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## PC forced to cancel July 15 issue

For the second time within a month, National JACL headquarters' failure to transmit funds to which *Pacific Citizen* is entitled resulted in suspension of publication.

PC apologizes for the suspended July 15, 1994, issue and any inconvenience that may have been caused to members and to the organizing committees of the Salt Lake City convention.

The next scheduled issue will be dated Aug. 12.

## House approves money for redress education fund

For the first time, Congress has approved funds to educate the public about the history and constitutional issues surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans. Reps. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) and Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced July 15. The Senate Appropriations Committee on July 14th approved full funding, as requested by President Clinton to begin the program of public education authorized by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Earlier this summer, the House of Representatives provided the program with full funding. The legislation requires final review by both chambers and must be signed by President Clinton, but no opposition to the fund is expected. "This is truly wonderful news and is a real credit to the leadership of Sen. Mineta," Mineta said. "The final step now will be to preserve the funding when it comes up for consideration in the full Senate. It will be successful in that effort, then the Board of Directors of the Public Education Fund can begin its work after October 1 and this important component of redress can finally get underway."

## House votes down proposed D.C. same-sex law

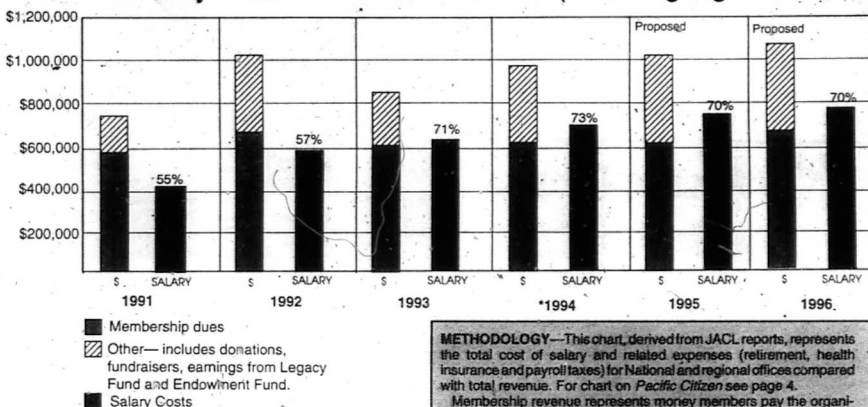
The House of Representatives July 13 overturned a District of Columbia ordinance granting limited recognition to same-sex marriages, reported *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

By a 251-176 vote, the House voted down the ordinance, which would have given homosexual couples and unmarried heterosexual couples the option of registering with the city as a "domestic partnership."

The vote was spearheaded by Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas), who said he considered the ordinance an affront. Reacting to the decision, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who is gay, said, "I don't understand how the fact that I will go home tonight and have dinner with Herb will undermine anyone else's family."

Congress has veto power over the District of Columbia's spending plans. The National Board of JACL voted to approve the concept of same-sex marriages May 21 by a vote of 10 yes, 3 no and 2 abstentions.

## Growth of salary costs vs. revenue: National (including regional offices)



\*Based on 1994 budget figures revised and approved by the National Board.

Source: Feb. 12 and May 31 JACL financial reports

## HQ reports reveal National staff salary budget high, says member

By GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

While JACL revenue from membership dues has remained relatively constant over the past five years, the growth in salary costs have surpassed the organization's ability to pay for them with membership income alone.

Fred Hirasuna, a successful businessman and longtime member of the Fresno Chapter, says that JACL's deficit problem is the result of top-heavy staffing expenses. In a May 27 letter to *Pacific Citizen*, Hirasuna, who has been vocal in his criticism of the National leadership during the past biennium, said: "We need to worry about the deficit budget picture. We need to look into the problem of an overhead that may be just too top-heavy for the size of JACL."

From 1990-1993, National and regional office actual salary costs have risen from \$475,801 to \$629,256—a 32.2% increase or \$153,455.

In the 1994 budget, National and regional office salary costs rise \$80,244 or 12.7% over the previous year.

*Pacific Citizen* made several attempts to contact Jonathan Kaji, JACL national secretary/treasurer to respond to the allegations in his office in Gardena, Calif. and Tokyo, Japan. Phone calls and faxes were placed at both locations.

Hirasuna told *Pacific Citizen* that he has long had concerns about the growing size of the JACL staff. "I've always been of the opinion that it is too high for the number of members in our organization. The cost per member is quite high," said Hirasuna.

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"This (high salary budget) is not good. I saw the tax returns showing some of the various staff salaries and they're very high. I can't figure it out. I think, as I said in my letter in PC, it is top-heavy."

Based on the JACL Feb. 12, 1994 financial report, the single largest expenditure for the organization last year was salary and related expenses such as retirement benefits and health insurance.

### Analysis

## Unraveling the JACL deficit

Jonathan Kaji, JACL national secretary/treasurer, announced at the May 21 National Board meeting that JACL experienced a \$75,269 deficit in 1993.

What does that mean? Last year JACL took in \$1,429,648 in total revenue and spent \$1,509,917 in total expenditures—a difference of \$75,269. Put in simple terms, for every dollar that came in to JACL, the organization spent \$1.05. The \$75,269 figure represents five percent of the total JACL revenue for 1993. This deficit is the largest since the JACL budget crisis of the seventies when after a number of deficit years the JACL found itself at the end of 1976 with a \$108,600 deficit. How did JACL find itself in 1993 in a deficit and what is being done about it?

*Pacific Citizen* conducted a study of JACL's finances based on the Feb. 12, 1994 JACL financial report and the '93 bud-

get approved by the National Council at the 1992 Denver convention and later revised by the National Board.

Based on these figures, there are three main reasons for the deficit:

1. Total membership revenue was down by \$7,448.
2. No fund-raising in 1993 resulted in a \$40,000 shortfall.
3. National expenditures were \$44,537 over budget.

Following is a point-by-point explanation of how the deficit occurred:

**Membership**  
According to the 1993 membership renewal report, there was a decline of 551 members from 25,041 in 1992 to 24,490 in 1993. Membership revenue in '93 was \$842,552 or 75% of total JACL revenue. From '92 to '93 there was a change in membership revenue from \$885,537 to \$842,552—a change in one year of \$42,985. The largest area of

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deficit was salary and related expenses. From 1990 to 1992, JACL reported that its revenue was greater than its expenses, posting end-of-year surpluses of \$59,028, \$33,757, and \$127,556 respectively.

The problem, however, begins in 1993 when expenses exceeded revenue by \$75,269, and continues today with the announcement by Jonathan Kaji, JACL secretary/treasurer, at the May 22, 1994, National Board meeting that another significant deficit is occurring in 1994.

In 1993, dues accounted for three-quarters of JACL income. The other sources of revenue came from donations, fundraising events, and revenue from the Legacy Fund and National Endowment Fund.

Since 1990, dues to National headquarters have fluctuated slightly in the \$800,000 range. Last year, membership revenue was \$842,552. It reached its peak in 1992 at \$885,537 and its lowest point in 1991 at \$812,524.

While membership revenue has changed little since 1990, salary expenses have shown a steady increase. From 1990-1993, total salary costs have increased by \$163,505, from \$679,074 in 1990 to \$842,552 in 1993—a increase of 24%.

Breaking this down further, the ratio of salary costs to membership revenue has risen through this period. In 1990, for example, the total JACL salary costs were 74.5% of membership revenue. By comparison, in 1993 salary costs amounted to 100.7% of membership revenue.

In the 1994 budget approved by the National Board on Feb. 12, 1994, salary costs account for 110% of membership revenue.

According to the 1995-1996 biennial budget, the proposed annual dues increase (\$38 in 1995, \$40 in 1996 for individual dues) for the National organization is only expected to generate an additional \$60,000 in 1995 and \$84,000 in 1996.

Even with this dues increase, the proposed salary costs exceed membership revenue. In 1995, the National Board has estimated that with a dues increase, membership revenue will be \$919,500, while

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## Calendar

### East Coast U.S.

**Washington, D.C.**  
Fri. July 22—Application deadline for 4th annual Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation program, "Week in Washington." Sept. 11-17. Open to Asian Pacific Americans in social work, mental health, substance abuse and related health and human services between ages 25-40 interested in assuming a leadership role in the community and nationally. Contact: Okura MHL Foundation, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817

### Midwest

**Chicago**  
Fri. July 22—JACL Chicago golf tournament, 9 a.m., Pinetree Golf Course, Algonquin Rd. east of Hwy. 47, Huntley, NOTE—\$38 per person, lunch & refreshment included. Info: JACL Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640; 312-728-7170

### Cincinnati

Thu. July 28—"Understanding/Misunderstanding" the U.S. Japanese American "Camp" history by Mr. Sen Nishiyama, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Omni-Netherland Plaza, 5th & Race St., Salon H & I, RSVP by July 26. Jacqueline Vidulich 513/861-4880

### Indiana

Thu. July 28—Presentation by Dr. Toan Ishiyama, Cleveland Chapter, "What Does It Mean To Be Japanese American?" 1:30 p.m., Chelsea Village Apartment Club House, Info: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-6505. NOTE: Cincinnati and Dayton Chapter members are expected.

### Milwaukee

Sun. Aug. 14—JACL Wisconsin picnic, Deer Park.

### Mpls.-St. Paul

Sun. July 31—TC JACL Golf Tournament, First Tee 10:30 a.m., Gross Golf Course, Info: Sam Honda, 3835 Lakewood Ave., White Bear TWP, MN 55110

### Intermountain

#### Salt Lake City

Sun. Aug. 16—JAN-UCLA Exhibit "View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-45," Salt Lake Art Center. NOTE—The JACL Convention opening social Aug. 3 will be held at this locale.  
Sun. July 31—Aug. 2—Japanese American reunion for University of Utah alumni. Info: Grace Takahashi 801/581-6995  
Wed. July 27—Lecture Series Salt Lake Art Center, Jane Beckwith and Sandra Taylor, 7 p.m. 20 S. West Temple; Info: 801/526-4201  
Tue. Aug. 2—Lecture Series Salt Lake Art Center, Joan Myers, 7 p.m. 20 S. West Temple; Info: 801/526-4201  
Sat. Aug. 6—Lecture Series Salt Lake Art Center, Harry Kato, 12n. 20 S. West Temple; Info: 801/528-4201. NOTE—"Racism and Government Action"

### Pacific Northwest

#### Seattle

Ending July 23—Paintings and drawings by Masami Teraoka, Tue.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Full Gallery, 318 2nd Ave. S., Info: 206/625-0090  
Ending July 28—Exhibit of Japanese prints, Carolyn Stanley Fine Prints, Tue.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 313 1st Ave. S., Info: 206/621-1888  
Sun. July 24—JACL Seattle 1000 Club golf tournament, 12:30 p.m., Jefferson Park Golf Course; Info: 206/282-6978 or 721-0717. NOTE—\$25 fee includes dinner. South China Restaurant, 151 dinner guests only.

#### Auburn

Sat. July 23—White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival, 5-10 p.m., 3525 Auburn Way N., Auburn, WA, Info: June Nakano 206/833-1442

#### Portland

Sun. July 24—JACL Gresham-Troutdale picnic, Blue Lake Park  
Sat. Aug. 6—Obonfest '94, 3-9 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE. 34th Ave. & Powell, Info: Elsie Otsuka 503/545-5456, Rev. Julie Hanada-Lee 503/234-9456

### Nevada

#### Las Vegas

Sat. Aug. 13—Obon Festival, Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha, 12n-5 p.m., Zetash Shrine

Temple, 2222 W. Mesquite, Tickets: Hara Family 702/962-3742

### California

#### Sacramento Valley

Sat. Sun. Aug. 13-14—Sacramento Buddhist Church food and cultural bazaar, 12n both days, Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. at X St., Info: 916/446-0121

#### San Francisco

Mon. Aug. 1—Koriko Churches of North America sign-up deadline for Aug. 26-28 conference at YMCA Camp Chabot, (San Francisco) 23-26, young adults 18-25 on Aug. 25-26. Info: 415/931-0453  
Sun. Aug. 7—Nisei Widowed Group will hold its monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m., new members both men and women, are welcome. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Monaki 510/482-3280

#### Eastbay

Mon. Aug. 15—JASB/Union Hall invitational golf tournament, Round Hill golf course, Alamo. Info: 510/848-3560

### Peninsula

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 6-7—Pallo Alto Obon Festival, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

#### San Jose

Thu.-Mon. Aug. 11-15—Yu-Ai Kai / Senior Club trip to Los Angeles Nisei Week Festival, 6:30 a.m. - Wesley Church, 565 N 5th St., Info: 408/284-2505

#### Salinas Monterey

Sat. Aug. 31—Obon Festival, 11:30 p.m., Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

Sun. Sept. 25—Salinas-Kushiko Sister City benefit concert

#### Stockton

Sat. Aug. 6—Shasta Taiko Concert, Directed by Russell Hiasahi Baba, Jeannine Alko Mercer, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Faye Spanos Concert Hall, University of the Pacific, Info: Gerald T. Baba 209/477-7865

#### Fresno

Sat. July 23—Central Cal Nikkei Foundation casino night, 6 p.m. steak dinner, gaming and auction till 10 p.m., Fresno Buddhist Church Annex, 1340 Kern St. July 5 deadline for tickets available on pre-sale basis only \$250 play money for \$25. CC Nikkei Fdn. 912 F St. Fresno, CA 93706; Info: 209/237-4006

#### Los Angeles-Orange

Ending Sun. July 31—"The Roadies From Alaska to Mexico," Photo Exhibit by Iwahashi Takashi, George J. Dozaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Info: 213/628-2725  
Sat. July 16—JACL benefit concert, Show Time 84, 7:30 p.m., Japanese America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A.; tickets: 213/293-6284. NOTE—On stage standup comedian Margaret Cho, Filipino American pop group Adobo, Charlie Chin and Zenshu Zendeke.  
Sat. July 16—Woodblock Printing Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; Info: 213/625-0414  
Sat. Sun. July 16-17—Orange County Obon Festival, 2-9 p.m., Sat. till 8:30 p.m. Sun., Orange County Buddhist Temple, 909 S. Daile Ave., Anaheim, Info: 714/827-9590  
Sun. July 17—JACL East Los Angeles scholarship benefit/steak bake, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Barnes Park, 400 McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Ticket info: Sid Inouye 213/261-9202, Marj Yoshizaki 213/263-8469, JACL Office 213/625-4471  
Sun. July 17—Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak Series, Karen Tei Yamashita and Joel Tan, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; Info: 213/625-0414  
Sun. July 17—Nikkei Widowed Group party, "Wild Bill" western show, 12-30 p.m., 7600 Beach Blvd., Buena Park; Info: Aiko Yoshida 818/267-7039 or Karl Oka 310/837-7662  
Mon. July 18—JASCC Luncheon, Guest Speaker Reinosuke Hara/ Vice Chairman, Sekko Instruments, Inc., 11:30 a.m., RSVP: Inter-Continental, 251 S. Olive St., RSVP: Michael Brucker 213/627-6217 ext. 14  
Sat. July 23—Kanojo USA Summer 1994 Fashion Show, "Travel for Thirty Days in One Suburban", 12n-4 p.m., Pasadena Hilton Hotel/Monterey Room, 130 S. Robles Ave., Info: 800-400-2250  
Sat. July 23—in Praise of Nature: Life and Art of Chirushi Obata Lecture, Kimi Kodani Hill, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; RSVP: 213/625-0414  
Sat. July 23-Nov 13—JANIM exhibit opens, "An Island in Time: Terminal Island Story," Museum's Legacy Center, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.

#### 213/625-0414

Sun. July 24—Nisei Week Fashion Show benefit luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Downtown L.A.; Info: 213/972-5508 or 867-7185. NOTE—Works of Asian designers, Issay Miyake, Tadashi Kanojo, Okunaka special guests.  
Wed. Fri. July 27, 28—Nisei Week "Mokko Experience", 7 p.m., 2nd & San Pedro St., L.A.; Info: Mokko Experience, 213/617-2000  
NOTE—to practice carrying the special Nagoya's "Long Beach" Mokko for the Grand Parade on Aug. 7.

Fri. July 28—Cold Tote Improv, 7:30 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; RSVP: 213/625-0414  
Sat. July 30—Terminal Island Lecture, Kaneshi Stanley Yamashita, ph.D., 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; RSVP: 213/625-0414

Sat. July 30—Visual Communications Third Annual Summer Media Workshop Series, Grantwriting Seminar, Claire Aguilar/Linda Mabbot, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., American Film Institute, Louis B. Mayer Library Bldg. RM. 105, Info: Jerome Academic 213/680-4462  
Tue. Wed. Fri. Aug. 2, 3, 5—JACL Seanoeko's Chibino-Gakko, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Daile Ave., Anaheim. Registration deadline extended to June 30.

Sat. Info: Gayle Goya 714/995-2283, Kelly Katayama 310/964-0154, BJ Watanabe 714/779-1410. NOTE—3-day program to teach Japanese American children of their heritage through arts, crafts, cooking, games, special presentations, language, field trip, music, etc.  
Sat. Aug. 6—Farming the Home Place: A Japanese American Community in California, 1919-1982, book party, Valerie J. Matsumoto, Ph.D., 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; Info: 213/625-0414

Sat. Aug. 6, 13—Origami Summer Time Fun! workshops, Ryoko Shibata, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A.; Info: 213/625-0414

Sat. Aug. 6, 13-21—Visual Communications Third Annual Summer Media Workshop Series, "The Role of Editing in Film and Television," Walt Louie, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Info: 213/625-0414

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## Q &amp; A with JACL candidates

To provide positions and views of JACL candidates running for office for the 1994-96 biennium, Pacific Citizen presents their answers to a number of key questions facing the organization.

The Nominations Committee sent each candidate the same five questions with one week to respond. They were instructed to write responses no longer than 250 words each and send them to Pacific Citizen for publication.

Five candidates responded: Michael Sawamura and Denny Yasuhara, running for president; Neal Taniguchi running unopposed for membership services; Jonathan Kaji, running unopposed for re-election as secretary/treasurer; and Trisha Murakawa, running unopposed for planning and development.

Not responding were Kim Nakahara, running unopposed for re-election as National Youth Council chair; and Kimi Yoshino, running unopposed for National Youth Council representative.

No candidate announcements were received by the May 1 deadline for the offices of JACL vice president for public affairs and operations respectively.

## MICHAEL A. SAWAMURA

CANDIDATE FOR: JACL National President

Age: 36

Chapter: Sacramento

**Length of Affiliation and Positions held in JACL:** Member since 1989. Sacramento Chapter board member, membership chair, 1989; delegate, NCWNP District, National JACL convention, co-legal counsel, vice president, 1990-92;

president, co-legal counsel, 1990 to present, delegate, NCWNP District, 1990-91; chair, chapter civil rights committee; president, chapter's Nisei War Memorial Community Center; member, National Constitution Review Committee, 1994.

**Education:** B.A., UCLA, 1980;

Juris doctor degree, UCLA School of Law, 1983.

**Occupation:** Partner/attorney, Sawamura, Chin, Nishimi & Chu, San Francisco, Sacramento; judicial arbiter, Sacramento County & Nevada County Superior Courts.

**Outside affiliations (list of 5 only):** National Asian Pacific Bar Association; State Bar of California; Asian American Bar Association of Sacramento; American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance, Litigation Sections; legal counsel, Sacramento Mediation Center.



**Q: What should be JACL's top priorities in the next two years?**

**A:** 1. **Build solidarity:** All JACLers must work together to assume the responsibilities of directly addressing future challenges and formulating "JACL solutions." Conflicts must be resolved and future issues must be decided with our organization's and membership's best interests always in mind.

**Control JACL's future:** Our future course must be managed and controlled with enhanced communications with each other.

Greater influence and command of our future must be exerted. We must assess our operations, formulate solutions together, and take action to move JACL forward.

**Create a "Lean, Mean, Fighting Machine":** "Lean"—JACL having no debt, deficit or waste of our precious financial and human resources; "Mean"—Opponents of our organization and community must always respect and fear our strength and abilities to defeat them; "Fighting"—Our fight to protect our members, communi-

See SAWAMURA/page 6

## NEAL TANIGUCHI

CANDIDATE FOR: Vice President for JACL Membership Services

Chapter: Berkeley

Age: 33

**Length of Affiliation and Positions held in JACL:** 16 years. Youth delegate, CCDC, 1977; president, Fresno JAYS, 1978; national staff member, 1988-90; president, Berkeley Chapter, 1990; chapter board member, 1989-present; district vice governor, NCWNP, 1990; District Governor, NCWNP, 1991-92; vice president, general operations, 1993-94.

**Education:** A.B., U.C., Berkeley, 1963; M.P.P., U.C. Berkeley, Graduate School of Public Policy, 1965.

**Occupation:** Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer, Financial Analyst, City and County of San Francisco.

**Outside affiliations (list of 5 only):** President, board of directors, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation; Board of Directors, past chief financial officer, Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Northern California; board of directors, past scholarship chair, California Japanese American Alumni Association; CAO's representative, chair, San Francisco Business Tax Board of Review.



**Q: What should be JACL's top priorities in the next two years?**

**A:** 1. JACL's top priorities should be, in the following order:

- a. A concerted effort by the entire organization to increase membership by 5%, focusing in on youth and young adults, while at the same time retaining our current base of membership.

- ii. A continuation of the organization's efforts to educate the American public through its curriculum project and the implementation of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

- iii. Ensure that our concerns

are heard on the issue of health care reform.

- iv. A continuation and advocacy of programs designed to minimize the incidence of anti-Asian sentiment and hate violence.

- vi. Continual advocacy of affirmative action in hiring, promotion, and, I would argue, economic opportunities.

**Q: How would you solve JACL's current deficit problem?**

See TANIGUCHI/page 7



## DENNY YASUHARA

CANDIDATE FOR: JACL National President

Age: 68

Chapter: Spokane

**Length of Affiliation and Positions held in JACL:** 36 years, Spokane Chapter. Governor's Caucus chair, 1984-88; chair, JACL Pacific Northwest District Council committees; Redress and LEC Fund-Raising, 1983-89; organizer, JACL membership drive, PNW, 1984; chapter board member, 1982-present; chapter president, 1972-73, 1979; delegate/representative, 1972-present; PNW governor, 1983-89; national board member, 1983-89; chair, U.S.-Japan Education Committee, 1986-91

**Education:** B.S., pharmacy, 1954, Washington State University; graduate fellowship, clinical psychology, University of Colorado.

**Occupation:** Retired. Elementary and junior high school teacher for 28 years; basketball coach.

**Outside affiliations (list of 5 only):** Board member, Hifumi En Housing Project, 1977-present (president, 1983-present); president, Spokane Minority Ethnic Coalition, 1971-74; president, Spokane Coalition for Human Rights, 1975-78; member, Eastern Washington Health System Agency, 1975-79; chair, Employment Referral Service, 1971-79; Washington State Education Association and Spokane Education Association, 1961-1969.

**Q: What should be JACL's top priorities in the next two years?**

**A:** The first priority must be to address the turmoil and divisions

within JACL that are currently adversely impacting organizational effectiveness and grassroots support. So long as such disenchantment exists, we will be se-

verely handicapped in almost any activity we might pursue, particularly, fundraising and membership. This, in turn, will have a "domino effect" upon nearly all dimensions of JACL work.

Second, major issues and decisions must first be thoroughly discussed and examined at the chapter level before they are brought to the National Board and National Council for action and implementation. We are not speaking of emergency or emergent matters JACL has been involved in of a non-controversial nature that require immediate attention.

The current attempt to pass numerous constitutional revisions at the convention when they have just been presented to the chapters is precisely how **not** to operate. The same is true of the same-sex marriage issue, which was first introduced at the National Board level, prior to any discussion at the chapter level.

Third, there must be greater accountability to the membership, financially and operationally, by national staff and officers. We must do a better job of "staying on

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# JACL financial report for 1993

	1993 Budget	1993 Actual Cash Basis	1993 Over/Under Budget
<b>NATIONAL REVENUE</b>			
Membership	850,000	842,552	(7,448)
Legacy & investment	176,000	196,081	20,081
Fundraising	40,000	0	(40,000)
Donations & other	91,700	91,443	(257)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,157,700</b>	<b>1,130,076</b>	<b>(27,624)</b>
<b>NATIONAL EXPENDITURE</b>			
National operations	531,600	567,810	36,210
Regional Ofc. & districts	386,400	394,427	8,327
Total expenditures	917,700	962,237	44,537
<b>Net National</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>167,839</b>	<b>(72,161)</b>
<b>PACIFIC CITIZEN</b>			
Revenue	308,000	299,572	(8,428)
Expenditures	548,000	542,680	(5,320)
Pacific Citizen Allocation	(240,000)	(243,108)	(3,108)
<b>Total Nat'l &amp; Pacific Citizen</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(75,269)</b>	<b>(75,269)</b>

## The deficit

The breakdown of specific deficit figures was derived from this Feb. 12, 1994, financial report from National headquarters.

## DEFICIT

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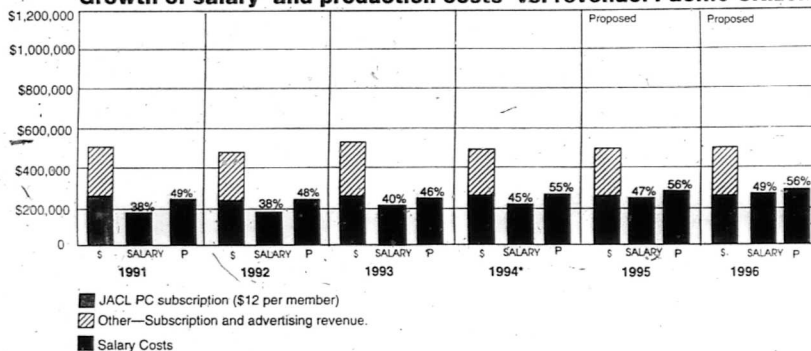
loss is in individual memberships. While the 1993 budget for revenue from individual memberships (\$36 per member) was \$440,000, the actual revenue in 1993 was

\$422,790—\$17,210 under budget. At \$36 per member \$17,210 represents approximately 478 individuals. However, all of the news is not bad in membership. While individual membership seems to be declining, family and spouse memberships are up. JACL projected

\$319,000 revenue from family membership and received \$329,561 in 1993—a surplus of \$10,561. The gains in family membership and the loss in individual membership result in a net deficit figure of \$7,448.

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## Growth of salary and production costs vs. revenue: Pacific Citizen



\*Based on 1994 revised budget figures.

Source: Feb. 12, 1994 JACL financial report and July 4, 1994 PC staff budget proposal.

## From '90-'93, PC salary costs up less than 1%

Pacific Citizen salary costs remain virtually unchanged from 1990 to 1993.

According to the Feb. 12, 1994, JACL financial report, from 1990-1993, Pacific Citizen salary costs including retirement, fringe benefits and payroll taxes went from \$203,273 to \$219,480—an increase of less than one percent.

At full staffing, Pacific Citizen has a staff of 6 people. PC staff positions include: editor/general manager, business manager, editor emeritus, assistant editor, cir-

culation manager and classified/production manager.

In '94 budget Pacific Citizen salary costs increased \$1,020 over '1993—an increase of .004%. For PC, the largest area of cost is mailing and production expenses. Since 1990, Pacific Citizen mail-

ing costs have increased from \$153,730 to \$185,661—an increase of \$31,931 or 20.7%, reflecting the rise in postal rates.

or Pacific Citizen, the primary sources of revenue are JACL subscription money, non-member subscription money and advertising.

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In these times, JACL must turn to leaders who are guided by ethical principals and a sense of accountability to members and chapters. Through the best and worst of times in JACL, Denny has stood side-by-side with us and never let us down.

## For '95-'96, JACL seeks increase in dues

In the 1995-1996 budget sent to chapter presidents, the National Board is seeking an increase in dues to offset increasing expenditures. The budget came after a May 27, 1994, National Board teleconference in which an earlier biennial budget, presented by Jonathan Kaji, JACL national secretary/treasurer, was revised. Prepared by Patti Paganini, JACL business manager, the proposed increases are as follows:

- Individual membership dues increase of \$2 in 1995 and an additional \$2 in 1996, a total increase of \$4 (from \$36 to \$40) over the biennium.
- Couple membership increase of \$5 (from \$65 to \$70).
- Spouse membership increase of \$1 (from \$29 to \$30).
- Thousand Club membership increase from \$60 to \$65. Of the \$5 increase, \$4 would go to National operations and \$1 would go to the chapter.
- Century Club membership in-

crease from \$120 to \$125.

• Student membership increase from \$10 to \$15.

• Youth membership increase from \$2.50 to \$5 per year.

From this, National expects to generate an additional \$60,000 in 1995 and \$84,000 in 1996. The budget proposal also pledges to put forth a "concentrated effort" to gain corporate memberships.

Explaining the rationale for the dues increase, the budget says, "There has not been an increase in membership dues since 1989. In order to meet the needs of the organization without reducing programs and services, a dues increase is required."

The biennial budget does not include any provision for increasing the \$12 Pacific Citizen subscriber rate for JACL members. PC is currently revising its biennial budget for presentation to the National Council.

The revised budget was prepared after an initial 1995-'96 biennial budget showed that JACL would experience significant deficits in both years without increasing dues or cutting costs. In the biennial budget presented by Kaji to the National Board May 21, it showed a \$64,900 deficit in 1995 and a \$118,400 deficit in 1996.

While the revised budget proposes increasing dues, it does not show any spending cuts for National or regional offices. In both the revised budget and the May 21 budget, proposed National expenditures for 1995 are \$630,000—up \$50,000 from the 1994 budget. In 1996 the figure increases \$40,500 to \$671,300. Proposed regional office expenditures are listed at \$428,700 (an increase of \$33,400) in 1995 and \$447,700 (an increase of \$18,000) in 1996. Total proposed expenditure increases over the next biennium are \$91,000 for National operations and \$51,400 for regional office operations.

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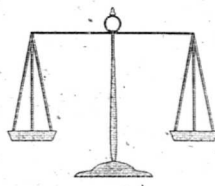
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# Too much salary budget, spending, says Fresno member

Along with his criticism of JACL leadership's handling of its financial affairs, Fred Hirasuna submitted this open letter to the membership.

By Fred Hirasuna

"In a previous letter to *Pacific Citizen* (May 27-June 2) I wrote: 'We need to worry about the deficit budget picture. We need to look into the problem of an overhead that may be just too top heavy for the size of JACL. We cannot operate on a deficit budget for too long.'

"We should not depend on the Legacy Fund or the Endowment Fund to bail us out of future deficits. We should operate on a balanced budget: expenses

should not exceed income. As Bill Hosokawa wrote (PC, June 24-30), JACL (like the U.S. government) has been running in the red and is projected to continue spending more than it takes in. Unless it cuts its spending or increases its income, it will go broke and have to go out of business. That is inevitable,' As Bill said, we cannot, like the U.S. government, print money to cover deficits.

"If we read the figures correctly, according to the 1994 budget figures, revised and approved by the National Board, in 1993 we had total revenues of \$1,130,076. We ended up with a deficit of \$75,269. Does this mean that we spent \$1,205,345 to run JACL for one year? Using 22,500



FRED HIRASUNA

as our total membership, this comes to \$53.67 per member.

"The revised projected budget

for 1994 shows a projected annual income of \$1,216,600, but there is already a current deficit of \$52,000 in income and expenditures, it is projected that the 1995 deficit will be \$64,000, and in 1996, \$118,000.

To balance the budgets, income in the form of higher membership dues or some other means of raising money will have to be devised; or expenses will have to be pruned.

"We find it interesting that in 1992, salaries were 57% of the national income. In 1993, salaries were 71% of the income. In 1994, salaries will be 73% of the projected income. In 1995, salaries are projected to be 70% of a hoped-for increased income.

"We think that it would be

difficult to find a similar organization that spends 71% to 73% of its income on administrative salaries. We need to instruct our National business manager to study the problem thoroughly and to determine, not just with words, but with action, how we can reduce our expenses, or increase our income, to balance the budget. How many people do we need to run an organization of less than 25,000 members?

"We think it is time that chapters and members start asking questions. What are the duties of each of our paid staff? We need more details of our projected budgets. We need to become more efficient and cut unnecessary fat. We need to live within our income."

## SALARIES

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salary costs are expected to be \$974,325—or 106% of membership revenue.

In 1996, membership revenue is projected at \$943,500 while salary costs have been proposed at \$1,027,401—or 109% of membership revenue.

According to the 1995-1996 biennial budget, the total JACL staff numbers 20 people. At full staff, JACL has 11 employees in its San Francisco headquarters: national director, associate director, director of membership, membership coordinator, business manager, bookkeeper, executive secretary, administrative assistant and three part-time clerical assistants. In addition, the JACL payroll includes a Washington D.C. representative, five regional directors, and three regional secretaries, for a total of 20.

Hirasuna questioned the staffing levels, calling them too high. "What do they do with this money? How can they have that many people at the National level and who's running the show?" asked Hirasuna.

"I question very much the concept of the National staff. They're not there to tell members what to do. They should be going to the chapters, finding out what's wrong. They should be activating the chapters," said Hirasuna.

At the 1992 national convention in Denver, the Fresno Chapter introduced a resolution, which was defeated, that would have required that the membership "be provided with an annual income and expenditures report which lists all salary and benefits by individual job title, and all proposed budgets include individual salary increases and benefits be presented to the National Council each biennial convention."

"JACL is supposed to be a civil rights organization. At present, however, the concern for its viability is more important. If we

don't strengthen it, we're going to disappear," said Hirasuna.

Hirasuna, who is not planning to attend the Salt Lake convention, said that as the National Council considers ways to resolve JACL's financial crisis, the organization should consider trimming staff.

"We're overstaffed. I think with the deficit we have at the National level, calls for cuts in staff are appropriate at the convention."

## DEFICIT

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### Fundraisers

Fundraising has long been discussed in JACL as a way to supplement membership revenue. In 1993, JACL planned to spend \$40,000 from fundraisers; however, JACL had no fundraisers last year. In previous years, JACL fundraising activity has occurred primarily through the JACL sweepstakes held at national conventions. Example: in the convention years '90 and '92, JACL earned \$8,565 and \$12,046 respectively in fundraising. In the years in-between conventions, JACL has shown no income from fundraising. Both '91 and '93 show no fundraising earnings.

At the Sept. 23 National Board meeting Kaji blamed the fundraising deficit figure on *Pacific Citizen*, saying that there was a fundraiser planned in honor of Dennis Hayashi, former JACL national director and current head of the civil rights department in Health and Human Services, and that Hayashi refused to participate because of PC coverage of his handling of the Jap Road controversy in Texas (*Pacific Citizen*, Oct. 1-7, 1993).

### National expenditures

Another factor in the deficit, according to the Feb. 12 JACL financial report, is an increase in National expenditures. Total expenditures for National and the

regional offices in '93 were budgeted at \$902,300, actual expenditures according to the JACL financial report were \$946,837—\$44,537 overbudget. In her JACL report, Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, said that new programs in implementing the Program for Action were part of the expense. In the '95-'96 proposed biennial budget, one of the reasons listed for the increase in costs is the automated membership renewal program.

The budget, presented to chapter presidents by Patti Paganini, JACL business manager, explains, "Additional costs associated with this program are estimated to be \$52,300 including \$41,000 in payroll and related costs, \$7,000 in printing and materials and \$4,300 in postage. This equates to a little over \$3.00 per renewing member."

Another expense was the education curriculum guide. Kimura said 500 copies were printed at a cost of \$6,000. Other programs Kimura noted include: work on anti-Asian violence, *Rising Sun*, Jap Road, distribution of the 1992 annual report, national scholarship program, and the centralized membership program. Total expenditures by National operations and regional offices and districts were \$44,537 overbudget. Among the areas overbudget in National operations included: unrestricted programs (\$11,986 over), national convention (\$8,710 over), printing and copying (\$6,670 over), miscellaneous (\$10,648 over), National Board meetings (\$3,951 over) and meetings and conferences (\$7,855).

At the same time, National operations were under projected costs for salary and other income related expenses: salaries (\$17,697 under), payroll taxes (\$2,530 under) and health insurance (\$1,925 under).

Earlier in '93 there was controversy about over-expenditures on the March 19-21 National Board meeting held in Washington, D.C. (*Pacific Citizen*, May 14, 1993). At

that time, Kaji predicted that the total cost of the meeting would be \$17,000-\$18,000—the annual budget for all National Board meetings is \$19,000. Some members of the Mountain Plains District complained about what they saw as poor financial planning on the D.C. meeting and balked at a suggestion that the districts cover the expenses for the governors at the next board meeting.

Commenting at that time, Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, said, "Every effort is being made to adjust future expenditures so that we will not exceed our budget's bottom line."

Steve Hasegawa, member, Omaha Chapter, JACL, said, "I think at times JACL has a mom and pop mentality and that's fine. It's pretty much the way the organization's been run. That's well and good but we need to understand the realities of the organization, we need to have guidelines on what can be spent."

### Other factors

According to the Feb. 12, 1994 JACL financial report, *Pacific Citizen* showed a net deficit of \$3,108. The reason for this deficit is that *Pacific Citizen* revenue for 1993 was below projections by \$8,428 and at the same time, PC expenditures were below projections by \$5,320. Analyzing the figures, PC was overbudget in administrative expenses but underbudget in production costs. Among the areas PC was overbudget include: salaries (\$18,622 over), health insurance (\$3,333 over) and meetings and conferences (\$6,897 over). Areas of expense PC came in under budget include: editorials (\$5,877 under), advertising (\$4,000 under), composition/presswork (\$8,319 under) and mailing (\$4,339 under).

### Good news

"While there were shortfalls and overruns in some key areas of JACL finances in '93 one bright spot was the financial returns from the various endowment funds in-

cluding the Legacy Fund, Endowment Fund and Life Membership Fund. In 1993, JACL made gains in investment income, reflecting the growth of the Legacy Fund, as of May 21, 1994, contributions totaled \$4,529,051. National JACL's portion of Legacy Fund earnings for 1993 were \$107,781, exceeding projections by \$17,781. Earnings from these and other funds in 1993 totaled \$196,081 and helped partially offset losses in other areas. In addition, JACL has made attempts to create other special earning programs like the JACL credit card and long distance phone services. Earnings from these programs in '93 amounted to \$41,308. In '93 revenue from areas such as rent, donations and revenue sharing programs totaled \$81,443.

Responding to dealing with the deficit, Kimura said, "Recognizing this shortfall, we have been watchful of spending and we understand it is important that the National Board continue to exercise its commitment to raising funds for the organization."

At the May 22 National Board meeting, both Kimura and Kaji, were not specific about how the '93 deficit was resolved. Asked about it by Peggy Liggett, CCDC PC board representative, Kaji said, "How does a \$30,000 settlement make sense to the membership?" referring to the settlement to the PC lawsuit (*Pacific Citizen*, June 10, 1994). Earlier during the same meeting, Kaji said JACL was experiencing declines in revenue.

"I intend to go to convention with a zero-based budget. However, based on the realities of performance of the corporation, we are seeing declining revenue in membership and declines in fundraising and donations," said Kaji.

The secretary/treasurer said it was probable that JACL was heading for another deficit year in '94. *Pacific Citizen* had earlier reported that it was estimating a deficit of \$47,000 (*Pacific Citizen*, April 30, 1994).

## Restoration team to study Manzanar

A team of architects, a photographer and a historian will soon converge on the Manzanar National Historic Site near Independence, Calif., for purposes of creating a database to begin restoration and rehabilitation.

Sponsored by the Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record of the National Park Service, the group will spend 12 weeks this summer documenting the Manzanar internment camp and intends to produce precise drawings, large-format photography and a historical report.

Among the structures remaining from the internment camp

include the auditorium (now used as a county vehicle maintenance building), the police posts and sentry house, the reservoir, portions of the canteen and concrete foundations of the barracks. The National Parks Service said that efforts are being made to initiate long range plans to increase protection and visitor use of the park.

The committee announced that Caltrans began work July 5 to construct one-half mile of new left turn lanes on Hwy. 395.

Park Superintendent Ross Hopkins said the construction would be completed by mid-August and said it was done to provide safer access to Manzanar.

## Acting administrator named for Office of Redress Administration

Deserene H. Worsley has assumed the role of Acting Administrator of the office that provides redress to Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II, the Justice Department announced recently. She also has taken over the position of Acting Executive Officer of the Civil Rights Division. Worsley replaces Paul Suddes.

"The redress program has been one of the most interesting and challenging projects of my career in government," said

Suddes, commenting on his departure. "I have been supported by an excellent staff and many dedicated people in the Japanese American community."

As Acting Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), Worsley will oversee the implementation of the civil Liberties Act of 1988. Under the Act, ORA already has paid out \$1.59 billion to a total of 79,343 people.

In addition, as Acting Executive Officer of the Civil Rights Division, Worsley will manage

the support functions for the Division including personnel, budget and accounting, procurement information and Freedom of Information and Privacy Act matters.


"Deserene is a seasoned manager and has been of great assistance to me since my appointment earlier this year," said Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Deval L. Patrick. "I am confident that she will handle the few challenges of the job, and I look forward to working with her."

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## JONATHAN KAJI

CANDIDATE FOR: JACL secretary/treasurer

Chapter: Gardena Valley, Japan Chapter

Age: 38

**Length of Affiliation and Positions held in JACL:** 14 years. Former chapter president of Gardena Valley (6 terms); New Age Chapter (2 terms); board member, Japan Chapter; Century Club, Ways & Means Committee chair, 1990-92; PSW Leadership Committee chair, 1993

**Education:** A.B., history and East Asian Studies, University of Southern California, 1976; Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, 1974-75; Loyola Law School, 1976-77; Sophia University, Tokyo, 1977.

**Occupation:** Director for Asian, Office of Trade and Investment, Trade & Commerce Agency, State of California, 1993-present.

**Outside affiliations (list of 5 only):** American Chamber of Commerce; Tokyo American Club.

**Q: What should be JACL's top priorities in the next two years?**

**A:** Clearly, the organization's focus should be on meeting the goals set in the Program for Action and doing so within the confines of the budget.

**Q: How would you solve JACL's current deficit problem?**

**A:**—How would you avoid a similar deficit in the future?

**—What efforts did you personally make to prevent or reduce the deficit?**

**—Keeping in mind that one of the major problems blocking JACL's ability to move forward on programs and to better communicate with chapters is the present inability of the board to provide sufficient income. What ideas do you propose to reverse the situation?**

**A:** The current financial situation of JACL is by no means unique and should be viewed within the context of the current national economic recession. Early retirements, corporate restructuring and accompanying layoffs and general pessimism about the economy have caused the average American to reduce their personal donations to charities. For example, the NAACP is projecting a \$3 million deficit for this year while other non-profit organizations are reporting similar reductions in revenues. Over the past two years the JACL, like other groups, has experienced lower yields on the investment portfolio, lower dues revenues as members age and discontinue their memberships, and lower donations.

I want to make it clear to the members that the JACL is still a financially-sound and viable organization. For reasons of their own, a few uninformed individuals have attempted to portray the JACL as teetering on the brink of insolvency caused by unwise investment decision and financial mismanagement. In my opinion, such unwise and unfounded comments had a serious and detrimental impact on overall membership renewals and donations. I am glad to report that after two audits conducted independently by the national accounting firm Grant Thornton, the JACL was given a clean bill of financial health. My solutions to the current deficit are two-fold, (1) have each board member commit to raising \$5,000 per year, and, (2) increase membership dues. The board members must set the example for JACL by raising funds, either by way of personal or outside donations of cash or in-kind services. A dues increase has not occurred in over 6 years in spite of rising costs of operations and inflation and would be appropriate at this time.

**Q: How would you increase membership?**

**A:** I believe that in order to increase membership requires the identification, recruiting and training of Sansei and Yonsei leaders by the JACL. These leaders, in turn, will enlist others in the work of the organization. One of the most successful programs that

has brought in more Sansei and Yonsei members has been the Washington D.C. Leadership program. I helped to duplicate this program in the Los Angeles area in 1988 and 1992 which helped train many of the new leaders that have invigorated the Pacific Southwest District Council. I would propose expanding leadership training to include a Tokyo Leadership program organized by the Japan Chapter that would introduce top Japanese American political, academic, business and educators with their counterparts in Japan. Additionally, I would propose that each District create its own version of the Washington, D.C. program.

**Q: Which of these leadership styles do you feel best represent yourself?**

- a. Take charge person
- b. Delegator
- c. Motivator
- d. Communicator

**A:** a. Take charge person  
**Q: According to a review of JACL's present membership of 24,490 members, 70% are over the age of 50, and 53% are over the age of 65. Thus, the major dues paying members are seniors. What role do you see for them in JACL?**

**A:** I think it is important for the leadership of JACL, in particular the younger members, to listen to what the needs of our senior members are. The "wise ones" have carried the financial burden of the organization all these years. With many going into retirement and fixed incomes, JACL can no longer rely on their continued charity to the organization. Senior JACLers will continue to need advocacy and protections of the JACL which they have worked so hard to achieve. It is now the time for the younger leadership to develop programs that meet seniors' needs, perhaps retirement housing (a JACL "Leisure World?"), health care, estate planning, legal services and the like. Additionally, as a "younger" (38 year old Sansei) member of JACL, I have always found it encouraging to sit down and listen to the counsel and advice of senior JACLers. The "good old days" were times of tremendous challenge and I admire all who were tested by war and racism. I think that it is timely for JACL to create an oral history program for each Chapter and District in order to leave a record for the benefit of the JACLers to come. Unfortunately, Nisei JACL history is unavailable for Sansei and Yonsei members and our senior members need to create a written history of their exploits.

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ties, and beliefs must continue; "Machine."—Both national and chapter operations must be systematized, modernized and enhanced to provide greater stability and effectiveness.

**Develop membership and community relevance with greater communication—**JACL leaders must be dynamic, innovative, and directly involved with local, regional and national issues to assess and assist mem-

bership and community needs. Information obtained must be transformed into tangible program/service improvements, concrete operational enhancements, and other "membership-driven reforms." The JACL must evolve into an organization which can change with the changes in our communities to have continued vitality in our future—and these changes must only occur in response to better serving membership needs. A greater and more relevant organization must be developed to attract new members.

**Q: How would you solve JACL's current deficit problem?**

**A:** Our blaming of others for JACL's financial difficulties must stop. Everyone must share in this responsibility—and our leaders must begin this process. Everyone must contribute to this effort.

The underlying causes (leadership complacency, staff inefficiency, etc.) for the deficit must be objectively assessed and resolved—otherwise, the financial difficulties will continue.

The organization and operations must become more cost-efficient by preventing fiscal waste and duplication of efforts. Every cent lost in inefficiency, deprives membership opportunity.

**Drastic action** (e.g., personnel/program cuts, dues increases etc.) must be avoided, if possible, to prevent long-term harm. The challenge is accomplishing more with less expense.

Revenue to our organization must be enhanced and diversified. All our current fund-raising activities must continue and we must aggressively and creatively pursue outside funding sources.

To prevent fiscal constraints from overly determining our operations and programs, we must develop realistic and functional long and short-term budgets and alternative plans to allocate our resources in proportion to our program/service priorities. This can assist members in being unified around the financial plan and take on a greater commitment to raise funds.

A "systemized savings plan" should be implemented where each operating division saves a set amount annually from its budgeted funds, and those savings are used to meet increased and unexpected costs organization-wide.

Ensuring our financial health must be an ongoing process, and everyone must get involved. JACL's operations must improve not only to save money, but to provide better services for our membership.

**Q: How would you increase membership?**

**A:** After the initiation of the improvement process of our national operations and morale, I would have the National Board commit itself to this high priority item, rather than merely delegating this task to the VP-Membership. All levels of our organization must work together and commit to this responsibility.

By working with the membership, we can develop a JACL capable of conveying a positive, united image that will attract and excite new members. I have always strived to make JACL involvement enjoyable when recruiting members. I would therefore endeavor to make involvement in our activities rewarding, emphasizing the development of friendship and respect for each other.

Because of financial constraints, I would communicate with chapters that have been successful in recruitment efforts and convey this information as "model programs" to those needing assistance for implementation and adaptation at the local level. I will be personally involved in assessing their needs and abilities, and do

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what I can to invigorate their recruitment."

I will work towards alleviating various administrative burdens for chapter leaders so they can devote more time and effort for recruitment. National's abilities to absorb some of the administrative burdens of operating a chapter must therefore be assessed.

I will formulate with the chapters recruitment strategies using relevant and customized external communications, collaborations, programs, and through members who can articulate our goals.

To avoid hampering recruitment efforts, I will ensure that the JACL and its leaders always portray a positive image of itself, especially through the *Pacific Citizen*.

**Q: Which of these leadership styles do you feel best represents yourself? (Pick one)**

- a. Take charge person
- b. Delegator
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**A:** My answer depends on the situation that I am presented with. I believe that my strength lies in my ability to adapt my leadership style to work more effectively with others depending on the circumstances.

I am therefore confident of my abilities to:

a. Be a "take charge person" when required and lead by example to "get the job done," especially on a matter that only the president can resolve effectively.

b. Productively delegate when necessary to accomplish tasks and to avoid being consumed by administrative matters to the detriment of my duties.

c. Motivate and rally members around the JACL's agenda by working together, with our membership, in setting our goals and coordinating our work in the most effective manner.

d. Communicate with others in translating our aspirations and hopes into action-oriented outcomes and being strong enough to maintain focus over a sustained period of time by seizing upon the valuable contributions that every member can make.

When dealing with JACL's diverse membership, a president must have the abilities and willingness to adapt his/her leadership style to the circumstances. As history has shown, there will be times when the president must be firm to protect the organization's and membership's interests. There will be conflicts that must be resolved by consensus where a president must be flexible for the common good of the organization and membership. New challenges and problems will arise, and JACL needs a leader that can adjust to the circumstances to effectively meet those challenges.

**Q: According to a review of JACL's present membership of 24,490 members, 70% are over the age of 50, and 53% are over the age of 65. Thus, the major dues-paying members are seniors. What role do you see for them in JACL?**

**A:** Like all JACLers, our "more experienced" members must continue to play an active role at all levels and in all capacities. They must remain a dynamic segment of our membership. As witnesses to the history of JACL, they are our most powerful weapon in our fight to create a world built on freedom, justice and mutual respect among all people. They must continue to serve as our fixed beacon—giving JACL its direction, purpose, and by working together with fellow members, to innovate and develop our programs to meet today's challenges.

Our senior members must continue to share, at a greater level, with our younger members their

experiences, knowledge and understanding of how one can make a difference in our community, and to make them better JACLers. They must play a more active role in developing younger JACLers as future leaders for our community and organization. We must all, regardless of age, give each other the full respect as equal JACL members.

Finally, our recruitment efforts should not be limited to only enlisting individuals under the age of 50 into the JACL. We must focus our recruitment efforts towards attracting "young" members—not in terms of age, but "young at heart." I am looking forward to the challenge of earning the respect of all of our "young at heart" members.

In the final analysis, regardless of age, we JACLers still have a dream... we all believe in this organization's mission and future. We must always remember these convictions.

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top" of financial matters on an ongoing basis so we are not "suddenly" faced with a financial crisis. Current procedures need to be studied to determine if any improvement can be made.

These priorities will underscore my administration in implementing the platform described in the PC previously. Organizational health is a function of its financial well-being as well as the feelings of its membership towards the parent organization and leaders.

**Q: How would you solve JACL's current deficit problem?**

**A:** There are only two ways to attack a budget deficit.

(1) Cut the budget to meet corresponding income.

(2) Raise income to correspond with expenditures. Before deciding upon which avenue to pursue, 1 or 2 or a combination of both, the causes of the deficit must be examined. First, there must be a "hold" on expenditures beyond current levels (aside from fixed expenses) until we get a better "handle" on the deficit.

When the Legacy Fund was first proposed, it was suggested that this would reduce the need or even eliminate the necessity for future dues increases. Yet today, with projected increased revenues from this fund of some \$130,000 in 1995 & 96, we are still asking for almost "across the board" dues increases.

Budgetary consideration and expenditures must be based upon monies that we can expect every year, not upon the basis of some fundraising activity that might or might not be successful or even take place. As a matter of practice, we cannot use "phony" money (Anticipated revenue that must be raised) to balance a budget and dip into the reserve fund when it isn't forthcoming. Second, "soft" monies should be earmarked for projects that can be dropped, if monies aren't raised. They should not be used or budgeted to offset fixed necessary expenses in a budget.

These remarks are being made by one who has not been privy to detailed discussions relative to the budget and my comments should be regarded in that light. Obviously, such discussions with staff must take place before any definitive recommendations could be made with any degree of validity or fairness.

Every effort must be made to find alternate sources of income to be placed into our Legacy Fund. In the meantime, we must demonstrate greater discipline and prudence by gleaning within existing revenue sources. This includes myself, if elected.

**Q: How would you increase membership?**

**A:** Membership recruitment is

a function of the kind of activities being carried on at the chapter level. Fancy brochures, while helpful in attracting members, will not retain them. Only chapter or local activities can do this. This is why I have long advocated increasing the percentage of Legacy Fund distributions to the chapters. There is no substitute for attracting and retaining members other than local chapter functions. Those of us who are strong civil rights advocates should never forget that the social dimensions of JACL activities are not only a significant factor in attracting members, but also in retaining them and thus, important in the financial stability of JACL.

National officers and staff need to place a higher priority upon the chapters and their needs by talking and communicating with them on an on-going basis. I will do that. Any future fundraising activity must reflect this priority in the distribution formula for monies raised.

**Q: Which of these leadership styles do you feel best represents yourself? (Pick one)**

- a. Take charge person
- b. Delegator
- c. Motivator
- d. Communicator

**A:** c. Motivator.

**Q: According to a review of JACL's present membership of 24,490 members, 70% are over the age of 50, and 53% are over the age of 65. Thus, the major dues-paying members are seniors. What role do you see for them in JACL?**

**A:** In any period of transition, there is always some turmoil and instability. It is particularly important for an organization that this transition be gradual. There still needs to be some older leadership to lend continuity and stability to this generational transition in JACL. The same is also true when successful retail businesses "change hands"... familiar people give confidence and trust to the customers they serve. Rightly or wrongly, this is a fact of life.

Historical experience is also crucial in any transition, because such knowledge of what has gone on in the past facilitates better decision-making in the future, resulting in a more trouble-free, smooth transition. Had there been more historical experience in national leadership positions recently, there might not have been as much polarization and divisiveness, because of the manner in which it might have been handled. Discrimination against older Nisei leadership is no better than discrimination against Sansei or Yonsei leadership, neither serves the best interest of JACL. It is the quality of that leadership experience that matters not age.

One final comment on this questionnaire... in no way should the comments expressed herein be a reflection upon the new National Director's progress. He just got here.

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**—How would you avoid a similar deficit in the future?**  
**—What efforts did you personally make to prevent or reduce the deficit?**

**—Keeping in mind that one of the major problems blocking JACL's ability to move forward on programs and to better communicate with chapters is the present inability of the board to provide sufficient income. What ideas do you propose to reverse the situation?**

**A:** I do not view JACL's financial situation as a major obstacle to overcome. The shortfall that occurred during 1993 resulted from greater than anticipated expenditures in automated member-

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## TRISHA S. MURAKAWA

CANDIDATE FOR: JACL vice president for planning and development

Age: 29

Chapter: Progressive Westside

Length of Affiliation and Positions held in

JACL: 9 years. Chapter president, vice president/president-elect; vice president, community service; scholarship chair; district secretary; Executive Committee member; district youth representative; chair, District Civil Rights Caucus; National Youth chair; National Leadership Development Committee; co-chair, Legacy Fund Grants Committee; national vice president, planning and development

Education: B.A., sociology, UCLA

Occupation: Partner, Lang, Murakawa &amp; Wong, public affairs, political consulting, fundraising and advocacy firm

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**Q: What should be JACL's top priorities in the next two years?**

**A:** During the next biennium, JACL's top priorities should be resolving the deficit, marketing JACL, and recruiting new members.

In the second question, I will address the deficit; in the third question, I will address membership recruitment.

As a leading national Asian Pacific Islander civil rights organization, JACL should be perceived as a positive, active and open-minded organization advocating full civil rights for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. While this is true, our public image does not indicate our strength. We should consider the following concepts:

- Chapter, district and national leaders and staff must more frequently author editorial articles in major news publications. We must hold more press conferences about Asian Pacific Islander issues to create forums for our community in the mainstream press.

- We should produce more educational materials, brochures, pamphlets and videos and distribute them widely.

- We should promote the education curriculum guide more. Education Committee members and staff should be asked to participate in local and national education conferences and seminars and speak to professional associations across the country.

- We should organize more educational forums and speakers' pro-

grams within and beyond our community.

- We should produce public service announcements for radio and television studios and distribute widely.

- We should make available JACL information for chapter leaders including a president's handbook, brochures, fact sheets on issues, a chronology of positions taken, videos on JACL, etc. so that volunteers have enough of a historical perspective of the organization and can promote the organization well.

**Q: How would you solve JACL's current deficit problem?**

**A:** How would you avoid a similar deficit in the future?

**What efforts did you personally make to prevent or reduce the deficit?**

Keeping in mind that one of the major problems blocking JACL's ability to move forward on programs and to better communicate with chapters is the present inability of the board to provide sufficient income, what ideas do you propose to reverse the situation?

**A:** We should explore ways to increase permanent revenue in the next decade.

JACL is planning a fundraising event this fall. We should plan at least one major fundraising event annually. At this event, we should consider including a silent auction, selling ads in the dinner program, having tiered ticket prices; holding a drawing; holding a career oriented mini-conference the

day of the dinner for young adults and students that includes a job and vendor fair; and charging companies and vendors a fee for participation.

Of course corporations, foundations, community and non-profit agencies will be solicited and many products and services will be donated.

Also, if JACL is not a copyrighted name, we should consider copyrighting it and research the idea of creating revenue from other entities using the JACL name when the organization receives no financial benefit.

JACL should consider establishing more donation programs like living trusts and bequests. Funds could be earmarked to establish internships, fellowships or programs focusing on education research, Japanese American civil rights, media and image advocacy, leadership development, cultural education and preservation and other issues.

We should establish separate fundraising "campaigns" for different needs like property, scholarships, programs, fellowships and internships among others.

We should also consider hiring an outside consultant without preconceived ideas or knowledge of JACL to evaluate our budget and advise about appropriate allocation, identify waste if any exists, and help suggest alternate revenue sources.

**Q: How would you increase membership?**

**A:** We are embarking on a major membership campaign in the next biennium. Hence, we need to create a benefits package or fact sheet so members and prospective members know what they are and actively promote it.

We should also explore opportunities to expand benefits to include more discounts on products and services. Some organizations offer airfare and hotel chain discounts. We should research the possibility of offering our JACL credit card nationally (also to bring revenue to the organization) and market JACL items including T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, coffee mugs, water bottles, stickers, key chains, business cards for chapter and district leaders, note pads, portfolio notebooks, watches, lapel pins, banners, pens, pencils and other "give away" items. Members and chapters will want to purchase some of these items.

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ship processing and National programs, an overage in National Board meetings and travel, a missed fundraising opportunity, and a greater than anticipated expenditure in Pacific Citizen operations. Membership revenues decreased slightly, but mainly due to one time collection of dues from aged membership accounts in 1992. The resulting shortfall was more than adequately covered by operating reserves achieved from surpluses in the previous four years.

Although the 1995-96 biennial budget as proposed by the Board includes membership dues increases and outside fundraising as a major means of offsetting projected shortfalls, I believe the following alternatives must also be included to minimize dues increases, and as part of a balanced approach to keeping JACL in sound financial condition:

- An aggressive membership campaign. JACL has the wherewithal to increase its membership by at least 1,000 over the next biennium, which translates into a possible increase of \$90,000 to \$55,000 increase in membership revenues over two years.

- Freeze overall payroll costs at 1994 levels at a projected two year savings of \$70,000 to \$75,000.

- Commit to making the 1996 Convention self-sufficient, as we have for 1994. Historically, the National Convention has never been entirely self-sufficient. We can and we will raise sufficient funds to offset convention expenses. This would save a projected \$20,000 in 1996.

- Decrease National Board related expenses by 20%. This translates into an approximately \$8,000 savings over two years.

- Propose membership dues increases to offset unavoidable expense increases in Pacific Citizen operations.

**Q: How would you increase membership?**

**A:** As I have stated in my platform, I would implement the following plan for membership recruitment:

- **Adopt a concrete membership goal.** The National JACL and its chapters can achieve a minimum goal of a 5% increase in new members, or approximately 1,000 individuals.

- **Recognize Chapter membership accomplishments.** The National JACL must recognize, through incentives and publicity, those chapters that develop new membership recruitment schemes, effective programming for new and existing members, and actual success in attracting new members.

- **Emphasize a strategic**

chapter programming philosophy. The National JACL must push for a chapter programming philosophy that emphasizes balance between our Civil Rights objectives and the social and service programs of the chapters, and caters to the needs of potential new members and existing members.

- **Broaden our vision on potential new members.** National JACL must be an open organization. We must practice inclusion not exclusion.

- **Enhance Chapter membership services** through the full use of the automated membership system, development and distribution of a variety of mass production chapter assistance brochures and aids, sale and distribution of membership promotion materials, and development of on-line access to membership data.

- **Improve our external image and presentation.** The National JACL must improve our image and presentation to make the organization more attractive to new members.

**Q: Which of these leadership styles do you feel best represents yourself? (Pick one)**

- a. Take charge person
  - b. Delegator
  - c. Motivator
  - d. Communicator
- A:** I am a delegator and communicator.

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# JACL National Education Seminar

## A learning and growing experience

The recent JACL Education Committee seminar draws participants from across the country, creating a stronger movement toward achieving the "Teaching of the Japanese American Experience."

By **TERESA MAEBORI**  
Chairwoman, JACL Education Committee

We have multiplied six-fold. No longer are we five members of the Education Committee brainstorming and putting together educational materials and strategy. Now after the JACL-sponsored education seminar: "Teaching of the Japanese American Experience" held on May 28, 1994 in San Francisco, we are approximately forty strong sharing the vision of getting the Japanese American experience into the classrooms and into the hearts and minds of students across this nation. The exiting evaluations from the participants rated the seminar a resounding success. It was the general consensus that the day-long seminar was relevant, instructive, and inspiring. JACLers who attended the seminar came together from east to west to learn, discuss, network, and plan strategy for distributing and using our JACL resource and curriculum guide. It was encouraging to hear of the efforts of many individuals such as Jennifer Yazawa, Jean Irwin, David Hayashi, Mary Jo Kubota, Mei Nakano, Mace Ishida, Marilyn Nakano Schlieff, and Joanne Iritani, who have labored in the trenches to get resolutions passed by city and state governments, held teacher training sessions, organized exhibits, written curriculum, taught lessons, or produced videos. Now we hope to capitalize on the combined wisdom and energies of the 40 conferees to spread the word and expand further.

The seminar was keynoted by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, co-author of *Farewell to Manzanar*, a book widely read by high school students to learn about the Japanese American internment experience. Ms. Houston has worked to educate about the injustice of the internment and about the toll it has exacted on the Japanese American community. Her keynote address inspired us to advocate for change, to act to eliminate the exclusion of the Japanese American experience and internment from the United States history texts and courses taught today. Her personal reflections on her experiences in traveling from school to school answering questions about the internment reinforced the importance of educating others about the racism and discrimination the Japanese American community faced. She eloquently set the stage for us to begin a concerted effort to educate our fellow citizens about our history.

The goal of this seminar was to give the participants a hands-on experience so that they could go back to their districts or chapters with some ideas on how effectively to use the curriculum and resource guide. The goal of this seminar was to give the participants a hands-on experience so that they could go back to their district or chapter with some ideas on how effectively to use the curriculum and resource guide. The panelists, Mary Tsukamoto, Dr. Leland Yee, and Dr. Dale Shimasaki, shared their experiences as educators in different capacities. Mary Tsukamoto, a teacher, passionately told us of her efforts to educate the children in the Florin area about the internment. From 1977 when she taught Yonsei children at the Jan Ken Po Gakko, Mary has worked tirelessly to raise the self-esteem of Japanese American children. More importantly she has educated the children of the entire school district of Elk Grove, Calif. about the history of Japanese Americans and of the injustices encountered in the internment camp. Mary was compelled to educate the Yonsei when some of them told her she was lying about the internment. Several questioned whether their grandparents could be innocent if they were imprisoned for three years. Others asked why their parents and grandparents would not speak about the internment. They wanted



**PARTICIPANTS**—Taking part in the May 28 education seminar were, from left, Dale Shimasaki, Carol Kawamoto, Leland Yee, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, Mary Tsukamoto, and Teresa Maebori.

**SHOW AND TELL**—At right, JACL Education Committee Chair Teresa Maebori talks about one of the books that could be added to "The Teaching of the Japanese American Experience."

**LOWER RIGHT**—From left, Jean Ishibashi, Florence Hongo and Elisa Kamimoto talk shop during seminar.



to know what they were hiding. Mary then went to work. She organized an extensive exhibit about internment with the help of local JACLers. This exhibit has been viewed annually for the past 12 years by students throughout the Elk Grove School District. A Day of Remembrance resolution was passed by the school district and all fifth graders were invited to visit the exhibit which included a life-size model of a barracks, numerous photos, and documents from the internment period. Mary's work served as a model for what could be done.

Dr. Leland Yee shared his experiences as a board member of the San Francisco Unified School Board. The San Francisco JACL with Dr. Yee's assistance was successful in getting the school board to approve the incorporation of the Japanese American Internment materials into its curriculum. But Dr. Yee cautioned us to remember that curriculum materials alone were not enough. We must monitor the use of the

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curriculum guide to make sure it is used appropriately. Our third panelist was Dr. Dale Shimasaki, former education specialist for Speaker Willie Brown, State of California and former chair of the JACL Education Committee. Dr. Shimasaki outlined five points he felt we needed to consider in mapping out our strategy for marketing the curriculum resource guide. He felt we should 1) collaborate with other Asian American groups about multicultural education, 2) remember that education is a state responsibility, 3) investigate the different state requirements about their curriculum frameworks, 4) urge JACL chapters to explore their local situation and find out what they tangibly can do, 5) serve as a catalyst for setting guidelines, providing leadership, identifying funding resources, recruiting coordinators to work with the curriculum guide, and training teachers. The stage was thus set by the keynote

speaker and the panelists for our work during the remainder of the seminar. Carol Kawamoto, Education Committee member, moderated the opening sessions. Another Education member, Izumi Taniguchi, ably took notes for the committee.

The first training session led by Dr. Sharon Ishii-Jordan and Teresa Maebori, used lessons from the curriculum guide to illustrate how teachers could be trained. Sharon pointed out how the lessons could be integrated into social studies, mathematics, and language arts. Also she reinforced the idea that the Japanese American experience is an American story and lessons can be learned by the entire community. The internment was a constitutional violation and an important civil lesson. Teresa used a lesson from the elementary section to help students learn about the internment and to understand the internment from the eyes of a Japanese American child. The lesson was based on the book, *The Bracelet*, by Yoshiko Uchida and used discussion groups and letter writing activities. For the high school lesson, Sharon asked the participants in small groups to discuss and write the violations of the Bill of Rights that occurred. Judging from the buzz and intensity in the room, this hands-on session stimulated the group. It illustrated that the internment was an American issue and that our Bill of Rights hold little value unless we learn from the internment and prevent the violation from happening again.

After lunch Bill Kaneko, JACL vice president for public affairs, got us all to take off our teachers hats and put on our advocate hats. He outlined the tools for successful marketing. There were seven steps in the

formula for success. 1) Find a friend and form a committee, 2) develop a strategic plan, 3) develop a clear message, 4) start community networking, 5) organize a political effort, 6) plan the media/public relations push and, 7) establish an attitude and determination. Bill successfully led many. See SEMINAR/p. 10

### Training Session III: An overview of supplemental materials

By **GREG MARUTANI**  
Member, JACL Education Committee

This session closed out the education seminar with three presentations. Florence Hongo from the Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP)

San Mateo, Calif., presented her "paper in development" on *Criteria for Analyzing Books on Asian Americans*. In her paper, Florence presented eleven general guidelines for librarians, teachers, and interested individuals to use when considering books on Asian Americans. (Please see adjacent story for the eleven criteria.)

Some of her criteria included watching for common references of Asians (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, etc.)

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### A new criteria for analyzing books on Asian Americans

By **FLORENCE HONGO**  
AACP, Inc.

The following criteria are meant to be only a general guideline for librarians, teachers, and interested others who need a brief reminder for ways in which to accept/reject books on Asian Americans. Your best guide is the current listing of available books from AACP, Inc. (formerly JACP, Inc.) P.O. Box 1857, San Mateo, Calif., 94401. Enclose \$3.00 for shipping and handling costs.

1. Asian Americans must be described as a people whose experiences in the U.S. and their distinct ancestral cultures have generated a new and unique individual. Asian Americans are bi-cultural and they need to be described as bi-cultural with pride in both identities.

2. Asian Americans must be described as part of the multicultural peoples that is America.

3. Watch for references which seem to refer to Asian Americans of their culture are being exotic or strange. The work Oriental as referring to Asians is not an accepted term.

4. Does it discuss festivals and holidays as the central cultural experience? It should only be included as one facet of the experience.

5. Watch for common references of Asians as Asians (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, etc.)

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MARUTANI

## Saiki to run for public affairs post

Barry Saiki, past president of the Stockton Chapter, JACL, announced July 19 that he will seek the nomination of JACL national vice president of public affairs, a post currently vacant for lack of a nominee.

"Since no one has filed for this post, I believe I should run for this spot."

Saiki was "Mr. JACL in Japan" as charter president who kept the chapter healthy since its founding in 1980. He returned to Stockton, his home town in 1990.

He was a key executive with a major public relations firm in Tokyo after retiring from a 20-year military career in Japan.

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# Reflections on teaching the Japanese American experience

By MACE ISHIDA

As a Japanese American and an educator, I was extremely honored to attend JACL's 1994 Education Seminar, "Teaching the Japanese American Experience" in San Francisco, May 28, 1994. My personal motivation for attending the seminar was to learn how to teach with JACL's Japanese American Study Guide and to acquire strategies for getting the study guide adopted by local school districts. The seminar was a personally and professionally rewarding experience.

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston quickly established the tone for the entire seminar by sharing insightful perspectives on the Japanese American experience. Throughout her presentation, she asked meaningful and probing questions: "What is an American?" Was the internment justified? Why

weren't Sansei, like myself, never told about the internment? Why did it take the Black Power movement of the 1960's to help other groups examine their own history? Who will speak out about the Japanese experience in the future? Why is the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 a victory for all Americans? Houston's questions probe the very fabric of the Japanese American experience.

Participation in the seminar increased my respect for professional colleagues across the country who are committed to teaching the Japanese experience to others. As Houston posited, the Japanese experience is in reality, an American story. It is a story of democracy gone awry. Why did the legis-

lative, judicial, and Presidential bodies permit the violation of constitutional rights for one group of citizens? The story needs to be told to future generations of citizens in order to prevent future violations of the constitution.

Finally, the seminar provided the opportunity to be with Japanese Americans. Such opportunities do not occur often enough. It was wonderful to listen to experiences shared by Mary Teukamoto, to learn from Teresa Maebori and Sharon Ishii-Jordan, to meet Florence Hongo, and to know that Elisa Kamimoto and Jean Ishibashi are working diligently to share the history of Japanese Americans. I was tremendously enlightened about my past and the importance of moving forward with Japanese American Study Guide.

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of JACL's recent public affairs campaigns so with his tools we should be able to move forward to politically obtain approval and utilization of our curriculum guide.

Greg Marutani, an Education Committee member, oversaw the training sessions on setting up a workshop in a local community with Joanne Iritani and the supplemental materials workshop with Florence Hongo, Japanese American Curriculum Project; Elisa Kamimoto, Japanese American National Museum; and Jean Ishibashi National Japanese Historical Society. This session gave a perspective on the extensive resources that are available to tell our story more effectively and dramatically. It drove home the point that we need to network and cooperate so that we can mine the resources available in our communities. Greg has written a companion news article which will follow in the *Pacific Citizen* outlining in detail the substance of this session.

In conclusion, this first education seminar allowed us to establish a beachhead. Many of us came away knowing we were not alone in trying to educate ourselves and the public about our experiences as Japanese Americans. We met many dedicated individuals possessed with intelligence and energy. This boosted our commitment. But we also heard familiar stories of resistance and ignorance about Japanese Americans and the internment that all of us have encountered. Our work has just begun. But now we have a workforce to begin getting the word out. Our immediate plans will be to establish an education network, to encourage chapters to establish an education committee, and to continue an ongoing dialogue with the seminar participants with a possible newsletter. There were several long range goals that were elicited, too: We want to develop a partnership with other JACL committees especially youth and leadership development. We want to network with other Asian/Pacific American education organizations. We want to identify major education conferences and organizations where we can present our materials. We want to sponsor a major education conference in conjunction with and prior to the 1996 national JACL convention. We want to follow-up on the Redress Education Trust Fund. And we want to search for grants to support the committee's work and for teacher training. These are just a few of our long-range goals. For now we are pleased that our first step was firm and forward moving. We

thank all who participated and gave their insight and enthusiasm. We also thank the JACL staff notably Carol Hayashino and Janelle Sasaki who worked behind-the-scenes to make this seminar a success. Look for the education workshop in August at the national convention. We want to build on the progress we have made thus far.

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while referring to Caucasians as Americans, avoiding story lines that depict stereotypical roles of servitude for Asian Americans such as Japanese gardener or house servant and avoiding stereotypical features like buck teeth and glasses.

Also along these lines, Florence warned against Asian Americans being considered model minorities rather they should be portrayed as ordinary non-white people whose experiences parallel other non-white people and to also be sure the book gives credence to the changing role of women especially Asian American women.

She also warns against assuming that an Asian American author guarantees no problems of stereotypical errors.

Elisa Kamimoto representing the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, showed excerpts from a video project she showed to a class of eighth graders at a school in Central California. The video consisted of home movies dating back to the mid-1920's taken by a variety of Japanese American families dressed in contemporary clothes of that time. When she asked who the people were in the home movies, one young boy responded they were Japanese but did not acknowledge the children in the films who were born in the United States as Americans. What was more frightening was the teacher in the class supported the student's position, leaving the impression that White Anglo-Saxon Protestants were the only Americans. Elisa's point of this story is while there are excellent materials available, such as the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide, it is important to teach the teachers how to use the material in the classroom because the material can be used improperly.

The final presenter was Jean Ishibashi who represented the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco. She too presented a short 6 1/2 minute video in progress produced by students from San Francisco Unified School District in which they interviewed attorney Dale Minami who spoke about growing

up in Gardena and the impact that the internment had on his family and how he only learned about it when he entered law school. The video then showed short clips of students and their reactions to his story.

Jean also displayed a kit that is available from the NJAHS of material related to the camp experience such as identification tags and things collected in the camps. She also shared the Teacher's Guide which focuses on grades 4 through 12 and includes excellent lesson plans and photos which NJAHS produced in 1992 in conjunction with the San Francisco Unified School District and the University of California Hastings College of Law.

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and Caucasians as Americans. Or things Asian as Asian and all other things as American. These terms are divisive tending to suggest that Asians are not Americans.

6. How does it deal with the conflict of cultures? Is acculturation depicted as the only solution? Is acculturation considered a victory over being foreign?

7. Is the book historically accurate? Does it give credit to the Asian Americans themselves for struggling to achieve solutions against economic and social racism? Or does it describe progress as a "wonderful" gift from the governing bodies?

8. Asian Americans should not be described as model minorities or super minorities. They should be portrayed as ordinary non-white people whose experiences parallel other non-white people.

9. Does the book give credence to the changing role of women? The changing role of women is as important amongst Asian American women as it is amongst most women.

10. The book should recognize the diversity amongst Asian Americans. Each person is different by their separate ethnic and U.S. experience. The variety of these experiences are innumerable according to their time of immigration, generations of life in the U.S., location, family differences, economic status, etc.

11. The visuals in the book or video should not reflect stereotypical features such as yellow complexion, rice bowl haircuts for boys and short banged hair for girls and extreme slanted eyes. Also objectionable are the confusion in native costuming and the wearing of native costumes in inappropriate situations. Glasses and bucked teeth to depict Asians is also objectionable.

12. Story lines which depict stereotypical roles of servitude for

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# Personally speaking

## Honors



REISCHAUER

The first lady ever to serve as a Nisei Week parade grand marshal, **Haru Matsukata Reischauer**, now of La Jolla, was named the 1994 honoree for the Aug. 7 parade in Little Tokyo. The Japan-born wife of Edwin O. Reischauer, Harvard scholar and authority on Japan and U.S. ambassador during the Kennedy Administration, she is the author of "Samurai and Silk," a biography of her two grandfathers, Prince Masayoshi Matsukata (paternal) and Riochiro Arai (maternal). Her life story, "Ed and Haru," for NHK and KCET-TV was televised last May in Japan. She moved to La Jolla some three years ago to be near her daughter and five grandchildren.

**Kauai-born Dr. Ken Munechika, 58**, a retired Air Force colonel and senior commander of Onizuka AFB at Sunnyvale in 1989, was appointed director of NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View. He assumed the post last January 16 and has been retooling, reorganizing the center as well as making NASA more responsive to the public. With nearby Moffett Field being decommissioned, the air base will be under the charge of NASA-Ames and home to the National Guard and naval reserve units. Then-base commander Munechika was instrumental in having the Sunnyvale AFB named in honor of his friend, astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka, who was killed in the 1986 Challenger disaster.



**HONOR**—Seattle Consul General Masaki Saito (left) presents Denny T. Yasuhara with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold & Silver Rays.

Seattle-born **Denny Tetsuki Yasuhara**, longtime Spokane community leader and retired school teacher, was conferred the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold & Silver Rays, the end of May from Seattle Japanese Consul General Masaki Saito. The Japanese Emperor's decoration for community service cited his work to improve U.S.-Japan relations, his leadership in JACL as chapter president, district governor and advocacy in the redress campaign. Upon acceptance, he said, "In a very real sense, it is the support of JACL and the Nikkei community that permitted us to undertake the activities that led to this

honor."

**Philippine Ambassador Raul Ch. Rabe** awarded its nation's Presidential Legion of Honor (degree of Legionnaire) on April 15 at the Philippine Embassy to **La. Col. Richard M. Sakakida, USAF (ret)**, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the Filipino-American Freedom Fighters as a U.S. undercover counterintelligence agent in the Philippines from April 22, 1941, to Sept. 20, 1945.

He and nine MIS Nisei veterans were also presented the Philippine Legion of Honor by **Brig. Gen. Voltaire Gazmin**, defense attaché. On behalf of the Japanese American Veterans Association, **Col. Sunao P. Ishio** of Silver Spring, Md., thanked the Philippine government for the recognition for it helps to tell the MIS story of Nisei exploits in the Pacific War. (National Japanese American Historical Society, San Francisco, has released a documentary video, "Mission to Manila," on Sakakida, relating how he was captured and tortured by the Japanese military and eventually released. He continued to relay valuable information to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters through the Filipino guerrilla network.)

## Academia



MICHIE N. WEGLYN

**Michi Nishiura Weglyn**, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, returned to her South Hadley, Mass., campus May 22 and was conferred a honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during commencement exercises. "Your persistence in uncovering the truth in your search for justice is an inspiration to us all," college president Elizabeth Topham Kennan exclaimed. "Although you were able to spend only one year here (50 years ago, coming from Gila River War Center), you went on to embody the ideals of leadership and service that characterize our alumnae." She was the first Nisei to achieve national prominence as a theatrical costume designer and then engaged in intense research to write, "Years of Infamy," which is "a cornerstone for modern historians," Kennan added.

Cal Poly Pomona chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, national physics honor society, inducted **Dr. Bob Suzuki**, Cal Poly Pomona president, into its rank at an April 26 ceremony. The charge was given by **Dr. Vincent Parker**, past national president of Sigma Pi Sigma and dean of science at Cal Poly Pomona. Suzuki holds degrees in mechanical engineering from UC Berkeley, and the doctorate in aeronautics from Cal Tech.

San Jose-based Yu-Ai Kai, Japanese American Community Senior Service, announced **Lisa Kobayashi**, a Yonsei graduate

from UC Santa Cruz, as interim executive director, filling the vacancy of **Thomas Izu**, who accepted a position at the California History Center at DeAnza College. Kobayashi has been with Yu-Ai Kai for four years. She is the daughter of **Richard and Myrtle Kuramoto**, Carmichael, and granddaughter of **Shigenobu and Misato Kuramoto**, San Lorenzo. [Yu-Ai Kai has moved to a new location: 588 N. 4th St., 408/294-2505.]

The U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., accorded **Joanne Yamauchi, Ph.D.**, its "Excellence 2000" award on May 3 at the Grand Hyatt Washington. The Hilo-born professor of communications at The American University is its youngest faculty member to receive tenure and the full rank of professor. She is considered a leading authority on managing culturally diverse communications in organizations.

The late University of Nevada-Reno professor, **Dr. James K. Mikawa**, was posthumously awarded the Adelante Distinguished Service Award for helping establish the AIDS outreach program for Nevada Hispanic Services. The award was made during Cinco de Mayo celebration at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. Mikawa, who taught in the UNR psychology department for 27 years, was acting chairman at the time of his death Nov. 21, 1993. He was 63, a nationally recognized for his research on suicide prevention and a fellow of the American Psychological Association. The awards are designed to recognize those who have been of service to the Hispanic community, according to Rosemary Flores, executive director of Hispanic Services. The annual award for the top clinical psychologist in Nevada was also named by UNR in memory of Dr. James K. Mikawa. He also chaired the ethnic studies board, sponsored the Asian American Alliance on campus, active with the Alliance of Racial Minorities and Reno JACL.

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**AWARD**—Judge Ernest Hiroshige (left) receives UCLA outstanding alumni award from university Chancellor Charles Young.

L.A. County Superior Court **Judge Ernest Hiroshige**, a '67 UCLA graduate and former president of the Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA, received the UCLA Alumni Award for Excellence in Community Service during the 75th anniversary ceremonies held May 21. He chaired the UCLA commemorative of the 50th anniversary of EO 9066 by the Nikkei Bruins. He was appointed superior court judge in 1982, is a founding member of the Japanese American Bar Association of Los Angeles and on the Hastings College of Law Alumni Association board of directors. **K. Patrick Okura**, class of '33 and member of the first class that spent all four years on the Westwood campus, presented the award to Judge Hiroshige. Okura was similarly honored in 1980 for

community service.

## Arts

**Joe Oyama** of Berkeley, Calif. recently published his poem "Past Midnight," in the book *Tears of Fire*, a compilation of today's poetry by the National Library of Poetry. Oyama, who has been writing for over 50 years, said the main subject of the poem is loneliness. He said he writes primarily about "the Japanese American experience growing up in America." Poets interested in submitting their work can write to: the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., #10, PO Box 704NR, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

**Velina Hasu Houston's "Kokoro"** bowed in New York at the Japan Society Theater of Yugen in May and opens in San Francisco in July. The play was a finalist in the 1993 Julie Harris Playwright Awards. The play is based on several occurrences of classic Japanese parent-child suicide attempts in the U.S. and focusing domestic crisis.

## Community

Attorney **Angela Oh** was honored at the Leadership Awards Dinner July 7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Sponsored by the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), the award spotlights individuals who have provided leadership to the Asian Pacific American community.

Oh, a partner at Beck, DeCorso, Barrera and Oh, has been an outspoken advocate for the Korean American community. Following the '92 L.A. riots, Oh was appointed co-chair to the State Assembly Special Committee on the Los Angeles Crisis.

Honoring distinguished alumni, USC recently gave the service award to **Melody Nishida** and the merit award to **Irene Hirano**

at the General Alumni Association Awards Dinner. Nishida, a '78 graduate in political science, chair of the Office of Admissions Alumni Recruitment for L.A./Westside. Hirano, '70 masters in Public Administration, is the executive director and president of the Japanese American National Museum.

## Sports

In a race of long distance flying, sailplane pilot **Kempton Izu** recently won the Western Area Hilton Award award for the region of western United States, Mexico and South America with a fully witnessed and recorded triangular flight of 468 miles in 8.5 hours in Minden, Nev. on Aug. 29, 1993. The award goes to the pilot flying a sailplane the longest distance around a triangular course in a two year period. Gliding at speeds upwards of 150 miles per hour, sailplanes do not have engines are fully equipped and fully instrumented ships designed to glide for hours at a time in high altitude.

The son of Gene and Tomi Izu, Izu is the first Japanese American and the youngest winner of this competition. He flies a Standard Libelle sailplane.

Since turning 70 in 1993, Gary Toji, a retired optician from Berkeley, Calif., has won 26 of 27 races in the over-70 division, rang-

ing from 5Ks to marathons. He began running after he was diagnosed with angina, he was warned to start exercising or he would die. Toji, who averages 12 miles every day, currently has a 24-race win streak.

## Media



BRETT AKAGI

**Brett Akagi** was named the National Press Photographer's Association Photographer of the Year for the region consisting of Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas for the second consecutive year. A television photographer for WDAF-TV 4 in Kansas City, Akagi received the award at the NPAA Convention in Albuquerque, N.M.

A Sansei, Akagi and his wife, Mary, live in Lawrence, Kansas.

The video of **Russel Baba, Jeanne Mercer** and the **Shasta Taiko** performers, ages 14 to 17, recently won the National Cablevision Ace Award for "Single Program Documentary Cultural Affairs Category." Executive producer of the production was S. Carol Ono.

The video features performances by the Shasta Taiko and interviews with the performers. Shasta Taiko will be performing Aug. 6 at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall, University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.

## Business

**Peggy Kono** joined Dailey and Associates as senior vice president/management supervisor, overseeing the Great Western Bank business, reported *Adweek Magazine*.

She was formerly the director of client services at Campbell and Wagman, L.A. A graduate of UC Berkeley, Kono's parents Gene and Irene Kono are members of the West Valley Chapter, JACL.

**Lloyd Miyao**, sales manager at Power and Industrial equipment, a subsidiary of Hitachi America Limited, was recently honored as the Japanese company's longest-serving U.S. employee with 25 years of service.

Reminiscing about the old days, Miyao said, "When I joined the San Francisco office in 1968, Hitachi had only two sales offices in the U.S. Now Hitachi has 4300 employees across America."

## Health

Honoring her efforts to bring quality health care to Oakland, Mass. Asian American community, **Sherry Hirota**, executive director, Asian Health Services, May 25 was awarded with \$100,000 by the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program (RWJCHLP).

"We bring patients into our long-term planning process. We constantly survey them for direction and advice on health and education programs," said Hirota. "We are not just serving the community; we are of the community. That's what access is all about."

# JACL 1994 Salt Lake City

## Convention Agenda

**August 4-6, 1994**

**Marriott Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah**

### Tentative Agenda-Subject to Change

#### Pre-convention activities

**Sunday, July 31**

Convention registration, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**

Convention registration, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Convention golf tournament, Bountiful City Golf Course, 1 p.m.

Salt Lake City Historic Tour, daily, 9 a.m.

Salt Lake area tour, daily 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 3**

Convention Golf Tournament, Wingpointe Shotgun, 6:45 a.m.

Convention registration, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

National Board meeting, 9-10 a.m.

Convention committees, 1-2 p.m.

Delegate orientation, 3-5 p.m.

Welcome mixer and dinner, Salt Lake Art Center, across street from Marriott, gourmet obento, "View from Within" exhibit on art from immigrant centers, 6 p.m.

#### Business Session I

**Thursday—August 4, 1994**

**8:30am-12:00pm**

Presiding Officer: Lillian Kimura, National President

1. Roll Call - Jon Kaji, Secretary/Treasurer
2. Approval of Minutes of 1992 National Council - Kimura
3. Convention Rules of Procedure - Ron Yoshino, Chairperson, Credentials Committee
4. National President's Remarks
5. Keynote to National Council Break
6. Nominations - Ken Yokota, Chairperson, Nominations Committee
7. National Director's Report - Randy Senzaki
8. Presentation 1995-96 National Budget - Jon Kaji, Secretary/Treas.

#### Business Session II

**Thursday—August 4, 1994**

**2:00pm-5:00pm**

Reports:

1. Vice President/General Operations - Neal Taniguchi
  2. Vice President/Public Affairs - Bill Kaneko
  3. Vice President/Planning and Development - Trisha Murakawa
  4. Vice President/Membership - Alan Nishi
  5. Secretary/Treasurer - Jon Kaji
  6. National Youth Council - Kim Nakahara/Kerry Kaneichi
  7. Pacific Citizen - Ron Ohata
  8. Legacy Fund - Grayce Uyehara
  9. Program for Action, 1992-94
  10. Resolutions/Constitution/By Laws
- Dale Ikeda, Chairperson, Resolutions and Constitution/By Laws Amendment Committee  
Constitution Review Committee  
Committee on Organization Restructure  
Proposed Amendments to JACL Constitution and By Laws

#### Business Session III

**Friday—August 5, 1994**

**8:30am-12:00 noon**

1. Resolutions/Constitution/By Laws - Dale Ikeda, Chairperson
- Resolutions, Constitution/By Laws Amendments Committee

#### Business Session IV

**Saturday—August 6, 1994**

**8:30am-12:30**

1. Election of Officers - Ken Yokota, Chairperson, Nominations Committee
2. Budget Adoption - Jon Kaji, Secretary/Treasurer
3. Emergency Resolutions - Dale Ikeda, Chairperson, Resolutions Committee
4. Announcement of Election Results - Yokota
5. Selection of 1998 convention site - Taniguchi
6. Report of 1996 San Jose Convention Committee - Taniguchi/San Jose JACL
7. Adjournment

## Conventional wisdom

### Floor nominations due prior to opening session

The Nominations Committee reminds late nominations from the floor for National Offices should be submitted prior to Business Session I (8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 4) of the convention.

Besides the usual background information on the form, "an important element of late nominations is the requirement of signatures from a majority of the chapters in each candidate's respective district," according to committee chair Ken Yokota (Fresno JACL).

Forms and instructions were sent to chapters in advance of the Convention.

### Pre-registered responses fill JACL block at hotel

Pre-registration response from delegates has taken up the entire block reserved for the JACL Convention at the Salt Lake Marriott Hotel, 75 South West Temple, it was announced July 12. Those who have not registered are being encouraged to make reservations at the following hotels—all in walking proximity of the Marriott:

- (a) The Inn At Temple Square 71 West South Temple, 800/843-4668
- (b) Howard Johnson Hotel, 122 West South Temple, 800/366-3684
- (c) Doubletree Hotel, 215 West South Temple, 801/531-7500
- (d) Red Lion Hotel, 255 South West Temple, 801/328-2000

### Tennis, anyone? Apparently not

Bob Taniguchi of Merced, Calif., was notified to leave his tennis racket at home as the Convention tennis tournament has been cancelled for lack of numbers, tournament chair Yas Tokita revealed July 8.

Three out-of-townners had indicated interest, but travel plans conflicted for two, leaving Taniguchi the only non-Utah. The intent was to mix out-of-townners with the local tennis-playing crowd.

### Fine points of lobbying to be honed

**[Fri. Aug. 5, 2:30-4, Brighton]**

"Lobbying Techniques" should be "a great and fun panel, giving everyone an insight into the mysterious, byzantine and enigmatic process called the Legislature," concludes Convention chair S. Floyd Mori, who was elected the California state

assembly in the 70s.

Onetime Washington JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi, moderator of one of the Aug. 5 Friday panels, announced his star-studded cast of panelists include:

Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington representative; former state senate legislative aide Rich Allen, vice president of Direct Impact, a grassroots lobbying firm in California, and Calif. State Sen. Pat Johnston (D-Stockton), a JACLer who has led numerous legislative campaigns of benefit to the Japanese American community.

Horiuchi is now a lobbyist for Union Pacific Railroad in California and Nevada.

*[Note: All workshops are at the Marriott except as noted at Arts Center.]*

### Health Care Issues to air impact on JACL

**[Fri. Aug. 5, 4:15 - 6, Brighton]**

The JACL Task Force on Health Care Issues will conduct one of the major Convention workshops at the Marriott on Friday afternoon, Aug. 5, with focus of Clinton's health care reform, its impact on the Nikkei community and exploring possibilities for JACL involvement.

Task force chair Dr. Toru Ishiyama (Cleveland JACL) will be the moderator. On the panel are Eileen Namba Otsuji, Pharm.D. (Florin JACL), Grayce Uyehara, retired social worker and educator (Philadelphia JACL), Karen Narasaki, Washington JACL representative, and Clay Harada, JACL assistant director for membership.

### Fukushima headliner for U.S.-Japan forum

**[Fri. Aug. 5, 2:30-6, Art Center]**

Glen S. Fukushima, whose paper "repairing U.S.-Japan relationship" found its way to President Clinton's desk and received media attention on both sides of the Pacific, will be one of four panelists at the major JACL Convention workshop Friday, Aug. 5, at Art Center, across the street from the Marriott.

Arranged by the Pacific Southwest District U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, the presentation will cover a general overview of U.S.-Japan relations, impact of the mass media, investing in Japan, perceptions of Japan and the United States and how all this affects Japanese Americans.

Second half of the workshop will be a wide-open question and answer period.

Steven C. Clemons, executive director, Japan Policy Research Institute, Santa Monica, Calif., is

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### Finding your way

- Marriott Hotel (convention site), 75 SW Temple
- Roof Restaurant, Old Timers Luncheon, 15 East South Temple
- Salt Lake Art Center, Wednesday mixer, Salt Palace, 20 S. West Temple
- Temple Square, Sunday, 9 a.m., Tabernacle Choir broadcast, and Mormon Temple
- Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 W. 100 South St.
- Japanese United Church of Christ, 268 West 100 South St.
- Center of Old Japan-town, 2 square blocks, between 200 West and W. Temple and South Temple, and 200 South St.

### Post-convention tours sold out

Spaces for the two post-convention tours have been completed sold out, it was announced July 15 by Yas Tokita of Mountain West Travel, 801/487-4567.

### What to wear in Salt Lake

Salt Lake City is generally hot in August (average 89° - 99°F). The Marriott Hotel, the convention site, will be nicely air-conditioned as is the adjoining Crossroads Plaza Mall, accessible by walking through a hallway from the hotel with Nordstrom, Mervyn's and more than 140 specialty stores, services and restaurants there. Across the street is ZCMI Center of 90 stores and restaurants.

Dress for the Aug. 3 opening reception Wednesday evening at Salt Lake Art Center, across the street from the Marriott, can be either dressy or casual. The Taiko drummers will perform outdoors in the amphitheater, weather permitting.

For the Aug. 4 Old Timers Luncheon at the Rooftop Restaurant (through the Mall and across three street) will undoubtedly be a coat and tie or dressy affair with casual acceptable.

That evening for the Western barbecue at the Wagonmaster (a short bus ride will transport conventioners from the hotel), western or any casual attire to fit the western atmosphere, dinner and entertainment is recommended. Plan to kick up your heels for some western line dancing.

The Friday awards luncheon, scheduled between the morning

business sessions and the afternoon workshop, will be the "convention clothes" for delegates. They will have no opportunity to change for lunch.

Likewise for those attending the Saturday youth luncheon to be held a few blocks away from the Marriott. The oratorical contest will be held at the hotel.

The Saturday Sayonara banquet and ball at the Marriott will be elegant and your chance to really dress up. Live music for the dance is scheduled.

For those taking the various city tours, casual attire and sturdy walking shoes are a "must." It may be HOT outdoors. But a jacket or sweater may be needed as the weather is unpredictable.

And you won't want to miss historic Temple Square, through the mall or around the corner from the Marriott and across the street.

On Sunday morning the Tabernacle Choir will be present a special program for JACLers. Sunday clothes are appropriate but tourists in any dress are welcome.

After the 9-9:30 a.m. broadcast, the various post-convention tour buses for Tuzet, Yellowstone or Bryce Canyon and points south will depart from the hotel.

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moderator.

Panelists include Fukushima, vice president, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan; Jonathan Kaji, director, California Office of Trade and Investment, Tokyo; senior correspondent Edwin M. Reingold, Time Magazine, and Sheridan Tatsuno, president, Dreamscape Productions, Aptos, Calif.

Mr. Clinton had read Fukushima's paper, prepared for the American C. of C. in Japan, and marked it with his comments. A summary appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* Feb. 1 and 2, 1994. According to Japanese newsmagazine *Shukan Weekly*, "the Fukushima paper is what led to the breakdown of the Feb. 11 U.S.-Japan summit meeting."

Fukushima, 44, a Japan JACLer, commented that it is curious how media hype can create erroneous impressions so removed from reality. He also served in the Bush administration as deputy assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan and China, 1988-90, and was director for Japanese affairs at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1985-88.

Japan-veteran Reingold, Times bureau chief in Tokyo in 1969, co-authored *Made in Japan* with Akio Morita and author of *Chrysantheum and Sword*. He is now based in Los Angeles.

Tatsuno, author of *Created in Japan* and *The Technopolis Strategy*, will discuss Silicon Valley and Japan. His company analyzes Japanese high-tech corporate strategies, and produces CD graphics.

Kaji, national JACL treasurer-secretary, will speak on events in California influenced by Japan's perception of the United States.

## Workshop to explore health care

[Sat., Aug. 6, 1:30-6, Salon C]

Sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, a Nikkei panel will address "Preparation for Retirement Years," it was announced by moderator Hide Fujikawa, AARP minority affairs spokesperson.

On the panel will be financial analyst Brent Koga, Foresight Financial; Rita

Inoway, AARP state and community representative; and Dan Oniki, MD, Cottonwood Hospital.

## Coalition building with minority groups on tap

[Fri., Aug. 5, 2:30-4, Alta-Snowbird]

Cross-cultural communication, understanding differences and similarities of other minorities are among key elements of the workshop of Coalition Building. Panelists include:

Former Santa Clara County district attorney Anastasia Steinberg, executive director, Central Pacific Region, Anti-Defamation League; Claudia Martinez, California State Policy Board for MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund); and Jeanetta Williams, president, NAACP, Utah, Idaho and Nevada Region.

## UCLA Prof. Kitano lectures on racism

[Sat., Aug. 6, 1:30-3, Art Center]

With the "View from Within" art exhibit as a focal point and backdrop, UCLA Professor Harry H.L. Kitano will present a lecture entitled, "Racism and Government Action," at the Salt Lake Art Center on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Following the lecture, director Sam Gappmeyer of Salt Lake Art Center will conduct an exhibit tour, which has been on a travel tour after its opening at UCLA. It was last shown at San Jose, Calif.

## Largest family history center to help JACLers

[Fri. Aug. 5, 2:30-4, Park City]

"Preservation of the Family Tree," as a JACL Convention workshop theme, couldn't be situated more appropriately than in Salt Lake City where the world's largest family history center is located.

Panelists Greg Thompson, University of Utah professor, and Fred Bradley of the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will discuss the preservation of local, family and personal histories. "This must be a goal of every JACL member," convention co-chair Tom Shimizu remarked.

# Salt Lake Convention organizer Ray Uno honored by alma mater

An outstanding and exemplary member of the Utah Japanese community, retired District Judge Raymond S. Uno of Salt Lake City, JACL Convention recognitions awards program chair and the 1994 chair of the Japanese American reunion committee for the University of Utah, was recently awarded the honorary doctorate degree in humanities by his alma mater, Weber State University.

The honors were bestowed on campus June 7 before civic leaders and friends present in recognition of his leadership in judicial, legal, civil rights and academia within the Japanese American community and others.

Judge Uno has served as National JACL president (1970-72), worked on two national JACL conventions hosted in Salt Lake City (1978 and this year), and many JACL committees in local, district and national levels.

Born in El Monte, Calif., in 1930, he was raised in the West 25th Street area of Ogden which, at the time, was a tough mix of railroad workers, transients and ethnic groups.

The family moved back to El Monte where his father, Clarence, worked as secretary of the Japanese Association and on the draft board. In 1942, the family was evacuated to Heart Mountain. Clarence Uno died at Heart Mountain.

Education has been important in Judge Uno's life. He finished Ogden Senior High where he was state wrestling champion in 1948. Following his stint in the Army in military intelligence (1948-1952), he obtained an associate of science degree at the then Weber Junior College, and eventually a B.S. in political science, a master in social work



JUDGE RAYMOND UNO

and a law degree at the University of Utah. He also attended specialized civil and criminal courses at the University of Nevada, National College of the State Judiciary and American Academy of Judicial Education.

After 14 years on the bench, he retired from the court in 1980 and continues to serve as an active supporter of the court, and when time allows, he works on weekends, aids, plays tennis, ping pong, slow pitch softball, basketball and continues to read.

One of the special agendas in retirement was honoring his mother, who celebrated her 100th birthday this spring when some 500 people were in attendance. She has lived with Raymond and his wife Yoshiko and family for the past 35 years. Home includes "Puff," an 18-year-old Pomeranian-Chihuahua dog. He is an active member of the Japanese Church of Christ.

# Children to address JACL convention on peace project

Among the youngest to attend the JACL national convention will be Travis Green, 9, Aubrey White, 12, and Bonnie Malcolm, 19, who will fly from Albuquerque, N.M., to Salt Lake City to talk with JACL convention delegates about a Children's Peace Statue, to be unveiled next year in Los Alamos, N.M.

These young people are members of a Kid's Committee, which has been working since 1990 on this peace memorial project. The idea of a peace statue in New Mexico was inspired by the Monument for Children of the Atom Bomb built in Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park in 1958.

A five-year plan of action will involve and educate children throughout the U.S. in creative global peace activities. Designs for the peace monument will be made in scale models with the help of the American Institute of Architects.

Dedication for the monument and peace part is planned for Aug. 6, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Children's Peace Statue program has the support of the New Mexico JACL. A

convention exhibit booth, arranged for by the New Mexico Chapter, will be staffed by Travis, Aubrey and Bonnie.

In 1992, children across the nation were invited to submit designs for the peace memorial. Sixteen were accepted for judging. The winning model was made by a student from Dallas, Texas.

At the judging event this May in Los Alamos, Los Alamos County Administrator Jim Flint said, "You are all part of a journey to create a memorial to peace."

Steve Maaranen, Center for National Security Studies at the Los Alamos National Lab, added, "The idea of a Children's Peace Statue symbolizes a wish for the building of a more permanent and durable peace."

In late July, Caitilin Chestnut, teenage editor of the Peace Statue newsletter, The Crane, will tour Japan on behalf of the project.

Camy Condon, adult advisor to the Kid's Committee, has lived in Japan for a number of years. Her husband, professor John Condon, is currently lecturing in Japan Christian University in Tokyo.

## Anti-Asian hate crimes getting worse

[Fri. Aug. 5, 4:15-6, Alta-Sunbird]

Hate crimes are a continuing issue and seem to be only getting worse as the JACL Convention workshop on Friday at the Marriott is featuring three from the Eastern seaboard to discuss the matter. Two from anti-bias police units from Boston and Baltimore. The three panelists are:

William Johnson, deputy superintendent, Boston Police Department; Lt. Donald Roby, Baltimore County (Md.), Police Department; and Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington representative.

## Native Hawaiian sovereignty

[Sat. Aug. 6, 3:15-5, Salon A]

Led by Honolulu JACL leaders Alicyn Hikida and Bill Kaneko, the convention workshop on Hawaiian sovereignty and the self-determination movement on Saturday is expected to educate the membership and explain what it means to the people living in Hawaii and to the mainland AJsAs (as Americans of Japanese ancestry are popularly addressed on the Islands) and general public.

## Seminar on time management coming

[Fri. Aug. 5, 4:15-6, Park City]

Franklin Quest, Inc., a world leader in personal planning and Utah-based publisher of the Franklin Day Planner, will host the Convention workshop Aug. 5 on "Personal Productivity," it was announced by Floyd Mori, convention chair.

Over 20,000 people per month attend the Franklin seminars. Workshop leader Rick Wooden, vice president of domestic sales, has been leading seminars throughout the nation, including the training of Fortune 500 companies.

## Personal finances for retirement planning

[Sat. Aug. 6, 1:30-3, Salon A]

To start on the long road to retirement with personal finances in place is the thrust of the Saturday workshop led by moderator Brad Mayeda, investment officer since 1981. Colleagues on the panel include district managers of American Express Financial Planning, Mary Pierce, CFP, at Salt Lake City; and Robin Morishita, CFO, from West

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## Facts

### UTAH

Population: 1,729,000 (July, 1990)  
Asians/Pacifics: 33,371 ('90 U.S. Census) Rank: 28th; Growth 121%  
Salt Lake-Ogden: 25,598 (76%)  
Japanese: 9,000 / Chinese 10,000-12,000; Vietnamese 6,000 "and climbing"; Korean 5,000 / Tongans 22,000 ("Most Tongans in U.S.")

[Asian estimates from the Governor's Office]

### SALT LAKE CITY

Elevation: 4,390 ft.  
August Weather: 89°F to 59°  
State Symbol: Beehive  
State Flower: Sego lily  
State Bird: California gull  
State Gem: Topaz  
Statehood Day: Jan. 4, 1896  
Pioneer Day: July 24  
In 1847, Brigham Young looked across the Salt Lake Valley and said, "This is the right place."

### CONVENTION

33rd Biennial : Aug. 2-7  
Information: 801/272-7447  
Hosts: Mt. Olympus Chapter  
Co-Sponsors: Intermountain District Council, Salt Lake Chapter  
Convention Headquarters: Salt Lake City - Marriott Hotel 75 SW Temple - 801/521-4300  
Convention Board Chair: S. Floyd Mori  
Assistant Co-Chairs: Tom Shimizu, Shake Ushio  
Treasurer: Ray Mamo  
Members of the Convention Board: Larry Grant, Jeff Itami, Steve Koga, Min Matsumura, Douglas Matsumori, Oscar Misaka, Irene Mori, Ted Nagata, Claudia Nakano, Jeff Nakashima, Brian Namba, Yuki Namba, Ken Nodzu, Karen Seo, Reid Tateoka, Yas Tokita, Amy Tomita, Judge Raymond Uno, Momo Ushio, Carolyn Valentine, Frank Yoshimura, Amy Yoshimura  
Convention Youth Program: Brian Morishita



## Proposed amendments to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws

### Amendment proposal

### Sponsored by:

### Approved by:

### Description of proposal

1. Membership (voting rights of "special members").	Chicago Chapter, Ross Harano, chapter president	Midwest District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The bylaws [Article 1, Section 3 (c) Membership] concerning special members be changed giving special members all privileges except the ability to hold office. The current bylaws restrict a special member from voting or holding office.</li> </ul>
2. Geographic Distributions (Livingston-Merced Chapter).	Tulare County Chapter, Kathy Ishimoto, chapter president	CCDC; Larry Ishimoto, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Livingston Merced Chapter moves from the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District to the Central California District [under Article II, Section 1, subsection b and c].</li> <li>● Recommendation to restructure JACL, initially brought up for discussion at the 1992 National Convention. Among the changes: the deletion of the v.p. of general operations and the addition of a v.p. for fund development. The current youth designation would be changed to <i>student/youth</i>, and district governors would be changed to district <i>representatives</i>.</li> <li>● Among the changes proposed to the constitution is the establishment of a manual for general operating procedures, removal of the JACL hymn and creed from the constitution, a dissolution clause for the organization, and an article on endowment funds which would govern the management of all JACL endowment funds. The report also incorporates recommendations on <i>Pacific Citizen</i> by the PC ad hoc committee. Among changes recommended to PC include: removing business responsibilities from the PC board; changing the PC board to the PC editorial board; the editor/general manager, currently hired by the PC board, would be hired by the National Board, based on recommendations by the PC board. The National Board would also be responsible for terminating the editor/general manager. The report was created by the Constitutional Review Committee appointed by Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, and chaired by Hank Tanaka, Midwest District.</li> </ul>
3A. Report by Committee on Organization Structure dated March 24, 1994.			
3B. Report by Constitutional Review Committee (including Endowment Fund proposal).			
3C. Constitution Review Committee Proposal			
4. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Appointment or termination of <i>Pacific Citizen</i> editor).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A new section on PC staff in (Article XII-PC) that states that the PC editor may be appointed or terminated by the PC board in consultation with the National Personnel Committee. The staff members shall be appointed or terminated by the editor.</li> </ul>
5. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Objectives of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> ).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changes the stated objective of PC (Article XII Section 1) as "an educational and public relations project" to "a: communicate and educate the JACL members and the community-at-large on the issues of importance to the JACL and the Asian Pacific Islander community; b: inform the readership of news affecting the Japanese American community; and c. serve as a public relations vehicle."</li> </ul>
6. National Board (PC Chair's voting rights on National Board).	Mile Hi Chapter, Tom Migaki, chapter president	MPDC; Sharon Ishii Jordan, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In Article IX Section 1 of the Constitution on the make-up of the national board, gives voting privileges to the PC board chair.</li> </ul>
7. National Officers (VP for <i>Pacific Citizen</i> ).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the same Article IX Section 1 on the different elected positions, creates a vice president for <i>Pacific Citizen</i>.</li> </ul>
8. National Officers (VP for <i>Pacific Citizen</i> ).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the same Article IX Section 2, deletes the position of PC board chair from appointed positions. The position of national legal counsel remains as is.</li> </ul>
9. National Board (PC Chair's voting rights on National Board).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the same Article IX Section 1, deletes references to chairperson of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> board.</li> </ul>
10. National Board (PC Chair in line to succeed National President).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Places the newly created vice president for <i>Pacific Citizen</i> within the chain of succession to the office of national president [Article VI Section 3 (c)iii]. The revised order would read: v.p., general operations, v.p., public affairs, v.p. <i>Pacific Citizen</i>, v.p., planning and development, v.p. Thousand Club and membership services, and secretary/treasurer.</li> </ul>
11. National Officers (Duties of VP for <i>Pacific Citizen</i> ).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under duties of nationally elected officers (Article VII Section 1e), lists duties of vice president for PC. Among duties are: calling PC board meetings and presiding over the PC board.</li> </ul>
12. National Officers (Eliminates PC Chair's duties as appointed officer).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In Article VII Section 2(b) of the bylaws, strikes out the duties of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> board chair.</li> </ul>
13. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Name change from Chairperson of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> to VP of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> ).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changes Article XII Section 3 of the bylaws from PC board chair to v.p. of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i>.</li> </ul>
14. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Eliminates PC Chair and PC Board members as appointed positions).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the same Article XII Section 2 (b), changes process by which PC board representatives are chosen. Currently, the national president appoints PC board representatives upon recommendation from district governors. The bylaw change would have districts elect PC board reps to two year terms. Each board member shall serve no more than two consecutive full terms or four consecutive years. It further adds the national youth representative to the PC board.</li> </ul>
15. National Officers (Adds National Youth Representative to <i>Pacific Citizen</i> Board).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adds PC board to the duties of the national youth representative (Bylaws: Article VII Section 4 b).</li> </ul>
16. National Council (Adoption of <i>Pacific Citizen</i> Editorial Guidelines).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In Article VII Section 3 of the constitution, adds the adoption of PC editorial guidelines to the duties of the National Council. The editorial guidelines would be "construed as establishing the policy of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i>. The <i>Pacific Citizen</i> Board and staff shall be guided by such policies."</li> </ul>
17. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Creates Editorial Review Committee as standing committees of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> Board).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creates an Editorial Review Committee and Finance Committee under standing committees of the PC board. This would be included in a new section under Article XII. The Editorial Review Committee would be responsible for implementing the editorial guidelines. The Finance Committee would oversee the PC budget.</li> </ul>
18. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Adoption of PC budget by National Council and appropriation by National Board).		PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In Article XII Section 4, states that the budget of PC shall be adopted by the National Council. It further states that "a total cumulative appropriation from the National Operating Budget of \$3,000 or more during the budget year not so submitted shall require the majority approval of the National Board."</li> </ul>

## Proposed resolutions to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws

Resolution proposal	Sponsored by:	Approved by:	Description of proposal
1. Membership selection of the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> Chair.	Omaha Chapter, Russel Matsunami, chapter president	MPDC; Sharon Ishii Jordan, governor	● The National Board would make recommendations about the appointment of a PC board chair, subject to the approval of the National Council. The PC board chair would have voting privileges on the board and terms for removal would be the same as other National Board members.
2. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (Editorial Guidelines).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	● Editorial guidelines for PC drafted by committee for approval by the National Council.
3. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (page for organizational/chapter news).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	● Starting Sept. 1, 1994, one entire page of PC devoted to organizational/chapter news, free of advertising.
4. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (column for National staff).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	● A "prominently placed column" be reserved in every issue of PC for National staff and this column "shall not be edited, changed or modified" by PC staff.
5. <i>Pacific Citizen</i> (budget, operational audit, possible reduction of issues).	PSW ad hoc committee	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	● PC be mandated to remain within its budgeted allocation as approved by the National Board and that an operational audit be conducted to determine the true needs of the paper.
6. Opposing the support of same-sex marriages.	Mount Olympus Chapter, Reid Tateoka, chapter president	IDC; Jeff Itami, governor	● JACL retract its support of same-sex marriages and not take an official position at this time.
7. Conducting a Personnel Classification Study for All JACL Staff Positions.	San Fernando Valley Chapter, Karl Nobuyuki, chapter president	PSWDC; Ruth Mizobe, governor	● An independent personnel consultant service be hired to conduct a personnel classification study of all JACL staff positions under the guidance of the national president, treasurer and national director.
8. Sexual Harassment Policy for Volunteers.	APAN Chapter, Craig Minami, chapter president	_____	● If a JACL official, elected or appointed, sexually harasses another individual at a JACL meeting they be given a verbal or written warning for the first offense and if a second offense occurs he/she would have to resign their JACL position and publicly and privately apologize to the receiver of the comment.
9. Hanford, Wash., Nikkei Hibakushas.	Seattle Chapter, Ray Ishii, chapter president	PNWDC; Terry Yamada, governor	● JACL to assist Nikkei living in the Pacific Northwest during 1944-1972 who were exposed to radiation from the Hanford nuclear facility without their knowledge. JACL would also assist in conducting education and encouraging victims to sign up with the Hanford Health Information Network (HHIN).
10. Establishment of National Historical Sites at all the geographic locations of the former War Relocation Authority internment camps in the United States.	Sequoia Chapter, Michael Kaku, chapter president	NCWNPDC; Lucy Kishiue, governor	● JACL take action to have the U.S. government declare the nine former internment camps national historic sites and place the appropriate memorial markers at each location. This would also include Federal Detention centers such as Crystal City, Texas, Bismarck, North Dakota and Roswell, New Mexico.
11. National Health Care Reform.	Sonoma County Chapter, George Kashiwagi, chapter president	NCWNPDC; John Hayashi, vice governor on behalf of Kishiue	● That JACL support a national health care bill which would address a list of concerns for women and Asian Pacific Islanders including adequate representation for APIs at the policy making level, translation services and support of pro-choice reproductive health services.
12. Access to Public School Education and Health Care.	Progressive Westside Chapter, Audrey Noda, co-president	_____	● Given recent anti-immigrant rhetoric, that JACL support equal access to public education and health care.
13. <i>Compassion in Dying v. Washington State</i> (Right to Die).	Seattle Chapter, Ray Ishii, chapter president	PNWDC; Terry Yamada, governor	● That JACL support educational efforts that promote the right of self-termination for terminally ill individuals as a right protected by the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It also asks that JACL join ACLU in an amicus brief to a case which challenges a law prohibiting physicians from helping terminally patients "determine their own destinies."
14. Support of the Jessica McClintock Garment Workers.	Chicago Chapter, Ross Harano, chapter president	_____	● That JACL support a boycott of Jessica McClintock, Inc., a dressmaking company which refused to compensate twelve Asian immigrant women employees for lost wages because the women worked for a subcontractor. The resolution also asks that JACL support all exploited garment workers across the country.
15. Recognition of Ronald MacDonald as the First American to Make Significant Contributions toward U.S.-Japan Relations.	Seattle Chapter, Ray Ishii, chapter president	PNWDC; Terry Yamada, governor	● That JACL recognize Ronald MacDonald, the first English teacher in Japan who died in 1894. MacDonald's first student was Einosuke Moriyama, who served as the chief interpreter for the Shogunate government at the time of Commodore Perry's arrival in Japan. MacDonald's memoirs were used by Perry prior to his visit to Japan.
16. Racist Rhetoric Directed toward Immigrants.	Progressive Westside, Audrey Noda, co-president	_____	● JACL condemns the use of racist rhetoric and acts targeting immigrants and minorities.
17. Resolutions Procedures.	Detroit Chapter, John Takemoto, chapter president	Midwest District Council	● Asks that JACL change its resolutions procedures so that "all members have an opportunity to voice their opinions." Among the changes, the resolution proposes that resolutions and constitution/bylaw changes be submitted to local boards by April 1 and a vote be taken at the local level.
18. Involvement in U.S.-Pan American Relations.	Gardena Chapter, Ronald Shiozaki, chapter president	_____	● JACL reactivate and reaffirm its association with the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA).

## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Another major crossroad

In its long and sometimes turbulent history, JACL has had a number of critical, turning-point conventions.

The first was in Seattle in 1930 when a loose confederation of local organizations became a national body, stronger because they became united in purpose and action.

The next two were emergency meetings of JACL leadership seeking answers to questions raised by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The first of these was held in San Francisco in the spring of 1942 when the decision was made to cooperate, as a repugnant but necessary wartime sacrifice, with the federal government's unfair and patently racist Evacuation order.

That fall, another emergency meeting of the leadership was held in Salt Lake City to demand that the Federal government restore Selective Service responsibility to Japanese Americans.

To the San Francisco Evacuation decision, there was little opposition among Japanese Americans. The military service decision was another matter. It became ex-

trremely controversial in the WRA camps where imprisoned U.S. citizens were being told it was their patriotic duty to offer their lives if necessary in defense of their jailors.

Yet, viewed in the light of history, it was these hard decisions that played a pivotal part in influencing Congress to pass remedial legislation after the war and the public to accept and respect a minority that once had been reviled and despised.

The fourth turning-point convention was the postwar gathering in Denver when the organization's course was set in pursuit of civil rights and redress of past wrongs. This convention established JACL's agenda for the next four decades, an era that closed with the success of the struggle for Redress.

Since then, with no goals powerful enough to galvanize the membership, JACL has been drifting. It is not too strong to say the organization is in disarray, as witness *Pacific Citizen's* inability to maintain its production schedule because funds to which it is entitled were not transferred on time.

If JACL is to remain a viable organiza-

tion, the convention opening soon in Salt Lake City must determine what it will be as we approach a new century. The decisions reached there qualify it, for better or worse, among the turning-point conventions.

Today the Japanese American community is no longer monolithic. It is made up of many elements with sharply divergent agendas. Some of them would like to utilize JACL, its assets and membership, to promote goals which have less to do with Japanese Americans than with other social and political issues. Has the time come for this? The membership must decide.

Now, no matter how you slice it, the primary question before the convention is what element will gain control of JACL?

No faction is going to announce that its

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## East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Castle Rock: 1994

IN EARLIER COLUMNS in this space (March 1994) under the title "Student Relocation 1942" I mentioned leaving the Tule Lake concentration camp to attend college at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. That was in the fall of 1942. Since leaving Tule Lake, I've not revisited the area. Sometime during the early 1980's I made a promise to myself that if my government would do the honorable thing by acknowledging that the uprooting and incarceration of AJs (Americans of Japanese ancestry) and their parents was an unjust act and accordingly made amends therefor, I would make a pilgrimage to the Tule Lake site.

FOUR YEARS AGO, on August 10, 1988, then-President Ronald W. Reagan signed the redress bill which provided for an apology to those AJs and their parents for the wrongful act committed in 1942. And so one part of that private promise that I had made to myself has been fulfilled: redress payments are nearing their completion and written apologies have been sent. This nation has thereby demonstrated its inherent dignity and strength.

Now, the time has come to fulfill my part

of the promise.

FOR THIS AUGUST, a pilgrimage to Tule Lake is being organized by a group in California. I read about it in the San Jose JACL's newsletter, the *Outlook*. I immediately phoned one of the telephone numbers; there were four provided: 415/863-8141, 508/292-6938, 916/444-8650 and 510/524-2624—the last one for those needing travel assistance because of disability. I phoned the 415 San Francisco area code and reached a fellow by name of Jiro Yamamoto (address box 170141, San Francisco, CA 94111) and now we're all set for the dates of August 26 - 28, 1994. Buses are to depart not only from San Francisco but also from San Jose, Oakland and Sacramento.

I'M PREPARED that in fact there will be practically nothing left at that vast site which once held some 18,000 souls. I will not be able to locate even the 7100 block where our tar-papered shack housed a number of families. I will not know where the camp's main gate was, through which we—classmate Tom Semba and I—passed almost 52 years ago to leave for college. I don't know whether Tom ever made a visit back to the site; if he did, he never men-

tioned it. (I do know he visited the Dakota Wesleyan campus with his family—as indeed have I.)

SOME YEARS AGO, when I was in Fresno, Calif., Tom Sinsasaki—knowing I was once confined at the Pinedale "Assembly Center" asked if I would be interested in visiting the site where the camp once stood. I readily accepted his kind invitation and Tom drove around, pointing out where some of the main buildings were located, largely identified by cement or cinderblock foundations which survived. I had mixed emotions on that visit.

When I visit Tule the latter part of this August, there will yet remain one landmark that will always be there: off in the distance there was a hill protruding darkly into the sky; its top was somewhat flat. It was known by us as "Castle Rock." I understand that there is a stainless steel cross erected by some former inmates. When I see it, I will know that it must have been one strenuous climb. ☐

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

## Letters

## Civil rights group supports board vote on same-sex

Intergroup Clearinghouse is an organization which address issues surrounding hate motivated violence and inter community tensions in the City and County of San Francisco. Over the years we have had the honor of working closely with the JACL to combat bigotry and hate crimes. We have always been able to rely on JACL's leadership in this effort.

We are aware that the JACL is in the middle of a very difficult decision amongst its members about its recent decision to support same-sex marriages. Intergroup Clearinghouse commends the National JACL Board's decision to support the rights of the lesbian and gay community and recognizes that such support is in keeping with all of the JACL's efforts on behalf of the Japanese American community. This is not a question of morality, but a recognition of the civil and human rights of a much hated minority. There will be many Japanese American lesbians and gay men, who will be positively affected by this decision. Equally important, however, is the fact that the JACL has sent a powerful message not just to lesbians and gay men, but to every person of this country about the importance of recognizing the connections between all types of oppression, and in taking stands that are difficult but courageous. The JACL has appropriately made a statement of validation, of solidarity, and of leadership.

We commend such leadership, and look forward to many more years of working side by side with the JACL in the struggle against bigotry.

Jill R. Tregor

Executive Director  
Intergroup Clearinghouse  
San Francisco

## Same sex: Issue is morality not civil rights

Messrs. Kaneko and Taniguchi erred by equating the prejudice against same sex marriage with that against interracial marriages of bygone years. The old miscegenation laws passed by some states were never a morality issue. They resulted because of racial prejudices that existed at that time. This was clearly a civil rights issue.

Homosexuality, on the other hand, is not condoned not only by the Judeo-Christian religions but also by most of the major world religions. The same sex marriage issue, therefore, is clearly a morality issue. As aptly stated by chapter presidents Uchiyama and Altman, this is beyond the scope of JACL.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Na-  
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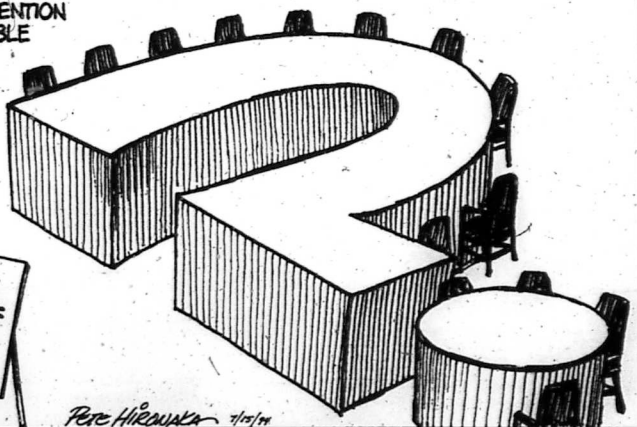
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## Voices

By PEGGY SASASHIMA LIGGETT

## An alternative to the same-sex issue

Members of the National Board who committed the organization to endorsing same-sex marriages failed in their responsibility to explore other alternatives to provide equal protection within the context of the JACL National Council's position on non-discrimination.

By focusing on the very narrow issue of same-sex marriage which deals only with homosexual rights, those members of the National Board created a firestorm that could have been avoided. Recognizing the deep divisions within the organization on this issue, the National Board should have taken a chapter by chapter survey or simply postponed discussion and decision until the National Council meets in August.

When the issue was first raised by Vice President Bill Kaneko at the National Board meeting in February of 1994, legal counsel Allen Kato advised the board that the sup-

port of same-sex marriage went beyond the position taken by the National Council when it added sexual orientation to the JACL Preamble as one of those issues on which justice and equal opportunity are sought.

The National Board disregarded legal counsel Kato's opinion on that issue just as it had in September, 1993, when Kato explained the JACL Constitution vested business and editorial responsibilities of the *Pacific Citizen* to the Pacific Citizen Board, not the National Board.

At that September, 1993, meeting, the National staff intimidated the National Board and president resulting in the removal of Paul Shinkawa as PC Board chair because he refused to abandon his JACL oath to protect and promote its constitution.

On this same-sex marriage issue, one of the alternatives that should have been considered by the National Board is a Domes-

tic Partners' Act, comparable to AB2810 which is making its way through the California legislature.

The bill, with principal co-author Willie Brown from San Francisco, is supported by 98 separate national, state and regional organizations including the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), California Democratic Party, California Medical Association, National Organization for Women (NOW), religious groups including Catholics, Presbyterians, Unitarians, Friends and Jewish, Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, the California State Bar Association, Gay and Lesbian groups, Planned Parenthood and AIDS support groups.

In the state judiciary committee analysis of AB2810, it was pointed out that "According to the 1990 census report there were a total of 10,399,700 households in California. Of those, 495,223 consist of

unmarried couples. Of the households of unmarried couples, 1) 93 percent are opposite sex couples and 2) seven percent are same-sex couples.

"There are 35,218 unmarried senior citizen couples in California. Approximately, seven percent of the unmarried partners."

The bill provides for a statutory scheme for the statewide registration of domestic couples who must register with the state as domestic partners who live together, are over 18 years old and agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during the domestic partnership.

The bill's author points out as follows: "By encouraging mutual responsibility between unmarried partners, AB2810 will

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## Come-on sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

## The rules are the rules

There is nothing wrong with the JACL Constitution and Bylaws; they have served us well for many decades. There is no evidence to suggest that these rules cannot carry us well into the future with the proper leadership. What is wrong is that some individuals manipulate these rules for their personal gain and in so doing, twist, distort and take things out of context. The result of this distortion is confusion, and the impression that the rules need to be changed.

As the 33rd Biennial Convention approaches I offer a few items for thought to the attending delegates.

1. **Credentials.** The credentialing process is the key element in the functions of a deliberative assembly (i.e., National Council). According to our bylaws, each chapter is entitled to one vote. Each chapter is entitled to two delegates and two alternates. However, in reading the minutes of the 1992 Convention one will find that one chapter (APAN) had as many as 8 delegates/alternates, and in tracking the activities (i.e., introduction of motions) clearly did not abide by the rules of equal representation. *Robert's* is clear in delineating the protocol for voting from delegate to alternate. (See *Robert's Rules Newly Revised*, Sec. 57, pp. 598) On another note, it is interesting to note that 8 of 15 credentials

guidelines are related to proxy votes. (Please read *Robert's*, Sec. 44, pp. 421)

2. **The Rules of Procedures.** These are in essence standing rules as defined under *Robert's*. It would seem appropriate to assess a clear and definitive line between the "credentials process" as opposed to the "rules of procedures." Redundancies in these rules vis-a-vis *Robert's* should be eliminated to avoid confusion.

• Under *Robert's* the suspension of standing rules requires a majority vote. Under the Rules of Procedures for the 33rd Biennial a two-thirds vote is required. This appears to be in contradiction with the rules of a deliberative assembly.

• Under the existing rules, delegates have only two minutes to speak on a given issue, but are given five minutes on the election of national officers. *Robert's* grants ten minutes. Given the voluminous matters before the Assembly, it would appear that two minutes is prohibitive to free and fair discussion. A compromise is in order.

3. **The National Budget.** Under the rules of our Bylaws, the national budget must be submitted to the National Council by the Secretary/Treasurer, President and National Director at least 60 days before the convention (See Bylaws Article XIV, Sec. 1). Why was this budget presented by the "Business Manager"? Granted, Ms. Patti

Paganini did a good job, but one must ask why the bylaws were ignored. Was there a lack of consensus? Does the National Council have a legitimate national budget? Have we not "over delegated" the fiduciary responsibilities of our elected leadership to staff...?

• The adoption of the budget is set for the last day and there does not appear to be any other time for discussion according to the Agenda. This approach usually forces delegates to adopt the budget in the waning hours of the convention without fully understanding its implications. The presentation of the budget should be held on the first day so the budget could be discussed and allow adjustments. Since this budget calls for dues increases, which may result in membership decline, more time should be provided in the Agenda.

4. **Endowment Fund.** The rules governing the JACL's Endowment Fund are clearly delineated in the Bylaws (See Article XV). According to the Miyamoto report, the Endowment Fund, if prudently invested, should be worth over \$2 million (See P.C. July 1-7, '94, pp. 10). What happened to cause the fund to be worth less in 1994 than in 1967?

• This begs the questions as to why some of the earnings of the fund were not added to the corpus, but rather placed into some

other account (i.e., reserve fund), and why the committee was not allowed to meet "in the flesh" to make its determination.

5. **The Youth Vote.** JACL must have a youth program, and the "youth vote" should come from that group. The "appearance of youth" is not necessarily youth. "Student Membership" is a different category and is made up of Japanese American College Students (JACS). They are not youth. "Youth" is a protected class of membership in the organization. JACS have co-opted the youth program and assumed the latter's voting authority. There is no authority in our Bylaws to transfer the youth vote to JACS.

6. **Same Sex Marriage.** Delegates may wish to consider why a Chapter's initiative was so swiftly acted upon by the National Board without first being shared with other Chapters and subsequently the Districts. In the PSW for example, the matter was presented to the district without prior knowledge. Reportedly, Vice President Murakawa was a principle advocate with

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## Voices

By FRANK IRITANI

## The challenge of health care facing JACL

Our Congressman Robert Matsui says "the national discussion on health care reform can be emotional, confusing and frightening." In his spring, 1994, Washington report, Mr. Matsui presented the following goals to ensure security for all: Affordability, Portability, Efficiency and Choice. I have been concerned with health care reform for several years and have read as much as possible about this subject.

The April 15, 1994, issue of the *Pacific Citizen* carried a report of the JACL Ad Hoc Task Force on Health Care Issues called "JACL Health Care Reform Principles." National President Lillian Kimura created this Task Force which met over two days recently in San Francisco with representatives from all over the country participating, including Eileen Namba Otsuji and Gerald Takekura from Sacramento. By and large, this is a rather complete but suggestive report on a complex subject which included proper emphasis for Asian Americans.

Bruce Bronzan, associate dean, University of California, San Francisco, School of

Medicine, in Fresno, discusses "Health Care in America" in the June, 1993 issue of *The California Journal* (an independent analysis of politics and government). "In the midst of plenty, there is want" he writes. The February, 1993, issue of *The California Journal* discusses the health care plans of Oregon and Hawaii—both are currently providing universal coverage.

Who would deny that we should have UNIVERSAL COVERAGE? Estimates of those without insurance coverage range from 37 to 48 million people. The Asian American Health Forum reports 21% of Asian Pacific Islanders in America are uninsured. They have the lowest rate of doctor visits per person as compared with all other population groups. (Rafu Shimpo, 9-22-94).

Who would deny that we should have AFFORDABLE CARE for individuals, families, businesses and the self-employed? Most people are in favor of universal, comprehensive coverage, but the question remains, are we willing to pay for it or at least pay our fair share?

Who would deny that we should have

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE? It seems that the previously mentioned JACL Health Care Report seems a bit weak on preventative services which would include childhood immunizations, early diagnosis, pre-natal care and nutritional education. What about smokers, alcoholics and drug abusers?

As much as possible, the excessive voice, pressure and moxie of special interest groups should be avoided if there is any hope for change. Over the years, a number of health care reforms have surfaced, but it took only one powerful special interest group to shoot them down. However, this is not to say such non-partisan, grass roots organizations as Common Cause, League of Women Voters, Church Women United, AARP and The Asian American Health Forum should not be heard.

Hillary Clinton recently spoke to a Church Women United Forum, pointing out the need to get more health care value out of our health care dollar by checking for excessive profits beyond reasonable compensation, high administrative costs, unnecessary surgeries, medical fraud and more

emphasis on preventative care.

John Garamendi, California insurance commissioner, delivered the keynote address to the California Public Affairs Forum last year on the topic "Health Care Reform: A Prescription for Change." Among other factors, he mentioned duplicate coverage and excessive administration costs. Some people are over insured—having coverage under Social Security, Workers Compensation, auto insurance with medical for each vehicle owned, home owners insurance, etc., with medical and disability endorsements. On the other hand, the retired and senior citizens need supplemental coverage to Medicare which would include medicines and long term care.

During the Reagan and Bush eras, Garamendi says, it was clear we were not going to get any kind of reform. Today, we have not only the president, but his wife and the vice president conscientiously working for change.

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objective is to seize power so that its agenda can be made JACL's primary goals. The struggle will be less direct and focus on such issues as:

- Membership concerns about the sensitivity of elected officers to rank and file opinions.

- The role of the paid staff in setting policy.

- Control of *Pacific Citizen* which, as an independent newspaper, has been the membership's only access to information about what has been going on within the organization.

- Balancing the budget.

It will be an interesting convention. ☐

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**Q:** According to a review of JACL's present membership of 24,490 members, 70% are over the age of 50, and 53% are over the age of 65. Thus, the major dues-paying members are seniors. What role do you see for them in JACL?

**A:** Every long-time JACLer I speak with says we have to get the *Sansei* and *Yonsei* involved. However, my cynical view of this organization is that the *Sansei* and *Yonsei* will never join JACL in greater numbers unless the JACL, as an organization, changes significantly to meet the different and more diverse needs and views of the younger generations. The younger generations and the older generation, which includes our major dues-paying, long-time, senior JACL members, must cooperate and work together, participate, support the JACL's objectives, and become more tolerant and patient of each other as we try to make JACL a more marketable organization to the overall community. All of us, young and old, must work together to maintain our voice in the civil rights arena.

## MURAKAWA

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They can be used as incentives for new members to join and for current members meeting membership recruitment goals. They can also be used as fundraising opportunities for chapters and to promote the organization.

We should set up membership/information tables where possible, at conferences, seminars, open festivals and other events to create JACL visibility in the community, educate others about JACL and recruit new members. "Give away" items should be available for purchase and brochures, fact sheets and videos should be part of the information and/or presentation. "Give away" items can be "raffled" off every hour or so to people visiting the JACL table.

We should organize grass roots membership parties hosted by JACL members and leaders. JACL videos can be shown and speakers can explain the role the organization has played in the community and on specific issues affecting the Japanese American, Asian Pacific Islander or civil rights communities.

**Q:** Which of these leadership styles do you feel best represent yourself?

- a. take charge person
- b. delegator
- c. motivator
- d. communicator

**A:** I cannot honestly pick any one of the choices of leadership styles that best represent me. Being a member of the National Board requires vision to see what is ahead for the organization, the willingness and skill to take the lead on an issue or program, patience to listen carefully to other opinions, presentation skills to articulate ideas and inform or edu-

cate colleagues, and the courage to face criticism regardless if the criticism is warranted.

Therefore, a National Board member's leadership style must cover all four areas. I feel I have demonstrated these four leadership styles at one time or another during my years of involvement in JACL.

Through my experience as a member of the National Board under two administrations, it is my opinion that JACL is run jointly by the volunteer board and the professional staff. National staff and PC staff members are our partners in carrying out the work of JACL. Staff are not merely "hired guns" to carry out the orders of the "bosses," but deal with issues on a daily basis. They often advise, provide information, perform research and make recommendations to volunteer leaders because of their intimate dealings with issues. They are truly our partners in running this organization.

While there is room for disagreement on the National Board, there is absolutely no room for egos. Working as compatibly as possible with other volunteer leaders and staff is required to keep JACL's legacy and purpose alive.

**Q:** According to a review of JACL's present membership 70 percent are over the age of 50, and 53 percent are over the age of 65. Thus the major dues-paying members are seniors. What role do you see for them in JACL?

**A:** I see the role for seniors in JACL the same as other members. Not everyone joins JACL for the same reason; JACL is meaningful to members in different ways. Some members participate in JACL because it is an opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones and participate in community activities. For others, it is a way of staying in touch with the Japanese American community and Japanese American culture, and others, it is a way to participate in social, political and civil rights causes affecting the Japanese American and Asian Pacific Islander communities.

JACL accepts any contribution individuals have to offer, whether it is time, money or assistance.

I think seniors have already carved out a "niche" in JACL. I don't believe seniors are confined to a particular area within the organization. Seniors are the leaders, volunteers, members, elders and the lifeblood of JACL. Seniors will always be part of JACL. I hope to be a JACL member as a senior.

## LETTERS

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tional Board chose to pass the divisive same sex marriage resolution at the time the membership is declining. Allen Katoh has already resigned and I expect other capable members will follow. Perhaps the National Council may put Humpty-Dumpty back together again during the Salt Lake City convention. Let us hope so.

**Howard T. Watanabe**

Member, West Valley Chapter Life Member, Thousand Club

## Important for JACL to address gay and lesbian issues

I am a member of the JACL, a Japanese American (Yonsei), and a lesbian woman. The JACL has been a long time family tradition, held in high regard and deeply respected by myself and my family.

I was ecstatic, as well as my other Asian gay/lesbian friends (some of whom are also members of JACL), that the JACL's National Board passed the same-sex

resolution. It was beyond words to feel an understanding and hope within my own ethnic community in regards to my civil rights as a lesbian.

I urge you to maintain a strong and positive stance regarding same-sex marriages, no matter what the internal and external pressures are. The issue of Gay Rights parallels the struggle of other subcultures, ethnic and otherwise, that are vulnerable to persecution and oppression. It is a step in the right direction that the JACL can recognize and expand the umbrella of Civil Rights to include gays/lesbians.

I also belong to an organization called the Asian Pacific Sisterhood founded in Davis, California. It is a lesbian/bisexual organization for Asian/Pacific Island woman, some of whom are members of JACL.

On behalf of the Asian Pacific Sisterhood we applaud the JACL's decision and encourage the JACL members to maintain a strong vigilance in this area of civil rights.

Again, I am deeply appreciative for the progressive and conscience decision made by the National Board and my fellow members of JACL.

Don't let bigotry and ignorance guide the voting at the National Convention in Utah in August, 1994. Vote to support the National Board's resolution for the JACL to support same-sex marriages.

**Denise Ito**  
Sacramento, Calif.

## JACL should stand for the traditional family

JACL's stand supporting same-sex "marriage" is appalling. Same-sex marriage is wrong, an aberration. I joined JACL so that my children would gain insight into their Japanese heritage and because of JACL's promotion of being a good American citizen. I do not want my children to be a partner in a same-sex "marriage." I question the efficacy of continuing my membership in an organization which now advocates a policy undermining the traditional family, the principle building block of our country.

**Theodore T. Saito**  
Dublin, Calif.

## NCWNP same-sex vote: setting the record straight

It has become apparent that emotions dictate our criticism of others versus the knowledge of substantiated facts. This is especially so with the most recent issue of same-sex marriage.

It never ceases to amaze me when members choose to voice their concerns to others and not go directly to the source, or in this case the NCWNP District. This avoidance is detrimental in our efforts to be an open and collaborative organization which begins with each of us as members.

I can understand how it was easy for Fred Hirasuna to come to the conclusion that the NCWNP's vote on same-sex marriage (12-1/2 for, 3-1/2 against and one abstention) did not reflect "the feelings of the entire district council" (*Pacific Citizen*, May 27-June 2 issue). However, the proper context and processes of that meeting must be taken into account before such a conclusion is drawn.

He says, "Individual chapters and chapter members must be considered when policies are set."

To set the record straight, each chapter in the district received three notices that the issue of same-sex marriage would be discussed at our May 1 District Council meeting. An announcement of such was made at our Feb. 6 District Council meeting and the two were mailings, one on March 15 and the other on April 8. The notices, along with materials on

the issue, were sent to chapter delegates, with explicit instructions that the same-sex issue be discussed "with your chapter board and members" and that they "bring their feedback and position" to the meeting on May 1. It was noted that this action was necessary for the governor to know how the district stands on this matter so he could carry that to the National Board meeting.

Eighteen chapters attended the District Council meeting in San Benito County and this met our quorum requirements. (One delegate did leave before the vote was taken). Those chapters which did not show up chose, for whatever reason, NOT to exercise their right and obligation to vote. Those chapters that chose to participate (some delegates traveling 3+ hours) gave up that Sunday afternoon to sit in an all-day meeting to be part of the democratic process.

The district's decision on same-sex marriages was not made hastily. Ample time was given for discussion with both pro and con positions aired in a respectful manner. As governor, I made sure that all delegates had the opportunity to speak on the issue knowing they represented their chapters. Some chapters even made efforts to poll their members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Hirasuna says, "A very few made the decision for the entire district council." Fault is still placed on individuals despite the fact that processes were followed. The fact remains that adequate notice was given, materials were provided, and the meeting was open and democratic.

Neither Mr. Hirasuna nor I can say where these absentee chapters stand on this issue. However, he is right that JACL must work to strengthen chapter participation in the decision making process.

We must also focus on working and talking with one another. In a recent "Voices" article by a fellow leader of the district, statements were made that reflected the writer's presumptions and inaccurately reflected the viewpoints of others. More damning was the uncalled for accusation of unethical behavior by a fellow member. Have we lost our sense of respect and collaborating with each other directly?

As our society moves into a more complex and information-demanding age, the requirements will be greater on each of us to take part in the decision making process and the evolution of JACL into a contemporary organization. People have to decide: do we lead, get out of the way, or get run over with the times?

**Lucy Kishine**  
NCWNP district governor

## Apologizes, changes phrase in letter

I hereby retract the words: "unethical and inappropriate" (PC, June 24-30, 1994, in reference to the NCWNP meeting on the same-sex issue) and now replace them with the following words: "a failure to communicate the modifications and a failure to communicate the modifications in a time manner."

For my wrongful usage of strong words, I hereby apologize to John Hayashi, vice governor of NCWNP, and to Bill Kaneko, National vice president for public affairs. I did not intend in any way to cast harm on the character of anyone.

**Mike Hamachi**  
Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL

## Seeking answers instead of fighting

Human relations have come to a sorry state when so many of our contemporary issues are ap-

proached in such a way that people are forced to choose sides and then be in contention with the "opposition." This is what has happened with, for example, the "right to life vs the right to choose" approach to birth control, or "gun control vs the right to bear arms." Race, crime, environment there is, seemingly, no other way to look at the issues but to choose sides and fight. I get the feeling one is not so much working to solve the problem, to finding the answers, but during the "opposition" to COME OUT AND FIGHT.

The same-sex marriage (partners) issue is shaping up in a similar way: "choose up sides and come out fighting." Each side carving their rhetoric in stone in unalterable terms, inflexible and indomitable with moral and/or legal justification for the righteous arguments on both "sides."

The Japanese American Citizens League, JACL, has joined just such a battle on this issue of same sex marriage (partners) on the grounds that "This is a Civil Rights issue on the same order of importance as many other issues that we have taken a firm stand on for over sixty years." I am a member of JACL, but I do not choose sides in order to fight. Instead I believe it is necessary to arbitrate, to teach people to seek answers, to understand each other, to learn to work together, to find agreement, to eschew contention, and confrontation.

It's a sad commentary on our times that we let this issue divide us. Let's not call this issue SAME-SEX MARRIAGE and then say it is a moral or a civil rights issue. Get down off our lofty perch and seek answers! Maybe we should say it's everyone's civil right to join in LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS and leave the sex and marriage issue alone. After all isn't sex a personal thing and really no one's business but one's own? There are all kinds of love and your sexual expression of your love should be NOBODY'S BUSINESS BUT YOUR OWN. It is a rude thing to place your sexual practices under the microscope of public scrutiny.

Form legal partnerships with each other, gain your rights under the law, and how you perform sex is your own private business and rightly so.

Don't just choose to fight on issues where compromise and consensus can be achieved. Don't choose sides and agree to fight; seek agreement, solve our problems, cooperate. There is yet time to deal fairly with all of our problems one at a time. Time to grow, to mature.

**Don Delcollo,**  
Member JACL Contra Costa Chapter

## Homosexuality is due to karma

It is very disturbing to see so many organizations and people getting involved in the gay issue.

Homosexuality is not as puzzling as the media would have it—aided and abetted by religious zealots. Homosexuality is due to one of two things: he/she persecuted gays in a previous life time; refusing to come to earth in another gender. The 2 reasons can be correctly called: Karma.

Karma is neither good nor bad. It is something that one may cope with and serve to the best of his ability. But, he/she must also be on the same spiritual-path as his brothers and sisters.

Almost forgot this: I challenge anyone who uses the Bible as basis for his/her thoughts against homosexuality—to read the entire chapter instead of stopping so soon.

**H. Saito**  
Tucson, Ariz.

## CONVENTIONAL

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Los Angeles, who will speak on financial strategies, money management, investment basics and retirement planning. Brett F. Paulson, attorney, discusses estate and tax planning.

Mayeda, currently vice president with Discount Corp. of New York, a division of Salt Lake City-based Zions Bank, has worked with Wedbush, Noble Cook and Prudential Bache Securities.

## Stopping homophobia in Nikkei realm

[Sat. Aug. 6, 1:30-3, Salon B]

Two former JACL chapter presidents, Tak Yamamoto of San Fernando Valley, and May Yamamoto, APAN, are speaking in the Saturday workshop, "Asian Gay and Lesbians: Stopping Homophobia within the Japanese American Community."

They will relate their experiences of fighting discrimination twice—within the larger society and in their own community, and the parallels between the gay and lesbian communities.

## More on JACL curriculum guide

[Sat. Aug. 6, 3:15-5, Arts Center]

Another major convention workshop, sponsored by the JACL Education Committee, is scheduled at Salt Lake Arts Center, across the street from the Marriott, on Saturday, Aug. 6. Panelists will be announced.

Attention is being focused on the JACL publication, "The Japanese American Experience: A Lesson in American History," having it marketed by the chapters as an introduction of the Japanese American story in the school curriculum and as a tool for organizing teach-ins and education seminars.

## A preview: Topaz pilgrimage

[Sat. Aug. 6, 3:15-5, Salon C]

It will be a late Saturday afternoon workshop orientation for JACLers signed up for the Sunday, Aug. 7 tour to the site of the Topaz War Relocation Authority. Workshop will feature a history of the Central Utah project, some 165 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. Many of

the evacuees interned at Topaz hailed from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Filmmaker Ken Verio is the scheduled keynote speaker at the workshop.

The group will be able to attend the 9 a.m. Tabernacle Choir program as the bus will leave from the Marriott at 10:15 a.m. A bento lunch is to be served enroute.

## Jobs and women: workplace issues

[Sat. Aug. 6, 3:15-5, Salon B]

Details are still being firmed at press time for the Saturday afternoon workshop on "Employment and Women Issues for Japanese Americans." Focus will be on employment issues and their particular impact on Japanese Americans and Nikkei women, such as health, discrimination in the work place, the "glass ceiling," sexual harassment, crimes against women, and successfully balancing career and family.

## CALENDAR

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Sun. Aug. 7—NWF's 54th Grand Parade, starts 4 p.m. Inside Little Tokyo District. Info: 613-867-7193.

Sat. Aug. 7—Tos Ceremonio, Ogassawa Sencho School, 12n & 1st St., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Info: 213-625-0414.

Sun. Aug. 7—NWF's Last Hurrah! Lunch and mini-reunion of pre-Evacuation Nisei social clubs, church groups and sports teams, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., New Otani Hotel, L.A. Info: Toy Canejo 310-820-5250.

Mon. Aug. 8—NWF Awards dinner, 6:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel, L.A. Info-RSVP: 213-687-7193. NOTE—Honorees: Haru Matsukata Reischer, Frank Hata, Jimmie Morikawa, Ritsun Sholdom, Frank Omatsu. Tue. Aug. 9—Japanese American Society Party, Friendship through food, 6-9 p.m., Royal Thai Cuisine, 4301 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Newport Beach. RSVP: 714-850-4335.

Wed. Aug. 10—NWF Pioneer honors luncheon, 12n, New Otani Hotel, L.A. Info-RSVP: 213-687-7193. NOTE—Honorees: Suyumi Harada (Riverside), Paul Seichi Murata, Hiroshi Naramura, Dr. Kyoshi Ogawa, Masamoto Ohara, Hiroshi Takeda, Tada Watanabe (Seattle), Rive Yoshizawa, San Diego.

Sat. July 30—Kinjo's Japanese Summer 1994 Fashion Show, "Travel for Thirty Days in the Southwest," 10-4 p.m., La Jolla Radisson Hotel/Win & Sea, Canyon Ballrooms, 3299 Holiday Ct., Info: 800-404-2250.

## NOBUYUKI

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Governor Mizobe advocating for its passage. One wonders if VP Murakawa was not in conflict of interest as a national officer so intimately involved in a district's deliberation. Likewise, one must question Governor Mizobe's objectivity as the Chair.

• Robert's is clear against the Chair's participation in debate (See Robert's, Sec. 42, pp. 389).

7. Rules of Order. Having confined myself to local chapter matters over the past years, I was surprised to see how the organization has digressed in following prescribed rules of order. In the PSW, we follow Mizobe's Rules of Order. One never knows what to expect next. For example:

• In January, I wrote to Governor Mizobe about what I believe to be credentialing irregularities in the District and possible conflicts of interest. Subsequently, I discussed similar matters with her personally, all to no avail. On three separate occasions I have expressed my concerns to District Youth Rep Gary Mayeda that at age 30 he is ineligible. I spoke with national VP Murakawa at length regarding her possible conflict of interest as a member of the PSW executive board and chapter delegate, citing Section 44 of Robert's and personal experiences. Ms. Murakawa angrily responded "that is your opinion."

• Presently, despite the fact that the district's bylaws prohibits more than one person per chapter to serve on the District Executive Board without District Council approval, (PSW bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 5) there are four members from the APAN chapter who sit on the executive board without district approval. (This is the same chapter that had eight delegates/alternates during the 1992 Convention.) Under Mizobe's Rules of Order (they definitely are not Robert's) I contend that a deliberative assembly cannot be formed.

Come on Sense: Rules must be followed, and in a deliberative society, it is incumbent upon the leadership and delegates to insure compliance.

## LIGGETT

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promote strong lasting relationships. While allowing partners to visit each other in hospitals, allowing them to make decisions when one is incapacitated and making it easier for partners to will each other property, AB2810 will give all families the right to care for each other in times of crisis and need.

Clearly, this approach is vastly broader in securing justice and equal opportunities to a greater number of people than legalizing same-sex couples and goes further to address the interests of our Japanese American communities, many of whose members are se-

nior citizens needing protection.

Promotion of such a law as the Domestic Partners Act is a clear alternative to support of same-sex marriages. The act recognizes the rights of gays and lesbians as well as those of opposite sex couples. The National Board's decision on the same-sex issue has created deep divisions in our organization. A predictable loss of membership has occurred because of frustration that the organization's leaders are determined to move in a direction not reflecting the membership's interests.

The solution is to change the leadership. Preserve the organization. It has survived with the unwavering commitment of the membership to its stated purpose to promote active participation in civic and national life and secure justice and equal opportunity for Americans of Japanese ancestry as well as all people.

Please don't abandon this precious ship. Instead help us to put it back on course.

## CRITERIA

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Asian Americans, i.e., the Chinese laundry man, the Japanese gardener or house servant, and other roles which portray servitude in any employment situation. Although this may still be true for some, it does not accurately portray the majority of Asian Americans in the workforce any longer. It is not helpful for image building for young children to continue roles of servitude. We no longer want to be portrayed that way.

13. Note that an Asian American author does not guarantee its acceptability. We have discovered there are still many Asian American authors who are doing the stereotypical visuals and story lines. They are regrettably unaware

products of their own racist experiences.

14. On the other hand learn to depend on the writings of good Asian American authors who have developed a positive reputation for good literature for young children and young adults such as: Yoshiko Uchida, Marelene Shigekawa, Ken Mochizuki, Steven Chin, Laurence Yep, Ruthann McConn, Marie Lee. This is a partial listing.

15. Be aware that folk tales and fairy tales from Asia do not fulfill the need for Asian American literature in the classroom. While they may be interesting and entertaining they do not reflect the lifestyle of Asians in America.

16. There is now a good strong body of Asian American literature at every level available from AACP, Inc. there is no excuse for only dealing with food and festivals when exploring the Asian American experience.

We as Asian Americans look to validate our own lifestyles in literature. Literature which says that who we are is okay. Beyond that there is a need from us as Asian Americans and you as the readers to have books by Asian Americans which are expressions of our common humanity—not books which divide but books that unite.

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## Obituaries

**Aino, Rev. Paul Fumio, 76**, Aurora, Colo., April 12; Los Angeles-born minister at Tenley Denver Church, survived by wife Reiko.

**Baba, Ada, 68**, Oakland, May 6; Suisun-born, survived by husband Takashi, son Michael, daughter Karen, 2 gc., brothers Grant and Tomio Ichikawa.

**George, George, 80**, Dayton, Ohio, last December, survived by wife Jeanette, sister Lily Yamasaki (Houston).

**Enkoji, Kiyo, 90**, Chicago, April 5; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Takashi, daughter Nobuko Matsumoto, 7 gc., 6 great-gc.

**Fukui, Tetsuo, 91**, Denver, April 20; Japan-born greenhouse owner, survived by sons George, Mitsuo, Ken (Pa.), Shigeru (Los Angeles), daughters Finis Ueda (San Jose), Tatsuaki Kazuo and Shizuko Tetsuo (both Jkpn).

**Guetzlow, Rev. Joseph SVD, 81**, San Francisco, May 31; Westphalia, Germany-born Catholic missionary in Japan, 1939-49, became pastor of St. Francis Xavier Japanese Mission in 1951 and Morning Star School, retiring in 1989.

**Hayashi, Akihiro, 57**, San Francisco, May 28; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Emiko, daughter Kiyo, brother Hideo.

**Horio, May M., 76**, Honolulu, June 13; Alameda-born, survived by son David, daughters Katherine Grebe, Patricia Evans (Los Angeles), 1 gc., brothers John Yoshino (Silver Spring, Md.), Joseph (San Francisco), Paul (Hayward), sisters Sumiko Hayashi (San Francisco), Aiko Yamamoto (Berkeley), in-laws Michiko Horio (San Francisco), Tetsuo (predeceased) by husband Dr. Shigeru (76), brother Henry, sisters Frances Shoda, Ruby Schaar, Meg Kadota.

**Ichijima, Elissa, 41**, New York, April 13; Chicago-born graphic designer, graduate of Columbia and Pratt Inst., New York, Philadelphia, in-laws member, survived by husband Michael Clancy, father Harry T., brother Alan (both of Chicago).

**Ida, Harry Y., 77**, Brighton, Colo., April 23 (sv); owner, Fresh Vegetable Package Co., Mile-High JACL life member, survived by wife, children Richard, Ronald, Robert, Janet Sasa (Boulder),

brothers Tom (McAllen, Texas), Noble (Boulder), sisters Sachiko Takaki (Ruelito), Grace, in-law Mae Ida (Boulder).

**Inouye, Toshio, 89**, San Francisco, May 6; Kanagawa-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, son Hiroshi, 2 gc.

**Ikeida, Yoshio, 63**, San Francisco, June 1; Koshi-born, survived by wife Shizuko, son Fred.

**Ishida, Francis Tamotsu, 63**, Aurora, Colo., May 4; Honolulu-born administrator, who retired in April from Federal Health Care Financing Administration, master's graduate in social work from Univ. of Hawaii, joined federal service in 1941 in Washington, joined HCFA in '77, first regional director in Denver's Health and Human Services, survived by wife Linda, children Karen Capra, Alan, Lauren, brother Masaru, sister Ayako, in-law Daisy Ishida (all Honolulu).

**Ishimoto, Hiroko, 69**, Marysville, May 2; Florin-born, survived by husband George, son Don, daughter Diane, 1 gc.

**Isono, Masami, 72**, San Francisco, May 3; Oakland-born, survived by wife Tom, in-laws Tenko Isono, Yo Adachi, Shiz Masu, Takashi, G. 71, El Cerrito.

**May, 18**, Hiroshima-born, survived by son Steven, daughter Georgia Chou, 3 gc., brother Akihiro (Jpn).

**Kanagaki, Minoru, 76**, New York, June 11; Concord, Calif.-born, Japanese-American, United Church treasurer, for almost 30 years, survived by wife Betty, sons Kenny, Dr. Ronald, daughter June.

**Kane, Michael, 38**, San Francisco, June 9 of HIV infection; co-founder of Urakasek Foundation of California, San Francisco branch.

**Kaneyama, Hiroshi, 66**, Ontario, Ore., April 28; Rains, Utah-born farmer and WWII veteran, survived by wife Jacqueline Ashby, son Don Ashby (Escondido, Calif.), brother Ben, sister Mary Masuda, 2 gc.

**Kawachi, Yumeko, 76**, Daly City, June 6; survived by daughter Barbara Fong, 3 gc., brother Haku Takeda.

**Kawamoto, Lorraine Yamate, 70**, Tiburon, June 10; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Casey, sister Aileen Yamate, brother Herbert and Masato.

**Kawasaki, Hiroko, 86**, Oxnard, June 10; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Rev. Zesse, daughter Uyo Umeda, Kikuko Nishi, Seiko Tamura, sister

Kiyoaki Hatanaka (Canada), gc., and great-gc.

**Kihara, Rae Y., 81**, Sacramento, June 16; Anderson, Calif.-born, survived by wife Pauline, sons Shig, Michael, daughters Sally Kakuta, Joann Westernman, Eleanor Sakka, Shirley Nakatani, Faye Miyagi, 75-gc, 9 great-gc.

**Komaru, Keigo, 72**, San Mateo, May 6; San Mateo-born, survived by wife Michiko, daughters Tori Hamamura, Stephanie, gc., brothers George, Haruzo, Gakui, sisters Yae Aramaki, Monroe Soong.

**Konishi, Wei, 89**, Thornton, Colo., May 11 (sv); Hiroshima-born, survived by 13 children Lena Mori, Dr. Ben, Frank, Robert, Harry, Martha Nishimoto, Gilbert, Ruby Sakurai, Catherine Sakurada, Charlotte Tanaka, Alan, Murata (Fort Lupton), sister Asako Enomoto (Denver), predeceased by husband George and eldest son Kazuichi.

**Mamiya, Ellen, 61**, Las Vegas, April 25; Lihue, Kauai-born retired grocery clerk, eight-month LV resident, survived by sons Rod (Torrence), Gary, daughter Helen Fukuoka (Santa Monica), Jane Bauer (Huntington Beach), Hisako Kubota (Hawaii), 1 gc., brother James Ogawa (Honolulu).

**Marumoto, Yukino, 94**, San Jose, May 7; Shirane-born, survived by many nephews and nieces, predeceased by husband Heishiro.

**Mariyama, Harry, 91**, San Jose, May 7; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife May, sons Dempsey, Toyo, daughter Shizuko Higashiyama, sister Asako Higashiyama (Ogden), Misako Ono (San Mateo).

**Matsuda, R. Ken, 73**, Stamford, Conn., May 12; Napa-born 442nd vet and chemist for American Cyanamid, survived by wife Mary Tomiko (Kawata), sons Frank, Thomas (Nagano, Jpn.), gc., sister June Kish (Princeton, N.J.).

**Matsura, Frank Y., 75**, Los Angeles, May 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Eugene, daughter Peggy Takahashi, 5 gc., brother Kaz.

**Mijima, Akiko Jon, 80**, Orosi, May 14; Kaudy, son Kenneth, sisters Kinuyo Takano, Mary Nagano, 2 gc., brothers George and Frank Yada.

**Miyaki, Tatsuo, 91**, Campbell, May 25; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Sumika, daughter Betty Joe, gc., brother Kazuo, in-law Bob Suda.

**Miyoshi, Haruko, 77**, Greeley, Colo., April 7; La Junta-born, survived by 7 children Ken, Gerry, Don, Mark, Wesley, Charlotte Namba, Diane (Mexico), Christine Stackpool, mother Masako Udo, brothers and sisters, Tom, Henry, Roy, Katherine, Aileen, Mukai, Miwako Fukuyama, Michiko Tanabe.

**Mizuno, Shizuo, 94**, Chicago, May 10; Fukuoka-born, survived by husband Kashiro, son Teds, Elmer (Va.), daughters Nobuko Fukai and Yoshiko Fuji (both Denver), 8 gc., 3 great-gc., brother George Nagatsuma (N.Y.), sister Moriyo Kikuchi (Ostus).

**Murakami, Frank M., Northglenn, Colo., April 27** (sv); survived by children Bob, Michael, Linda, Judy Gonzales, brother Noby, sister Haruka Kitamura.

**Murakami, Henry K., 66**, Seabrook, N.J., June 2; Seattle-born WWII veteran and interred at Arlington National Cemetery, survived by wife Hisayo, daughter Monica Greene, Angela, mother Iseko (Jpn), brother Gary (Jpn), sisters Haruko Kobayashi (Oceanside) and Ginko Fujita (Carson, Calif.).

**Naka, Shizue, 88**, Chicago, May 10; Okayama-born, survived by son Robert Naka (Concord, Mass.), 4 gc., 3 great-gc.

**Nakawata, Some, 86**, Chicago, June 7; Kagoshima-born, survived by sons James, Minoru, Victor, daughter Kiyoaki Shakerin, 7 gc., 2 great-gc.

**Nakido, Frank Tatsuo, 95**, Denver, May 11; survived by son David (Silver Spring, Md.), gc.

**Nishida, Kenneth James, 49**, Springfield, Ohio, May 21 after a massive coronary; Wayneboro, Pa.-born Sanso, survived by mother Terry Nishida (Lakewood), stepfather Russ Nishida, predeceased by father Ichiro in 1964.

**Nishimura, James T., Chicago, May 31** (sv); survived by wife Asako, son Gary, daughters Jacqueline Hermer, Janice Taketa, 5 gc., brother Hero (Seattle).

**Nozawa, Miyoko, 83**, Chicago, April 29; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband John, children Eddy (Denver), Donald, Kiyoaki Omachi, brother Waichi Kito (Los Angeles), sisters Kiniko Watanabe (Jpn), Fumiko Ejima and Meko Masada (both L.A.), 4 gc., sister-in-law Ikuo Shino (L.A.).

**Obata, Henry N., 65**, Chicago, May 11; predeceased by brother George (Gardena), in-law Yuriko Terao.

**Ogawa, Yoneko, 72**, Colorado Springs, Colo., last October, survived by husband and his children, Ken, Janice Valenciano, sister June Shimamoto (Montebello, Calif.), brother Sam Ueyama.

**Ogura, Toyoko Peggy, Chicago, May 25** (sv); Seattle-born, survived by husband Ryozo, daughters Joyce Yamamoto, Donna, sisters Yoshiko

Komiya, Yuriko Kuwata, Ruth Matsumoto.

**Okano, Hisayo, 96**, Nyssa, Ore., May 31; Hiroshima-born, prewar Wapato resident from 1917, moved to Nyssa to farm in 1940, survived by seven children Hiroto, Keiji, Ellis (San Francisco), Chyo Ogata (Gardena), Ichi Funakoshi (Portland), Michi Komoto (Sumner, Wash.), Yoko Yuzuhira (Portland), 25 gc., 23 great-gc., predeceased by husband Tokichi (July, 1976).

**Okazaki, Jiro Jerry, 65**, Chicago, April 29; San Francisco-born Korean War veteran, survived by wife Tsuyako, sons Devin, Eric, sister Aiyuko.

**Okita, Todd, 72**, Denver, April 1 (sv); Gresham, Ore.-born produce company foreman, survived by wife Dorothy Kaihara, sons Barry, Randy, daughters Alma Azuma (Greeley), Diane Kasubuchi (Gresham), Debbie Takemoto (Louisville).

**Omura, James M., 82**, Denver, June 20; Seattle-born, prewar Nisei editor in Los Angeles and magazine publisher in San Francisco, Rocky Shimp English editor in 1944, he was acquitted of espionage charges, federal court in Cheney, in support of Heart Mountain internees who refused to report for military induction until their constitutional rights were restored, survived by wife Karen, sons Greg, Wayne.

**Oniki, Rev. Rev. Gary, 73**, Elmurst, Ill., May 23; Los Angeles-born Protestant clergyman who ministered for more than 30 years in poor urban neighborhoods, recipient of '94 Common Cause award for public service, United Church of Christ official in Manhattan, survived by wife Marjorie, sons Linda (New Brunswick, N.J.), Jane Roberts (Boulder, Colo.), brother Joe (Sarasota, Fla.).

**Sakata, Helen K., 79**, Chicago, April 6; Stockton-born, survived by brother George and Tom Tsunomoto, sisters Mary Fujimoto, Florence Sakata, Rose Saito.

**Suyematsu, Toshio, 75**, Cheyenne, Wyo., June 4; Oakland, Calif.-born, life-long Wyoming (Casper) resident, 442nd WW2 veteran, Univ. of Wyoming law graduate, appointed Laramie County justice of peace 1957-60, served as assistant U.S. attorney 1969-76, named wife Ellen (Casper), mother Masa, brothers King (Harwichport, Mass.), Taro (Stockton), sister Kiyo Suyematsu (Mankato, Minn.).

**Takahashi, Kenneth H., 57**, Las Vegas, April 30; Hawaii-born Vietnam War veteran hotel desk clerk, survived by wife Chae Sun, stepsons Jeremiah and Logan Guzman, father Kichi (Hawaii), sisters Darlene Mizota, Helen Hopko, Lillian Chung (all Kaneohe), brothers Steve (Hawaii), Melvin (Seattle), Mike (Los Angeles).

**Takatori, Kazuo, 92**, Parma, Idaho, May 8; Okayama-born, operated Parma Cafe with her husband Fred in 1920, farmed from 1925 until husband's death in 1961, survived by son Tom, Chester, Frank (Riverside, Calif.), daughter Kimi Honda (El Cerrito), gc. and great-gc.

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