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like same-sex
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JACL legal counsel resigns over same-sex issue

Allen Kato, JACL legal counsel, resigned May 26 because he could not support the National Board's recent decision to support the concept of same-sex marriage.

In a letter to Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, Kato said, "It is with considerable regret that I submit my resignation as JACL legal counsel because I cannot support the National Board's recent endorsement of same-sex marriage laws. The board should expect legal counsel



"As a Christian, I believe the issue of same-sex marriage is a moral issue and not a civil rights issue. I believe homosexual marriage is morally wrong."

—Allen Kato

to fully support and defend all its positions, and I cannot give unqualified support on this issue."

The National Board was notified by Kimura of the resignation during a May 27 teleconference. In his letter, Kato said as a life member of JACL he is still committed to the civil rights program of the organization and pledged his support during the transition period. Kato said he would forward a copy of his letter of resignation to the *Pacific Citizen*, "so

the membership understands the rationale for my resignation, and that my resignation is unrelated to the PC issue."

In accepting the resignation, Kimura said, "I am grateful to Allen Kato for his four years of service to the organization as legal counsel. Allen's guidance and leadership, particularly during the past few months have been critical to JACL."

The National Board resolution, See RESIGNATION/page 4

Evacuated Hawaiians to be granted redress

About 100 Japanese Americans who were evacuated from their homes on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, during World War II will receive redress payments under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the Department of Justice announced June 1.

Military orders, issued early in 1942, required that all persons be evacuated from the area of Oahu known as Waiu. However, the department's Office of Redress Administration (ORA) uncovered evidence which indicates that Japanese Americans faced undue restrictions when they sought to return to their homes. Individuals of other ancestries apparently were not subject to these same restrictions.

Based on these facts, ORA concluded that the Waiu evacuees of Japanese ancestry suffered a deprivation of liberty, as a result of government action based solely on their

Japanese ancestry. Such deprivation renders them eligible for payments of \$20,000 under the law.

ORA worked closely with the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in researching the circumstances surrounding the Waiu evacuation.

"The cooperation and assistance provided by the Honolulu JACL enabled us to locate information crucial to our determination in these cases," said Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Deval L. Patrick.

In the next few weeks, ORA will be sending letters to the newly eligible individuals requesting that they submit documentation required prior to payment, including proof of their identity and current address. If correct documentation is submitted on time, ORA expects to pay these individuals in October, 1994.

Remaining redress issues to be addressed

Representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) met last month in Washington, D.C., with Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Deval Patrick to discuss the remaining eligibility issues for the individual redress payments under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

At the meeting, Patrick announced the decision of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) to reverse its position on claims from the Waiu area of Hawaii and consider them eligible for redress payments. (See story above) These approximately 100 claimants had been removed from their homes on the Waiu area of Oahu, Hawaii during the war. ORA continues to review the other 450 Hawaiian cases still pending.

JACL National Vice President

for Public Affairs William Kaneko said, "We are pleased that ORA reversed their decision. The ORA staff should be commended for conducting the additional research required to gain a more complete, comprehensive analysis of the Waiu evacuation."

Issues involving the minor children who were sent to Japan during the war, Japanese Americans who were removed from Latin America and held in internment camps, children born in Boulder, Colo., to military language school instructors, children entering internment camps with "visiting" mothers, and claimants from the Glendale/Phoenix area were also discussed. ORA had ruled claimants in these situations to be in-

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Dealing with deficits

JACL National secretary/treasurer Jonathan Kaji announces \$75,000 deficit for 1993, projects further shortfalls this year and for biennium

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Jonathan Kaji, JACL national secretary/treasurer, announced at the May 22 National Board meeting that JACL would likely be in a deficit for the 1994 fiscal year and also projected deficits through the next biennium. If that deficit occurs this year it will be the second consecutive year of shortfall for JACL. In 1993, JACL suffered a deficit of \$75,269. Further, in the 1995-1996 biennial budget presented at the board meeting, JACL predicted a deficit of \$64,900 in 1995 and \$115,400 in 1996. The report was referred to the finance committee, consisting of Kaji, Lillian Kimura, JACL national president and Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, for further review and discussion. Kaji also reported that the 1993 financial audit of JACL was near completion and would be available soon.

Saying that the National Board had to address these issues, Kaji scheduled a May 27 teleconference to look into revising the 1995-1996 budget. After that teleconference, the National Board presented a revised biennial budget which calls for \$2 dues increases for both 1995 and 1996, resulting in a total increase of national dues from \$36 to \$40. With an increase in revenue from the increase in dues, the National Board is seeking to present a balanced budget for the 1995-1996 biennium.

"I intend to go to convention with a zero-based budget," said Kaji. "However, based on the realities of performance of the cor-

poration we are seeing declining revenue in membership and declines in fund-raising and donations."

According to the report of JACL finances through April 30, 1994, JACL is below revenue for the same time last year by \$23,395, down from \$461,244 to \$437,849. At the same time, expenditures for National operations were up for the same period by \$39,220 from \$329,386 in 1993 to \$368,606 in 1994.

Additionally, Kaji said that the *Pacific Citizen* lawsuit settlement is not factored into the 1994 budget. The terms of the settlement are \$30,000—\$10,000 payable immediately and \$1,000 every month. PC figures through April 30 were not presented; however, at the April 23-PC Board meeting, the board estimated the possibility of a deficit in 1994 for PC of approximately \$56,000 (PC, April 29-May 5, 1994 issue).

Other discussion on the deficit included:

● Peggy Liggert, California District representative, *Pacific Citizen*

PC may be unable to publish June 17-22, issue

The JACL National Board decision not to allow *Pacific Citizen* to receive its subscription money from members directly may prevent the publishing of the June 17-23, 1994. PC's May 12, 1994, request for funds from National to pay for publishing expenses had, as of June 7, 1994, been unanswered.

District: David Hayashi, governor, Midwest District; Trisha Mufakawa, vice president of planning and development and Teresa Maebori, governor, Eastern District. Itami had to leave before the vote was taken.

Presenting the motion, *Pacific Citizen*, Ron Ohata, PC

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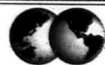
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Calendar

East Coast U.S. New York

Sun. June 12—JACL New York scholarship banquet, 1-4 p.m., Peeking Park, 4209 Park Ave., info: John Hayakawa 718/785-1777. Ron Uba 201/947-6116. Mary Nishimoto 718/591-8675. NOTE—Dr. Sumi Kudo, speaker Washington, D.C.

Sun. June 26—JACL Washington D.C. farewell dinner for Leslie Hatsumiya, 4 p.m., China Garden, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Rosslyn, Va. 703/526-5317. RSVP by June 21, \$17 per person. Yuka Fujita, 14814 Carroll Rd. Rockville, MD 20853. 301/460-7733, or Fum Nishi, 14115 Bauer Dr. Rockville, 301/621-7289. NOTE—Hatsumiya is Stanford Law School board in July

Midwest Dayton

Sat. June 11—Bene narrow meeting, 9-12 noon, Community Bldg. Center, 349 S. Main St., Dayton, info: Sharon Kuntz 513-461-3450. NOTE—A second call to assist 10-month-old Paul.

Sun. July 10—JACL Dayton picnic, 1-6 p.m., Wilson Park Pavilion, West Carrollton, info: Darrell Sakada 513/298-1252. NOTE—Concomitant and Hooser chapter members expected.

Mpls.-St. Paul

Sun. June 26—JACL Twin Cities summer picnic, Lake Cornelia Park Pavilion, Eden, info: John Nakasone, 612/646-6999.

Pacific Northwest Seattle

Sat. June 25—Festival of Fashion Kanojo show, 1-5 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., additional trip Sun. 12-3. Adm \$3, info: 206/772-4845, 784-3824. Sponsors: Seattle JACL and Seattle Adult Buddhist Assn.

Nevada Las Vegas

Tue. June 21—Manzanar High 5/44 50th Anniversary reunion-luncheon, California Hotel-Casino. NOTE—Dedicated in memory of Ralph Lazo; Contacts: Sum Nakashima Hayamizu 213/292-3165; Bruce Kaj 310/327-7730; Nori Kuryama 310/329-5273; Rose Maruki Kakuuchi 702/656-6119; Arnold Maeda 310/398-5157; Kuno Maeda 310/4093-1638; Kazuo Nagai 213/380-2611; Koji Nakai 310/281-5251; Seichi Toshi 310/524-5148; Lillian Ueyemura Yano 310/327-9101; Seigo Yoshinaga 213/283-1971.

California San Francisco

Through June—Kimochi Oral History Project, one-hour slots open to seniors to record personal history of the language during the renovation. Info: 415/561-5626; call for interview appointments: Steve Nakajo 415/322-2294, or Hiroshi Kashiwagi 415/664-7230. NOTE: Bring tape or 86 fee. July (date TBA)—JACL San Francisco benefit screening: Pat Saunders and Rea Tajiri video "Yun Koshiyama: Passion for Justice," and world premiere of Ken Katsura's "Note on a Scale" featuring Tamlyn Tomita, AMC Kabuki Theatre, 1861 Post St., San Francisco, info: 415/979-8785. NOTE—Proceeds for Bruce Yamashita Legal Defense Fund.

Peninsula

Sun. July 10—JACL San Mateo golf tournament, Muni course at Coyote Point. RSVP by June 26, Vince Asai, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, 415/349-3590.

Eastbay

Mon. June 27—East Bay Nikkei Singles (EBNS) mochi-making demonstration by Toyoy Nisake, 7 p.m., Union Bank, 1800 Harrison St., Oakland.
Sat. July 2—EBNS fund-raiser, Midway's County Fair Market, 2200 Greenfield Hwy. South, Sebastopol, info: Joe Korenatsu 510/355-1855, May Takahama 510/331-1789.

San Jose

Fri. June 10—George Yoshida/Sentimental Journey jazz concert, 1 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai, 588 N. 4th St. info: 408/294-2356. Asian Heritage Council 408/993-9230. NOTE—Yoshida, who is collecting a history of early pioneer Japanese American musicians, directs swing music from the '30s-'40s.
Fri. June 17—JACL San Jose theater party, "A Thousand Cranes," 8 p.m., Northside

Theater Co., 848 E. William St., (RSVP before June 1), info: JACL Office, 408/295-1250 (Mon-Thru 9-3).

Salinas-Monterey

Sat. June 11—JACL Monterey Peninsula's Japanese School variety show, JACL Hall. Sun. June 12—Monterey's Japanese community picnic (save the date).

Fresno

Sat. June 18—JACL Fresno/CSU Fresno Asian American Studies/Japanese American National Library/Call Council for the Humanities Lecture Series, No. 1, "Waiting in Wings: How do different institutions handle the issue of intergenerational transmission?" 7-9 p.m., CSU Fresno Upstairs Cafeteria, UC200. Panelists—Stephen Fujita, Santa Clara University ethnic studies department; David Mas Masumoto, author-farmer; Fred Hirasuna, JACL Rita Takahashi, JACL pres.; Prof. emeritus Isum Taniguchi, moderator.
Sun. June 19—Japanese United Christian Church benefit fashion show, "Travel for 30 Days in One Suitcase," 12-4 p.m., Airport Valley Inn, 5280 E. Grand Way, Fresno, info: Kanojo USA 800/404-2250. NOTE—Kanojo USA produces.

Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. June 11—Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library luncheon-lecture, cartoonist Stan Sakai of "Usagi Yojimbo" honors, Century United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., L.A., RSVP Jan 21/325-6971 or Marian 213/245-3360. NOTE—Tickets: \$12 luncheon/lecture, \$5 lecture only. Tickets to Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library, 944 E. 2nd St., L.A. 90012-4382.

Sun. June 11-12—JANM Family Weekend and workshop: Photo Buttons and Magnets, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 369 E. 1st St., L.A. info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Registration required, participants urged to bring picture of their father for Father's Day buttons, magnets.
Sun. June 12—JANM book party and reading of new children's book "Thanksgiving at Obachsan" by author Janet Miller Brown, 2 p.m., JANM, RSVP 213/625-0414.
Sun. June 12—Nikkei Widowed Group speaker, Steven Arns of John Hancock Insurance on "Long-term health care and matters related to senescence," 1:30-4:30 p.m., JACCPC Pioneer Center social hall, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A., info: Sally Takamori 818/286-7640 or Karl Oike 310/837-7862.
Fri., Sun. June 17-18—Dan Kwong's "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Asian Men, but Didn't Give Enough of A—To Ask," 6 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A. RSVP 213/625-0414.
Sun. June 18—Grand closing weekend of the JANA's "Issei Pioneers: Hawaii and the Mainland 1865-1924," 369 E. 1st St., L.A. info: 213/625-0414.
Sat. June 18—Autobion Society "Owl Watch," 7:30-9:30 p.m., Soka Univ. of America, 26800 S. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, free RSVP 618/980-4649.

Tue. June 26—JACL Japanese Society luncheon talk by Glen Fukushima, AT&T Japan, 11:30-1:30 p.m., Biltmore, 506 S. Grand Ave., L.A., RSVP 213/627-6217x14.

Riverside

Sun. June 26—JACL community picnic, 11 a.m., Sylvan Park.

San Diego

Sun. June 26—JACL San Diego community picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., DeAnza Cove, Mission Bay, info: Mas Hirokita 619/230-0314.

For the record

● Information provided to the Pacific Citizen for the Legacy Fund recognition list for January to March, 1994, incorrectly listed the donation of Shunryu Sagara in the category of "sponsors" (\$5,000, "Requiting the U.S. Japan Relationship," by my pioneer Issei parents, Sadahiko and Sumiyo Matsumura."

● In clarifying the Legacy Fund story in the June 3-9, 1994, issue, the discussion of grant criteria by the Legacy Fund Committee focused on recommendations only. These do not affect the current Legacy Fund programs.

Fashion show planned for Seattle

Kanojo, USA, the Sangei fashion firm, will stage its premiere showing of its new 1994 collection in the Pacific Northwest on June 25. In a first-time joint collaboration with the Seattle Chapter, JACL, and the Seattle Adult Buddhist Association, the "Festival of Fashion" will spotlight Seattle City Councilwoman Martha Choe and 11th District, State Representative Velma Veloria. JACLers Tomio Moriguchi and chapter president Kip Tokuda, currently candidate for 37th District, state representative, will be featured.

Elsie Taniguchi and Rose Nohara, representing Puallay Valley Chapter, JACL, and Lake Washington Chapter, JACL, respectively, along with representatives of Aiyem Kai, Sakura Kai, Adult Buddhist Association, and volunteers from various churches, community organizations and other affiliations, will also participate in the showing of moderately priced fashions tailored for the Asian American woman.

Attendance is anticipated to reach 500 at the Seattle Buddhist Church location, with interest shown from outlying cities such as Spokane and Portland. Admission on Saturday, June 25, will be a \$3 donation, with the fashion show beginning at 1 p.m. and light refreshments, open shopping and drawing of door prizes from 2-5 p.m. One Sunday from 12-3 p.m., there will be free time to shop from the 2,000 garment selection.

Information: Cherry Kinoshita, 206/721-0717.

Yasui speech contest set

The Minoru Yasui National Oratorical Competition is scheduled for the 1994 JACL national convention in Salt Lake City.

Each JACL district will select a representative to compete in this national speech competition. District representatives must be a JACL member and enrolled in high school or college at the time of application.

Topic must be selected from the following:

- What are the civil rights issues facing youth and students in the 1990s?
- Should students get involved in the JACL?
- Japanese Americans, Asian Pacific Americans and the civil rights community: Can we work together on a common agenda?

Length of speech must be from three to four minutes. Presentation should be committed to memory, however outlines on 4" by 6" cards are acceptable.

District finalists will receive travel expenses and one-night hotel accommodations to represent the district at the national competition in Salt Lake.

First place winner in the high school and college divisions will receive a \$500 cash scholarship and plaque from the national JACL. Information: JACL headquarters, 415/921-5225.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

DEFICIT

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zen Board, asked what actions the National Board had taken on the 1993 deficit. Liggett, questioned Kaji about the 1993 deficit and the projections for a deficit in 1994. She asked him for a projection for 1994, and an accounting for how the \$75,269 deficit was incurred in 1993 and if it has been resolved.

"Speaking as a life member, I do not accept the fact that at the end of 1993 there was a \$75,000 deficit and that's it. When did the board know about it, what steps were taken to resolve the 1993 deficit?" asked Liggett.

"It's going to show up as a \$75,000 deficit and then it's ignored. Then you project against the tide of history when expenses have risen 3-5% and membership drops each year. In 1995-1996, instead of considerable reductions of expenditures it shows an increase in costs of \$144,000. How does that make sense to the membership?" said Liggett.

Kaji, who on the first day of the board meeting repeatedly referred to "extraordinary expenses," responded to Liggett's inquiry by blaming PC for the lawsuit settlement for moving out of an unsafe neighborhood. "How does \$30,000 settlement make sense to the membership," said Kaji.

The secretary/treasurer later criticized PC for not having its figures through April 30 available.

"I would point out that we don't have PC figures. I point out that to PC staff and the chair," said Kaji. (Editor's note: PC has only a temporary, part-time business manager. National staff requested figures three days before the board meeting.)

Ruth Mizobe, governor, Pacific Southwest District, said that PSW was planning a fund-raising event to help offset the budget deficit. "Our district has taken the stance that we should help National with the budget. We're planning a benefit for the latter, part of the year. Anheuser Busch is helping locate a speaker," said Mizobe.

"We are trying to do a fund-raiser. It is incumbent upon all of the volunteers to come up with revenue, not the staff," said Mizobe.

Teresa Maebori, governor, Eastern District, made a motion, which was later withdrawn, for the finance committee to review the dues structure, taking into account the possibility of an increase in membership dues. The motion was seconded by Terry Yamada, governor, Pacific Northwest District.

"We need to visit the fact that we haven't had a dues increase since 1988. Since then, inflation, PC costs have gone up. We need to be realistic and put that on the table," said Maebori. "Up until that point in 1988 dues were increasing almost each time and we stopped that."

During his report on PC, Ron Ohata, PC board chair, presented several scenarios on PC finances for the next biennium. In each, PC showed that, without an increase in member subscription rates, PC would run in a deficit throughout the coming biennium. "You all heard me explain that \$12 covers 47% of the budget. People want PC to go on as is, there's no way to do that without deficit," said Ohata.

Ohata said that PC may have to cut back on the number of issues it produces or change its format from its current weekly schedule.

"Even at \$16.50 it's very difficult to break even. We're going to ask for an increase, putting it to the National Council that it costs \$26, but we're only getting \$12. PC has been trying to make up the difference, but we can't anymore," said Ohata.

The PC biennial budget was

referred to the JACL finance committee, which has since instructed Ohata and Richard Suenaga, PC editor/general manager to revise the 1995-1996 budget figures.

Grayce Uyehara, chairwoman, Legacy Fund Campaign Committee, asked the board to review the Life Membership Trust program, noting that at \$500 for lifetime membership to JACL, the revenue from the program does not cover the cost of membership benefits for its donors.

"I suggest that the program really be reviewed. As it is we're set up for losing membership revenue. Let the members know and set up certain dues," said Uyehara.

Responding to Uyehara, Kimura said, "We could do that, but that's long term. We have to take it to the National Council. The problem is the National Council votes in the \$500 rate (for Life Membership Trust), we're losing money until that person dies. It won't affect the budget for right now."

On membership revenue, Alan Nishi, vice president of membership, said that with an aggressive membership recruitment campaign, revenue should show slight increases.

Trisha Murakawa, vice president of planning and development, expressed concern that membership recruitment not be done at the expense of other programs.

"Is membership recruitment going to come out of unrestricted programs? It's going to cost a lot of money. How is it going to affect other programs? While increasing membership is important, maintaining current programs is also very important," said Murakawa.

Kimura said, "We need to come up with a membership budget. It will come out of different areas like postage and printing."

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board chair, said "Now dues are paid and the money (for PC) goes into the (National) operating budget. I ask that PC funds be set aside so we know how much money we have."

The issue, a longstanding source of frustration for the PC staff, has been discussed and debated for decades. It was again discussed at the May 22, 1993, PC Board meeting. At that time, one of the considerations was a "lockbox" in which PC subscriptions could be set aside for its operations. By the April 23, 1994, PC board meeting, the concept of PC receiving its funds in a more timely manner was considered only a matter of deciding on a suitable mechanism. Ron Ohata, PC Board chair, Randy Senzaki, JACL national director and Richard Suenaga, PC editor/general manager, were assigned to make that determination.

"Once I became PC board chair, I heard that it's difficult to get the amount of money PC is allocated. If it's supposed to come down to PC, it should come down," said Ohata.

A number of board members expressed concerns about how the system would be put into effect. Alan Nishi, vice president of membership, asked what the system would entail and asked who would pay PC's bills. Ohata responded that PC would have a separate account for revenue at National Headquarters like a lockbox. Ron Shibusawa, PC Mountain Plains representative and chair of the PC Finance Committee, said that the PC Board reached a consensus that the PC would write its own checks. Currently, payroll checks for PC come out of National Headquarters.

Ohata explained that if the money came in a more timely manner, PC would be able to make adjustments and anticipate periods of low revenue.

"Right now, I don't like finding out we're out of money. If we're out we need to make adjustments



IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

On Asian American appointments

I was pleased to learn today that President Bill Clinton had appointed Stuart Ishimaru as Counsel to Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Deval Patrick. As you have read elsewhere in this issue of the Pacific Citizen, Stuart's appointment to be director of the United States Civil Rights Commission was blocked by some more conservative members of the commission.

Like many of the Nikkei who work in the nation's capital, Stuart has worked with JACL on many issues and is always available when we need him to brief our Washington Leadership Seminar participants or to speak at Bruce Yamashita's commissioning ceremony.

While we applaud this recent appointment, we are concerned about the length of time which passes between nomination and

confirmation. In the latter category are Denny Chin to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Jerry Enomoto as U.S. marshal of California's Eastern District, Paul Igasaki as vice chair of EEOC, and Rose Ochi as associate director of state and local affairs for the office of National Drug Control Policy. We have also supported the nomination of Judge Robert Takasugi to the federal judiciary.

On the legislative side, we're happy to know that Mark Takano is going to try again for a seat in Congress. In addition, two others running are Neil Dhillon, formerly an aide to Congressman Bob Matsui, in Maryland and Ram Yoshine Uppulari in Oak Ridge Tenn. As there are few Asian Americans living in the South, we wish these candidates well. It will

certainly help whatever agenda the Asian American community wishes to put forward if there is representation from these areas.

The formation of the congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus was indeed good news and we hail the election of Norm Mineta to serve as its first chairman. Since he was first elected to Congress, Norm Mineta not only represented his San Jose constituents but he also brought forward the concerns and interests of Asian and Pacific Americans everywhere. His leadership and support have been critical for any issue JACL has worked on. That's thirty for now. ☐

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

earlier in the game and know exactly where we stand," said Ohata.

Sharon Ishii Jordan, governor, Mountain Plains District, said, "Can't the motion stand and have National and PC try to work it out." Earlier, Kimura also asked that the board vote for the concept and have PC and National work on the mechanics of implementing the change.

Reading the board's apprehension, Ohata said, "The board is saying it is willing to come up with separate accounts if we work

out the business operations. If that's it, there's no question it should go through. I want to make it clear, National accepts the concept of a lockbox, but is uncomfortable with the details of how it will work out."

REDRESS

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eligible, but has been reviewing its initial decisions at the request of JACL, NCRR and other com-

munity organizations.

JACL has been working with ORA and Congressman Norm Mineta (D-Calif.) to press the INS to give the Japanese American of Latin American descent retroactive permanent residency status so that they will become eligible for redress. Those who were part of an earlier lawsuit were given retroactive status and have already received redress. JACL has also been urging ORA to revise its regulations to permit claimants

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Out of touch, out of bounds

If you've been wondering about the future of JACL after Redress, wonder no more. What JACL is, and will be, became evident when its National Board last month voted 10 to 3, with 2 abstentions, to support the concept of same-sex marriage.

The vote was a clear statement that JACL's leaders are taking it beyond the purposes of its founding more than 60 years ago.

JACL no longer is an organization focusing on issues of direct and paramount importance to Japanese Americans. In pursuit of those rights over the years, JACL established a proud record that includes advocacy of justice for all.

But now it has gone beyond that, choosing a role on the cutting edge of the militant human rights movement.

There is evidence many members of JACL are not comfortable with the new thrust. Of the eight district governors, three (Pacific Southwest, Northern California/Western Nevada/Pacific, and Pacific Northwest) voted to support same-sex marriage. Three (Central California, Intermountain, and

Mountain Plains) voted against. Two (Eastern, Midwest) abstained. That amounts to a toss-up among those members of the National Board who are closer to the rank and file than the elected national officers.

However, the seven Yes ballots cast by the national officers (the national president is without vote except in case of a tie) made it a solid 10-3 for making support for same-sex marriage a JACL program. Moreover, the leadership signalled that support of same-sex marriage is a priority matter of some urgency for JACL since the National Board spurned suggestions that it be discussed by the more broadly based National Council when it meets a few weeks hence at the national convention in Salt Lake City.

There is no question about the national officers representing the membership. They were duly elected. But the stirrings and mutterings around the country indicate not inconsiderable dissent with the leaders' stand on same-sex and some other issues.

The voting pattern among the district governors is curious. The three Pacific

Coastal districts endorsed support of same-sex marriages. Central California and the two Mountain states districts voted Nay. The Midwest and Eastern districts abstained. Is there a geographical influence on ideology? I don't know. Will there be resentment in the hinterland that the organization is being dominated by coastal liberals? There is evidence to support fears that the rift will widen and eventually JACL will disintegrate.

Perhaps, as Japanese American interests become increasingly diverse, such disintegration is inevitable. The alarming thing is that there is so much at stake—JACL's hard-won credibility in Washington and elsewhere, an admirable record of achievement, some expensive San Francisco real estate, a newspaper with a valuable subscription list, a core of members

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



Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

Studying Japanese

The efforts to gain command of a foreign language may be compared to investments into a portfolio that pays steady dividends on demand through lifetime. The dividends have marketable value, and incalculable cultural value besides. When the language is Japanese the dividends are extra rich. Despite its current downturn, Japan's economy is one of the most vital in the world. Its contemporary culture is also one of the most vigorous, diverse, and prolific in the world.

So the study of Japanese has come to take on new importance and urgency throughout the world in recent years. Strangely, the Japanese response to the newly heightened prestige of their own language has been lukewarm to say the least, utterly lacking in imagination or initiative. The government is not providing any special Japanese instruction to the thousands of foreign workers who perform the so-called 3-K jobs (*kitsui*, hard; *kitanai*, dirty; *kihenna*, dangerous) shunned by the Japanese youths who are too affluent and too soft. No basic efforts are being addressed to the everlasting curse of the *kanji* which makes Japanese monstrously difficult. The irony of the situation is that gram-

matically, Japanese is one of the simplest, therefore the easiest, languages.

But regardless of their difficulty *kanji* have to be mastered, for a great part of Japanese vocabulary is in *kanji*, and the command of a language is 90% the matter of the command of vocabulary. Do you recall the late president Ike's mangled syntaxes? For that matter many prominent people commit errors of syntax in their speeches. Word order is not as important as right words.

In learning European languages the problems of vocabulary are neatly taken care of by dictionaries and books on usages. In Japanese if you want to look up what a term means, you must first know how it is pronounced. Then you go to the *kana*-entry dictionary such as *Kojien* or the *Daijirin*. If you do not know how to pronounce the term, you have either to ask someone who knows, or look up in a *kan*-use dictionary, a very clumsy, cumbersome process, then go to *Kojien* or *Daijirin*. It is time consuming. Above all, you must have the patience of a molecular geneticist looking for the gene of some rare disease.

The National Institute of Oriental Languages in Paris annually admits a thou-

sand or so students into the beginners' classes in Japanese. By the end of the school year, 800 or so usually drop out. The goals of the course are for the students to learn 25 characters per week, to be able to read a Japanese newspaper with ease by the end of the third year.

In this seemingly hopeless situation there are a few encouraging developments. The major news is the revival of the *ruby*. The *ruby* is the 7-point *kana* type that used to be run along the right hand side of *kanji* in the old times. I still remember my aunt reading newspaper and *kodan* books by picking the *ruby* character by character. The spectacle was so painful that I used to avert my eyes. Then some time in my boyhood the *ruby* began to disappear gradually. By the time I began to read back numbers of Japanese magazines in the outhouse at Mr. Waller's seed farm in Guadalupe—my very first job in America—they had completely disappeared. The whole population of Japan had

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

Like they say
DRIVE FOR SHOW...

PUTT FOR DOUGH!



Letters

Chapter president questions board's same-sex support

I am writing on behalf of myself and the Mt. Olympus JACL chapter. In our last board meeting, we discussed the issue of whether the Japanese American Citizens League should support the Honolulu chapter's resolution to support the concept of same-sex marriages. Since that time, I understand that the National Board has taken an official position supporting the concept of same-sex marriages. (The resolution passed by the National Board is broader than the language of the requested resolution supporting same-sex marriages, but supports the concept of same-sex marriages nonetheless.) Our board overwhelmingly rejected the National Board's resolution supporting the concept of same-sex marriage as a civil rights issue and respectfully encourage other chapters to request that National JACL reconsider its official stand on the issue. I was asked to convey the board's sentiments to you.

I am disturbed that the National Board has taken upon itself to create a position on such a controversial and potentially divisive issue, when in less than three months, the full membership will be meeting at our convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. What is so exigent that the Board cannot wait for a few months to allow the members of each chapter to have a say? Doesn't the Board want each chapter's individual input on such an important issue? Obviously not.

The issue of same-sex marriages is not a civil rights issue. It is a personal choice issue.

Despite how the gay coalition attempts to characterize their issue, we are not discussing a gay's civil right as in the issue of hate crimes; instead we are dealing with a personal choice question. Churches are taking stands on the issue and they characterize same-sex marriages as a moral issue.

The NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization, not only has refused to take a stand on same-sex marriages, but indicated that they will not take a stand on the issue. The NAACP's position is that same-sex marriages is not a civil rights issue, but a moral one. They also believe that support of this issue is not in keeping with the purposes of their organization.

Moreover, support of same-sex marriages will be an issue that will be very divisive among our membership. In a time when we are concerned about attracting and keeping members, taking a position on a controversial and unpopular personal choice issue will only serve to alienate and offend many current and potential members. Many current and potential members are hesitant to join or to renew membership because they feel JACL is not properly representing their views. Supporting same-sex

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Come-on Sense
 KARL K. NOBUYUKI
'Youth of all ages?'

The Berkeley Chapter's Board raised valid points regarding my comments on JACL's "Youth" program. I do not question the importance of the NYC. More important, I value the Berkeley Chapter's comments as the window for further discussion. I admit, I do not understand the expression "youth of all ages." It appears to be a contradictory term and one that I must file under "fuzzy logic" or as a sidebar. In a hard-line sense I view the term as a rationalization not to do what has to be done.

In my observation, there has been very little dialogue about youth, until recently. The JACL's youth program was more of an incidental sidebar, only to surface prior to the youth convention. Otherwise, it was pretty much hush. JACL's National Youth program does not impact the membership base at the chapter level. In my opinion, the Berkeley Chapter's opening paragraph is the most important. All others though notable, are all herring. The Berkeley Chapter Board contends that there are only 10 individuals scattered across the United States who have not even had the benefit of a permanent staff position to support its program. They are right! I suggest that we change it.

I believe that given the present status of JACL, the time is long overdue for the League to reaf-

firm its commitment to the youth. It seems to me that the League's national youth program (JAY) is in desperate need of revitalization, not abandonment; and a guarantee of staff and financial support. This above all else, should be the top national priority. I thank Kerry Kaneichi and the Berkeley Chapter for opening the window for this dialogue.

For too many years, after redress, JACL's leadership has been asking the question about "Life after Redress." The answer is clear... youth. JACL's national youth program is much more important than fighting "Rising Sun" and the other questionable "topical" issues that have been promoted by headquarters. A national youth program is not viable if it must rely upon one biennial convention and otherwise be ignored. A biennial appropriation of \$8,000 (in a \$1.3 million annual budget) for a national youth program is ludicrous!

As most parents know, youth are expensive, but worth it. Youth programs must become topical, aggressive and highly visible. Such programs should address understanding the Japanese American community's issues, its future and direction. Youth conferences should not just be the highlight, but the culmination of effort, and the League's commitment must be definable, and above all else guaranteed.

Though probably in the minority, I urge that the JACL's youth program be assured a fixed percentage of the annual budget (say 3 to 10 percent, including staff), and that the national president, treasurer and director be authorized to fix that percentage at the beginning of each biennium.

As I understand it, the JACL's annual budget is approaching \$1.3 million. If this is true, then a fixed and predictable revenue stream can be provided to our youth, if this is what the National Council wants.

In the "spirit" of youthfulness, I can concede to the concept of "youth of all ages," but in the real world of youth participation and involvement, youth is youth.

It is important that the youth program involve youth and that the latter be guaranteed their voice.

Come-on Sense: Most people want to be youth advocates, but in the JACL, it is the national budget that will determine if this is what JACL wants. Action speaks louder than words. Hmnmm.

"Youth Plan for Action for the Biennium 1990-92," National Programs, Chapter Presidents Handbook 1992.

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marriages would tend to create a division among our members and would result in loss of membership.

Finally, we are also concerned about how any support for this issue will be perceived in the community-at-large. JACL is perceived as a conscientious, concerned, politically informed group. Perceptions that we are supporting unprincipled, moral issue which is not really a proper civil rights issue, will tend to diminish the credibility we have worked so long and hard to obtain.

For these reasons we respectfully request that the National JACL reconsider the position it has taken on the same-sex marriage issue, and rather allow the membership, not the board to determine the position National JACL will take.

Reid Tateoka
 President
 Mt. Olympus Chapter, JACL

Member outraged at board's same-sex move

Is this the Japanese American Citizens League? Or is this the league of 15-Japanese-Americans? From what I hear most members would not support gay marriages! The National Board should have polled all members on what action we should take on this controversial issue! The National Board must lead us in the direction members want to go and not wherever they want us to follow!

If the JACL Constitution says that we should support a person's civil rights regardless of sexual orientation, change it! Otherwise we must support people engaged in pedophilia, incest and bestiality? This part of the constitution must be deleted immediately! To me, a same-sex marriage is a

moral issue and not a civil rights issue! Supporting same-sex marriages is the same as telling your children that homosexuality is a welcome option for them!

Even if it is a civil rights issue I would feel that the JACL is stepping out of its boundaries! This is not the ACLU, this is not Queer Nation and this is not Act Up! If you are for gay marriages, join one of those groups. Do not drag the JACL into it!

It's time for new leaders, a new constitution and it's time for members to speak up. It's not yet time to give up on the JACL! The JACL is not the property of the national board and they should not be allowed to do whatever they seem fit!

To all JACL leaders! In case you do not understand, you are a representative of the JACL. You are not there to represent your own interests! If you are there for yourself, get out now!

Bart Shibata
 Redondo Beach, Calif.
Reader: Clarification
need on same-sex

Did I read correctly that some elements of our society approve of Same-Sex Marriage? This, to me, needs a lot of clarification. Are they advocating that it's O.K. for a man to marry another man and a woman to marry another woman and engage in marital relationship with each other? If that's what this country needs then a generation or so will take care of a lot of our current problems. There will be no need for day care centers, schools, and our juvenile delinquency problem will be solved. Our taxes will be greatly reduced and we can all relax and regale in our own complacent environment. With the gradual diminishing population there will be no need for any improvement in the services currently provided by our government, with not even

a military force to protect the country with no viable future.

Maybe this problem can be solved through osmosis whereby a man can become pregnant and a woman can conceive a child without a male participant. Just a thought.

Jimmy Kanaya
 Col RA, Ret
 Gig Harbor, Wash.

'Extremists' running JACL, reader says

Didn't many of the National Board members who voted "yes" on the "same-sex" resolution also favor the removal of P.C. Board Chair Paul Shinkawa for standing firmly for the JACL Constitution? Do they believe that JACL policies should reflect the views of typical Japanese Americans?

The second question is pertinent in that PSW Governor Ruth Mizobe's comment about the number of chapters in the PSW and NCWNP districts (PC May 27-June 2) implies that they have the voting power to ram through anything they want, irrespective of its merit, its lack of support by most Japanese American, or its detriment to our national community.

Because we members have little personal knowledge of leaders of our far-flung organization, we have the right to seek-relevant information. To ask the marital status of those who voted on the "same-sex" issue is proper, because it relates to the family. In fact, all those who participated should tell if they are married and/or have children to indicate their experience with such responsibilities.

Opponents and proponents in recent controversial matters seem to line up into two clear-cut groups: The old guards who have devoted their long lives for the JACL, versus

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sex doctrinaire modernists from west coast cities, who have little understanding or respect for our many decades of untiring effort to improve the lot of Japanese-Americans from a hated minority to the most respected.

Already the young extremists have proven their lack of expertise by steering our national organization to the brink of bankruptcy in the best of times and compounding the situation by creating division and dissension among our loyal financial supporters. What will it take for them to wake up to the folly of rejecting the wisdom of our elders, who have had extraordinary success in achieving ambitious goals during the worst of times?

Mas Odoi

Renton, Wash.

Gay, same-sex issues need calm, reader says

Has it been brought out that the "gay/lesbian same-sex" issue is principally an emotional one? That it needs to be examined intellectually, with "feelings" set aside? Feelings do need to be considered, but they alone do not solve problems.

The crux of the matter seems to me to be—"Is the 'gay' individual acting in an anti-social manner?" Gays, for example, who seek contact with children, or who are offensively persistent in the face of rejection, certainly deserve to be discriminated against. It remains to be determined whether gays are "born" or "made" and whether they are just unfortunate or perverse.

It is unfortunate that the conspicuous individuals in my identifiable group cause others to judge the entire group by their behavior.

Instead of shouting our opinions, based, (perhaps subconsciously) on our "feelings," let's THINK about this!

I think it's time for a lot of "cool!"

David Moore

Phoenix

'Liberal clique' is running JACL

I would like to take a personal stand as far as the national board goes in the debate on the "same-sex" marriage. My reaction is that a clique of liberal activists are taking JACL down the thorny, primrose path towards an 'out-right civil rights organization, without the understanding or the electoral consent of the general membership.

Last year, these same activists pushed through the support for gays in the military, which was almost unanimously opposed by Nisei veterans. That victory was pyrrhic in that President Clinton had to back down on his pre-election commitment and it also alienated a majority of the JACL membership.

This time, at the instigation of a national VP from Honolulu, the "same-sex" issue was brought up before the various districts. At PSW and NCWNP, "after a full discussion of more than an hour," the results were: PSW 17 for 2 abstentions, 14 not present. The National Board voted 10 for, 3 against, 2 abstain, with all VPs voting for.

Ruth Mizobe's flippant remarks in PC "I think it's kind of the nature of the beast. If you want to look back to the National Council, and you're looking at number of chapters, PSW has 33 chapters, Northern Cal has 35. That's a

majority right there" shows her calculating nature of another type.

The voting for the two districts was 21/7 for, 2/5 against, 3 abstentions and 39 chapters not present. This certainly leaves room enough for this issue to be presented to the National Council.

The Vice Presidents of the National Board voted in lock step to support the same-sex as if one would be afraid to stray from the liberal "party line." If all these officers think the same way, I fear for the future because an executive staff which does not have opposing opinions can readily be manipulated.

I believe that there is a voice to be expressed reflecting the thousands of senior members of JACL. There is a feeling of dismay and consternation about the trend that is taking place at the national level. They don't like the attacks against PC and they feel that there are dozens of other issues more important than Gay rights and Same-Sex, among them Hate crime, multi-cultural networking and multi-ethnic collaborations.

Barry Sakai

Stockton, Calif.

PSW Gov. Mizobe comments on remarks

Upon review of the *Pacific Citizen* May 27-June 2, with the caption under my photograph, I recognized the importance of issuing an immediate apology for a thoughtless remark that will no doubt offend members in several files, supposed to agree? I don't think so. Anyway, this subject is like a hot potato, it's too hot to handle for me. I would like to sign off by using only my initials, B.S. But I understand I have to sign my name. Now it's time for me to take a hike.

I also regret the attention given to my remark by the editors, rather than to the point I actually made which was in the context of whether the nationally elected officers should vote with the district governors on policy matters. Specifically my comment was in reference to the national officers who represent all the chapters with one vote each, while each governor has one vote regardless of the size of the district. I acknowledge the democratically elected process for the leadership of this organization and was in no way intentionally making a slight at any other district.

When I contacted the *Pacific Citizen* about the article, I was disappointed by Gwen Murakami, who could not articulate nor understand the context of my remarks, yet reported them without asking me for a clarification or explanation. The following day I contacted Richard Suenaga and was again disappointed that he felt my comments and Jeff Imai's best represented opposing sides of the discussion when they did not.

I have a limited knowledge about journalism, however I am not ignorant about principle and ethics. From my perspective the PC has demonstrated a type of journalism that is manipulative and has an indifference to ethics in journalism. How can the editors take a quote of mine, highlight them, and not understand nor explain the context in which they were made? Moreover, when I asked Gwen if she would contact me for clarification of future comments—she would not respond.

The members should understand that only the editors have total control over the PC's content. Furthermore, the editors dictate the emphasis and priority of issues, through the number of column inches dedicated to an issue and the type of coverage it receives. In fact, the editors literally impose on the membership through the PC, what they deem to be important and what is not important for the JACL to the membership. The National JACL has no control over the PC and by extension, has a limited vehicle to communicate its true priorities

and agenda to the membership.

I submit to you the membership with my apologies that much more is said and done at the National Board meetings and by the national organization as a whole than what is depicted in the PC.

Ruth T. Mizobe

PSW Governor

Editor's response: The article on the same-sex issue at the May 21-22 National Board meeting was completely accurate. Nothing was taken out of context or out of order.

Pacific Citizen has a tape recording of the entire discussion as proof.

Reader apologizes for remarks in letter

In these changing times I realize that the two questions that I asked were wrong and inappropriate. Therefore, I will admit that I was definitely wrong. If there were any embarrassment caused by these remarks, which I'm sure there were, then I will take the blame. The letter was written in haste without realizing the backlash that it has caused. But that's no excuse. I'll take the blame. I hope Trisha Murakami accepts my apology.

However, the original and primary intent of my letter coincides with Bill Hosokawa's views and that is, should JACL get involved in this controversial issue? Now that they voted on it and passed it—now what? Are we, the rank and file, supposed to agree? I don't think so. Anyway, this subject is like a hot potato, it's too hot to handle for me. I would like to sign off by using only my initials, B.S. But I understand I have to sign my name. Now it's time for me to take a hike.

Beans Sogihaka

Chino, Calif.

Reader offers view on teacher's suspension

I have followed, with interest, the articles relating to teacher Reiko Obata, of Santana High. The articles continue to allude to problems other than the "Zoot Suit" issue. The *Pacific Citizen* would like to infer a racism motive for her dismissal. Perhaps it is, but then again (?)

Whatever the reason it is apparently not just the movie. Ms. Obata has asked for reinstatement. She has apparently received the full support of the student body and their parents. The school board refuses and makes such statements as: "the issue was not 'Zoot Suit,'" but a personnel issue and could not be discussed openly by the board, and "This is not an issue of censorship. There are other issues and we explained that we cannot discuss them to protect our employee's privacy."

When a person has been suspended or discharged, with implied cause, then that person has the right to public appeal and for all charges to be revealed. The school board is hiding behind the "privacy" fence on this one so as to avoid embarrassment or Ms. Obata is not all she would like for the public to believe. Ms. Obata has appealed to me public for reinstatement. That public has every right to know all the facts. If the school board refuses then Ms. Obata needs to seek legal recourse. If there are legitimate reasons for the school board to refuse her reinstatement, then the public deserves to know. All doubt must be dispelled before the Grossmont Union High School district is required to act. Ms. Obata's plea of "Let me teach," is apparently not the only issue here. What is being

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RESIGNATION

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freedom of religion," said Kato.

Kato said that the board's decision to support same-sex marriage violates religious freedom. As an example, he cited the Protestants who came to America from Europe to escape religious persecution at a time when everyone was required to be Catholic.

"Based on this history of government interference with religious freedom, the founding fathers incorporated the First Amendment freedom of religion as a fundamental right in this

nation," wrote Kato. "I believe the National Board's endorsement of same-sex marriage laws violates this right to freedom of religion and thereby violates a fundamental premise of this civil rights organization," wrote Kato.

At the May 22 National Board meeting, Kato said he felt that if the National Board were to support same-sex marriage, the decision would be non-binding. Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Kato said "Right now, the constitution doesn't say that we support laws allowing same-sex marriages. To me, this is a constitutional amendment issue. Only the National Council can decide that."

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Obituaries

Arita, Tadashi, 66, Tarzana, March 26; Stockton-born, survived by wife Karen, daughters Pearl Pelatt, Kim, Cindy, son Ryan, 1 gc.
Endo, Koji, 68, Gardena, March 13; San Pedro-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Steven, daughter Kathleen Kawahara, 2 gc, brother Koichi (San Francisco), sister Tsugi Segawa.
Fujita, Satsuki, 100, Oxnard, April 14; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughter-in-law Ikuo Fujita, daughters Natsuko Takayama (Westlake Village), Yoshie Hagaya (Culver City), many gc and great gc, preceded in death by son Nagao.
Hirabayashi, Tom H., 73, Gardena, March 27; Stockton-born, survived by

wife Hagami, sons Wayne, Tommy, Ken, daughter Joy Meija, 4 gc.
Honda, Sanae, 82, Tarzana, March 20; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Masato, son Jack, daughters Jane Yokoyama, Virginia Mullen, 8 gc, 6 great gc.
Inatomi, George, 68, Monterey Park, April 1; Los Angeles-born Korean war veteran, survived by sons Keith, Roger, Gary, Todd, brother Kiyohiko, sisters Hatsumi Adler, Yoneko Kariya.
Ishikawa, Ted Tetsuo, Los Angeles, April 20, survived by daughters Susan Nakamoto, Cynthia Lee, 3 gc.
Kanemura, Dorothy A., 70, Los Angeles, April 10; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by husband Stanley, daughters Gloria Bolekiewicz, Kathryn Cathoun, 5 gc, 1 great gc, brother Wally Sakaki, sister Miki Gilbert.
Keyashima, Frank H., 102, Fontana, March 31; Miyazaki-born, survived by sisters-in-law Sumiko Seo Seki, Hisako Seo (Chicago).
Kojima, Fumiyo, 95, Los Angeles.

March 26; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Sy, Kei, daughters Yaye Okano, Fujiko Manaka, many gc and great gc.
Kozuki, John K., 76, Huntington Beach, March 24; Stockton-born, survived by wife Martha, son Warren, 2 gc, brothers Wallace (Fairbrook), Russel (New York), Bob, sisters Marlene Hirata (Oxnard), Nancy Ota (Fresno).
Masada, Yumato, 72, Los Angeles, 6 gc, Berkeley-born, survived by wife Michiko, daughters Eiko Crippen, Miwa Sandness, Toshiko, 3 gc, brother Frank, sister Kikuyo Noji (Chicago), in-laws Louise Kasiki (Riverside), Chiyeo Kuwatsuki (Jpn), Fujiko Hayashi, Tom Sakurai.
Masuda, Sadaoyoshi, 79, Los Angeles, April 16; Seattle-born, survived by wife Diane, sons Melvin, Eugene, daughter Connie Yano, 9 gc, sister Cheiko Hasegawa.
Matsuda, Betty Tomoko, Pharm.D., 65, Los Angeles, April 16 (sv), survived by husband Yassu, son Kyle, daughter Lori Kirk, 3 gc, father Minoru Yamada, stepmother Irene, brother Dr. Henry N. Matsuda, Toshiko, 79, Torrance, March 30 (sv), April 15 (sv) in auto accident, survived by sons Tom, Kenji, Frank Yui, 6 gc, 6 great gc, brothers Masanori, Larry (Chino), Takashi Morita (São Paulo), sisters Tamaki Yoshioka, Emiko Morita (both Jpn).
Miyamoto, Tomotoki, 93, Gardena, March 31; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Tosh, daughters Peggy Hiroko, Betty Doo, 4 gc, brother Mitsuo Miyamoto.
Miyasaki, Andrew Brunetti, DDS, Culver City, April 15 (sv) in auto accident, survived by husband Dr. Kenneth T. (daughter Arianne, parents Ameno and Antonette Brunetti (Schenectady)), brother Michael, sister Bernadette Cousins (Holliston, Mass.), in-laws Joe Minoru (father) and brother (brother).
Miyasaki, Mari, Los Angeles, April 13 (sv) in auto accident; Fresno-born, survived by husband Joe Minoru, sons Joseph Hiroshi, Dr. Kenneth T., 1 gc, brother Fumiyo Asakawa (Fresno), brother Hiroshi (Pasadena), sister Issako Shimizu (Fowler), Fumiko Mochizuki, Misao Hatakeada (Parlier), in-laws Masanobu, Thomas and James Miyasagi, Mary Kawaguchi.

Mukai, Kiyono, 91, Reedley, March 27; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Makoto, Ak, daughters Sadako Sogoka, Katsuko Matsumoto, 14 gc, 19 great gc.
Nagano, Umeko, 94, West Los Angeles, April 10; Kochi-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Joe, Towru, daughter Masako, 4 gc, 6 great gc.
Nakashima, Fush, 88, North Hollywood, 13 gc, Kufamato-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by husband Joe Anyoshu, daughters Kazumi Iwashina, Yuyo Iwashima, 6 gc, 6 great gc, brother Hideo Matsuo (Jpn), sister Owaru Nakashima.
Narasaki, Masao, 78, Santa Ana, April 25; Bell-born, survived by wife Shizuko, son Roy, 3 gc, sisters Shizue Sakai, in-laws Helen Narasaki, Betty Yano.
Norio, Goichi, 74, Pomona, March 16; Glendale-born recipient of decorations from the Japanese Agricultural Society, survived by wife Fujie, sons Katsujio, Joe, daughters Masako Yoshimura, Oyo Saxon, 8 gc, brothers Koichi, Tatsuo (Jpn), sister Fumiko Hachiya (Jpn).
Nomura, Henry T., 81, Monterey Park, April 14; Tacoma-born, survived by wife Mikako, sons Arthur, Jeffrey, daughters Hatsumi Crystal, Keiko, 5 gc, brothers Jiro, Carol (Port Townsend), Yoshiko (San Jose), sisters Yoshiko Hasegawa (San Diego), Ayako Machida (Nevada), half-sisters Chiyo Matsushima (Jpn), Shigeo Oshiba.
Ogata, Duke Seiji, 69, Buena Park, April 6; Long Beach-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons William (Avalon), David, Bob, daughter Patti (Palm Springs), 2 gc, brother Dr. Masami, sister Pat Lucraft, in-law Shizu Yamamoto (mother), Hiroko Ishiguro.
Ogata, Tom R., 80, Monterey Park, April 7; Stockton-born, survived by wife Yasuko, son Frank, daughters Nancy Akahoshi, Jean Omura, 4 gc, sisters Nobuko Yagake.
Osugi, Tsuruyo, 90, Gardena, April 4; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Roy, daughter Kiyoko French, 5 gc, 5 great gc.
Ota, Akiyo, 99, Los Angeles, March 30; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Minoru, Sumi, Katsumi, daughters

Michie Berner, Chioko Udo, 3 gc, 2 great gc.
Sakaida, Jimmie H., 77, Lake Forest (Orange County), April 10; Kingsburg-born, survived by wife Sakie, son Raymond, daughter Betty June Lee, 5 gc, two brothers, two sisters.
Sakoguchi, Shizue, 78, Placentia, April 14 (sv); survived by husband George, sons Robert, Sumaru, Richard, daughters Helen, Lillian, 5 gc, brothers Harry, Edna, sisters Shigeno, Momoyo, Miye (Jpn).
Shigaki, Kiyoshi, 79, San Marino, March 29; Anaheim-born, survived by brother Shigeru, predeceased by wife Fusa Hon.
Shimazu, Tadeo T., 77, Los Angeles, March 29; Beverly Hills-born, survived by wife Emiko, daughter Karin Sayoko Kely, brother Yoshio.
Takahashi, Kiyoko, 75, Garden Grove, April 15; survived by husband Yoneguma, sons Joe, Tom, Roger, 7 gc.
Takeda, Toyo, 94, Monterey Park, March 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by her son, daughter Fusae Matsuda (Jpn), Marko Nagato, 5 gc, 1 great gc in U.S., and 6 gc and 12 great gc in Jpn.
Tanabe, Charles J., 80, Glendale, April 9; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Jane, daughter Teri Tokuda, son Robert, 4 gc, brothers Paul and Nick Tanabe.
Tani, Ko, 93, Los Angeles, April 8; Mie-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughters Hiroko Nakahara, Kimiko Nakabe, 6 gc, 4 great gc.
Yoshikawa, George Saburo, 80, San Jose, April 21; survived by wife Ruth, brother Joe, sisters Manoka, Josephine Kurashima, Phoebe Osumi, May Kunishige, Julia Isawa, Esther Hall.
Yoshioka, Haruno, 90, San Lorenzo, March 26, survived by sons Toshihiro Togo, Kunio, daughters Yukie Ohara, Yoshiko Kawabata, 15 gc, 19 great gc.
Yoshioka, Shizuyo, 74, Fountain Valley, April 24; Fresno-born, survived by husband Yutaka, sons Kenny, Ronald, Bobby, daughters Fumiye Inouye, Sachiko Ishii, 4 gc, brother Nobuo Hiroo Yoshitsugu, Shigeo, 87, San Francisco, April 4; Berkeley-born journalist and former vice president of Houkabe Mainichi, predeceased by wife Kiku.

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Scholarships

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The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF) awarded \$500 awards to 25 Sacramento area Asian high school graduates June 4 at the CSU Sacramento. Kenji Murase, national board member of the fund, of San Francisco presented the scholarships, assisted by local ethnic group coordinators Randy Imai, Sacramento JACL president, was emcee.

The fund was established in 1979 by Nisei in WWII concentration camps who were assisted by the Quaker-sponsored National Student Relocation Council to complete their college studies then. To repay and recognize the

NSRC, the Nisei fund now assists students whose lives were also disrupted by war as is the case with Southeast Asian refugees. Since 1983, annual distributions have been concentrated in various cities, such as San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Houston, Denver, Philadelphia, Seattle, Boston and Stockton. This year, the fund had donated the Greater Sacramento Valley area.

Sara Hutchings Clardy award

The Arizona JACL scholarship awardees were recognized April 24 at the Phoenix Holiday Inn, chapter president Joe Allman

announced.

Jill Yano of Goldwater High won the Sara Hutchings Clardy award, named by the chapter in memory of the Kansas State Teacher graduate who retired after 42 years of teaching, mostly in Glendale, where many Issei farmers were located. She died in 1962 and is being remembered for her long-time friendship to the Japanese during the war years and having conducted the Americanization classes for the Issei in the '50s.

Conrad Diven of Brophy Prep won the Dr. Herbert Jensen scholarship, recognizing the longtime college professor and Arizona JACLer, now retired in Fullerton, Calif.

Both awards were \$500 each.

KONOMI

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become so literate that ruby were no longer needed.

Then came the revolution in communication. To generations of Japanese kids sitting in front of TV became the chief leisure time activity. They gradually forgot to read, and more and more *karaji* became unreadable to them. (Of course above is a very simplistic version of what has happened in the recent decades.) The revival of the ruby after 70 years was no stroke of genius. Even I often wished some impossible to pronounce names were rubbed. But it was a smart business move that seems to be catching on.

More and more books are being published with ruby. Next year, textbooks of the national language will come out with ruby. To answer the criticism that ruby make the page too messy, some publishers use grayish beige ruby which seem to be gaining popularity. The clincher for ruby was the Japanese translation of Finnegan's

Wake, the second (French was first) foreign translation of James Joyce classic. It is So-Ruby (all rubied).

To the many Sansei and Yonsei out there, who are struggling with Japanese—trying to increase their vocabulary, trying to master writing skill, etc.—and are forever getting frustrated, this must come as good news. But problems still remain unsolved. You can now find the entry term, but can you read all of the definitions? They are given in *karaji*, too.

I have some solutions up in my noggin. I hope I'll have a chance to write about them, soon. ☺

HOSOKAWA

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faithful to traditional goals, thousands of members who have built the name of JACL as a solid organization in scores of communities, and not least of all millions in liquid assets. Can they be put to use in a manner that satisfies the majority of those who helped assemble them?

Early this year Paul M.

Shinkawa, sensing trouble ahead, urged the rank and file of JACL members to express their will and take back their organization from those who would exploit it. I do not know whether the majority of members approve of the course their leaders have set. If the leaders are reflecting the popular will, more power to their efforts to make JACL more "relevant" to the times. If not, those concerned—perhaps the silent majority—must speak up and reclaim their organization. ☺

LETTERS

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hidden in the closet, too sensitive for public knowledge?

The school board is an arm of the public, they have no right to refuse to follow public demands without explanation. At this point they must "put up" or "shut up," and respond to public outcry.

Richard M. Graham
 Okeana, Ohio