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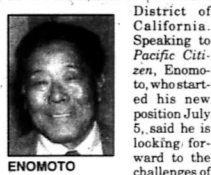
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## Enomoto confirmed as U.S. Marshal

You can call him U.S. Marshal Enomoto now. Jerry Enomoto, the 1994 JA of the biennium, was confirmed by the full U.S. Senate June 23 as U.S. Marshal of the Eastern



ENOMOTO

District of California. Speaking to Pacific Citizen, Enomoto, who started his new position July 5, said he is looking forward to the challenges of his new position.

"I'm looking forward to a different experience. In my career, the part of criminal justice I dealt with primarily was correctional—the maintaining of prisons. The marshal service has more strict law enforcement responsibilities," said Enomoto.

In his law enforcement career, Enomoto served as director of the Department of Corrections. He was JACL national president from 1966-1970 and is currently chairman of the JACL Legislative Education Committee.

Enomoto, who was recently sworn in an informal ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Sacramento, is the first Japanese American to hold the position of U.S. Marshal outside of Hawaii or Guam. He said the Eastern District is the biggest jurisdiction in the United States, with 75 deputy

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## Sacramento groups seek tough action in firebombing cases

Sacramento community members and civil rights representatives were scheduled to attend the July 5 trial of the defendant accused of the 1993 firebombings of the Temple Bookstore in the Sacramento Chapter, NAACP, the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, the home of city councilman Jimmy Yee, and the California Department of Fair Employment Agency.

Community groups, according to Florin Chapter, JACL, member Andy Noguchi, are calling for an end to hate crimes and for justice in the firebombings. Among the concerns of the group are:

- Sanctions against all those involved in the firebombings.
- Strict prosecution.
- Hate crimes enhancements.
- A diverse jury representing the city of Sacramento.

"Tough penalties to show that Sacramento has no tolerance for despicable hate crimes."

The trial was delayed from the June 13 date because defense attorney Michael Brady asked for more time to prepare for his defense of Richard Campos in the case.

# The JACL biennium in review: 1992-94

Before JACL delegates convene at the Salt Lake City national convention in August of this year, Pacific Citizen presents a review of the past biennium, highlights and major news events from 1992-1994.



**CONTROVERSY—**  
The movie *Rising Sun* was one of the most controversial issues of the biennium, sparking heated debate on the film's racial content and PC's right to comment on it.



SANDRA T. NAKATA  
Fighting 'Jap Road'



PAUL M. SHINKAWA  
Fired as PC Board chair



LILLIAN C. KIMURA  
1st woman president



JONATHAN KAJI  
Reports JACL deficits



RUTH MIZOBE  
Wants to change PC



BRUCE YAMASHITA  
Bettles Marine Corps



BILL KANEKO  
Supports same-sex issue

## 1992

**Aug. 3-8—A JACL FIRST:** Lillian Kimura elected first woman JACL national president at the 32nd biennial convention in Denver. There is initial confusion over the presidential election results when a counting error results in presidential candidate John Saito being declared the winner. Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi and Seattle-businessman Tomio Moriguchi honored as Japanese Americans of the Biennium.

**Aug. 17—ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE:** Vietnamese student Luyen Phan Nguyen dies in Broward County, Fla., after a racially motivated beating.

**Sept. 27—CHECKS IN THE MAIL:** President George Bush signs the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992, authorizing \$400 million to complete redress payments.

**Sept. 28—BAD DIALOGUE:** Dennis Hayashi,

JACL national director, protests the use of the word "Jap" in the TV show, *Northern Exposure*.  
**Oct. 5—TURNED DOWN:** The U.S. Supreme Court rejects a challenge made by German American Arthur Jacobs against the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Jacobs had claimed that the act was unconstitutional.

**Oct. 17—DEATH IN LOUISIANA:** Japanese exchange student Yoshihiro Hattori is shot and killed in Baton Rouge, La., by Rodney Pears after Hattori mistakenly goes to Pears home looking for a Halloween party.

**Oct. 23—IT'S OFFICIAL:** President Bush signs HR 5572 permanently designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**Nov. 3—ANOTHER FIRST:** Republican Jay Kim of Diamond Bar, Calif. becomes the first Korean-born congressman and joins Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, and Patsy Mink, who were each re-elected from their districts.

Riverside, Calif., congressional candidate Mark Takano lost to Ken Culvert in a close vote which was ultimately recounted.

**Dec. 1—BAD LANGUAGE, BAD SPORT:** Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, apologizes to JACL for using the word "Jap." In phone calls to Hayashi and Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, Schott explains that she didn't know "Jap" is a racist term.

**Dec. 18—ACKNOWLEDGED AT LAST:** JACL women discuss their achievements and struggles in PC's Holiday Issue.

## 1993

**Jan. 14—HIGH HONOR:** Doris Matsui named deputy director of public liaison in the Clinton White House.

**Jan. 22—SIGN OF THE TIMES:** PC reports on Sandra Tanamachi Nakata protests against the

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## REVIEW

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road signs, "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane" in Fanette and Vidor, Texas. Feb. 5—**GAYS IN MILITARY CONTROVERSY:** PC reports comments of Japanese Americans who agree with President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban on gays in the military.



**TRISHA MURAKAWA**  
Supports gays in military

Trisha Murakawa, vice president, planning and development, said, "Gays should have the right to serve in the military, just give them regular status." Martin Kazu Hiraga, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said that Clinton made a promise to the gay community to lift the ban and asked that he move with "deliberate speed."

Feb. 12—**SAY YOU'RE SORRY:** Dennis Hayashi says a one-year suspension and \$25,000 fine against Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott is not enough. The national director calls for a public apology to the Asian American community for racial slurs.

● **GAY SUPPORT:** NCWNP at their district council meeting votes to support gays in the military.

● **BAD WORDS:** PC reports on allegations that Spokane County Democratic official Marge Davis or John Workland used the word "Chink" at a Nov. '92 meeting of the executive board of the Democratic Central Committee.

Feb. 19—**BAD TO WORSE:** PC reports that during a meeting of the Spokane County Democratic Party's affirmative action committee to discuss alleged racial slurs, Betty Drumbheller makes a racial gesture to Chris Marr, Spokane Chapter, JACL member, with other JACL members in attendance.

Feb. 26—**TIME TO QUIT:** Spokane Mayor Shari Bernard asks Spokane County Democratic officials Marge Davis and Betty Drumbheller to resign for racial remarks and gestures.

March 2—**NO EXCEPTIONS:** The "Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act" is reintroduced before Congress by Rep. Jim McDermott. The act would address the exclusion of Asian Pacific workers at the Wards Cove Packing Co. in Alaska from the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

March 19-21—**JACL SUPPORTS GAYS IN MILITARY:** The National Board at their meeting in Washington, D.C. votes to support the inclusion of gays in the military.

**AT ODDS:** At the same meeting, Patricia Ikeda Carper, president, Cincinnati Chapter, says that the local chapter was caught off guard by National JACL's position on Marge Schott. "Cincinnati didn't agree with National's position on Marge Schott. The statement put us in a very awkward position with the media."

April 4—**MISSING MONEY:** During a question and answer session with the National Board at the PSW-NCWNP-CCDC tri-district meeting in Costa Mesa, Calif., Roy

Nishikawa, president, Wilshire Chapter, asks about the handling of the National Endowment Fund and the transfer of \$200,000 from the fund into general operations.

● **REORGANIZATION PLAN REORGANIZED:** During the tri-district meeting, members of the Select Committee on Organization Structure review and discuss the plan to reorganize JACL with members which is to be revised and a final version sent out on Sept. 12.

April 23—**VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES:** Hate crimes against Asian Americans account for 80 or 18.5% of all racially motivated incidents which occurred in Los Angeles in 1992, reported the L.A. County Human Relations Commission.

May 1—**OVERBUDGETED:** Members of the Mountain Plains District council express concerns about overruns at the Mar. 19-21 National Board meeting in Washington, D.C. Kimura estimated the cost of the meetings, which are normally held in San Francisco, would be \$15,000. The total budget for national board meetings for an entire year is \$19,000.

May 5—**FEDERAL APPOINTMENT:** Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, appointed to head the civil rights office of the Department of Health and Human Services.

May 21—**TAKING ON A TEXAS TOWN:** PC reports that Sandra Tanamachi Nakata, Houston Chapter, JACL member, has encountered local opposition and hostility over her move to change "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane." Nakata notes that she has been called a "Jap" and that her mailbox was shot up by a high-powered BB gun. James Turner, acting assistant attorney general, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Justice Department, writes a letter of support for Nakata.

May 17—**BUMP IN THE ROAD:** Elisa Kaminoto, CCDC regional director, expresses concern about a proposal to name a stretch of Highway 99 between Tulare and Fresno in honor of Pearl Harbor survivors.

May 23—**NOT GUILTY:** A Baton Rouge, La., jury take three hours to acquit Rodney Pears of manslaughter in the Oct. 17, 1993 slaying of Yoshihiro Hattori. The JACL asks the Justice Department to review the case for the possibility of civil rights violations.

June 6—**NO FUN AT THIS PARTY:** At the IDC-PNW bi-district meeting in Spokane, Wash., Terri Anderson and Susan Strauss of the Spokane Democratic Party claim that they were ostracized because they disagreed with racial remarks against Asian Americans made by party officials. Chris Marr, Spokane Chapter, JACL member, said the problems go beyond the Spokane County Democratic party and are indicative of problems facing Asian Americans within the Democratic party in Washington state.

June 18—**AFSC CHARGED:** PC reports on Jean Ishibashi, former employee of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and her wrongful termination lawsuit against AFSC. Ishibashi alleged that AFSC did not adequately protect her from sexual harassment and that she had been subjected to undue scrutiny and reprimands. AFSC Executive Secretary Wilson Riley, Jr. denied the charges.

July 18—**LONG AND WINDING ROAD:** Mark Domingue, commissioner, Jefferson County, Texas, said before a meeting of 100 local residents and members of the "Keep Jap Road Committee" that Jap Road was going to remain and that the "issue is dead." A meeting planned by the Houston Chapter, JACL, is cancelled for fear that it would be overwhelmed by protestors.

**CALL FOR HELP UNHEEDED:** In the same issue, PC reports the claims by Betty Waki and Sandra Tanamachi Nakata that they had gotten little help in their battle from National JACL. Both said they had made numerous calls to then National Director Dennis Hayashi since fall of '92, but never received calls back. In addition, Sharon Ishii Jordan, Mountain Plains district governor, said she instructed Hayashi to call Nakata at the March national board meeting. Hayashi denied the allegations.

June 28—**HELP ARRIVES:** Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, helps the Houston Chapter efforts to change Jap Road by sending letter to the local newspaper and local officials.

● **ON THE MARCH AGAIN:** JACL announces that Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, will be co-chair for the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington.

July 12—**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** Sandra Tanamachi Nakata and Betty Waki appear before the Jefferson County Commissioners Court, explaining why they feel Jap Road must be changed. Showing support at the meeting are members of the Anti-Defamation League, League of United Latin American Citizens and the Texas Civil Liberties Union.

July 23—**FILM FLAP:** PC runs side-by-side articles on the front page by Karen Narasaki, Washington, D.C. representative, and Gwen Murakawa, PC assistant editor, on the film *Rising Sun*, set for release July 30. Having seen a pre-screening, Narasaki said the film is racist, while Murakawa said that the film is essentially not.



**KAREN NARASAKI**  
Takes issue with PC review

**JACL PROTESTS FILM:** Both JACL and the Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) issue press releases protesting the film, saying it will provoke an increase of anti-Asian violence.

"Coming at a time of Asian immigrant bashing, heightened race tensions and inner city racial friction, we believe that the movie will increase the number of incidents of hate violence against Asian Americans," said Carole Hayashino, acting JACL national director.



**CAROLE HAYASHINO**  
Says film will heighten racism

**July 30—MORE PICKETING:** Asian Americans in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles protest the film *Rising Sun*.

● **SACRAMENTO FIRE-BOMBING:** JACL expresses outrage over firebombings against the NAACP that have occurred in Sacramento, Calif. and Tacoma, Wash. "We are outraged over this latest show of bigotry," said Karen Narasaki, Washington, D.C. representative.

Aug. 1—**PSW SEEKS RESTRICTIONS ON PC:** At the PSW district meeting, the council passes recommendations restricting *Pacific Citizen's* publishing policies and recommends that a "policy decision" on the PC's position as a house organ or newsletter be recommended to National Council for approval.

Aug. 2—**REDRESS EXPANDED:** ORA, reversing an earlier decision, grants redress to children of voluntary internees. The decision would affect approximately 70-75 individuals.

Aug. 20—**PSW CRITICIZES PC FOR STORY:** In an editorial, PSW district council said that Betty Waki and Sandra Tanamachi Nakata's complaints that they didn't get any help from Dennis Hayashi constituted a personnel issue and was inappropriate, noting the work Hayashi had done for JACL on other civil rights issues.

Aug. 21—**MORE VIOLENCE:**

Japanese exchange student Masakazu Kuriyama is shot to death in Concord, Calif. JACL asks for an investigation.

Aug. 19-22—**GET OUT AND VOTE:** At the MDC-MPDC-EDC tri-district meeting in Cleveland, Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, said that Asian Americans need to become more visible in American society and register to vote. At the same meeting, the reorganization plan was reviewed in preparation for a referendum vote by chapters.

Aug. 28—**IN STEP:** JACL joins in as 200,000 commemorate the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington by Martin Luther King. Lillian Kimura served as co-chair on the event.

Sept. 14—**LOSE SUIT AGAINST AFSC:** A San Francisco Superior Court jury rules against Jean Ishibashi in her unlawful termination suit against the American Friends Service Committee.

● **KAJI GETS CALIFORNIA TRADE JOB:** Jonathan Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, is appointed director of the California Foreign Trade Office in Tokyo by California Gov. Pete Wilson.

Sept. 25—**DIRECTOR REPLACED:** Randy Senzaki, director of the Education Opportunity Program at San Francisco State University is named the new JACL national director.

Sept. 26—**PC BOARD CHAIR FIRED:** Paul Shinkawa, PC board chairman, is fired by Lillian Kimura after he refuses to instruct PC staff not to print discussion about PC at

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The National Board meeting, Kimura names Lucy Kishue NCWNP district governor, interim PC board chair. The discussion revolved around PC's role as both a public relations vehicle and a newspaper. During the discussion, some National Board members and staff criticized PC for its handling of *Rising Sun* and expressed their desire for a public relations vehicle.

**IN THE HOLE:** Jonathan Kaji, secretary/treasurer, presenting the third quarter budget figures for JACL estimates a deficit of \$95,955 for 1993.

**Oct. 2—MORE FIREBOMBS:** The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, office is firebombed, causing extensive damage to the building. The bombing is the third racially motivated attack after similar bombings of a synagogue and the Sacramento office of the NAACP. A group calling itself the Aryan Liberation Front claims responsibility.

**Oct. 5—STILL MORE FIREBOMBS:** Sacramento City Councilman Jimmy Yee's home is firebombed late in the evening, resulting in no injuries but causing damage to the front room of the house. Yee and officials from the Sacramento Chapter meet with the mayor and chief of police. The chapter begins the process of recovery, by setting up a fund and talking with the insurance company.

**Oct. 16—IDC SUPPORTS PC STATUS:** Citing the "volatile situation" stemming from the Sept. 25-26 National Board meeting, Inter-mountain District Council at its district meeting votes to maintain the current structure of the *Pacific Citizen*, complying with the bylaws of the constitution and to table reorganization proposal.

**Oct. 29—REQUEST DENIED:** No money is appropriated by Congress for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for fiscal year 1994 to educate about the Japanese American internment experience. Earlier, President Clinton had included a \$5 million request in his budget proposal.

**Nov. 6—FIREBOMB SUSPECT:** Richard Campos, 18, a white supremacist, is arrested in connection with the firebombings in Sacramento.

**Nov. 15—HAWAII TO TEXAS:** The Honolulu City Council agrees on a resolution urging Jefferson County, Texas officials to change Jap Road.

**Nov. 16—SPOKANE TAKES ON DEMOCRATIC PARTY:** The Spokane Chapter, JACL, files a federal complaint against the Spokane County Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of the state of Washington and individuals within the party for discriminatory actions against individuals based on ethnicity.

**December—UNSUNG HEROES:** PC Holiday Issue, highlights the work of volunteers at the chapter level throughout JACL.

## 1994

**Jan. 7—YAMASHITA WINS BATTLE:** PC reports that Bruce Yamashita, former Marines Officers Corps candidate, is offered a captain's commission in the Marines Corps. Yamashita was "disenrolled" from the Corps in 1989 after Yamashita had been subjected to racial slurs and taunting by his commanding officers.

**● TEMPORARY REINS:** Stuart Ishimaru is named acting staff director on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by President Clinton.

**Jan. 17—SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL:** The 6.6 Northridge earth-

quake causes damage to the San Fernando Japanese Community Center and businesses in Little Tokyo.

**Jan. 21—REDRESS EXTENDED:** ORA approves redress for 164 Japanese American evacuees in Hawaii, who were determined to have been evacuated solely on the basis of ethnicity.

**Jan. 22—GETTING BACK TO GRASSROOTS:** Paul Shinkawa, former PC board chairman, in Jan. 22 address to the Mile Hi Chapter, urges them to "reclaim JACL." "We must remember and return to the very roots of this organization," said Shinkawa. "We can no longer afford to shake our heads and walk away from a situation with which we disagree. We each have a duty to ourselves and each other to speak out when we feel that a wrong has been committed."

**Jan. 28—PC ATTACKED:** During opening remarks at a reception for Randy Senzaki, new JACL national director, former National Director Ron Wakabayashi calls PC "an abomination that must be fixed." Refuting an earlier address by Paul Shinkawa, Wakabayashi said, "No matter what you hear from a certain house organ, the staff of JACL and members of this organization don't have to reclaim it, they own it, and are doing quite well, thank you."

**Feb. 6—PSW SEEKS CONTROLS ON PC:** PSW district council unanimously approves a series of 10 recommendations on *Pacific Citizen* which would implement new policies and operational guidelines. The recommendations, drafted by an ad hoc committee organized by the district, were to be sent to the National Board with Ruth Mizobe, PSW district governor.

**Feb. 5—VISIONARIES:** Actress Tamlyn Tomita and Liane Yasumoto, a San Francisco activist for disabled rights, become the first recipients of the Vision Award at the National Youth Council Conference in San Francisco. Bruce Yamashita gave the keynote address.

**Feb. 12-13—BAD YEAR:** At the National Board meeting, Jonathan Kaji, JACL secretary/treasurer, reports that JACL experienced a \$75,269 deficit for 1993. A motion presented by Bill Kaneko, vice president, public affairs, supporting the concept of same-sex marriage is tabled after district governors express a desire to discuss the issue with their constituents. The National Youth Council issues resolutions praising Lillian Kimura for firing Paul Shinkawa, and asks the National Board to take "affirmative and corrective action" to remediate the relationship between the National Youth Council and *Pacific Citizen*. Ron Ohta, PSW legal counsel, is appointed PC board chair, replacing Lucy Kishue, NCWNP district governor. A committee to review the constitution to correct vague language was appointed by Lillian Kimura.

**Feb. 14—NIKKI KILLED IN ROBBERY:** David Fukuto, 32, was killed by police officers shortly after he shot and killed two Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., police officers in an apparent robbery attempt at a hotel in Torrance.

**Feb. 25—NIKKI APPOINTED TO FEDERAL JOB:** Lon Hatamiya of Marysville, Calif., is appointed administrator of the federal Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture.

**March 4—HIGH MARKS FOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Greg Marutani, national education committee, reported that the JACL curriculum guide was completed and available for school districts to educate students about the Japanese American experience.

**March 11—STAMP OF APPROVAL:** JACL joins other civil rights groups in endorsing David Patrick, a Boston lawyer, as assistant attorney general for civil rights, Department of Justice.

**March 18—IGASAKI NOMINATED FOR EEO CHAIR:** Paul Igasaki, former JACL Washington representative, is named by President Clinton as the chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**March 25—VIDEO VIOLENCE:** *Pacific Citizen* reports on the video game *Lethal Enforcers*, which includes a segment in which players shoot and kill Asian gangsters in a Chinatown setting. In a letter to Konami, the company which makes *Lethal Enforcers*, Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, asked that the game content and advertising be changed.

**March 26—MPDC: SAME-SEX NOT JACL ISSUE:** Mountain Plains District Council votes to reject the concept of same sex marriages saying it is an issue which does not affect a majority of JACL members.

**March 28—STILL MORE VIOLENCE:** Japanese students Takuma Itoh and Go Matsui were shot and killed in a supermarket parking lot in San Pedro, Calif., prompting renewed international media attention on violence in America.

**April 8—JACL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE A SUCCESS:** Karen Narasaki, Washington representative, reports that the first JACL-OCA leadership conference was a success, with 27 participants involved in the leadership training program.

**● PSW ENDORSES SAME-SEX:** PSW district council votes to support the concept of same-sex marriage. Ruth Mizobe, PSW district governor, said, "I take great pride in being a member of PSW JACL because the membership was able to move beyond the moral debate and see the issue before them as the categorical denial of civil rights for the gay and lesbian community."

**April 15—JACL ON HEALTH REFORM:** Asked to review the various health care reform proposals, the Ad Hoc Task Force on Health Care Issues releases a report recommending that JACL make health care reform a priority issue.

**April 22—PAYS FOR DISPARAGING WORDS:** Kathy Cole, San Jose, Calif. councilwoman, was recalled in local election over racial remarks she had made earlier. An African American, Cole had said that gays and Asian Americans receive special treatment at City Hall.

**April 23—PC HURTING FINANCIALLY:** At the annual PC board meeting, Ron Ohta, PC board chair, said the membership needs to understand that PC receives only 42% of its revenue from membership subscriptions, which does not reflect how much it costs to send PC to members. Because of this, PC estimated that it would experience a deficit in '94 of \$56,000.

**May 9—WARD'S COVE ACTION:** JACL and other Asian Pacific groups urge Sen. Ted Kennedy to pass the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act out of committee so that it can be voted by the full Senate.

**May 13—TEACHER SUSPENDED:** PC reports on Reiko Obata, high school teacher at Grossmont High in Santee, Calif., who claims she was dismissed from her position because of her desire to show the Luis Valdez film *Zoot Suit* to her 11th grade American Literature classes. Valdez and actor Edward James Olmos support Obata in her effort to regain her teaching position. At a May 12 school board meeting, students and community

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## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Will they fix or break PC?

Some months ago, you may recall, there were some loud unpleasanties about how this newspaper should be operated. The ruckus started when the then chairman of the *Pacific Citizen* board, Paul Shinkawa, was fired for refusing to order PC not to report what happened at a JACL National Board meeting.

Shinkawa's position was that JACL's membership had a right to know what its leaders were doing. When he declined to join what he considered to be a conspiracy of silence, he was sent packing by JACL's president. That, of course, was the president's prerogative since the PC board chairman serves at the president's pleasure.

A lot of indignation was stirred up, but as is often the case, nothing happened to resolve the issue. Perhaps our leaders, a term I apply loosely, thought that if they looked the other way the problem would disappear. It hasn't.

The latest manifestation was *Pacific Citizen*'s inability to publish the June 17-22 issue because it had run out of money. The

procedure is that from time to time *Pacific Citizen* calls on JACL's national office to transfer funds to its account so that it can pay printing and mailing bills. JACL membership dues include \$12 for a year's subscription to PC. National headquarters collects this money for PC, banks it, and distributes enough of it as requested from time to time to pay PC's operating bills.

Last May 12, PC notified headquarters its funds were running low and asked for some of the money it is entitled to. Despite urgent pleas, no funds had been transferred as of June 7. PC had no choice but to suspend publication, thus being forced to violate its contract to provide readers with a newspaper regularly.

But now it appears an attempt is being made to "fix" the PC problem. The Pacific Southwest District Council of JACL, has filed, for national convention action, several resolutions to govern the way PC is operated. One proposes an "operational audit" to determine the true needs of the paper and to make recommendations to close the revenue gap. It also requires PC

to remain within its "budgeted allocation" as provided in the national budget even though it means suspending publication at times.

Another resolution requires that PC operate under editorial "guidelines" that give control of the newspaper to four layers of authority. First, the "editorials" of PC are required to reflect organizational policy adopted by the National Council and/or the National Board. They also must reflect the opinions of the *Pacific Citizen* Board. Finally the editor must seek the "non-binding" advice of the PC Editorial Review Committee.

Am I reading that right? Four different boards and committees, numbering perhaps 150 individuals, to supervise the work of *Pacific Citizen*'s three editorial employ-

See HOSOKAWA/page 8

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

## Letters

## Controversies make it difficult to sell organization

I find it embarrassing to share the PC with people in the Midwest as I go out to sell the virtues of JACL. We are always looking for a few new members and use the PC as an attraction. We send subscriptions to a couple community organizations. Maybe this is a poor practice and should be reconsidered. Over the years, there have been many good articles that were worthy of passing on to non-Nikkei people.

The recent distributive of our *dirty laundry* makes the JACL friends wonder whether we have it all together. Do we need the PC to be a limited paper for members only? If the PC is a national JACL paper, shouldn't our focus be on broad issues facing Nikkei?

Our leadership (I would like to think unintentionally) has been reducing the unity that we had when Redress was a top issue. Many splinter groups are forming rather than the cohesive machine that we came to know as JACL. There is certainly a need for the National Board to carefully select equates to stand for unity rather than the destructive ones in the recent past. We are sounding like we are singing from all the different pages of the hymnal instead of one. We have a fine staff at PC, but they are trying to appease the many factions that have a loud voice and demand to be heard. Being on the "cutting edge," sometimes, is the reason the organizational leadership may become isolated from the majority of the membership. There are many quiet voices out in the 50 states and Japan that are wondering, what's next? Don't they count too?

With the National Convention pending, it is imperative we set our priorities toward a united and strong JACL for the new biennium. This is the time for OUR LEADERS TO LEAD and not spend time on the non-productive and divisive agenda. Is the majority of the membership behind the leadership?

Al Hida

Past MDC Governor  
Wauwatosa, Wis.

## Disagreement on views of same-sex issue

Maya a Purple Heart veteran of the 442nd RCT and 20-year 1000 Club member, who has devoted scores of years for J.A. causes, defend himself against charges of being against civil rights, leveled by Galen and Phyllis Murakawa in your May 6-12 issue? They were overreacting when they referred to my disagreement with Ruth Mizobe's and Trisha Murakawa's views as "condemning" them.

Evidently Galen and Phyllis agree with me. See LETTERS/page 6

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## Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

## A walk through history—part 2

Self knowledge means not only "know thyself" but "know thy past."

John Lukacs, *Historian* have to take back our history," exhorts Ping Lee. I suspect that he is here, this day, in this small wooden schoolhouse, in Locke, California, to own that history. Ping Lee apparently spends a lot of time doing that. Today, he speaks to us, a group of Japanese Americans who have ourselves come to reclaim our history in the Delta region. We have already absorbed the story surrounding Walnut Grove (see RC 6/3-9) and explored that "ghost" town. Now, we have moved a mile or so upriver—just as the Chinese did some eighty years ago—to explore the once flourishing town of Locke.

Ping Lee, seventy years old but seeming ten years younger, speaks animatedly about the history of Locke, his birthplace. He has secured a special place for himself in this history, as we soon see. Behind him, on the whitewashed wall, an imposing portrait of Sun Yat-Sen, hung high alongside an American flag, looks out at us placidly, the only decor in the hall. It strikes me that people here saw fit to pay their respects to their

host country, but chose their own heroes.

Maybe I get that impression from a bit of homework I've done. I've scanned the editorial briefsheet that the National Japanese American Historical Society (sponsor of this excursion) has prepared for us and been further instructed by some fast reading—especially from an extraordinary collection of oral histories (Gillenkirk and Mowbray. *Bitter Melon* Haystack Books 1987) of people who once lived here, who once attended the Joe Shong Chinese school, the very building in which we sit. (Joe Shong, I've learned, was the founder of the successful chain of National Dollar Stores on the West Coast and had provided the funds to build this school.)

Chinese immigrants, who preceded the Japanese to the U.S. by about fifty years, began arriving around the mid 1800s. They mined for gold and worked on the railroads, mostly. And when the railroads were completed and gold-mining became "tiffy," they took up the plow as a more profitable and stable occupation. By the 1880s, they had accomplished the astonishing feat of comprising the majority of vegetable growers and farm laborers in California, contribut-

ing mightily to the state's economy. This, despite the obstacles they constantly faced.

Seething prejudice against the immigrant Chinese has been a fact of life from the beginning. In 1872, they were barred from owning real estate and securing business licenses in California, and shortly after, excluded from employment with corporations, and with state, county, municipal or public work projects. This institutionalized racism burst into a firestorm of hate violence in a period sometimes referred to as the "Driving Out." Up and down the West Coast between 1870 and 1890, the Chinese were subjected to the most egregious acts of hate violence ever perpetrated in the West, many of them driven out of town, others murdered. White mobs burned and plundered their businesses and homes. In 1882, this virulent anti-Chinese sentiment be-

See NAKANO/page 7

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

THAT WAS QUITE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY WE SAW ON THE FOURTH.

WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE THE ONE IN SALT LAKE CITY NEXT MONTH.



PETE HIRAZAKA '94

## Voices

By PAUL M. SHINKAWA

## Ask questions, ask for leadership

Within JACL today we are faced with a situation which could well determine whether or not the organization has any future beyond this biennial convention. JACL and its members are facing a fiscal crisis of declining revenue, increasing costs and an autocratic leadership cadre which persists in pressing a highly divisive agenda seemingly calculated to drive wedges between members. At a time when leadership skills appear to be the rarest commodity of all, only one office in all of JACL, the presidency, is contested. One person cannot bring about the necessary change in time. If no one else comes forward to help lead JACL, the current National Officers, even if they did not seek re-election, will automatically retain their positions until a new National Board selects replacements, with or without direct membership input.

The delegates to the National Convention in Salt Lake City will have in their hands the ability to set JACL on a course for the future or if they fail, to say goodbye to it. Essentially there are three things that delegates can do. First, they approve a

Program for Action which sets the program objectives for JACL for the next two years. Second, they approve a budget which sets out where money is to be raised from and how it is to be spent. Third and finally, they elect national officers to see that the Program for Action and budget are followed until the next national convention.

This past biennium has been such a turbulent one from the grassroots looking upward that one questions whether delegates at the last convention made the best choices. Clearly we must do better this time because we cannot afford to continue as is or get worse. In order to help JACL, delegates must ask questions, weigh the answers, and make choices based on those answers. From the current biennial experience, these are the questions I would like to ask candidates for national office. You should ask them as well.

1. What should JACL's priorities be over the next two years?
2. Is same-sex marriage an appropriate issue for JACL to take on as a cause? Why?
3. Should JACL apologize for its actions regarding the Heart Mountain War Relocation

draft resistors? Why?

4. Should the Pacific Citizen's editorial independence as established in the National Constitution and Bylaws be changed? Why?

5. What should National Officers do to help unify JACL and bring about a commonality of purpose?

6. How should JACL's deficit problems be solved?

7. If they can be solved, how can these deficit problems be avoided in the future?

8. What efforts can National Officers make to prevent or reduce these deficits?

9. What can National Officers do to enhance their ability to raise funds for JACL?

10. What can National Officers do to increase membership?

11. Should trust/fiduciary duty safeguards and guarantees be placed on the Legacy Fund to assure present day donors that the funds will be prudently managed for the generations to follow?

12. What should National Officers do when they find out there is insufficient income to carry out the Program for Action

and still meet all current financial obligations?

13. What kind of National officers do we need?

- (a) take charge people
  - (b) delegators
  - (c) motivators
  - (d) communicators
  - (e) consensus/team builders
14. Should potentially divisive decisions in JACL be made on a basis of majority rule?

15. Given that the vast majority of dues-paying JACL members are now over the age of 55, what role are seniors entitled to within JACL?

This organization belongs to you, the dues-paying member. If it is not being led the way you believe it should be, you have a duty to step forward, speak out and do your share to see that JACL continues to represent the interests of future generations.

Shinkawa is a former chair of the Pacific Citizen Board of Directors and is a member of the Houston Chapter, JACL.

## Voices

By BARRY SAIKI

## The hindsight critics of JACL's wartime leadership

For the past several weeks, the *Nichibei Times* has printed several letters written by Paul H. Ito of Monrovia, Calif., purportedly a retired U.S. Army counter espionage officer, who later became a security official for an industrial defense contractor. Now, in his retirement years, he has blossomed into a freelance journalist and an independent civil human rights activist. So much for his intro.

How presumptuous of him to identify himself as a counter espionage officer. There is no such designation in the U.S. Army. He may have been a counterintelligence officer, of whom there were many, including those who transferred from military intelligence.

As a corporate security manager in a major defense facility, he searched for "the then hostile intelligence officers of the opposition." This is an overblown description of his employment as an industrial security officer. These positions were filled by intelligence officers who retired in the 1960s and 1970s. Those who took such positions would not call themselves counter espionage personnel. Their quali-

cations were competence in security, of the personnel and of their facility.

In the eight western states, all military and civilian personnel handling classified material were processed for security clearances by G2, Sixth U.S. Army. The background checks were conducted by Army counter intelligence detachments and the results were processed and evaluated for clearances by MSD, G2, Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco, during the 1960s.

I spent my last three years in the Army as a staff officer in G2, Presidio. For two years, I headed the Personnel Security Branch before becoming chief of MSD, one year before retiring in 1966. This position was similar to that of Maj. Karl Bendetsen, the provost marshal officer, who in 1942 is said to have been the [Evacuation] architect of Executive Order 9066.

Now retired Col. Tom Sakamoto of Saratoga replaced me when I left the services. He assumed overall responsibility for the clearance program in the Sixth Army.

Paul Ito filled one of the industrial security positions mandated for all defense con-

tractors handling classified information. If Ito would use more of his imagination, he could spend his time writing "spy novels" rather than criticizing what JACL leadership did or did not do in the 1940s.

Many postwar critics are intrigued by the mistakes made 45 to 50 years ago. They reach conclusions without studying or understanding the conditions or the environment that existed during the wartime period. By hindsight, they moralize about the errors made and offer pristine and righteous comments of a clairvoyant.

The JACL in 1941 was not a well structured organization nor manned by a network of capable leaders with control over thousands of members. The few existing chapters were not expected and were not staffed to handle the full range of civil and human rights. Many chapters were composed of a group of young professionals, struggling in the early years of their careers. The many activities were keyed towards social events rather than political action.

When war came, with the Japanese communities thrown into sudden disarray,

someone had to speak up for the Japanese Americans. All Nisei were conscious of the decades of discrimination. Pearl Harbor reinforced the Heerian images of the Yellow Peril. In Stockton alone, there were a half dozen armed attacks resulting in three fatalities in 1942.

Into the breach stepped JACL. Who were there to advise them? If the Nisei were encouraged to resist openly, there would have been even greater abuse and retaliation against the Japanese Americans by the agitated public.

It is easy for a researcher or an observer, in the environment of today, to be critical of

See SAIKI/page 8

Barry Saiki, past president of Stockton Chapter, JACL, was co-editor of Stockton Assembly Center newspaper and editor of Rohrer Outpost, Arkansas. Currently, editor of MIS Norcal newsletter and weekly columnist for The Record of Stockton; and docent and trustee of Haggin Memorial Museum; board member of Stockton Sister City and of UOP Library Associates.

## LETTERS

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PSWDC Governor Ruth Mizobe that "same-sex marriage" is so important that it is worth jeopardizing the very existence of our national organization. But how can anybody with common sense believe that demands by homosexuals for special marital privileges, granted to normal couple with children, is a prime civil rights issue? It is as logical as firing Paul Shinkawa as chairman of the P.C. Board of Directors for standing firmly for the JACL Constitution. As if such integrity is malfeasance of duty!

It will be a serious reflection on militant feminism if our first national woman president and our Pacific Coast district governors of the same sex brought the JACL to rack and ruin.

The coming national convention may determine if the JACL can survive leadership that puts the ACLU agenda above Japanese Americans' fervent concerns for our children and grandchildren. Are we loyal members going to sit on our hands and let it happen?

Maas Odoi  
Renton, Wash.

## Full support for Board's position on same-sex

I am writing in whole hearted support of

the JACL's recent decision to support of same-sex marriages. I also support the leaving of Allen Kato. An organization devoted to civil rights has no use for one who lacks vision and compassion beyond his own personal realm. Nor do we need one who moralizes based on a personal religion that not all members may share. We must transcend such limitations because a factious organization is a powerless one.

As for those members who vehemently oppose this progressive, human rights measure, it would behoove you to listen carefully to your arguments. These words sound terrifyingly similar to those used against us during World War II. We have banded together to fight for our civil rights and yet we so readily turn and use the same vitriolic rhetoric to discriminate. As a proud people who were beaten down precisely because we were "not like them," we should be leading the battle against oppression and persecution. Yet we have stumbled and shown our ignorance by trying to exclude and label others who are "not like us." "We" seem to have forgotten that "they" are people. How about concentration camps for "them"? After our own experience, how can we possibly justify such blatant discrimination? What have we learned indeed?

My family has always taught me compassion and acceptance and I have always believed it to be cultural. Now that some have shown their hateful, unenlightened "ideals," I am not so sure. If this new dest-

able, exclusionary dogma is the future of the JACL, count me out.

Randall Matsuno

Berkeley Chapter

## Same-sex is a moral issue, reader says

We Nisei are the "Quiet Americans" characterized by Bill Hosokawa in the "Silent Majority." Obviously, we are a vanishing breed, but for better or worse, we remain the Nikkei's voice of conscience. In endorsing same-sex marriage, the JACL has chosen to be politically correct, but it has clearly abdicated the moral leadership expected of a body that professes to represent the Nikkei. Sadly, this appears to be an ill-advised action by a misguided few intent on imposing their will on the majority.

As a Christian I do not believe that civil rights takes precedence over moral rights. History has shown that decay in moral and spiritual values inevitably results in a weak and decadent society. Man is not sinful and man-made laws are not perfect; nevertheless, traditional moral values are fundamental in all of the world's great religions. Without them, individuals and families and nations will founder, just as the JACL appears to be doing now.

The Bible relates that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church of God in Corinth, "...

the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Do not be deceived. Neither the immoral nor the idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexual offenders... (1 Cor. 6:9). The JACL should note carefully that in 2nd Timothy 4:3, Paul wrote prophetically, "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

The JACL's insistence on "same-sex marriage" as a civil rights issue is unrealistic. It is wrong because it is immoral in a society and a nation founded on Christian principles. For the JACL to expend so much time and energy on this controversy is divisive and counter-productive. It's valiant struggle and hard-won successes of the past half century certainly will not be forgotten, but in my judgment, they are in danger of being minimized or negated. The wholesale rejection of moral values by a few in the interest of political expediency does a dangerous disservice to the majority. I fear the future of the JACL, if not its survival, as an effective political body, is at stake. I would urge each of them, respectfully, to honestly re-evaluate its own moral and religious conscience and reconsider its or her decision in this matter.

Henry Kanegae  
Santa Ana, Calif.

## REVIEW

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president, San Diego Chapter, JACL, speak out in support of Obata. The school board says that is a personnel issue and that *Zoot Suit* was not a factor in her dismissal.

**MAY 21—BOARD SUPPORTS SAME-SEX:** The National Board votes 10 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstain in favor of the concept of same-sex marriages.

**MORE DEFICITS:** Jonathan Kaji, national secretary/treasurer, said that it is likely JACL will experience a deficit in '94 and presented a biennial budget which predicts a \$64,900 deficit in '95 and a \$118,400 deficit in '96.

**BOARD APPROVES PAYMENT OF PC LAWSUIT:** In other motions, the National Board approved the payment of \$30,000 to resolve a lawsuit against *Pacific Citizen* for breaking their lease with their former landlord. PC had moved in November 1993 after a number of break-ins and threats to staff security.

**LIM REPORT RESURRECTED:** The board approved a discussion of the Lim Report at a plenary session during the National Convention in Salt Lake City.

**PC WON'T RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTION MONEY DIRECTLY:** The board also rejected a motion which would have allowed PC to receive its subscription money upon receipt at National Headquarters.

**MAY 26—QUITS OVER SAME-SEX:** Allen Kato, JACL legal counsel, resigns over the National

Two separate groups of Chinese, from Sze Yap and Zhongshan districts of China settled in the town of Walnut Grove. Though virtual neighbors in China, the two groups tended to gather to themselves, due largely to differing dialects. In 1915, a disastrous fire in Walnut Grove burned down both sections of the town. The Zhongshan people decided to move upriver, where a store, a boarding house, and a gambling house had already been established by three of their countrymen. A group of seven men approached George Locke, who owned the land around which the men wanted to build, and with a handshake, they closed the deal. Inside a year, they had built a restaurant, grocery, drygoods and hardware stores, two gambling halls, and a town hall of sorts, not to mention housing facilities, financed entirely by themselves. Prose, Locke was born in Walnut Grove and thrive and have the distinction of being the only town in the U.S. built with Chinese capital and inhabited exclusively by the Chinese.

The man who led the drive to establish Locke was Lee Bing, the father of Ping Lee. Because he spoke English, he was a designated leader in the community. "The man was fabulous," Ping Lee says. "See, he comes to Walnut Grove, establishes seven businesses in seven years. He is only 28 years old and rich. So he goes to China, builds a house, and marries my mother, although she can't come over until about 1914."

Like the thousands of Chinese immigrants who came to America after the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, Lee Bing had "bought papers" and "jumped ship," in his son's words in 1893. Others had come as "paper sons," claiming close kinship to a U.S. citizen who sponsored them. In such a situation, these immigrants would not likely speak up for their rights, nor would others speak up for them. Unlike European immigrants, they, as well as nearly all Asian immigrants of the era, were prevented from acting in their own interest because of skewed immigration laws, language barriers and want of citizenship. "We would do well to consider this in pondering the plight of illegal immigrants today, I think."

Lee Bing lost all seven businesses in the fire in Walnut Grove. When he moved to Locke, he was soon in business again, the owner of two gambling houses (he didn't like gambling himself), and a store as well as holding leases of a number of ranches and providing Chinese laborers for white farmers.

Also, along with many of his country people, Lee Bing became a strong supporter of Sun Yat-Sen, the founder of the Kuomintang Party and a major figure in the establishment of the

Chinese Republic. Sun was a source of pride to the people of Locke, having been born of a peasant family in Zhongshan. But that they could support the overthrow of the oppressive reign of Manchu emperors in China and not be able to participate in their own liberation makes a striking statement about their status here in the U.S. The combination of Sun's portrait on the wall alongside the flag now looms forth, conspicuous in its incongruity.

By the mid-twenties, the Chinese of Locke provided a full range of needed services for itself. In effect, they owned the town. Except, that is, for the five warehouses and several speak-easies, which were owned by whites. At the same time, some Chinese derived income from the white society by labor contracting, domestic service and tenant farming. No law enforcement body existed, the only governmental body in the Locke/Walnut Grove towns being the Oriental school, a segregated facility. Japanese and Chinese children attended it by day and would go to their respective language schools for about three hours afterward.

Says Tommy J. King: "When I was a kid there were thirty- or forty families. Most of your houses are double stories... And a lot of them are half houses, split right in the middle. Every house, every store is a family. When I went to Chinese school, there were at least forty to fifty students. Oriental school was about 150 students. We had the schools, the segregated schools... I guess the landowners around here didn't want their children to be going to school with the Chinese." (*Bitter Melon*, p. 114).

The population of Locke began to decline slowly beginning in the 1930s. Now, Chinese could obtain citizenship and thus could buy property anywhere. The elder population began to thin out and children grew up and went off to college. Presently, only eighteen Chinese live in Locke, including Ping Lee. The once-lively main street, bustling with activity day and night, lies silent, patiently awaiting rehabilitation that may never come. But that's another story.

I thank Ping Lee for owning his history and for sharing it. For one thing, it was enormously interesting. For another, it enabled me to see more clearly the connectedness of history, to see that Ping Lee's history has a lot to do with my own history. Being shunted off to a concentration camp, for instance, had its forebear in the "Driving Out" of the Chinese a century before. And if knowing better where I've walked, brings me to a better sense of where I am, well, that's worth knowing.

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came codified into law by Congress in the Chinese Exclusion Act.

In the midst of this, many Chinese found refuge in the Delta region of California and quickly established themselves in clusters in places like Ileton, Courtland and Walnut Grove. Here, they worked as farm laborers, later settling as tenant farmers and owners of small businesses. No doubt the prejudice against them by white landowners here was somewhat compromised by the enormous fortunes they made off of the backs of these pioneers.



## Obituaries

**Dowke, Masaki, 91**, San Francisco, April 29; Calif.-born, survived by son Henry, Carvin, daughter Mabel, Nori Takeoka, Edna Sekijima, 5 g. great-gc.

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**Hirata, Kin, 50**, San Mateo, March 29; Kanagawa-born, survived by son Fred, daughters Midori Furuta, Miyuki Otake.

**Kashibara, Mike M, 75**, Penryn, April 18; Washington state-born, survived by wife Masako, daughters Annette Martin, Michelle Wade, brothers Tom, Ken, sister Hiroko Ishimoto.

**Katoka, Toshiko, 79**, San Francisco, March 28; San Francisco-born operator of Aki Hotel established by her late father Ichiro, and Aki Travel Service, recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Transportation in 67 for promoting travel industry, survived by brothers Kazuo, Takashi, sisters Hisako Matsuno, Mayako Mizuhara, Akiko Sato.

**Kawakami, Peter N, 65**, Oakland, April 5 while golfing in Monterey; Redondo Beach-born, president of Nakamura Realty, survived by wife Elaine, son Eric, daughter Kelly, mother Toshiyo (West Covina), brothers Tom (West Covina), Tak, sister Bettie Nakadate (Los Alamitos).

**Kawasaki, Tazuko, 74**, Sacramento, March 29; Seattle-born, survived by husband Thomas; sons Alvin, Andrew, daughter Joyce; gc, sister Yasuko Tabata, brother Tetsuo Taniguchi, Iwao Kimura.

**Kurotsuchi, Frank, 89**, San Jose, March 31; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Harry, Gary, daughter Lena (U.S. g. 2c, g. 2c, g. 2c).

**Mikami, Mitsuyo, 95**, Lodi, March 29; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Joe, Matsuo, Frank, Toshi, daughter Tetsu Otsu, gc and great-gc.

**Miyasaka, Mari, 77**, and Dr. Andre Miyasaka, 40, both Los Angeles, April 1; in an auto accident on Hwy 41 between Kettlemann City and Paso Robles; Mari, Fresno-born retired school teacher, survived by husband Joe, son Dr. Kenneth (husband of New York-born Dr. Andrea), Joseph, 1 g. mother Fumie Asakawa, sisters Itsuko Shikawa, Fumi Mochizuki, Misa Hatakeyama, brother Hiroshi Asakawa.

**Moriguchi, Satoko, 93**, San Francisco, April 11; Hyogo-born, survived by sons Toshiro, Kiyoshi, 4 g. 3c, 3 great-gc.

**Mukai, Emi, Seattle**; survived by son Takashi, daughter Toshiko, sister Yasuko Okamoto (Upp).  
**Mukai, Kiyono, 91**, Selma, March 27; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Makoto, Akio, daughters Sadako Sogaki, Katsuko Matsutomo, 14 g. 19 great-gc.

**Murata, Fujiko, 78**, Gold, Calif., Feb. 4; San Francisco-born, survived by son Arthur, sisters Taeko Yamamoto, Masako Yamamoto, brother Akira Kihara (Upp), in-laws Terry and Louise Murata.

**Nabeta, Shigeru, 85**, Berkeley, April 7; owner of San Pablo Florist, survived by wife Hisako, sons Edwin (Walnut Creek), Kenneth (El Cerrito), 5 g. 3c.

**Naito, Ellen Shigemitsu, 26**, San Leandro, April 11; San Leandro-born, daughter of Shig and Namie Naito, also survived by sisters Stephanie, Tiny Medeiros, brothers Jess (Milpitas), Barton.

**Nakamatsu, Shizue, 78**, Fremont, Feb. 17; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Tsutomu, son Dr. Takashi, daughters Norma Chandler, Diane Fuji, 4 g. 3c, sister Yasuko Ueda, brothers George Okamoto, Dr. Robert Roy, Nakamura, Helen S, 85, San Jose. March 25; survived by sons Charles, James, Harry, Donald, daughters Marion.

**Marshall**  
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marshals under his command.

"It covers 34 counties north of Bakersfield to the Oregon border. The marshal service is responsible for the securing of federal court houses, judges, witnesses, the Federal Witness Protection Program, transport and capture of federal prisoners, and the guarding of federally seized material," said Enomoto.

Enomoto was officially commissioned by President Clinton June 28, nine months after he was initially nominated. He said that the long wait was "par for the course" for U.S. Marshall confirmation procedures.

Enomoto will attend an orientation July 11 for new marshals at a federal law enforcement training center in Glynn, Ga., which will help to educate himself about the department.

"When I was appointed the director of the Department of Corrections, it was different. I was a

Masada, May Morgan, 17 g. 12 great-gc.

**Natsuhara, Gichi, 67**, Sacramento, March 20; Auburn, Wash.-born, survived by wife Yoshi, son Glenn, sister Suwako Oyata, in-law Henry Natsuhara.

**Ninomiya, Shizuko, Seattle**; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Bert, 3 g.

**Nishikai, Frank T., 88**; Berkeley, March 4; Kanagawa-born, survived by wife Tamako, stepson Jimmy Ichida, son John, daughter Mariko Helen, 1 g. 3c.

**Nishioki, Jim Mikoto, 74**, Fresno, April 19; Sanger-born, survived by wife Mary, sisters Fumi Saeko, Yoshiko Otake, brothers George, Norman, Ben, Noda, Jim Masaki, 66, San Francisco. April 1, Masaki-born, survived by sisters Sumiko Imada, Toshiye Takahashi.

**Noji, Rev. Kiyoshi, 95**; Seattle, March 21; minister emeritus of Japanese Presbyterian Church, survived by wife Yone.

**Okamoto, Mitsuyo, 94**, Chicago, Dec. 18; last issue member of Japanese Episcopal Church of Chicago, Fukuko-born (not Fukushima), survived by sons John, Katsumi, daughters Hanako, Miyeko Komachi, Kazuko Sakamoto, 11 g. 4c, 3 great-gc.

**Okamoto, Tadashi, 72**, Seattle, Jan. 21; survived by sons David (Las Vegas), Donald, Douglas (both Bethel), daughter Sharon Temeno, 8 g. 3c, brothers Akio, Osakao, Toni, 86, Lodi, April 8; Auburn, Calif.-born, survived by daughters Emily, Lynn, Pam, sons Bob, Stanley, David, Mark, mother-in-law Ichiko Kurotsuchi.

**Otsuka, Akira, 73**, Santa Rosa, April 27; Colusa-born, survived by wife Kiyu, daughter Akemi, brother's Makoto, Takeshi, sister Sachiko Sasaki.

**Omi, Steve K., 36**; Denver, March 21; Berkeley-born gymnast (Olympics Club Outstanding Athlete), UC Berkeley Phi Beta Kappa graduate in bioresource sciences, Oregon State University doctorate in tree seedling physiology, established research emphasis in USDA Forestry Service nursery, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, survived by father Rev. Dr. Frank, mother Lillian Matsumoto, sisters Meiko Zender, Makiko Olsen, brothers Dr. Philip, Dr. Sheldo.

**Sakatachi (Tokuno), Timothy, 49**, Sacramento, April 21; Ogden-born, survived by wife Helen Shiraishi, sons Thomas and Mitchell Shiraishi, daughter awn Spencer, mother Mary Tokuno, brother Albert, Douglas, Edmund, Donald Tokuno, mother-in-law Chizuko, sisters-in-law Judy Fukuman, Irene Griffiths, Lucy Judd.

**Sakamoto, Donald S., 55**, Berkeley, April 22; Sacramento-born, survived by mother Sadie, brothers Wesley (San Leandro), Gerald (Florida).

**Sakamoto, Thomas Jr., 61**, San Jose, April 2; survived by wife Lois, son Mark, daughter Diane Riley, 3 g. 3c, brothers Ken, Brian, Mariko, 3 g. 3c.

**Sakuma, Seiko, 78**, San Mateo, March 28; San Mateo-born, survived by husband Tadashi, sister Tomoko Kasahagi, Sashida, Airmen 1st Lt Kenichi, 20, Yokosuka, Japan, 80, brother Kenji, 30, resident, survived by mother Miyako, stepfather Oswald Gasperetti, brother and sister in law.

**Shimashita, Miyo, Chicago**, March 27 (gc); survived by husband Joe, sons Kenneth, Alan, sister Yoshiko Uno and brother Hiroshi Fujiwaka.

**Hosokawa**  
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ees? What makes this proposal even more astonishing is that only rarely has PC published editorials in recent years.

On top of all this, the guidelines would require PC to send to National Headquarters by facsimile "a summary of all articles and letters in PC within 24 hours after print, and prior to e-mail out." I kid you not. That's what the resolution says.

Watch out, the inmates are try-

**Sugiyama, Sakujiro, 82**, San Jose, April 22; Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Tomoko, sons Toshitada, Jimmy, Yukio, daughter Hanako Aikawa, 7 g. 3c, 3 great-gc (Jpn).

**Suzuki, Yoichi, Tom, 68**, Loomis, April 14; Loomis-born, survived by wife Chiyo, daughters Naomi, Judy Cameron, Suzanne, Ken Kenneth, gc, brothers Bud, Frank, George, Jim, sister Ruth.

**Tajiri, Harumi Bill, 79**, San Francisco, March 31; Seattle-born, survived by wife Hanako, son Dennis, daughter Terry Sayumi Louie, 4 g. 3c, brother, Loni Tanaka, Tom, 78, Oklahoma City, May 5; Brighton, Colo.-born farmer and owner, Tommy's Celio-Pack for 27 years in Oklahoma, survived by wife Nancy de Shazo, sons Ken, Steve (Longmont, Colo.), stepdaughters JoAnn Shellen, Barbara Smith, Betty Trachtenberg (Calif.), 3 g. 3c, 6 step-gc, sisters Ruth Nakaya (Loveland), Mary (Longmont), brothers Rocky, Dick (Longmont), King (Calif., predeceased by first wife Dorothy 1959).

**Taniguchi, Sei, 86**, San Jose, March 23; Ishikawa-born, survived by wife Toshiyo, sons Yoshitaka, Nobuyuki, daughter Noriko Taniguchi, 4 g. 3c, 3 great-gc.

**Tom, Frank, 81**, San Jose, April 12; Dayton, N.J.-born (68); was serving as chapter secretary at time of death, retired USAF major, founder of Tius Packaging Co., a United Methodist (Los Angeles).

**Tomono, Chiyo Saigo, 60**, Sacramento, April 9 in Salem, Ore.; Sacramento-born, survived by sons Gary Ken (Salem, Ore.), Brian (Sacramento), brothers Roy Hirolani (Independence, Calif.), Joe, Joyce (Redmond, Wash.), 3 g. 3c, 3 great-gc.

**Utsumi, William T., 78**, Rosemead, March 23; Oakland-born, survived by wife of 52 years Mary Ann, daughter Jody Oye (Orinda), 2 g. 3c, brother Etsu (Calif.).

**Watanabe, Masaharu, 75**, Sacramento, March 19; Vacaville-born, survived by wife Chiyo, son Edward, stepdaughter Cindy Matsuman, stepsons Ted, Mark and Tim Yoshihara, daughters Terry and Bob, sister Masako Hayashida, in-law Louise Watanabe.

**Watarai, Shizuko, 90**, Redding, April 17; Redding-born, survived by sons Kiyoshi (Fremont), Roy, Fred (Oregon), daughters Yuriko, Kanase, Fred, 12 g. 10 great-gc.

**Yamamoto, Ruth M, 75**, Sunnyvale, April 5; Hollister-born, survived by daughters Carolyn Murata, Linda Mariva, daughters Yuriko, Shimonishi, sister Sugi Kusuda.

**Yamashita, Saburo, Seattle**, April 29; longtime Seattle Nisei Veterans Club member, survived by wife Nobuko, sons Michael, John, David, brothers Akira and Tora, 3 g. 3c.

**Yano, Teruko, Chicago**, March 14 (yo); survived by daughters Shirley Eklund, Jean Fitzsimmons, 3 g. 3c, sisters Jojo Hayachi, Hiroi Yano, Yoko, Haru, 80, brother Lorenzo, March 26; survived by sons Toshiko, Togo, Kunio, daughters Yukie Ohara, Yoshiyuki Kawabata, 15 g. 19 great-gc.

**Yoshitatsu, Shigeo, 87**, San Francisco, April 4; Berkeley-born journalist and former vice president of Hokubei Mainichi, predeceased by wife Kiyo.

**SAIKI**  
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Mike Masaka and other leaders for decisions on statements made. But Masaka and his three brothers all laid their loyalties on the battlements as members of the 442nd. One brother died. Mike had the courage of his convictions and deserved the commendations that he earned.

Mike passed away some time ago. James Omura, the chief propagator of JACL, passed away June 22. Omura deserved the honors for the stand he took on the Heart Mountain resisters. It is hoped that the bitterness he carried to his grave will now rest in peace. As bystanders and observers, let's remember them with "God bless you both, Mike and James."