Central Calif.) JACL Jr. Olympics, 9 a.m., Chabot College, Hayward (registration on- and local JACL or Olive Okamoto, 415/574-2641 evenings. NOTE—Mike Wong, chair, new events added to attract more 8-10 year old athletes with a Soccer kicking event, 2:00 p.m., info: 925/930-3000, Karasee 5 p.m.)

Salinas-Monterey

Sat. Sun. May 28-29—Ondokko 2nd annual. Performers from Japan, & 30 Sat. 2 p.m., Henry J. Mello Center at Watsonville High School, E. Beach St. and Lincoln Ave.
Sun. May 29—Ondokko 2nd annual, 4:45 p.m. El Estero Presbyterian Church.
Sat. June 4—Monterey Nisei VFW Post 50th anniversary dinner, 6 p.m., Monterey Community Center, 1000 N. Monterey Ave.

Stockton

Sat. May 28—JACL Stockton community picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mickle Grove, site changed to southwest corner of the park, 2000 S. Folsom 209/478-5589, George Baba 209/478-8917.

Ventura County

Sat. May 21—Fujimatsu, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Ordard Buddhist Church, 250 H St., Oxnard. Info: 805/483-5648. NOTE—Tea ceremony, 1 p.m., Karsuna dance, 1:45, Okinawa dance, 2:30, 3:00, Karasee 5 p.m.

Los Angeles-Orange

Closing May 29—JACC Photo exhibit "Japanese American Heritage." George J. Dozaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A. 213/628-2725. NOTE—Featuring Harry Hayashida (last living member of original Little Tokyo Camera Club), Kenji Shirato (Tokyo-born photographer creating life portraits) and Keith Nakata (Sensu tracing his roots through photographs).
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ning of the statements, June Mott, president of the school board, set ground rules and explained that the issue was not "Zoot Suit," but a personnel issue and could not be discussed openly by the board.

"It is permissible for teachers to show R-rated films, including 'Zoot Suit' when the film supports the curriculum and when other non-R-related material has been considered by the teacher and rejected as less effective. In fact this district owns several R-rated films including 'Macbeth,' 'Das Boot,' and 'El Norte,'" said Mott.

Many came to make statements defending "Zoot Suit" and Obata's decision to show the film, saying it is an important work which teaches about racism and Mexican American culture. The 1981 film was originally a play written and directed by Luis Valdez. It deals with the zoot suit riots of the 1940s and the Sleepy Lagoon Murder case, in which 22 Mexican American youth were wrongfully convicted of murder and later released.

Joining Obata's supporters was Alice McGrath, executive secretary of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee, who helped raise awareness of the case in the '40s. Obata had intended to show the film as an introduction to the book "House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

"As a Chicano, I am offended by the blatant example of cultural insensitivity on the part of certain members of the school district in question not to allow the showing of 'Zoot Suit,'" said Dr. Jorge Huerta, professor of theatre, University of California at San Diego. "We have been ignored by the history books, the media, the teachers and the curriculum long enough."

George Aguilar, president, San Diego La Raza Lawyer's Association, said Obata had followed the necessary steps to show the film by receiving parental permission slips.

"We believe that holding the showing of 'Zoot Suit' to greater requirements than necessary is arbitrary and selective," said Aguilar.

Noting prejudicial writing in one of Obata's students' journals, Aguilar said, "When a teacher reads a student's writings about wanting to get away from Mexicans, that teacher should be ex-



Grossmont Union High School District board members, from left, Michael Harrelson, June M. Mott and Jo Ann Smith at the hearing to review Reiko Obata's case.



Students, parents, and community members turn out for Obata's May 12 hearing.

pected to educate the student and correct his ignorance. . . The film 'Zoot Suit' fulfills that aim."

Obata was placed on paid leave April 26 until the end of the semester. A day earlier, she received a memo from Carl Wong, assistant superintendent, educational services, saying the film was not to be shown because it had not been approved by the principal, English department chair or District English Council. In a memo to Obata, Principal Terrie Pennock said the department chair objected to the film's "excessive violence coupled with a reference to 'popping a girl's cherry' and the 'F' word." Pennock suggested using the film "West Side Story" instead as an example of "gang and barrio living."

A statement from "Zoot Suit" playwright Luis Valdez read at the board meeting defended the film and said the violence is minimal.

"The movie contains a single four letter word, used by students everywhere and most of us at home. And I was very careful that the violence in the movie was symbolic and offscreen. I am appalled by the bigotry and censorship apparently practiced by the leadership at Santana High School and I applaud Reiko for having the courage and character to stand up to it," said Valdez.

Many of Obata's students stood up in support of their teacher and

also talking about racism on campus.

"Racism is spreading everywhere and it is in our school," said Amanda Murphy, a student of Obata. "This movie will show us about the Mexican American community and their culture. It will broaden our minds and open our minds. This is not right."

Pointing out some of the anti-Latino prejudice at Santana High, Gloria Lucas said, "If this movie were shown it might open some of the minds of prejudiced students at Santana and let them see what Mexican Americans went through. And we might gain a little more respect and not have to walk through the halls and be called a beater or a wetback."

JoAnn Smith, district superintendent, said the issue of Obata's dismissal was not about racism or censorship and invited people to come and speak with her and her staff.

"One of the speakers made the point that ignorance about racism is not acceptable—I agree. Another speaker indicated that this appears to be an issue of censor-

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of American literature," said Tani.

During her statements, Tani noted that she herself grew up in the area, and she explained the background of the JACL.

"We strongly request that during an open board of education meeting, a formal apology and reinstatement of Ms. Obata and that the film 'Zoot Suit' be shown to the entire student body as well as the administrators with a case study on racism," said Tani.

In further comments, Ruth Mizobe, governor, PSW district,

said, "What's disturbing is that the district's decision was based upon 'Zoot Suit's' perceived excessive violence and language, when in fact, the film is a stylized musical set on a theater stage, just as it successfully appeared at the Mark Taper Theater years ago."

Refuting the suggestion that "West Side Story" be used instead of "Zoot Suit," Mizobe said, "However, the principle difference is that 'West Side Story' is about inter-racial love, and 'Zoot Suit' is about white racism against Chicanos."

DEFENDS

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told Pacific Citizen, that she read about Obata's case in the Los Angeles Times and came to the board meeting for moral support.

McGrath presented to the board a photo of the defendants and documents and related the specifics of the trial.

The defendants were systematically denied their rights. This is not an opinion, he said, is the Second District Court of Appeals agreeing with these charges. The Second District Court of Appeals, after the defendants were imprisoned for almost two years, unanimously overturned the convictions and set aside the sentences," said McGrath.

McGrath, who was portrayed in the film as "Alice Bloomfield" by Tyne Daly, said "Zoot Suit" helped resurrect the trials and remind people of an important chapter in history.

"When it was over and the defendants walked out of the hall of justice, free, but having spent 1 1/2 years in prison, the case was forgotten. It was covered extensively in the press when it was going on and when they were found

to have been unjustly tried and convicted it was dropped and nothing was said about it.

I waited for years and years and thirty-five years later, Luis Valdez wrote a play which brought it to life again, for which I am very grateful and for which the Chicano community and the community at large should be very, very grateful," said McGrath.

Speaking to Pacific Citizen, McGrath said she was very impressed by the people who came out to speak for Obata and "Zoot Suit."

Still active, McGrath dedicated her life to helping other, she has made over 61 trips to Nicaragua, organizing study programs for academics and helping get medical supplies to two hospitals.

McGrath said she will continue to fight for the rights of others.

"What fires my engine is a commitment to the principles of moral, ethical, philosophical and political issues. So I choose either activity or passivity and to me, there's no question about it. I keep going because we have to keep going. I don't expect to see very much change for the better in my lifetime, but I do what I can," said McGrath.

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Women's Concerns Committee Take charge, make a difference!

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MARLENE SHIGEKAWA
Keynotes personal power

The Women's Concerns Committee of NCWNP JACL with the aid of the Sansei Legacy Project, Himawariki and Nobirukai, sponsored a successful conference recently, which drew an assemblage of 75 men and women, nearly evenly divided between Nisei and Sansei. Co-chaired by Chizu Iiyama and Lucy Kishiba, the parley focused on the theme "Taking Charge: Making a Difference."

Speakers, workshop facilitators and honorees challenged attendees to recognize their personal power and provided strategies on how to use it effectively. Workshop leaders included Dr. Kay Yatabe, Dr. Yuko Franklin, Jean Ishibashi, Shirley Shiromoto, Caryl Ito, and the Reverends Michael Yoshiji and Naomi Southard.

To kick off the day-long program, Marlene Shigekawa, a cultural diversity consultant and author, defined personal power as the ability to get one's needs met without infringing on the rights of others. Japanese Americans, she said, are often hampered in their goal of attaining personal power by conflicting cultural values like *enryo* vs assertiveness and a penchant toward focusing on the needs of others at the expense of one's own. "Am I afraid of my own power? Will I be seen as selfish? Will this go against my heritage?" are questions that frequently come up and need sorting out, she declared.

Shigekawa defined three behavior modes—"aggressive," "assertive" and "submissive"—as they relate to empowerment. In aggressive behavior, one expresses needs at the expense of others, while, at the opposite end, submissive behavior allows others to violate one's space, deny one's rights, ignore one's needs. More to be desired is assertive behavior.

ior, with which one defends one's rights and personal space without abusing or dominating others. Assertive behavior results in maintaining self-respect and confirming a sense of personal worth, while according the same to others.

This concept was sharply illustrated by Cypress Morodomi, a student of self-defense, who led the group in exercises. Aggressive, she said, while submissiveness invites it. Rapists, purse-snatchers and the like often seek "Victims," submissive types who betray themselves by their voices (high pitched) and body language (slumped body, head bent down, mincing steps). An assertive attitude, on the other hand, characterized by a strong, well-modulated voice, an erect stance and vigorous walk can go far in discouraging attackers. Morodomi illustrated exercises of counter measures, like barking a firm "No!" with a simultaneous body stance designed to help one sustain breathing, stomping on an attacker's foot, quick jabs to the eyes, and groin-kicking—all enthusiastically practiced by the attendees.

Luncheon speaker, Sydney Kohara, anchor of KGO's "Channel 7 Morning News" in San Fran-

cisco, spoke of having to practice assertiveness in order to survive in the highly competitive marketplace of television news. A lively, engaging speaker, she traced her career from its beginnings to the present, illustrating by her own experience how one could fulfill one's potential in spite of being thwarted because of race or gender.

Award winners, Janice Mirikitani and Jean Ishibashi, exemplified the ideal of "taking charge," said presenter Kohara.

Mirikitani—poet, organizer, dancer, administrator, among other things—was awarded the coveted Humanitarian Award, reserved for a woman who had performed outstanding human and humane service outside of her work. She was cited for having contributed notably to the literary output of Japanese Americans, for her work for the underprivileged and for her ready responses to requests for help from the community. She credited the Women's Concerns Committee for breaking ground and supporting the cause of women in a number of ways. A forceful speaker, she moved the audience noticeably by reading a poem from her newly published anthology *Watch Out, We're Talking*.

Jean Ishibashi was honored with a special award for courage in challenging the awesome institution of the American Friends Service Committee in a wrongful dismissal suit. A member of the Women's Concerns Committee, she said, encouraged her to seek help from the Japanese American community. That single act gave her the courage to talk about the sexual harassment and bias she experienced at the hands of her employers. Although she lost her suit, she says, she termed the valuable lesson of taking charge of one's life, citing The Women's Concerns Committee and the NCWNP Council of JACL for their support.

Reunions

'94—Hawaiian Mission Academy's Class of '44—June 18, old Academy auditorium, now an elementary school, Honolulu.

The Class of '44 will be among others honored at the HMA Alumni Reunion taking place the same weekend, providing an opportunity to meet other alumni friends and teachers. Keynote: Dr. Sakae Kubo, junior class member, author, former college president.

Information: Teruo and Florence Fueni, 1443 Kealia Dr., Honolulu HI 95817; Francis (Castillo) Pascal-Kim, 808/247-6363.

Those unable to come are requested to send messages and/or photos to the Fuenis or calls Frances Pascal-Kim.

'94 - Amache's 3rd Reunion—Oct. 28-29, Las Vegas, Nev. Information: George Hidaka, 5841 N. Paulina, Chicago IL 60660, 312/275-9210. NOTE—The 2nd reunion in Los Angeles met in 1978. Hotel to be announced "If we get early enough commitments." Call: Cal Kitazumi 415/386-4162, Judy Nizawa 408/733-7692, Betty Nizawa Nishi 408/738-7768; Asa Yonemura 209/266-3012; Min

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'94 - Seabrook USA Reunion—Oct. 8-10, 50th anniversary milestone, Ramada Inn, Bridgeton, N.J. Information: Ellen Nakamura, SECC, RD 2, Box 107, Elmer, NJ 08318, 609/455-1865.

'95 - Gila River Monument dedication and Spring Reunion survey—Besides funding support, survey of involvement, design and date in 1995 is underway.

Information: Helen Y. Mishima, 576-B Manele Lane, Hilo, HI 96720.

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p.m., "Bedeivi" (Australia), "Mizu Shobai" (Japan), 9 p.m. aerobics, "Theater of Flow" (both U.S.), 1 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum; Fri. May 27—Yoko Ono in Fluxus, 7 p.m., "Severn Horse of the Sun" (India), 9 p.m.; West Coast premiere: "Green Merchant: To the Story of Golf" (Thailand), 1 p.m., Pacific Asian Museum; Sat. May 28—Panel: "Asian Pacific American Working in Hollywood," moderated by KCT manager Elaine Aguilar with Tamlyn Torjick, Janet Yang, Fritz Friedman, Walt Louis, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Multi-racial USA titles, 4 p.m., "Puppetmaster" (Taiwan), 6:30 p.m.; Korean Cinema spotlight: "To the Story Island," 9 p.m.; Melnitz, 20 Guamanian titles, 2 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum; Sun. May 29—Multi-racial USA titles, 4 p.m., "Puppetmaster" (Taiwan), 6:30 p.m.; Closing Event: West Coast premiere, "Temptation of a Monk" (Hong Kong), 7 p.m., Melnitz; Sat. May 31—Panel related to JANN exhibit "Archives: East-West," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414. Sat. May 31—Torance Armed Forces parade, 11:30 a.m., Torance Armed Forces; Nisei WWII veterans will ride vintage vehicles. Sun. May 22—Screening/discussion of Acad-

emy Award director Steven Okazaki's "Survivors," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP required: 213/625-0414. Part of Hiroshima Memorial Project. Tue. May 24—L.A.'s 16th annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month dinner & silent auction, 6 p.m., Westin Bonaventure; info: 213/553-6050. NOTE—Honorees: Jack & Betty Lee, Philip Vera Cruz, Indochina, MD; Yvonne Chan; Repeuna Ale & Family; Joe Hickey, Richard Hall; Gay Asian Pacific Support Network; L.A. Asian Pacific Islander Sisters, Took Took Thongthai. Tue. May 24—South Bay 4th Anniversary celebration, Torance Culture Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Info: reception: RSVP 213/627-6217. Fri. May 27—JACL PSW Membership coffee hour, 9 p.m., Westin Bonaventure; info: 213/553-6050. NOTE—Honorees: Jack & Betty Lee, Philip Vera Cruz, Indochina, MD; Yvonne Chan; Repeuna Ale & Family; Joe Hickey, Richard Hall; Gay Asian Pacific Support Network; L.A. Asian Pacific Islander Sisters, Took Took Thongthai. Tue. 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Committee reviews JACL constitution and by-laws

By **HANK TANAKA**
Chairman, Task committee on constitution/by-laws

In response to the changing composition and needs of its membership, JACL is in the midst of a leadership transition and a reassessment of its mission. A critical part of that reassessment is the need to review its constitution and by-laws to ensure that it does not inadvertently create barriers to carrying out the general operations of JACL.

Two other separate appropriate reviews are currently in progress. The *Pacific Citizen* task committee, chaired by Sharon Ishii-Jordan, governor, Mountain Plains District, will recommend changes to the by-laws which describe the relationship of the *Pacific Citizen* with the JACL. The committee's report will be presented for action by the National Council at the Aug. 1994 National Convention in Salt Lake City.

The committee on organization structure, co-chaired by Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, and Hank Tanaka, addressed the need to make structural changes to effectively implement JACL's Program for Action. The report is the result of reviews by all district councils during the past two years.



LILLIAN KIMURA
Reviewing constitution

It will also be presented for action by the National Council at the National Convention.

To complete the process of reviewing JACL's constitution and by-laws, a task committee met in San Francisco April 30-May 1 to examine the remaining content of the document not covered by the other review committees.

Kimura requested members of the committee recommend amendments and changes to help streamline the general operations of JACL. Committee members are: Kimura (EDC), Cherry Kinoshita (PNW), Moss Kishiyama (MPDC), Craig Minami (PSW), Kim Nakahara (YOUTH), Mike

Sawamura (NCWNP), Mae Takahashi (CCDC), Reid Tateoka (IDC), Hank Tanaka, chair (MDC) and Jimmy Tokeshi, JACL staff.

The task committee felt that the integrity and spirit of the constitution and by-laws should be preserved. It focused on how to improve the workability of the document. Two major changes will be recommended:

1. Reorganization of the content of several articles in the by-laws for clarity.

2. Establishment of a separate document to be called the national JACL manual for General Operations Procedures.

The separate comprehensive manual will provide for better accountability and greater efficiency in the daily operations of JACL.

The task committee's work is not an exhaustive review; however, it will serve as a timely beginning to help JACL work through its transition and reassessment phase. The complete report is scheduled to be reviewed at the May 20-21 National Board meeting. A standing committee on constitution and by-laws is strongly recommended to ensure continued monitoring of JACL's general operations by the National Board.

Pacific Citizen announces summer schedule

The *Pacific Citizen* announces its summer schedule. Our bi-weekly summer issue will be dated as follows:

July 15-July 28 and July 29-August 11.

We will resume regular weekly issues effective from the August

12-18 issue.

Final weekly issue prior to the summer schedule is the July 8-14 issue.

Deadlines for advertising and editorials are the Friday before publication.

Here is the complete summer

schedule:

Date of issue (Advertising/editorial deadline): July 1-7 (June 24); July 8-14 (July 1); July 15-28 (July 8); July 29-Aug. 1 (July 22); Aug. 12-18 (Aug. 5); Aug. 19-25 (Aug. 12); Aug. 26-Sept. 1 (Aug. 19).

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Newsletter: 'Understanding Japan'

Most readers of this newspaper are Americans by citizenship, education and culture, but ethnically Japanese. Naturally they are more interested in things American than things Japanese and they know far more about America than they do about Japan. In fact, many know darned little about Japan and the Japanese which often surprises their fellow Americans. Yet, it is likely most of them have more curiosity about things Japanese than Americans of other ethnic backgrounds.

How does one satisfy that curiosity? There are many ways to do it, but today I'd like to tell you about a modest little monthly publication that, quietly, is doing a remarkably fine job of helping people to understand Japan. Naturally, it's called *Understanding Japan*.

This month *Understanding Japan* treated the subject of foreigners in Japan—how they are regarded, some of the problems they face, their criminal activities, the cost of their health care, how they are treated in schools, and the issue of citizenship of children born in Japan of uncertain parentage.

Last month *Understanding Japan* took

on Japanese attitudes and customs related to death and funerals. Next month the subject will be rice with answers to such questions as: What is happening at the Japanese dinner table? Why are Japanese lining up to buy rice? What are the problems with importing rice?

The February issue carried, shall we say, an interesting account of a project in which each of 50,000 Japanese was subjected to 178 measurements to find out if and how their physiques are changing. Among the findings: the busts of young Japanese women are growing larger and 48% of them cannot fit into garments that were standard just 13 years ago. I cite this as a scientific finding and hope you will not find it sexist. This information is of considerable importance to the clothing industry.

Other issues have covered such diverse topics as gift-giving customs, how Japanese spend their money, the difference between bribery and gift-giving, eating habits, marriage customs, etc., etc. The February issue carried a comprehensive story on what was involved when the Japanese cabinet after years of haggling decided to change the standard size for paper used in official documents. The previous size

had been established in the year 610; in 1992 the official size was changed to 8.3 inches by 11.7 inches which is close to the U.S. 8 1/2 by 11". The change-over was no simple matter, considering that copying machines and probably millions of file cabinets had to be changed, too.

Understanding Japan is in eight-page letter-size format. The publisher is Shinsaku Sogo and the editor is his wife, Machiko. They moved to the U.S. from Tokyo about three years ago and settled in Denver. Sogo was executive director of JETRO, the Japanese agency involved with promoting imports into Japan and earlier in his career spent tours of duty in New York City and Los Angeles. His wife was a TV producer.

I mention this publication because I've found it interesting and useful. *Understanding Japan* offers free samples. You can write to them c/o IPIC, 1200—17th St., Suite 1410, Denver, CO 80202.

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

Letters

Berkeley Chapter defends Youth Council

The National Youth Council (NYC) has made tremendous contributions to the national organization in the past biennium, despite the fact that the NYC consists of only ten individuals scattered across the United States who have not even had the benefit of a permanent staff position to support its programming. Our chapter applauds the efforts of the NYC and hopes that Karl Nobuyuki's unwarranted attack does not discourage our future leaders from continuing their excellent work in creating a positive awareness of JACL in the next generation of young Japanese Americans.

Editorial columns as well as news articles must be grounded in fact, and Mr. Nobuyuki fails completely in this regard. The JACL National Constitution and Bylaws conspicuously avoid setting any age limitations on national youth officers. Rather, the NYC is provided complete autonomy in its own internal matters, including setting age limitations, "as is consistent with the Bylaws and Constitution and with the policies and programs of the national organization" (Article VIII, Section 3).

The Bylaws definition (under 18 years of age) which Mr. Nobuyuki inaccurately refers to as JACL's definition of "youth" is actually a narrow definition of the "Youth Membership (JAY)" category, a relic from the JAY days. Nowhere in the Constitution or Bylaws is it stated that national youth officers must fall into this youth membership category or solely represent these members. In fact, the National Youth Representative is charged by Article VII, Section 4(b), of the Bylaws to "represent the views, interests, and needs of youth of all ages," and the stated purpose of the NYC is to serve the needs and concerns of student as well as youth members.

Mr. Nobuyuki appears intent on promulgating a conspiracy theory which holds that JACL's "so-called youth" are being exploited and manipulated by a shadowy "national leadership" to sway the election of the JACL national president and other officers. In all recent national conventions, national officers obviously needed more than nine votes to win the election. The eight youth votes serve to insure that youth interests are respected, no more, and it is alarming that anyone would imply that these votes are dangerous to the future of JACL and should be revoked as unconstitutional.

According to Mr. Nobuyuki, "Hmm After reading the resolution on the PC (which criticized PC's lack of publicity for the National Youth Conference) from our so-called 'youth' convention, things began to add up." Quite frankly, none of what Mr. Nobuyuki has to say about the NYC's ef-

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East Wind



BILL MARUTANI

Japanese South Americans

REVERSE MIGRATION to Japan of Nikkei-jin's (persons of Japanese ancestry) is something we don't hear much about, and I'm not aware of any AJA (American of Japanese ancestry) leaving his/her U.S. roots and setting them down in Nippon—although I'm sure there are a few. However, when it comes to Nikkei-jin's residing in South America, there's been an appreciable flow to Japan in the past five years or so, particularly from Brazil and Peru. The majority of them apparently settle into jobs as laborers in Japanese factories, taking on jobs that the Nippon-jin's themselves disdain.

FOR EXAMPLE, the number of Japanese Brazilians living in Japan as of 1992 totaled almost 150,000 (actual reported figure, 147,803). According to the Ministry of Justice in Japan, the top five prefectures with resident Japanese Brazilians are: Aichi-ken (prefecture) - 20,600; Shizuoka - 19,800; Kanagawa - 14,700; Saitama - 9,600; and Gunma - 8,800. It is no accident that Hamamatsu-shi (city), located on the border of the Aichi and Shizuoka, the two

prefectures with the largest number of Japanese Brazilian residents, is home to manufacturers such as Yamaha corporation, Suzuki Motor, and Honda Motor until it moved to Tokyo, as well as their satellite subcontractors. Looking at population figures for Hamamatsu for a five-year period: in 1988 the count was 30 Japanese South Americans, which rose to almost 4,000 three years later, and by 1993 rose to over 7,000.

As for Japanese Peruvians, as of 1992 there were some 31,000 (actual reported figure from the Ministry of Justice, 31,051).

NOT UNLIKE migration of people from one society to another, issues have arisen that required the host society, in this instance Nippon, to confront and resolve. In Hamamatsu a foundation established a telephone interpretive service; an educational curriculum was developed which included a conversational textbook to facilitate the teachers' task of communicating with some 356 children of Japanese Brazilians. Also a manual in Portuguese, English and Spanish, was prepared with instruc-

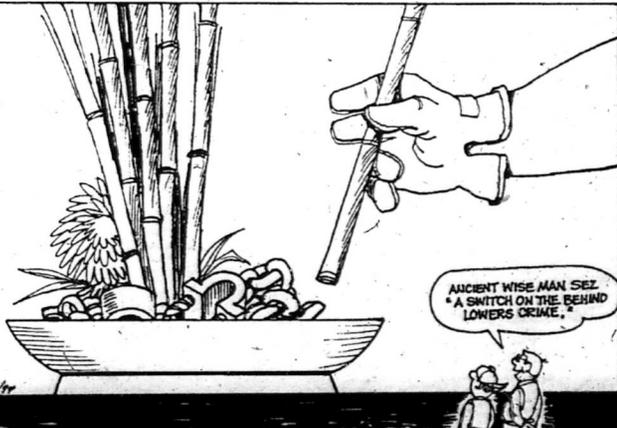
tions on niceties such as how to dispose of garbage, as well as what to do in case of fire or an earthquake. Japanese language classes are available without charge.

THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR to Japan is a Nikkei by name of Victor Arimoto, the brother-in-law to Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori. His Excellency Arimoto, is reportedly among the few ambassadors who speaks *Nihongo* fluently, a capability which undoubtedly enhances his promoting Peru's needs. I don't know whether there are any other Nikkei ambassadors to Japan, and, if so, whether (s)he is fluent in *Nihongo*. I fully expect that in the not-too-distant future, we will have an AJA ambassador representing our nation in Tokyo. Indeed, I fully expect several AJA's representing our nation in several countries.

There's no reason why this should not be so. Certainly no legitimate reason.

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

SINGAPORE IKEBANA



TEJE HIRONAKA 5/21/94

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Come-on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

Where are we going . . .

I was pleased to read Kerry Kanetchi's remarks regarding our national youth program. He made his points quite well. "Students" are an invaluable part of the JACL's membership matrix and their involvement in the League is important to the future. It is one of six membership components that should be nurtured and developed into viable and systematic programs.

I did not see Kerry at the national board meeting in February. The two attending youth representatives were part of the record, and both were adults. As Kerry himself acknowledged, "youth" and "student" are different categories. Each maintains a finite definition under our Bylaws. There is a difference. The mere addition of a "back-slash" (*youth / student, student / youth*) does not supersede organizational rules. In a deliberative society, it takes more than a back-slash in a program guideline paper to formulate policy.

* There is no age limit to a "student" under the JACL Bylaws, but as Kerry acknowledges, there is a limit to that of "youth." These youth members, and none other, are granted the privilege of voting as youth representatives. And voting is the cornerstone of democratic institution.

Kerry cites Article X, Sec. 1 of our Constitution as the authority of student members to be elected

leaders of the youth program. He asserts this is because National Board members must be at least 18 years of age. Kerry's oversight is in taking that section out of context. He forgets to mention that particular section is only in reference to our six nationally elected officers: *The President, four Vice Presidents and the Secretary Treasurer*. That's it. I find it hard to believe that anyone could objectively read this, and come to any other conclusion.

Of course, Kerry is not alone. For example, in the PSWDC and elsewhere it appears that many concur that the definition of "youth" is *unlimited* and/or includes the "student" category. For example, Gary Mayeda, who passed his 30th birthday, remains as the PSW District Youth Representative, and frequently serves in the capacity of "National" youth representative, attending conferences and meetings on behalf of "youth." The guidelines for the 33rd National Convention regarding voting privileges for "youth" reaffirms this. "Might makes right," and the deliberative articulation of rules and procedures *have become secondary*. Yet, I hear our student members remind us we are a civil rights organization. This is an interesting lesson.

Personally, I miss the youthful presence of high schoolers on down. I miss the high school and junior high school students' pres-

ence in the League (aside from scholarship award time), and wonder how today's "student members" will integrate their children into the Association of tomorrow. I see the aggressive movement of "student" members assuming voting authority reserved for "youth" and their rapid succession into the ranks of national leadership. I hear them articulate aggressive support for gays in the military and same-sex marriages. I react to their prioritization of "Rising Sun" over other issues, and I wonder where this will take us.

At the same time, I see many Nisei, who were the backbone of JACL, coalesce to the demands of "students." I witness Nisei ignoring protocol and procedures as unnecessary and obtrusive. I witness members more interested in avoiding debate and disagreement than fully understanding the issues. I notice that the concept of a "deliberative society" is no longer the law. And, I observe that League's meetings tend to be based more upon personality attacks (i.e. *ad hominem* than issues). And I wonder where this will take us.

Come-on Sense! I just don't understand this one.

Nobuyuki, a former JACL national director, is president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. JACL. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

courage in times of adversities.

The Marines may not have known it before, but now they know that they have amongst them one of "a few good men."

Capt. Yamashita, I salute you.

Stanley Kawasaki

New York City

Correction on Sansei internment study

I thank you for publishing an article which highlighted my research study in the March 25-31 issue of the *Pacific Citizen*.

It has been brought to my attention that the article about my research project which is exploring the generational impact of the internment left some readers with the impression that there has been no psychological research in the area of the generational impact of the internment. However, this is not the case and I feel that it is necessary to inform your readers and credit the individuals who have done the research which serves as the basis of my study.

Research on the generational impact has been done by others, most prominently, Dr. Donna Nagata and Nobu Miyoshi. The most significant finding from their studies is the pervasive silence surrounding the internment in Japanese American families. The pervasive silence, as Miyoshi concludes, may result in Sansei feeling that a part of their identity is missing.

I hope this serves to clarify any misrepresentation that the article may have produced.

Debra Kawahara

Los Angeles

Same-sex issue is our issue, says member

Beans M. Sogioka states (May 6-12 PC) that neither he nor his children want any part of recognizing that same-sex marriage be

legalized. This is a statement which, for Mr. Sogioka, happens to be true. His next statement contains an astonishing inferential leap. "No wonder that the majority of the Sansei couldn't care less about joining the JACL." I am surprised to learn that young Japanese Americans would choose not to join the JACL, a civil rights organization, because it might extend support for same-sex couple's civil rights. And the sentiments of the four children are understandable, perhaps, given Mr. Sogioka's anti-gay bias.

As for the questions regarding Triptin Murakawa's marital status and sexual orientation, they are inappropriate and offensive. I wonder whether saying that, or my support for same-sex marriage, would make others think that I, too, am an unmarried lesbian? While I think I understand the purpose of the questions Mr. Sogioka poses to Ms. Murakawa, I will not speculate further because I cannot know for certain his intent in so asking. The JACL's new directions and growth are the very reasons I joined the JACL this year.

Catherine T. Motoyama, Ph.D.
College of San Mateo (Calif.)

Sogioka is 'full of beans,' reader says

Regarding Beans M. Sogioka's Letter to the Editor on the issue of "same sex marriages" published in the *Pacific Citizen* dated May 6-12, 1994:

After reading his letter, it's pretty apparent to me where Mr. Sogioka's four kids got their narrow-minded and intolerant views regarding homosexuals.

I have two questions: 1) Is Beans M. Sogioka homophobic? 2) Is Mr. Sogioka full of "beans"?

Richard Shimizu

Gardena, Calif.

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forts to rebuild JACL's membership adds up to much of anything, and it seems high time that our *Pacific Citizen*, "Come-On Sense" columnist have a little "Come-On Sense" of his own.

Board of Directors,
Berkeley Chapter, JACL

Redress and Rodney King comparison

In April, 1994, Rodney King got 3.8 million dollars because his human and civil rights were violated. In May, 1994, my civil and constitutional rights were violated and all I got was \$20,000.

George Sakaoguchi

St. Louis, Mo.

Applauds Yamashita's battle against Corps

To follow the PC article concerning the five year heroic saga of Capt. Bruce I. Yamashita of the U.S. Marine Corps was like reading a chapter from "Profiles In Courage."

He has shown the characteristics held in high esteem and taught to us by our Issei parents. It was "yuki" (courage), both moral and physical; and "gambaru" (stand firm) against the entrenched monolithic might of the military.

Like the enduring bamboo against the heavy whiplash winds of adversity, he bent some but never broke and in the end he stood tall above all. The spirit of the Issei must be filled with pride for this Sansei warrior.

In retrospect, we wonder what it might have been like in 1942 if we had leaders like Capt. Yamashita. To march, to follow to the beat of his drum and to the 120,000 to stand steadfast and not to be submissive sheeps. Let his stand to right a wrong with honor inspire us all to act with

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Obituaries

Amino, Toshimi, 59, San Francisco, March 28; Yamianashi-born, survived by daughters Nancy, Julie Vance, 1 gc.
Ando, Anna C., Seattle, survived by husband Takashi, daughter Amiko Ando Severns (Dutch Harbor, Alaska), sisters Minnie Kimura (Anchorage), Amy Warren (Paris).
Anzai, Harry S., Seattle; former Japanese hotel-apartment owner, survived by son, Richard, daughters Alison

Yokoyama (Renton), Pamela, 6 gc, brother Tsugio, sisters Michiko Sando (Boise), Jackie Uyeji, Naoko Takagi (Mercer Island), Myri Matsuko, Aochi, Keiji, 59; San Jose, Feb. 21, Acama-born, survived by wife Janice, sons Richard, Gary, daughters Lily, Nancy, brothers Takashi, Frank, sister Sadae Tatsukawa.

Arakawa, Wakemi, 77; Waipahu, Oahu, March 27, Takami-born retailer of department store founded by his father in the 1940s, co-founder of nearby Japanese immigrant museum; survived by sons Lloyd, Mark, Isaac, Paul, Clayton, daughter Paula Hamano, 12 gc., brothers Shigemitsu, Goro, sisters Okyo Teragata, Joan Taba, predeceased by wife Alice (85), twin brother Kazuo (89).

Ashizawa, Nakata, 94, San Francisco, March 13, Shizuoka-born, survived by sons Masao, Kiyoshi, daughter Asaye Takagi, 10 gc., 8 great-gc.

Aoki, Eiki, 67, Sacramento, March 13, Kurama-born, survived by husband Gary, sons Christopher, Neil, gc.
DeGuise, Yukiko Ogawa, 59; Pahrump, Nev., Mar. 23, Okinawa-born U.S. government assistant counselor, survived by husband Joseph, daughter Ron White (Minnneapolis), brother Koki Ogawa (Jpn).
Enomoto, Edward Y., 79, Seattle, March 4, Kurume-born wife Tohko, daughters Kumiko, Murphy (Hawaii), Miyoko Yoshiwaka (Kent); Kayokop-Hinz (Woodville), son Kenneth Y. (Hawaii), 9 gc., sister Mary Maria.

Fujikawa, Eitaro, 91, Gilroy, March 22, Alviso-born, survived by wife Tazu, son Hideo, daughters Emiko Konno, Atsuko, Irene Preston, 5 gc., brother Masaru.
Hamai, Yoshiko, 87, Las Vegas, April 1 on visit from Hawaii; Hanapepe, Hawaii-born, survived by daughter Ruby Nishikawa (Calif.).
Hashiguchi, Takao, 90, Seattle, Jan. 8, Achi-born Seattle Japanese language school teacher in the 1930s, predeceased by husband Haruo, survived by brother Mack Nogaki.

Hayashi, John Tamotsu, 66, Stockton, March 26; Achi-born, survived by wife Haruyo, son Ted, daughters Joann Uemura, Hiroshi Maeda, 7 gc., brother Richard.
Henderson, Yoko M., 66, Las Vegas, March 26, Japan-born, survived by daughter Yuhara Mungler (Huntsville, Tenn.), 2 gc.

Hiraiwa, Homer K., 75, Santa-Rosa, March 26, survived by brother Ted, Ben, George (Gardena), sisters Suen Sugimoto (Pacific), Dora Ota (San Francisco), Alice Inouye (Gardena), Louise Itami (Troy, Mich.).
Ichikawa, Chika, 103, San Diego, Feb. 22, Osaka-born Pacific Northwest pioneer, Walla Walla resident of 39 years, operated Antlers Cafe, Antlers Hotel, and Dacres Hotel; Came, moved to Portland in 1951 and to San Diego in 1984, survived by son Thomas (Oswego, N.Y.), daughters Mary Niimi (San Diego), Ada Honda (Spokane), 6 gc., 9 great-gc., predeceased by husband Ben Kimiji (38).

Ito, Howard Satoru, 66, San Francisco, March 14, Minami-born, survived by wife Yurie, sons Mitchell, Rodney, daughter Karen Graham, 3 gc.
Kataoka, Kiichiro, 97, Los Angeles, March 6, Shiga-born, survived by wife Nao, son Mitsuru, daughter Lily Kawashin, 3 gc., sister Mito Tsuji (Chicago).
Kawai, Frank Y., 88, Palma, Ohio, Nov. 26, survived by wife Pearl, daughters Tem Rubic, Sharon Brown, Borthel D'Gaionto, 7 gc., sisters Shizu Lee, Nami (Stockton).

Kawasaki, William U., 91, Los Angeles, March 10, Hiro-born, survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Arline, son John, Stephen, 13 gc., 15 great-gc., sister Takeno Shinoda.
Kozu, Kimi, 81, Seattle, Feb. 22, Seattle-born, survived by brother's Yechi, Shingi, George, sisters Hanuko and Tatsuko Watanabe.
Kumagai, Frank K., 91, Los Angeles, Feb. 27, Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Emiko, son David.

Kubota, Kinoshita, 93, Los Angeles, March 1, Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Chiye, son Takashi, daughters Menko Miyamoto, Takeo Amano, gc.
Lee, Mary H., 99, Los Angeles, March 11, Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughter Tsubuyo Nakamura (San Francisco), Eva Nakamura, 7 gc., 11 great-gc., 1 great-great-gc.
Maeda, Masaru, 37, San Francisco, March 17, Tokyo-born, survived by wife Michiko, son Ren, daughter Yumi, parents Noboru and Maeda, brother Tadashi, sister Mariko Ban.
Mano, Jeanne C., 74, Prestori, Wash., Dec. 7.

Marushashi, Hisaichi, 81, Seattle, Feb. 21, Tacoma-born, survived by sons Mike, Bryan, daughters Jackie (San Jose), Elaine (Bremerton), George (Arima), predeceased by husband Bill.
Miyagishima, Kitano, 92, Los Angeles, March 5 (sv), Shizuoka-born, survived by son Yoshio, daughters Kikumiko Hoki (Sandy, Utah), Makiko Okumura

(Salt Lake City), Satsuki Shimada, 19 gc., 20 great-gc., brother Masano Miyagishima (Jpn).
Mito, Henry T., 63, Seattle, Feb. 6, survived by wife Yasuo, daughters Kim, Emi, sons Brian, Gordon, Derrick, 2 gc., 1 brother and 6 sisters in Honolulu and Los Angeles.
Miyamoto, Tamano, 96, Hawthorne, Feb. 27, Hiroshima-born, survived by son Arthur, sisters Taeko Yamamoto, Masako Yamamoto, brother Akira Khara (Jpn), in-laws Terry and Louise Murata (Jpn), **Minura, T. J.**, Los Angeles, March 5, Tokyo-born, survived by son Osamu, daughter Keiko Pitter, 6 gc.
Nakagawa, Kimiko, 84, Carson, Calif., March 1, Glendale-born, survived by 2 sons William, Hiroyuki, Kiyoshi, Frank, 6 daughters Michiko Yamaoka, Lily, Brown, Janet Moulton, Patty Hanakawa, Betty Yukino, Phyllis Liu, 21 gc., 16 great-gc., sister Okuro Nishimoto (San Jose).

Nakamatsu, Shizue, 78, Fremont, Feb. 1, Sacramento-born, survived by husband Tsutomu, son Dr. Takashi, daughters Norina Chandler, Diane Fuji 4 gc., sister Yukiko Uyeda, brothers George Okamoto, Dr. Robert Roy.
Ninomiyi, Shizuko, Seattle Hiroshima-born, survived by son Ben, 3 gc.
Nishimoto, Rev. Harumi, 85, Gardena, March 14, Gardena-born pastor at Gardena Valley Baptist Church (1950-80), survived by wife Molly, sons Herb (Sunnyvale), Cyril (New York), daughter Connie Gohta, Phoebe Arlen, 6 gc., brothers Hideo and Kiyoshi (both Toronto).

Nov, Kiyoshi, 95, Seattle, March 21, minister emeritus of Japanese Presbyterian Church, survived by wife Yone.
Ohta, Tomoji, 74, Los Angeles, March 17, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Hisami, sons Etsuo, Chris, daughters Karyn, Elden Orozco, 5 gc., brothers Seichi and Masao (both Hawaii).
Okamoto, Mitsuo, 84, Chicago, Dec. 18, 18th Isei member of Japanese Episcopal Church of Chicago, Fukuoka-born (not Fukushima), survived by sons John, Katsumi, daughters Hanako, Miyeko Komachi, Kazuko Sakamoto, 11 gc., 4 great-gc.

Okamoto, Tadashi, 72, Seattle, Jan. 21, survived by sons David (Las Vegas), Donald, Douglas (both Bothell), daughter Sharon Tameno, 6 gc., brothers Kaie (Los Angeles), Tsuke.
Oshiro, Jean H., 71, Seattle, Jan. 27, Oshiro, 86, Seattle, Feb. 11, survived by sons Toshiro, Tami, Koichi (Bellevue), 4 gc., predeceased by husband Taneichi.
Sakahara, Ted A., 'Hippo', Seattle, insurance agent broker emeritus with Transamerica Occidental Life, charter member of Seattle First Hill Lions, survived by wife Jean, son Steve, daughter Karen (Oakland, Calif.), 1 gc., brothers Toru, Hiroshi (Salt Lake City), Hideo Hattori (Jpn), sisters Taeko Akamatsu (Framingham), Kazuko McCormick (Framingham).

Seno, Toshiko, 79, Los Angeles, March 5, Eagle Rock-born, survived by husband Sam, sons Wayne (Colo.), Shigemitsu (Texas), daughters Carole Song, Lynne, 8 gc., 2 great-gc., brother Charles M. Yata, sister Hiroko Motokite.
Shiga, Andrew I., 74, Seattle, Dec. 11, Seattle-born businessman, past president of University District chapter of Commerce, founder of University District Fair (88) and Shiga Imports (55), survived by wife Toshiko, sons Alfred (Cerritos, Calif.), Matsuko Cleto (Long Island, N.Y.), Chiyoko (Yokohama), sons Saloru (Corte Madera, Calif.), Jiro (Taylor, Mich.), 11 gc., 14 great-gc.

Takahara, Frank Y., Seattle, survived by son Arthur (Mtn. View, Calif.), daughter Louise Matsumoto, 4 gc.
Takizawa, Margaret N., 69, Seattle, Dec. 2, commercial artist in advertising, survived by husband John, daughter Patricia, sisters Gladys Tamura, Maeko Imayamagita (Huntington Beach, Calif.), Suzie Shimaki (Spokane).
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For parents who supported Obata, the issue was simply that she had been able to reach their kids, finding ways to motivate them where others had not.

Decann Mulligan, a parent of a student, noted that her son had always had difficulty in school.

"He quit being troublesome because for her. Now all of a sudden his whole life has been turned upside down in that classroom. He's not wanting to learn and causing trouble and now he's out of class, when he could have had a chance of getting those five credits and moving on," said Mulligan.

Parent George Murphy said that he had shown the film to his children because it is important to learn about other cultures.

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