



JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION—SALT LAKE CITY, AUG. 3-6, 1994

Yasuhara elected JACL president

STORIES BY GWEN MURAKAWA

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Denny Yasuhara, 68, of the Spokane Chapter, JACL, became national JACL president Aug. 6 defeating Michael Sawamura, 36, Sacramento Chapter, JACL, 70 1/2 to 42 1/2 at the JACL national convention.

A retired schoolteacher, Yasuhara has been active in JACL for 36 years. He served as chair of the governor's caucus from 1984-88 when he was Pacific Northwest governor.

For the first time, the voting took place at a separate polling area—a change from previous elections.

In his speech before the Sayonara Ball, Yasuhara said it is time for JACL to come together and face the difficult issues ahead.

"Since the war and internment years, there has never been a greater need for stability and perseverance than today. We cannot have our most loyal supporters leave our organization at such a critical juncture in our organizational history," said Yasuhara.

The election results were announced by Ken Yokota, nominations committee chair, with little

fanfare or any of the controversy that has occurred in previous elections. Total number of votes cast were 113—107 chapters and 6 youth representatives.

One surprise was the late entry of Peggy Liggett, Central California District Pacific Citizen board representative, running for the floor for the office of vice president for planning and development against incumbent Trisha Murakawa. Murakawa won with 69 votes; Liggett had 40 votes. Barry Saiki, Stockton Chapter, also ran off the floor for the position of vice president for public affairs.

Other winners included:

- Ken Nakahara running unopposed for National Youth Chair—6 votes. (National Council receives one vote collectively, the other six votes are held by youth representatives.)
- Kimi Yoshino running unopposed for National Youth Representative—7 votes.
- Jonathan Kaji running unopposed for National Secretary/Treasurer—86 1/2.
- Neal Taniguchi running unopposed for Vice President of Membership—95 votes.

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TOAST—Outgoing JACL president Lillian C. Kimura toasts Denny Yasuhara, newly elected president.

More than 800 register for convention

The 33rd biennial National JACL Convention was one of the best attended events in years.

According to Amy Tomita and Carolyn Valentine of the Mt. Olympus Chapter, more than 800 had registered for the convention by the end of the week, including some 200 voting delegates who deliberated for at least 16 hours in business sessions.



NEW BOARD—From left, new JACL officers take their oaths at the concluding Sayonara Ball, Aug. 6: Kimi Yoshino, national youth representative; Kim Nakahara, Youth Council chairwoman; Neal Taniguchi, vice president, membership; Denny

Yasuhara, national president; Barry Saiki, vice president, public affairs; and Jon Kaji, secretary/treasurer. Not pictured: Trisha Murakawa, vice president for planning and development.

Reversal of same-sex resolution defeated; broader version ok'd

Mineta makes plea to support board decision

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—A resolution which would have withdrawn the National Board's decision to support same-sex marriages was defeated Aug. 6 at the National Council by a vote of 38 yes, 50 no, 11 abstentions and 4 split-votes. Resolution 6, presented by the Mount Olympus Chapter, the host chapter for the National Convention, would have withdrawn the May 21 National Board same-sex decision and have

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Domestic partners resolution passes

Immediately after the defeat of the resolution to withdraw the National Board's same-sex marriage decision Aug. 6, a broader, conciliatory emergency resolution on domestic partners was quickly passed with the strong approval of the National Council.

Originally rejected by the resolutions and amendments committee, the resolution was brought forward for reconsideration to Na-

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TAKING A STAND—Rep. Norm Mineta supports decision on same-sex.



JONATHAN KAJI
Discussing deficit

'95-only budget okayed; no dues increase

Meeting late Saturday night after the Sayonara Ball, the National Council Aug. 6 voted to adopt a 1995 budget with no dues increase and created a committee to make recommendations for the 1996 budget. The delegates, still dressed in formal wear, held the extraordinary session because they did not approve the '95-'96 biennial budget submitted by the National Board with a provision for across-the-board dues increases earlier that afternoon.

The 1995 budget approved by the National Council proposes a zero-balanced budget through the following cuts in spending:

- Reduction of proposed overall National operations expenditures in 1995 from \$615,800 to \$607,900—a decrease of \$7,900. The cuts were made in areas

such as meetings and conferences, National Board meetings, unrestricted programs and postage and delivery.

• Reduction of Pacific Citizen expenditures from 1994 from \$331,000 to \$255,495—a decrease of \$75,505. The council did not indicate where the cuts were to be made in PC operating costs; however, it was earlier proposed that PC would have to cut the number of issues it produces each year. Total reduction in PC's budget: \$82,705.

In the Saturday afternoon session, Jonathan Kaji, secretary/treasurer, said, "In order to balance the budget we have to consider dropping issues and increasing advertising revenue."

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PC to go monthly

Pacific Citizen will become a monthly publication for the remainder of 1994. While the current financial status of Pacific Citizen was addressed in the 1995-only budget, the National Council did not deal with PC's current financial problems.

Earlier in the year, Ron Ohata, PC Board chair, reported to the National Board that the newspaper was projecting a significant deficit. It cost \$25 to produce a PC. Currently, members pay \$12 in dues for the newspaper.

Ohata told the board that with the general economic decline, PC would continue to operate in a shortfall situation unless it reverted to a monthly publication. A schedule will be announced.

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Midwest Dayton

Sun, Sept. 25—JACL Dayton general meeting.

Indianapolis

Sun, Aug. 28—Presentation by Dr. Toru Ishiyama, Cleveland Chapter, "What Does It Mean To Be Japanese American?" 1:30 p.m., Chelsea Village Apartment Club House. Info: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505. NOTE: Cincinnati and Dayton Chapter members are expected.

Minneapolis-St. Paul

Thu, Sept. 22-Sat., Sept. 24—Shelvin Hall Group 50th Reunion, Radisson Hotel Metrodome at University of Minnesota. Info: Joseph Hartley, 509 St. Davids Ave., St. Davids, PA 19087, or Herman F. Ward 800/432-9273.

Intermountain Salt Lake City

Thru Sept. 18—Bruce and Norman Yonemoto Video Installation, Salt Lake Art Center, upstairs Gallery.

Pacific Northwest Seattle

Sat., Aug. 20—Courtier League reunion, SeaTac Red Lion. Info: Jugi Hata, co-chair, 4619 S. Spencer St., Seattle, WA 98116.
Sun, Sept. 11—Yakima Valley reunion, 3-7 p.m., in conjunction with Heart Mountain Reunion V at San Jose. Info: Shiz Harada, 2413 Highland Lane, Fresno, CA 94339. Ben Horta 408/736-0733, or Isao Fujimoto, email: fujimoto@uadavis.edu.

Nevada Las Vegas

Thru-Sat., Oct. 27-29—Amache Reunion, Union Plaza Hotel. Info: Neal Cal-Kikazumi 415/384-1162, Judy Smith 949/541-5411, 408/733-7692. Center-Calf: Asa Yonemura 209/266-3012. So. Calif. - Min Tomita 817/269. Nevada-Bill Hidaka 702/451-9408. Chicago-George Hidaka 312/275-9210.

California

Sacramento Valley

Fri., Sun., Aug. 26-28—Tule Lake Pilgrimage, a visit to the site of the Tule Lake Relocation and Segregation Center, August 12 registration deadline, \$185 for low income and young people, \$10 for children 3 years and under (includes transportation originating from San Francisco). Sen. Jose, meals, lodging and the program. Info: San Francisco-Jizo Yamamoto 415/863-8141, East Bay-Stephanie Miyashiro 510/624-2624, Los Angeles-Misako Tsuchiya 213/295-0687, Seattle-Stan Shikuma 206/725-1676 or Sacramento-Doris Kozuma 916/444-8650. NOTE: Sponsored by Tule Lake Committee, education, healing the wounds of internment, and celebrating Nikkei culture are the focus of this pilgrimage. Younger generations of Nikkei and others are encouraged to participate in this program.

Sat., Sept. 17—Buddhist Church of Florin's 75th anniversary program, 11 a.m., luncheon follows the service. RSVP by Sept. 1 with Teri Mizusaka: 8040 Vandenberg Dr., Sacramento, CA 95820-3331, 916/381-0849 or George Furukawa, 7100 Chiles Ave., Sacramento, CA 95828-3131, 916/383-0116.

San Francisco

Sun, Aug. 21—San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles presents "Liberators and Survivors—The Untold Story," 1:30 p.m., JCCNYC, 1840 Sutter St. Info: Arleen Honda 415/221-0246.

Fri., Aug. 26—JACL San Francisco benefit screening: Pat Saunders and Rita Telen video "Yuri Kocchiama: Passion for Justice," and world premiere of Ken Kashima's "Note on a Scale" featuring Tammy Tomita, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. screening. AMC Kabuki Theater, 1881 Post St., San Francisco, info: 415/922-1534. NOTE—Speakers: Yuri Kocchiama, Bruce Yamashita.

Peninsula

Sat., Oct. 15—JACL Sequoia keiro-ka, honors senior citizens 70 and older as of Dec. 31, 1994. Palo Alto Bushnell Hall. NOTE—Names requested: Bud Nakano 415/856-1974.

San Jose

Through Sept. 7—Couples ballroom dance

ing, 7-9 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Services, 588 N. 4th St., San Jose, info: 408/294-2505. NOTE—Ballroom line dancing class meets 2-4 p.m. Thurs. Sat., Aug. 20—JACL West Valley Danza Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saratoga Lanes parking lot. Info: Dave Mursaka 408/996-1976.

Sat., Aug. 20—Bando Mitsuru Kai's classical Japanese dance recital, debut for newly titled dancers, "Natori Hato" 6 p.m., San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd. at San Carlos St., ticket info: Onishi Florist 408/295-1130, Santo Market 408/299-5606.

Sat., Sept. 3—Voices and Dance of Asian American Women, Brenda Wong Aoki, Nancy Ng, Sachiko Nakamura, info: Monterey Theater, corner of S. Market St. and W. San Carlos St. Tickets: 408/993-8230.

Fri., Sun., Sept. 9-11—Heart Mountain Reunion, Fairmount Hotel, info: Reunion V Committee, 780 Santa Rita, Los Altos, CA 94022. NOTE—Exhibits, golf, Class of '44 50th Anniversary social, mixer, banquet and Sayonara breakfast.

Starting on Sept. 12—Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service's Country Western Dance, couples only, 6 sessions every Monday 7-8:30 p.m., info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.

Tue., Sept. 13-Oct. 4—Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service offers Tai Chi class, at two different time, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15-12:15 p.m., info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.

Sat., Sept. 17—Akai Matsuri, Wesley United Methodist Church, San Jose.
Tue., Sept. 20—Yu-Ai Kai jūgi trip to Apple Hill, luncheon included in the trip package, visit famous Oldwines on Route 49 where gold was first discovered in California, pre-registration recommended, info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.

Salinas-Monterey

Sun, Sept. 25—Salinas-Kashimoto Sister City benefit concert.

Santa Barbara

Sat., Sept. 17—Reunion of Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, 12n to 6 p.m., Monterey County Club, 920 Summit Rd. RSVP by Sept. 12, Hiro Takada: 399 Tinker St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805/887-1712. NOTE—garden tour Ganna Waluta Lotland, 10 a.m. to 12n, 695 Ashley Rd., Monterey.

Los Angeles/Orange County

Through Oct. 5—Obata's Yosemite/Obata's Design exhibit, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: Chris Komai 213/612-0414. NOTE—The art and architecture of Isabella Torii Chura and Gyo Obata. (Museum is closed Monday.)
Through Nov. 13—JANM exhibit opens, "An Island in Time: Terminal Island Story," Museum's Legacy Center, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Aug. 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: Jerome Academia 213/680-4462.

Sat., Aug. 20—"Growing Up on Terminal Island," panel discussion, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Aug. 20—1st reunion of prewar San Fernando Valley residents, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles; info: Kyoshi Fujihira, 1905 Kermel Way, Pasadena, CA 91103, 818/791-4108. Mts. Hilo 213/268-6803.

Sun, Aug. 21—Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak Series, Chungmi Kim, Celine Salazar Parnames, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.
Sun, Aug. 21—Japan American Society Farm, IV Beach Party & Barbecue, 12n-Sunset, Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington Beach. RSVP: 714/850-4335.

Sun, Aug. 21, 28—Visual Communications Third Annual Summer Media Workshop Series, Eng. Camera Techniques, Deb Halberstadt, 1:30 p.m., info: Jerome Academia 213/680-4462.

Tue., Aug. 23, Sept. 6, 13—Visual Communications Third Annual Summer Media Workshop Series, Screenwriting, Kris Young, 7-9:30 p.m., info: Jerome Academia 213/680-4462.

Fri., Aug. 26—Glenn Horuchi, jazz pianist/composer, will perform Fair Play and other new works with his Quartet, info: Horuchi's Music 213/913-0617 or 310/374-9846.

Sat., Aug. 27—Chilivision VIII, annual chili cook-off, 5 p.m., Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Plaza; screening: "Yuri Kocchiama: Passion for Justice," 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, RSVP: Japan America Theatre 213/680-3700, Visual Communications 213/680-4462.

Sun, Aug. 28—KCRW 89.9 FM Contemporary Japanese Short Stories, "The Thief (Wakusai)" by Junichiro Tanizaki, "The Dream Soldier (Yume no Heishi)" by Kobo Abe, 7-8 p.m., info: Lauren W. Deutsch 310/450-5183.

Sun, Aug. 28—"We Can Get Along together" community event, concert and parade from Japanese National Museum to Los Angeles Children's Museum, 12:30 p.m., info: 213/625-0414.

Sun, Aug. 28—The Orange County Saneel Singles Team Scramble Golf Tournament, 10 a.m., Alhambra Golf Course, 630 S. Alhambra St., Alhambra, RSVP: 310/926-2591 by Aug. 10.

Sat., Sept. 1—JACL Marina/San Chapter Japanese Tea Ceremony, 7:30-9:30 p.m., (Wakusai)" by Junichiro Tanizaki, "The Dream Soldier (Yume no Heishi)" by Kobo Abe, 7-8 p.m., info: Lauren W. Deutsch 310/450-5183.

Sat., Sept. 3—"Antidote Stories: Hayase (Amatsukari)" by Masao Hongo Kingston, "Yuri Kocchiama," King-Kok Cheung, Ph.D., book party, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

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Sat., Sept. 3—"Visual Communications Third Annual Summer Media Workshop Series, Interactive Multimedia, Gino Cheng, Ph.D., 1 p.m., USC Multimedia Laboratory, info: 213/625-0608.

Sun, Sept. 4—KCRW 89.9 FM Contemporary Japanese Short Stories, "Nude (Rude)" by Kaku Nagai, "The Mother of Dreams (Hime Rokuro)" by Shiroe Ota, 7-8 p.m., info: Lauren W. Deutsch 310/450-5183.

Sun, Sept. 4—Endo Senke School of Tea Ceremony, demonstration, 142 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 10—Ikabana for kids, 10-11 a.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 10—"Signature Stamp" class, Hiroyuki Nagahashi, 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 10—4th Annual Community Heritage Awards Banquet of JAHSSC, honoring Tim Asamen, Warren Furutani, Kay Ochi, John Sakamoto, JACCCO, The Ruffy Shimp, 6 p.m., Torrance Holiday Inn, RSVP: Iku Kiyama 213/236-0608.

Sun, Sept. 11—"Vegetable Painting" workshop 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sun, Sept. 11—KCRW 89.9 FM Contemporary Japanese Short Stories, "Anguries (Fuchi)" by Yoko Tsushima, "Demantur" by Misaki Ozaki, "A Golden Picture (Chiyoko)" by Osamu Dazai, 7-8 p.m., info: Lauren W. Deutsch 310/450-5183.

Sun, Sept. 11—"Nature Speaks," storytelling presentation, folk tradition inspired by Yosemite landscapes painted by Chiura Oka, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

San Diego

Sun, Sept. 18—San Diego Chapter JACL Union of Pan-Asian Communities and Asian Business Association presents Otsukuri Celebration "Moonviewing Festival," 6 p.m., Ball Hall Restaurant, 2230 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, RSVP by Sept. 10, \$25. Info: Susan Leonard, 619/536-8915.

ELECTION

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● Barry Saiki, running unopposed for the open position of Vice President for Public Affairs—76 votes.

There was no candidate for the office of vice president for general operations. The position will be appointed by the new national president and confirmed by the national board. Taniguchi will continue to hold the position in the interim.

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Gwen Muranaka

From JACL staff

By RANDY SENZAKI

Report to the National Council

The following report was made by Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, to the National Council at the JACL Convention, Aug. 4.

The 1992-1994 biennium has been a tumultuous, critically important period for JACL. As we look back, it is evident that the implementation of the six-point 1992 Program for Action, was challenged by the dynamics of our organization as we struggled to find the most effective means to meet the needs of our members as we approach the new millennium.

It began with the national legislative agenda focusing on civil rights issues and coalition building initiated under the leadership of then-National Director, Dennis Hayashi. It was effectively carried out by the capable and committed work of our National JACL headquarters staff and regional directors. Their successful accomplishments are outlined in the attached reports.

I assumed my responsibilities in the aftermath of the *Rising Sun* protests, the Sacramento office bombing and the emerging controversy newspaper and the national organization. I saw the signs of an old, but very valuable organization going through transition: The largest Asian American civil and human rights organization facing the changes in generations, demographics and accountability to its regionally diverse membership. In this post-redress/repatriation phase (although much work is yet unfinished) I recognized JACL seeking to define a compelling and meaningful direction for the 21st Century. Realizing the necessity for a national Asian American civil rights organization to uphold and secure the constitutional rights for my children's generation, I decided to get on board.

The first five-six months were consciously directed towards establishing communication with the regional offices and the membership in districts and chapters. I have set a goal of attending all district council meetings at least once in the first year to hear the needs and concerns of the membership. At this time I have visited six of the eight district councils. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm, commitment and cooperation of the members who, for a large part, are willing to assume responsibilities and work patiently and persistently for the common good of the entire organization. It is clear that the resources and work of the national headquarters and regional staff are just as critical as that of the district and chapter members/volunteers. The base and strength of the membership and chapters are the foundation of the JACL. The execution and coordination of the Program for Action (set by the National Board/Council and National President) are primarily under the purview of the national director and staff. The support and balance between these segments continue to be critical to the strength and effectiveness of JACL.

In addition to general oversight of the issues/activities nationwide, I have been more directly involved in responding to some regional and local issues that have national resonance and implications

The Sacramento Office firebombing was a frightening, hateful act that served as a wake-up call to the JACL. In lending support to the operations of finding and trying the perpetrator, I discovered a dynamic and strong chapter and its larger community responding collectively and publicly to break the silence and fear. The diverse coalition of religious, civil rights, gay/lesbian and human service organizations along with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, insured the success of the operation. A community showing respect, cooperation and vigilance continues to monitor the trial.

The Spokane Chapter lawsuit against the racist acts exhibited within the county Democratic Party is a local issue with national implications. In working with the Spokane Chapter and the multi-ethnic support team, I see the effectiveness and courage of a chapter and its supporters, working to uphold and secure the civil rights of Asian Americans as well as all people. By working to secure justice and fair treatment for Asians and people of color within the Spokane Democratic Party, the social fabric of America is strengthened in its broadest sense for all people.

As part of the effort to increase the number of Japanese Americans in leadership positions, I became involved in an effort to advocate for the appointment of a Sansei. Joan Otomo-Corgel, to a position of trustee, overseeing the policies of the 20-campus California State University system. A Republican appointee to the trustee position became a target for Democratic legislators upset with higher education policies of the CSU Trustees. She was targeted for defeat as an Asian appointee as was another Asian predecessor appointed to the UC Regents Board by the governor of California. The prior appointment of an Asian American, Lester Lee, was soundly defeated by the legislature even though another non-Asian appointee with the same stand on issues, was duly appointed, Joan Otomo-Corgel was successfully confirmed in March because of a tremendous lobbying effort by the national/regional staff in concert with a coalition including Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and Asian Pacific-Americans in Higher Education (APAHE), an organization in which I am a founding member. She is now a member of JACL.

A long-standing JACL member, Jerry Enomoto, was nominated for a U.S. marshal position in Northern California. A network of national, regional and district chapter support was activated to overcome opposition by key senators. A letter-writing campaign in support of his qualifications and experience for the position was successful. He was confirmed on June 24, 1994.

A highlight victory for JACL was celebrated in March in Washington, D.C., at the Rayburn House when Bruce Yamashita was re-commissioned as captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. I was privileged to represent JACL's contribution to this milestone victory in his still continuing struggle for justice against discrimination in the military. A principled, courageous individual was a landmark victory for all people with the sup-

port of a coalition of friends and the JACL family spearheaded by the Honolulu Chapter.

Although reparations payments have almost been completed, there are cases on appeal yet to be determined. I am committed to see them resolved and continue to advocate for their successful disposition.

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 also provided for funds to be set aside by Congress to be used for publishing transcripts of the redress hearings and implementing programs to educate the American public about the internment experiences. The violation of constitutional rights, created by racism, war hysteria and the failure of political leadership, will be less likely to happen again if our history is a part of the national educational curriculum.

The struggle to secure five million dollars from Congress for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund was successfully completed on July 23rd. This is another major accomplishment achieved after prior defeats through the collective advocacy of the entire organization. In addition to many of our leaders and constituents in Washington, D.C., I personally met with Congressmen Bob Matsui and Norman Mineta. Their support was, and is, invaluable.

On a local level, United States Sen. Dianne Feinstein met with a group of community leaders and we valued her support for this issue. We now await the final confirmation for the nominations to the Board of the Public Education Fund. Once completed, we can look forward to the implementation of vital programs for education, such as the current seminars in "Teaching the Japanese American Experience" utilizing the very effective JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide.

Operational issues that were addressed and are still needed to be processed within the organizational structure include the *Pacific Citizen* controversies, the organizational deficits, the staffing needs throughout the organization, fund development and membership recruitment. All of these issues are interrelated and must be viewed within the larger context. It will take a common sense approach with patience, sensitivity to the views of others, a spirit of true cooperation and a long-range vision of what is good for the entire organization. It will take courageous, respectful, compassionate and wise leadership for the next biennium. The decisions made for the next biennium will be difficult and often complex ones. They cannot be made alone or in haste. They are the collective responsibility of the entire organization and its membership. They will truly be "the legacy of generations" for our future.

In closing: Set our sights high... look to the horizon, Let us truly leave a Legacy of hope, affirmation, courage and compassion for our generations to come... let us embrace our grandchildren, sons/daughters, brothers and sisters... our expanding and diverse JACL family... and build our future on the solid foundations laid by the Issei and Nisei who have paid such a high price for the priceless gift of freedom, justice and equality in this great country of ours. Thank you.

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From JACL staff

JACL applauds appointment of Height to civil rights group

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauded the selection of Dr. Dorothy Height as Chairperson of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR). Dr. Height accepted the position last week. She is the first woman to chair LCCR, the nation's largest and oldest civil rights coalition. Founded in 1950 by primarily labor, religious and civil rights groups such as JACL, LCCR has 186 national organizations representing minorities, women, persons with disabilities, labor, gays and lesbians, older Americans and major religious denominations. These organizations represent over 50 million Americans.

Dr. Height has devoted her lifetime to the struggle for equality and human rights for all people. She has participated in virtually all major civil rights events of the past four decades and was one of the lead organizers of the 1964 Civil Rights march on Washington. As president of the National Council of Negro Women, Dr. Height has been an advocate for self-help initiatives including childcare, housing and educational programs. This year, President Clinton presented her with the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest honor for a civilian, in recognition of her contributions.

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki said, "Dorothy Height has

a passionate commitment to many of the values held dear by JACL—family, education and community. JACL looks forward to working with her in the quest for equal opportunity for all Americans."

JACL is the only Asian Pacific American organization represented on LCCR's Executive Council. Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington Representative, who served on LCCR's Nominations Committee stated: "With her distinguished history of leadership in the civil rights movement, it is highly appropriate that Dr. Height be the first woman to have the honor of chairing LCCR. We are fortunate to have her vision and her leadership."

From JACL staff

JACL condemns national ID system proposal

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) joined the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and other civil rights and civil liberties organizations in condemning the Commission on Immigration Reform's proposal to establish a national identification registry. The system would depend upon extensive computer data with the names of every person in the United States, native or foreign born, authorized to work in this country.

Last week (week of Aug. 1), the Commission, headed by former representative Barbara Jordan, urged the Administration to adopt an identification registry program that would require all job applicants to verify their identities and

citizenship or immigration status through a national registry. Although Ms. Jordan acknowledged that such a system would require considerable work on both social security and immigration records, she urged the Administration to begin immediate pilot programs.

JACL National Director Randy Sensaki said, "JACL believes that this system could cost the taxpayers millions of dollars but will not solve the problem of illegal immigration. Moreover, we are skeptical that sufficient safeguards will be maintained under all circumstances and that individuals' right to privacy won't be violated. Census data is supposed to be confidential, but was used during World War II to identify Americans of Japanese descent to be

interned."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narnasaki stated, "We have raised concerns about the fact that the Commission has no Asian American members. We find it ludicrous that this is the Commission's answer to the discrimination generated against Asian Americans and Hispanics by the employers' sanction provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. Rather than solving that problem, it will exacerbate it. The Social Security Administration and INS records are very unreliable and those who look or sound foreign are going to be held suspect by employers. Asian Americans are going to face additional discriminatory hiring barriers."

PC to provide JACL staff section

JACL staff written articles will begin on page 8 of each edition of *Pacific Citizen*. This section will lead off with a column from the president or the national director, followed by stories that will be

clearly marked "From JACL staff." Editorials and other staff columns will appear in the opinion section of PC. These JACL staff articles will not be edited unless they exceed 500 words.

News

Teenager goes on trial Aug. 8 for Sacramento firebombings

Richard Campos, 18, went on trial Aug. 8 for a string of firebombings last year in Sacramento, including the attack on the Sacramento Chapter office of the JACL, reported the Sacramento Bee.

Campos has pleaded not guilty to 12 charges, including attempted murder, arson and use of an incendiary device stemming from attacks on the JACL office, the office of the NAACP, the home of Councilman Jimmy Yee, the Congregation of B'nai Israel and the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Among the evidence against Campos is a typewriter found at

his home with a typeface that matches a letter sent by the Aryan Liberation Front claiming responsibility for the firebombings, and pieces of towel recovered from a number of the crime scenes which match towels found in the Campos home and in his car. Defense attorney Michael K. Brady said, despite the evidence, he feels that others committed the crimes.

On hand throughout the proceedings are members of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, as well as representatives from the other organizations affected by the firebombings. Toko Fujii testified about the attack on JACL office, and explained JACL's court.

Randy Imai, president, Sacramento Chapter JACL, who has attended much of the trial, said, "We're relieved it's started. We won't know how we really feel until after we know the final outcome."

The Sacramento Chapter, in conjunction with the Florin Chapter, JACL, the Chinese American Council, Sacramento Human Rights Commission, Sacramento NAACP and the Temple B'nai Israel, sponsored a rally Aug. 11 calling for justice. Attended by approximately 100 people and various local officials, the rally focused on stopping hate crimes like the firebombings.

JAs living in Phoenix-area during WWII may be eligible for redress

Fifty-six Japanese Americans whose business and personal activities in the Phoenix area were restricted during World War II may be eligible for redress payments, the U.S. Department of Justice announced recently.

After reviewing the cases of these claimants, the Civil Rights Division's Office of Redress Administration (ORA) concluded that those persons who lived near

Phoenix may be eligible as a result of a mandatory exclusion program implemented in southern Arizona. Military proclamations created a restricted zone in the southern part of Arizona, as well as areas in the West Coast.

Although JAs living in the northern half of Arizona were not evacuated or interned, ORA determined that significant pre-existing and on-going business and

personal activities in their daily lives in the exclusion zone amounted to losses of liberty or property. Specifically, these claimants suffered deprivations in business and personal activities such as transfers to other schools, or substantial disruption of business or working arrangements, which might make them entitled to payments under the law.

Nisei Week concludes

An L.A. beatwave didn't stop the dancing and good times at the Nisei Week Ondo Aug. 14, closing a week of Nisei Week festivities.

For the first time since World War II, the ondo was held on First Street. Other Nisei Week highlights include:

- Kimi Jean Tokuda-Evans was crowned 1994 Nisei Week Queen at the Aug. 6 coronation ball. Tokuda-Evans, whose mother lives in Japan, was sponsored by the West L.A. JACL/Auxiliary and the Venice Japanese Community Center. First runner-up was Stephanie Romi Iwamasa, Orange County Nikkei Coordinating Council and Lisa Elizabeth Kinoshita Chee, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center; was voted Miss Tomodachi.

- Nisei Week honored the following community leaders at the Aug. 8 Awards Dinner: Frank Kay Omatsu, Morito Jimmie Jike, Frank Hirata, Rinban Shoki Mohri and the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles.

- Grand Marshal for this year's Nisei Week parade was Haru Reischauer, the wife of former U.S. ambassador to Japan Edwin Reischauer. Parade Marshal was Shinichi Chiba, a film star in Japan noted for his action movies.

IT MUST BE TOLD

BY DR. MITSUO MIURA

Wherever you may be, near and far, to a praiseworthy group of Japanese Americans, to all the Nisei women, in recognition and appreciation for your immeasurable, boundless and untiring devotion and for your distinguishable contributions and accomplishments through the countless seasons toward a unique and unparalleled integrity of the Japanese American Family of that swiftly vanishing, noteworthy generation and its era, these thoughts and reflections are sincerely voiced as a most fitting tribute

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And though in the midst of the heat of the day,
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there is no comforting breeze, they say;
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Snapshots—scenes from the 33rd JACL biennial convention

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ABOVE—From left, Bruce Yamashita, Alicyn Hikida and Bill Kaneko accept JACLer of the Biennium and chapter-of-the-year award at the JACL Salt Lake City convention. **BELOW**—From left are Sandra Nakata, the school teacher who is singlehandedly battling to eliminate "Jap Road" street sign near Beaumont; Glenda K. Joe, 42, recipient of the JACL Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award; and Betty Waki, former Mountain Plains district governor, holding the George J. Inagaki Memorial Chapter of the Biennium award. The chapter won second place.



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ABOVE—JACLers enjoy a hoedown at the western barbecue break from convention business.

AT RIGHT—Miyako Kadogawa, Greater L.A. Singles JACLer, is flanked by Doris and Congressman Bob Matsui at the Sayonara Banquet and Ball.

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AT LEFT—The rare JACL Ruby Pin for especially meritorious leadership and service to JACL and on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry, symbolized by considerable personal sacrifice, is presented to longtime JACLer Shigeki "Shake" Ushio (center) of Salt Lake City by Lillian Kimura, national president. Applauding at left is Salt Lake County Commissioner Randy Horiuchi, awards luncheon emcee.

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JAs of BIENNium—At right, the 1992-94 Japanese Americans of the Biennium: from left, Yoshihiro Uchida of San Jose; Dr. Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Univ. of California at Berkeley; and U.S. Marshal Jerry E. Enomoto, Sacramento.



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WAITING FOR BENTO—Conventioners on the grassy slopes facing the Salt Lake Art Center wait for gourmet Japanese bento after viewing the Evacuation period paintings inside.



Photo: HARRY HONDA

AT LEFT—Mountain Plains Delegates Emile Ito Kutsuma and Tom Migaki, Mile-Hi Chapter, Paul Shinkawa, Houston, take notes during a 16-hour business session, which was spread over three days at the Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel.



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ABOVE—Voting on an issue, delegates raise their green cards. In foreground is convention chair Floyd Mori.

AT LEFT—Karen Markreel (center), a Hastings Law School graduate, is the third recipient of the Mike M. Masaoka Memorial Congressional Fellowship. Along side are Philadelphia JACLer and fellowship fund chair Dr. Tom Tamaki and Etsu Masaoka. The awardee will be interning at Rep. Robert Matsui's Capital Hill office starting this October.



PROS AND CONS—Tom Shimizu (at microphone, right) of the Mt. Olympus Chapter makes a point during same-sex resolution discussion. At the other microphone is John Hayashi, NCWNP vice district governor.

MINETA

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JACL take a neutral position on the issue.

Speaking in support of resolution 6, Tom Shimizu, Mount Olympus Chapter, said, "This issue is addressing at this time is a divisive issue where both sides have very strong feelings. But I believe very strongly that the majority of the people that belong to JACL are not in support of the same-sex marriage issue. Therefore, I believe that the decision that the National Board made was contrary to the wishes and desires of the majority of the members, therefore I would hope that we could stay neutral and rescind the decision that you made—not to support nor not to oppose."

Shimizu noted that in an earlier panel on same-sex marriage, there were two proponents to same-sex marriage and one opponent and that only one candidate was asked about same-sex marriages during the candidates forum.

"I think that was very, very unfair. This issue has created a sharp division within our organization and I believe this will fracture our organization if we maintain that position. We can argue until we're blue in the face, but we're not going to change one or the other. Because there are so many on both sides, it would be prudent to remain neutral on this issue," said Shimizu.

Speaking against the resolution were a number of council members as well as a number of gay and lesbian JACL members.

Tak Yamamoto, San Fernando Valley Chapter, who is homosexual, said, "I think my particular point, though, is I was not asking for special treatment, I'm asking for equal rights. The thing about it is that marriage, not necessarily religious, is something that I would wish to have. Only because of all of the benefits that it would give me and my lover of 27 years."

May Yamamoto, formerly of APAN now a member of the Progressive Westside Chapter, said that a workshop on gay and lesbian issues at the 1992 Denver convention helped her reveal her homosexuality to her mother and another member of the APAN Chapter.

"I understand what it is like to experience racism and similarly, I was wondering if you could understand what it is like to be gay and not be accepted in your own community. I am not asking for special privileges or protective status. I am just asking to be equal, to have the right to marry which all of you enjoy," said Yamamoto.

In addition, Lia Shigemura, former JACL national staff member, spoke about her own sexuality and urged the council to uphold the rights of all Americans regardless of their sexual orientation.

Jeff Itami, Salt Lake Chapter and governor, Intermountain District, said the issue has had a negative effect of JACL's financial status as members quit the

organization.

"I'm concerned because I feel that right at this point we're talking about financial security, the stability of the organization. This is a very divisive issue. This divisiveness has already affected the financial status of this organization by members quitting, losing subscribers to the PC. I do not want to see this organization fracture. I would like to plan for unity. I originally stated that I did not feel this is an issue that should come before the (National) board, I feel also that it could have been brought before National Council and did not have to go before the board which is a much smaller body and I would have preferred for it to have been brought here originally," said Itami.

A majority of the speakers on the resolution were in opposition to withdrawing the same-sex decision. The time for discussion was extended twice, with a long line forming of those who wanted to oppose Resolution 6. Towards the end of the discussion, Dale Ikeda, resolutions chair, had speakers limit their comments to their name, chapter and their position on the resolution.

One of the turning points in the discussion was when John Nakahata, Washington, D.C. Chapter, relinquished his time to Rep. Norman Mineta, who spoke against Resolution 6.

Mineta, who was greeted by applause from the council, said that it would be "disastrous" for the council to withdraw the National Board's decision.

"I cannot think of any more dangerous precedent for this organization than to take a position on an issue of principle based solely on how it will directly affect those of Japanese ancestry," said Mineta, from a prepared statement.

While all other speakers throughout the discussion of resolutions and amendments were limited to three minutes for statements, the San Jose congressman spoke for over seven minutes against resolution 6.

During his remarks, Mineta credited Rep. Barney Frank, the openly gay congressman from Massachusetts, for moving redress in the House of Representatives. The congressman told the council that redress would not have occurred without the support of a vast coalition of civil rights groups, including gay and lesbian groups.

"A gay congressman from Massachusetts, with only a very, very small Japanese American constituency and what did he do? He made address his top-civil rights priority. Why? Because, he saw our civil rights as an issue of fundamental principle for this country."

"We can beat our chests all we want about it, but our success came from the willingness of countless Americans of all backgrounds to take the same position," said Mineta.

Speaking after Mineta, Edith Ichiji, Monterey Peninsula Chapter, said it was difficult following immediately after the congressman's address. As a Christian, Ichiji noted that the

church opposed same-sex marriages as a moral issue and that pastors could not conduct same-sex marriages in her church, but that she would oppose withdrawing the same-sex marriage decision.

"What if it was your children? Would you throw them out of the house or just ignore them completely? You must love them and love them as your brother and sister. I know talking about this right after Norman is hard. But we must really love our brothers and sisters even though it is against your principles," said Ichiji.

DOMESTIC

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tional Council.

Presented by Mike Hamachi, president, Diablo Valley Chapter, Emergency Resolution 3 would have JACL support domestic partner legislation which seeks to give unmarried couples the same rights and benefits of married couples. Domestic partners, originally brought up in an Aug. 11 editorial by Peggy Liggett in *Pacific Citizen*, would affect both heterosexual and homosexual couples and would help the elderly.

In the background information, it states the purpose of the resolution to allow "partners to visit each other in the hospital, allowing them to make decisions for each other when one is incapacitated, and making it easier for partners to will each other property, this resolution will give all families the right and legal means to care for each other in times of crisis and need."

In a friendly amendment to the resolution by Aaron Owada, Olympia Chapter, the resolution would also establish a national subcommittee to "fully explore the ramifications and legal consequences of providing equal protection of laws to all regardless of sexual orientation and to provide a report for the purpose of educating the chapters on this issue."

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Joanne Iritani, Florin Chapter, said, "For this National Council's information, domestic partnerships are gender neutral, sexual preference neutral, age neutral and even applies to a non-sexual relationship. All you need to be is domiciled, in other words, living under the same roof. It is a civil rights issue. Let's join the ACLU, senior groups and churches, gay and lesbian groups, corporations, the state of Massachusetts and others listed in the handout."

Resolution 3 states that "the JACL respects the right of its members to disagree with each other about the characterization of whether this domestic partnership debate involves civil rights."

Noting the deep divisions this issue has caused, the resolution states that JACL must continue to educate itself about the issue of domestic partners and that many of the decisions on domestic partners will occur "in the economic marketplace, through the legislative process, and by the judicial system."

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

What's what?

This column is being written a week and a half after the National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City ended. This was to be the convention at which many important matters were to be taken up, including certain basic reorganizational changes affecting its future.

But as I write this, all I know for sure about what happened at the convention is that Denny Yasuhara of Spokane, Wash., was elected president. I learned this by making telephone calls to several people who attended the convention. I asked them about some of the other things that did or did not happen, but what they reported was understandably incomplete and vague.

This information should have been summarized and published in a timely manner in *Pacific Citizen* so members of JACL would know what their official representatives accomplished in Salt Lake City. Disseminating news is a principal function of this newspaper to which members are required to subscribe. You have no choice. If you want to become a member of JACL, you have to pay for a subscription through your dues whether you like it or not. Thus it

would be logical to think you are entitled to get it regularly.

But *Pacific Citizen* was not published the week following the convention. Presumably it will be published the second week after the convention and it will take most or all of a third week before the postal system gets around to delivering it to the more distant precincts. And if you haven't made some telephone calls meanwhile, that's when you'll find out for the first time that Denny Yasuhara was elected President and a lot of other things that happened.

Not publishing when it's scheduled is getting to be something of a habit with this newspaper. It's happened twice before fairly recently. Editor Richard Suenaga says he had no choice but to cancel the issues because JACL headquarters refused his pleas for funds to pay the printer, the mailers, the postal service and others who aren't in the habit of taking IOUs. Can you blame him for declining to take personal responsibility for the bills?

It had been hoped the convention could find out what's going on and resolve the problem if in a somewhat curious way.

Why curious? Because *Pacific Citizen* was the subject of all except three of 20 proposed amendments to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws before the convention. And five of 18 proposed resolutions also involved *Pacific Citizen* operations and management. Even more interesting, all but three of the 22 proposed changes emanated from a Pacific Southwest District ad hoc committee. Why was all that interest concentrated in one district?

Next question: Did we learn in *Pacific Citizen* how delegates voted regarding its future? Fat chance. If anything was resolved we know nothing about it because *Pacific Citizen* missed another issue, presumably because of continuing confusion about funding and what precisely it was that the convention delegates wanted done.

Don't you get the idea we're being cheated? Yes, and you can't pin all the blame on the folks who are trying to publish the paper. ☐

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

BUDGET

(Continued from page 1)

● Proposed regional office expenditures would remain the same at \$429,700.

In revenue, the revised 1995 budget proposes the following increases:

● The approved budget changes the amount of fundraising revenue from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

● Increase in membership dues revenue from \$845,000 to \$850,000—an increase of \$5,000.

● Increase in investment income from such sources as the Legacy Fund from \$195,000 to \$205,000—an increase of \$9,000.

The 'compromise' '95 budget originally proposed cutting back district allocations in Intermountain by \$1,900 and Eastern and Mountain Plains by \$2,000. This proposal, which Ross Harano, president, Chicago Chapter, later said must be a typographical error, was met with angry responses from members of the Intermountain and Mountain Plains Districts.

Jeff Itami, governor, IDC, said, "The four least paid districts get that \$4,400 I think this is grossly unfair to cut us to \$2,500. Why should we be punished? The regional offices have a lot more money than us, they should trim the money out of there. This is absolutely an insult to us. We might as well just leave JACL if you're going to do this to us because we're going to cease functioning freely."

Reiko Parker, delegate, Omaha Chapter, said, "I feel that if district allocations are going to be cut they should be cut equally among all districts. So if we're going to be cutting district allocations I don't see why we can't be cutting allocations to regional offices also."

Denny Yasuhara, new JACL national president, asked the national council to decide on cutting the budget and raising dues or a combination of both.

Harano, who was part of the group which created the compromise '95 budget said that JACL has to make a serious effort to raise funds.

"That last budget was passed with no thought on raising that money... We said we were going to do it and we didn't. Part of the commitment on this budget is that there would be a fundraising activity. A dinner was discussed, the possibility of continuing the raffle every year, have a special mailer to our 1000 Club/Life members, things like that. We have to be innovative so we can raise this money," said Harano.

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Pacific Citizen's Letters column will return in the next issue.

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BILL MARUTANI

Our Nikkei culture

AMONG NIKKEI PUBLICATIONS that I've been receiving regularly is the "100th/442nd Newsletter," an official publication of the veterans' organization centered in Los Angeles. As an M.I.S.Er (military intelligence service) I did not serve with the Four-Four-Two. However, some thoughtful soul placed my name on the mailing list and I've been receiving the newsletter for the past several years. The latest (July) issue contains the first installment of an account entitled "Lost Battalion," intriguingly detailed with names of those involved in specific incidents on the battlefield. Any veteran of the 442nd, or persons who had a relative or acquaintance who served in the regiment, may well come across familiar names.

ALSO CONTAINED in this July 1994 issue is a poignant account by George M. Nishinaka ("George"), which struck familiar chords within me. George's thesis is set forth in the opening paragraph: "Human behavior modus borne out of culture and life's own experiences are transmitted through generations and are hard to break." Although photos exist of this (now deceased)

father holding child George, George writes "But as I grew up, I cannot recall my father ever holding or embracing me, my brother or sister." George simply concludes: "For all these years, I had accepted this behavior pattern as just part of the Japanese culture and just part of his way." Indeed, he notes, "Thinking back, we never even shook hands."

THE FATHER was hospitalized for cancer which had metastasized to the brain. In George's own words:

"One morning, I received a call from the hospital and was informed he had passed away. When I entered his room, I found a paper napkin he must have used at dinnertime the night before. Scribbled on with probably his shaking hands was written the words: good bye. I think I talked to him silently for a while. Then just before leaving, I leaned over his bed, placed my hands and arms behind his back and hugged him. This was the first and last time I physically embraced him."

MY UPBRINGING focused about my mother who guided, exhorted and disciplined me. I recall one incident when I was

about ten years old or so when she kissed me on the cheek. For her birthday, I had gone down to Arney's Five-and-Ten, and for a dime bought a ceramic toothpick holder. When I gave it to her, she was surprised and impulsively gave that kiss. It was the only time in my life that she ever gave me a hug. In those depression days, ten cents was a lot of money: one could have purchased two "Power House" candy bars which weighed in at four ounces each for a total of half-pound of chocolate-covered treats.

MY MOTHER was about 80 years old, when on a visit to Japan, she was hospitalized with a serious case of cancer. When we received word of the seriousness of her condition, we four children, plus a daughter-in-law, flew to Hiroshima to be at her bedside. She was in much pain but recognized all of us and uttered an expression of gratitude. In a few days, she passed away.

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



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KNOWN AS CAMELOT.

By the board

By BARRY SAIKI

With same-sex decision made, education must follow

The 33rd National JACL Convention concluded August 7, 1994 at 1 a.m. in the morning. This year's National Council representing all the district chapters reconfirmed the National Board's decision on same-sex marriage.

Resolution 6, introduced to rescind the May National Board decision in support of the same-sex marriage was defeated on August 6th by the delegates at the 33rd Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City.

After a 45-minute discussion including

a 10-minute appeal by Congressman Norman Mineta to vote down the resolution, the proposal was rejected 53 to 38 with 11 abstentions.

Undoubtedly, Mineta's strong statement that this was a civil rights issue contributed to the switching of votes against the resolution.

This now means that JACL has confirmed support for the same-sex marriage in spite of objections of many senior members.

While I personally supported Resolution 6, as the newly elected vice president of public affairs, it has become my responsibility to inform the chapters that JACL is committed to supporting the legal ramifications of same-sex marriage.

The majority vote at the convention dictates that this is the wish of the National Council which represents all the 115 chapters. The membership is requested to obtain the firsthand reports from their delegates who can best explain the details of

the voting.

Why? As an organization committed to civil rights, the majority believes in doing the "right thing." Try to understand the changing values of our current society. Educational forums will be forthcoming by your local chapters.

Saiki, a retired MIS officer and PR executive and founder of the Japan Chapter, JACL, is the organization's newly elected vice president for public affairs.

From JACL staff

By KAREN NARASAKI

The Redress Education Fund—A Legacy of Generations

This month I received an intriguing inquiry from the South African Embassy. The caller was desperate to acquire copies of *Personal Justice Denied*, the Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which has been out of print for many years and is impossible to obtain. One of the uses of the Redress Education Fund (known formally as the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund) will be to reprint this remarkable report.

Curious, I asked her why government officials in South Africa were interested in the report. She explained that they are working to develop a more accurate, understanding of the history and consequences of apartheid in South Africa—to document the injustices, to provide South Africans with a true history of South Africa, and to begin healing the scars created by apartheid.

They had heard about the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians from a U.S. Information Agency (USIA) official who was visiting South Africa. The USIA official had suggested that they consider creating a similar Commission.

This call was a powerful reminder of the importance of JACL's efforts in convincing Congress to approve appropriations for the Redress Education Fund and of JACL's work in persuading teachers to use our curriculum guide in their classrooms.

Redress also served as a model for justice in a 71-year-old Florida case. In 1923, the white people of Sumner all but decimated a nearby black community called Rosewood in response to a claim by a white woman that she had been assaulted by a black man. The community was burned down and seven people were murdered. The survivors fled in terror. A law firm in Florida took up their case and worked to persuade the Florida Senate to approve a compensation bill for the survivors of the Rosewood Massacre, as the incident had come to be known.

Appropriately, the theme of this year's JACL National Convention was "Legacy of Generations." It is crucial that JACL continue to crusade for its curriculum guide, and for the Redress Education Fund. Both will leave an important legacy, not only for generations of Japanese Americans and Americans of all ancestries, but for the world.

After all, redress successfully garnered national support because it was not solely an issue about Japanese Americans, but because it had broader implications for civil and human rights. It is not surprising that we now find that the implications are

actually international.

The question is often asked, "What is JACL's mission now that redress is done?" I submit that our work with redress is not yet complete—JACL has a continuing responsibility to ensure that all who cherish democracy, equality and freedom learn the lessons of the internment and of redress.

Thanks to all the members who worked on the Redress Education Fund this year. Special thanks to Senators Inouye (D-Hawaii), Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Murray (D-Wash.), and Representatives Mineta (D-Calif.), Matsui (D-Calif.), and Obey (D-Wis.) for their outstanding efforts. The Redress Education Fund is a legacy we cannot fail to leave.

Narasaki is the JACL Washington, D.C., representative.

Convention coverage

Outstanding JACL members honored at awards luncheon

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

SALT LAKE CITY—Among the big moments at any JACL convention is the announcement of the top awards presented to those who have contributed to the organization or to the JA community in general. Here are the award winners:

JACLer of the Biennium Award

At the awards luncheon Friday, Aug. 5, the JACLer of the Biennium award, presented to a JACL member who has done the most for the strength and growth of the national organization, went to the "Bruce Yamashita and the Inner Circle." When making the presentation, Lillian Kimura remarked that Yamashita and his supporters "epitomize the JACL motto—Security Through Unity." Members of his "Inner Circle" include Allison Hikida, Clayton Ikei, William Kaneko, Ernest Kimoto and Stephen Okino, all members of the Honolulu Chapter.

The Yamashita story has been in the media since 1990 when the Honolulu Chapter was contacted about his plight with the U.S. Marine Corps and being "disenrolled" two days before graduation from officers candidate school at Quantico. The chapter support committee became known as the

"Inner Circle," coordinating all aspects of the victory that eventually came after five years with a commission from the U.S. Navy.

In response, Yamashita stated, "Working together makes a difference."
Chapter of the Biennium

The Chapter of the Biennium awards went to the Honolulu Chapter with an \$800 prize from the George Inagaki Memorial Fund and to the Houston Chapter with a \$400 prize. (The accompanying prize that went to the district council of the winning chapter no longer is being offered.) Earning honorable mention were Sacramento, San Jose and Seattle Chapters.

Randy Shibata of New Mexico JACL, chairman of the JACL awards and recognition committee, made the presentation.

Kimura also acknowledged a letter and good news from Matthew K. Fong, member of the State Board of Equalization (and highest ranking Asian American in a statewide elective post), who was instrumental in designating JACL with a Burger King financial contribution as among "those volunteer organizations with longstanding commitment to improve our communities."

Previously, the JACLer of the Biennium award winner did not receive a cash prize.

As part of the Burger King Corporation's community recognition program, the JACLer of the Biennium honoree will now receive a \$1,000 prize.

The Chapter of Biennium award was also bolstered along with a cash prize from Burger King as well as money from the Inagaki Memorial Fund, administered by the Venice-Culver JACL.

JACL Ruby Pin

The JACL Ruby Pin was presented by the National JACL Board to Shoko Ushio, Salt Lake City, whose 60 years in JACL were unstinting, including founding the Salt Lake and later the Mt. Olympus Chapters, charter president of the National JACL Credit Union and co-chairing the 1994 national convention. "I can't afford to die for there's still too much to do," Ushio commented.

Masaoka fellowship

The Mike Masaoka Congressional Fellowship was won by Karen Markreel, 25, who reports this fall to Rep. Robert Matsui's office in Washington as intern.

Edison Uno award

The Edison Uno Civil Rights Awards were presented to Glenda K. Joe, nominated by the Houston Chapter for her community activism for Asian Americans the

past 15 years; and to State Sen. Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton), nominated by the Sacramento Chapter for spearheading civil rights legislation for the past 15 years on behalf of Japanese Americans.

Ruby Yoshino Schaar award

The Ruby Yoshino Schaar Playwright Award went to Lane Nishikawa, San Francisco playwright and actor known for his one-man shows, it was announced by Ronald Uba for the New York Chapter, administrators of the Schaar memorial fund.

Special awards

The Convention Committee's special recognitions were awarded to Tom Shimizu, Cheiko Okazaki and Raymond Uno for community leadership and contributions.

The luncheon also honored the presence of past national JACL presidents, including Roy Nishikawa, Kumeo Yoshinari, Pat Okura, Henry Tanaka, Floyd Raymond Uno, Dr. James Tsujimura, Floyd Shimomura, and Cressley Nakagawa. Salt Lake county commissioner Randy Horuchi was toastmaster. Cheiko Okazaki of the Relief Society (General Board of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, delivered the invocation; Rev. George Haniabara, Japanese Church of Christ, the benediction. John Owada, state commander of Utah VFW last year, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

JACL President Denny Yasuhara's inaugural remarks to the National Council

The following are the remarks of Denny Yasuhara of Spokane, Wash., upon his installation as national president of the Japanese American Citizens League at the 33rd biennial national JACL Convention which ended Aug. 6.

Four years ago Japanese Americans began receiving their first redress checks following one of the greatest legislative triumphs in recent Congressional memory. That this would occur under poor economic conditions through a relatively

tiny group of people underscores what a magnificent achievement that was.

Yet, today, just four years later amid declining JACL membership, we find ourselves uncertain, in turmoil and disarray with many of the our most loyal members talking of leaving JACL.

Since the war and internment years there has never been a greater need for stability and perseverance than today. We cannot have our most loyal supporters leave our organization at such a critical juncture in our organizational history.

In any period of transition there is always some measure of turmoil and instability that is a normal byproduct of that change. However, when that transition is a generational one, the problems are exacerbated because of the nature of the transition itself—a change in the status of those involved, which is always difficult even in the best of times.

We must have the wisdom to distinguish between what are the normal byproducts of that change and what are not; and forthrightly and promptly address those we can

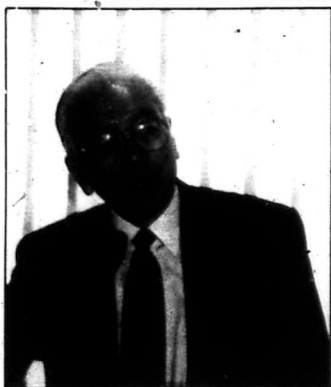
and do the best we can with those we cannot.

JACL enters a new era not only because of this generational transition, but because we no longer have a dominating civil rights issue to rally around, such as Redress that was able to energize an entire group of people. Most civil rights issues, no matter how important they might be, simply do not have that capacity. Thus, the problem of maintaining a high level of civil rights

Convention coverage

Masaoka papers, memory highlight Old-Timers event

Stories by HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus



BILL HOSOKAWA
Tribute to JACL leader

Photo: JIM LEW



EXHIBIT—Etsu Masaoka, widow of the late JACL leader, poses by an exhibit of awards.

Photo: TOM MASAMORI



Photo: TOM MASAMORI

EASTERNERS—Among the 180 Old-timers were, seated from left, Susi Ichiji, Jean Kariya and Doris Hoshida, Washington, D.C. Standing, from left, are Joe Ichiji, Washington, D.C., Dr. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia, and Shig Kariya, New York.



Photo: TOM MASAMORI

Tribute to some old-timers

Glancing through a July 1 list of delegates and alternates, about 30 "Old-Timers" can be spotted. Shake Ushio (Mt. Olympus), in charge of the first half of the Old-Timer's Luncheon Aug. 4, was afraid of an early "sell-out." It happened, as he tried to accommodate more than 180 people. . . . As pioneers go, he is a classic. Shake was a founding member of the Salt Lake Chapter in 1934, chapter president in 1940-41, Intermountain District chair in 1945 (when his district council alone kept headquarters alive and functioning during the war years when JACL membership was in the depths), founded and was charter president of the Mt. Olympus Chapter in 1943-44. He chaired the 1948 national JACL convention in Salt Lake City; is the distinguished past president of the National JACL Credit Union, and spent latter years in Japan where he was a Mormon bishop. The National Board remembered, surprising him with the coveted JACL Ruby Pin.

Seichi and Chickie Hayashida (Boise Valley), a pair of top keggers at the annual National JACL bowling tournaments which began in Salt Lake City nearly 50 years

ago, represent what JACL bowling tournaments were meant to be—a friendly scratch competition among the Nisei JACLers and at the same time being mainstays at the chapter level. Seichi was chapter president and with Chickie were all-around officials. . . . Husband-wife combinations have heavily dotted JACL history. The Contra Chapter has consistently had husbands-wives bearing board responsibilities. This year, Jim Oshima, single, is carrying the ball but with him are the happy husband-wife combinations.

The late Mas Satow, National JACL director (1946-70) who coordinated the JACL national tournament for more than 25 years until the National Council revoked its ties in 1974, was remembered at the Old-Timers Luncheon by the American Bowling Congress. He was the first Nisei to be inducted to its Hall of Fame. His brother-in-law, Dave Tsuruda of La Mirada, accepted the honors on his behalf. . . . Mas didn't know how to bowl until he became national director.

Jichiro Nishida (Eden Township), since

Old-timers to lunch again at San Jose

SALT LAKE CITY—Rekindling memories of past JACL conventions was the main menu at the Old-timer's Luncheon and the Mike Masaoka Tribute on Thursday noon (Aug. 4) at the Rooftop Restaurant in Joseph Smith Memorial Building, formerly the Hotel Utah. More than 180 were present and most looked forward to lunch again in 1996 at San Jose.

While voting delegates hurried back to a 2 p.m. Council session, the old-timers continued to reminisce and regrouped Friday night at the Pagoda Restaurant, where they spun anecdotes of JACL leaders in the past.

The nine past national presidents present were Roy Nishikawa, K. Patrick Okura, Kumeo A. Yoshinari, Jerry Enomoto (on Saturday), Judge Raymond Uno, Henry T. Tanaka, Dr. James Teijimura, Floyd D. Shimomura and Cressey Nakagawa. Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago had cancelled the last minute because of his wife's sudden illness.

AT LEFT—Old-timers pose for photo, from left, seated: Kayo Tsuruda, La Mirada, Calif., sister of the late Chiz Satow; Lillian Kimura, outgoing JACL president; and Seiko Kasai, Salt Lake City. Standing, from left, are Randy Senzaki, JACL national director; Momo and Shake Ushio, Salt Lake; Dave Tsuruda; and Henry Tanaka, Cleveland.



Photo: TOM MASAMORI

MEDALISTS—Dr. Frank Sakamoto (far left), Chicago, Old-Timers luncheon emcee, presented medals to those who were among the first to join JACL, from left, Ayako (nee Ohashi) Hurd, 85, Seattle, 1930; Toshio Hoshida (standing on a box), 85, Seattle, 1928; and Clarence Nishizu, 82, Los Angeles, 1930.

the 1960s has been chapter president for at least seven terms. *Pacific Citizen* used to keep a roster of members who kept the chapter together this way, of those serving at least a half dozen active years as president. . . . In the same area, Ted Inouye (Fremont) started his skein in 1967-68 and was called back in the 1970s and 1980s. Note: His nephew, Ken Inouye (Selanoco), headed his chapter in the 1980s and held the PSW district chair in 1985-86. . . .

The fellow who instituted the "no smoking" rule in 1986 on the National Council floor, Dr. James Taguchi (Mile-Hi), has been elected to at least a dozen terms since the 1960s at Dayton and after moving to his home state, Colorado, in the late 1980s, another term in 1989. He eschewed a national office because of all the cigar puffs and smoke-rings he would encounter at National Board meetings.

Immediate past national JACL president, Lillian Kimura (New York) moved from Chicago to New York a stringer her consecutive terms as chapter president from

Tabernacle Choir renders 'JACL Hymn'

SALT LAKE CITY—About 400 JACLers were seated up front and another 100 spectators in the Tabernacle which seats 6,500 to hear the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing the poignant "JACL Hymn" on Aug. 7. It was a fitting finale to the 33rd biennial National JACL Convention.

"I can see why Mike insisted on the 'JACL Hymn' be a part of the JACL Convention," Etsu Masaoka remarked upon leaving the Tabernacle with her brother Norman Mineta and sisters Helen and Aya (Mrs. Minoru Endo).

Many wanted tapes or cassettes of the "JACL Hymn" as never heard or seen before. "If indeed this was written in 1944, what a fitting occasion it was to hear it on this 50th anniversary," the first Mainland Nisei congressman added.

The ten-line lyrics, written by Marion Tajiri to music by Marcel J. See **CHOIR/page 11**

TRIBUTE

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1986... The "mother" of the PSW Nisei Relays in the 1980s, Carrie Okamura (Orange County) missed her first national convention since she was elected president in 1984. Miki Himeno of East L.A. and onetime national VP, had her chapter's proxy... The PSW Nisei Relays finally quit running four years ago, but its cousin San Francisco/NCWN Jr. Olympics reigns now as the longest-going youth program involving hundreds of boys and girls on a single Sunday that JACL has anywhere in the U.S. In recent years, events have been added for athletes in their 20s, 30s and 40s, so that it's become a multi-generational Nisei/Sansei/Yonsei track meet. Credit insurance agent and San Francisco JACL life member Steve Okamoto for carrying on the Jr. JACL Olympics torch for youth.

Ronald Shiozaki (Gardena Valley), a contemporary of the late Minoru Yasui prewar in Portland, headed the Chicago Chapter

in 1951, settled later to Gaudina to be elected PSW district governor in 1966 and now heads the Gardena Valley chapter. Ron whispered to me that Min wanted to have him or his friends break and test the 1942 curfew law and that he would defend them pro bono. There were no takers; the rest is history.

Oldtimer Mas Yamasaki, Florin prewar, Dayton's charter president in 1949 and Houston in retirement, finished No. 2 in a prewar Northern Cal JACL oratorical to Stockton's Grayce Kaneda, now Mrs. Hirashi Ueyehara (Philadelphia). How old was she then? A teenager, no doubt. The convention youth oratoricals (On Saturday afternoon) are a true springboard for leadership.

Not JACL-related—as this happened before JACL existed—is a similar story we heard from charter 1000 Clubber Dr. Tokio Ishikawa, San Jose's first Nisei physician and recently retired, who remembers the Nisei high school students' oratorical contest held in San Francisco in 1926. Such greats as John Aiso, Henry

Shimanouchi, John Maeno and Kay Sugahara from Los Angeles were favorites to win. Also speaking were Henry Tamada of San Jose and perhaps another speaker from Central Cal. The winner was also a woman, Lorraine Tsuda of Sacramento. (The JACL connection here is obvious: San Jose JACL hosts the 1996 national convention.)

Delegates who came back to the Old Timer's Luncheon included: Dr. Roy and Alice Nishikawa (Southwest L.A.), Pat and Lily Okura (Omaha), Hiroshi and Grayce Ueyehara (Philadelphia) and Harry K. Honda (Downtown L.A.). ... Edith Ichijoji (Monterey Peninsula) was a delegate this year, but her late husband Mickey was a delegate in '48.

CHOIR

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Tyrell, are embodied as an addendum in the National JACL Constitution and Bylaws.

There was a dream my father dreamed for me / I land in which all men are free / Then desert camp with watch-towers high /

Where life stood still, 'mid sand and brooding sky / Out of the war in which my brothers died / Their muted voices with mine cried / This is our dream that all men shall be free / This is our creed we'll live in loyalty / God help us rid the land of bigotry / That we may walk in peace and dignity.

The Spoken Word, entitled "Sweet Are the Uses of Adversity," by Lloyd D. Newell was inspired by the hymn, noting that it was "written in a crucible of affliction where loyalty and character were put to the test."

The "JACL Hymn" was preceded by "Liberty" by Phil and Lynne Brower, followed by the Spoken Word and choral rendition of the traditional Japanese song, "Sakura," in Nihongo. The choir sang in Japan on three occasions.

After the broadcast, Mrs. Osato Uno, 100, mother of Judge Raymond Uno, was among the few whose presence was acknowledged. Assistance of Shake Ushio, convention co-chair, and other JACLers in the arrangement of the program, the 3,390th broadcast, were also cited.

collectively with the problems we face. That requires and even demands prudence, discipline and tolerance as we deal with out differences and other organizational issues. It is my hope that you will give us the necessary time and support to address the issues adequately.

It was not too long ago that the Issei were saying to us: *Maan Nisei uo darashiganai*— "those Nisei, they just don't have any pride." Today, I hear similar comments about our Sansei and Yonsei. Let us remember that despite what the Issei might have felt at times, we didn't turn out so bad after all.

The future leaders of this organization are our offspring and not someone foreign to us. They are what we have helped them to be and we have an obligation, and yes, even a duty to continue to help them struggle with the responsibility they will inherit. It is in this light and with these thoughts and wish to begin my term office.

I ask for your help, patience and counsel as we enter a turbulent period in our history.

MARUTANI

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When she died, I asked to be left alone with her. In that moment of solitude, I bent over and returned that kiss she had given to me so many years before.

The hospital was near the Honkawa river where, during a visit when I was about five years old, my mother and I had cavorted in its (then clean) waters. Now some 40 years later, I walked along the bank of that same river.

I let my grief pour out during that solo walk, as I'd never done before or since. ☐

BUDGET

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Hank Tanaka, Cleveland Chapter, advocated the raising of dues, rather than cutting costs or placing higher expectations on fundraising revenue.

"Why should we bank our budget on an amount which has not been raised in the past," said Tanaka, noting that while JACL has budgeted \$50,000 in fundraising revenue over the past several years, the most it has ever earned during that period was approximately \$12,000.

Normally, JACL budgets are approved for a two-year period. This time, the council approved the creation of a budget committee which will create a budget for 1996 for recommendation to the JACL finance committee. The committee will consist of: the national president; vice president of planning and development; vice president of general operations; secretary/treasurer; governor's caucus chair and the national youth council chair or her designee. The committee will also include a financial expert who will be appointed by the secretary/treasurer and be subject to the approval of the budget committee.

In an earlier council session, many delegates expressed opposition to the proposal to raise dues.

"I want to express concern that management expenses are over 25%. You're asking for an increase in dues. More and more money is going to management than to programs. How was the budget prepared, did you work with the committee working on the Program for Action?" asked Ray Ishii, delegate, Seattle Chapter.

Ishii was part of a group which put together the single year budget with no dues increase. During council sessions Ishii and the Seattle Chapter had proposed adopting a '95 budget with the dues

increase and then study the '96 budget. This measure was defeated.

INAUGURAL

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activity and organizational cohesiveness becomes more acute.

When this is compounded by divisive issues, budgetary deficits and internal problems, the situation, if it is to be ameliorated, requires immediate attention. Your responsibility as well as this National Board's does not end with your votes at this Convention. We, both, have a responsibility to deal

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Matsumura, Misao Goto, Yoshiye Takaki, Artyoshi, Yoshino, 92, Berkeley, June 17; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Douglas, 2 gc, 2 great-gc. **Murayama, Miju, 89**, Cupertino, May 21; Kumamoto-born, survived by son Hiroshi, daughters Masako Shimada, Akio Kimura, Tomiko Handa, 11 gc, 8 great-gc. **Nagasawa, Sally, San Mateo**, May 31; Nakamura, Dr. Tatsumi, 75, Sacramento, May 19; Oakland-born, survived by wife Akio, daughter Doris, sister Reiko Yuzono (Jpn).

Noda, Jane T., 69, Sacramento, May 30; survived by husband George, daughter Sharon, son Stuart, brother John

Hayashi, Roy (Chino Hills), sisters Ariene Tsukamoto, Ruth Hayashi. **Okada, Kimiko, 72**, Hanford, May 23; Hanford-born, survived by husband Frank, daughter Linda, 2 gc, brothers Shigeo and Henry Tokumoto.

Schmerker, Akemi Kodama, 62, Walnut Creek, June 11; Monterey-born retired employee of San Francisco News paper Agency, founding member of Japanese Christian Church of Walnut Creek, survived by sons James, Brett, 1 gc, half-brothers Edward Mayeshiba (Los Angeles), Andrew (Milwaukee). **Seikiguchi, Anna H.**, 58, El Cerrito, April 28; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Richard, son Stephen, mother Yone Kurosawa (Sacramento), sister Constance McMillan (Burlingame), brother Norman (Sacramento).

Sekino, Yukio, 87, San Francisco, May 1; Kanagawa-born Buddhist Church lay leader, Nichibei Kai president, Hinode Tower complex and Cherry Blossom Festival promoter, decorated in 1980 by Japanese Emperor, survived by wife Kikuyo, sons Osamu, Tadayuki, daugh-

ters Reiko Inomata, Sachiko Tajima, 6 gc, 6 great-gc, in-law Hiroshi Kenmotsu. **Shirakawa, Hon. George, 54**, San Jose, May 5 during heart surgery; Hanford-born San Jose city councilman, 7th District (1990), teacher and athletic coach at Eastside Union High, youth worker, survived by wife John, son Kenley, daughter Navette, 2 gc.

Uyeda, Kiyo, 94, Loomis, May 17; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Joe, Arthur, Roy, daughters Bessie Ono, Masayo Sumida, 6 gc, 7 great-gc, sister Sumi Matsubara.

Wada, Yoshio, 74, Santa Cruz, May 18 (sv); Portland-born, prewar Holter High track and basketball letterman, WWII 52nd and only Nisei trackster in 1945 Nuremberg Army Games, post-war landscape gardener of 45 years, survived by wife Rita, son Jack (San Jose), daughter Judy Schindler (San Francisco), 3 gc, stepson Capt. Richard Koyama, Army chaplain, stepdaughter Nancy Cavanaugh (Hawaii), brothers Hiroshi (Gardena), Kiyoichi (Commerce City), Goro, sisters Tomoko Kajioka (North Highlands), Mary Uyeshima (San Gabriel).

Wakimoto, Fumiyo, 80, Santa Clara, June 9; Okayama-born, survived by brother Shigeru, sister Kuniko Yamada. **Watanabe, Ruth Hoskichi, 75**, Cupertino, May 4; San Jose-born, survived by husband Tom, son Keith, brothers Roy and Ben Narimatsu, sister Reiko Masada.

Yamaji, John S., 69, Cupertino, May 7; survived by wife Frances, sons Mark, Craig, daughter Kim Burks (San Francisco), sisters Fumiko Matsumura (Yuba City), Fumiko Higuchi (San Jose), Tameyo Matsumura (Esposito), Tameyo Yamaji (Mountain View), brothers Haru (San Jose) and Toshio (San Valley).

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