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Redress update

President signs education fund; more eligible for payments, says ORA

In the final step before becoming law, President Bill Clinton signed the appropriations bill Aug. 26 for Commerce, State, Justice and the Judiciary, which includes the \$5 million for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, according to the White House press office.

Public Law 103-317 will now provide the initial funding for the development of research and public education activities on the circum-

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PHOTO: JACK IWATA

ASSEMBLY POINT—A rare 1942 photo shows two busses loaded with evacuees at East First Street and Central Avenue in Los Angeles, ready to leave for an assembly center. The tarp-covered truck (at left) was to convey the personal belongings stashed along the sidewalk for government storage. The building, originally the Nishi Hongwanji, is headquarters for the Japanese American National Museum, which will unveil a new exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," on Nov. 11.

Racism in Arizona

Candidate says 'Jap'; teens arrested in cross-burnings

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

One of the myths of the West, the jack-a-lope is a cross between an antelope and a jack rabbit which can be seen in kitschy tourist shops throughout the western United States. But for Dave Moss, 70, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in Arizona, the jack-a-lope is a "Jap-a-lope."

In a recent Phoenix Gazette profile, Moss, said, "I call them Jap-a-lopes. There was some Japanese tourists in here once. When I told them these things were Jap-a-lopes, one of them says to me, 'You not so funny, man.' 'Not so funny?' I said, 'I probably shot your dad in World War II.'"

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Campaign announced to rename 'Jap' Road

Staff report

At the JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City, Betty Waki, president of Houston Chapter, JACL, said that the chapter remains determined that Jap Road and Jap Lane in southeast Texas will be changed.

"Our campaign is called 'Honor the Pioneers,'" said Waki. "It would change the road names to honor the Issei pioneers who settled the area to Mayumi Road and Kishi Lane."

Waki said that the chapter has kept a low profile recently, although it has continued to work on the issue. Recalling the events of the

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MORE ON JAP ROAD—Sandra Nakata honored for her battle against infamous sign—page 15

Exhibit on Evacuation, camp days to open Nov. 11 in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—A new exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," will be premiered by the Japanese American National Museum on Friday, Nov. 11, that will feature:

■ An original barrack from the Heart Mountain, Wyo., camp.

■ A layout of camp sites where former internees will place model barracks symbolizing their wartime communities.

■ Artifacts and stories that show their determination to make camp life as normal as possible despite the abnormal and adverse

conditions.

■ Never-before-seen home movies inside the camps.

■ Facts and figures about the enormity and reality of incarceration.

■ Recently discovered photographs taken by internees and others of the "Evacuation" and camp experience.

■ And opportunities for former internees, teachers and other eyewitnesses to this history of WWII to add their stories at each camp cluster at the museum.

Museum curator Karen L.

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Cherry Kinoshita named PC chair; Jim Miyazaki VP of operations

Mae Takahashi to head committee to study financial problems; Dale Minami named interim legal counsel

Newly elected National JACL President Denny T. Yasuhara announced Sept. 13 that he has nominated Cherry T. Kinoshita of the Seattle Chapter of PNWDC as the new Pacific Citizen Editorial Board chair and Jim J. Miyazaki of the Wisconsin Chapter of MDC as the National Vice President of General Operations.

Yasuhara said that "Kinoshita is uniquely qualified to serve as the PC chair, having served on its Board of Directors for eight years from 1978-86 and also having



KINOSHITA



MIYAZAKI

served on the National JACL Board for 4 years as National Vice President of Public Affairs for two

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Convention coverage

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

SALT LAKE CITY—Faced with a mountain of papers, documents, proposals and counter-proposals, the National Council approved a series of broad, significant changes to the Pacific Citizen at the 33rd biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City. Prior to the convention, delegates were presented with five resolutions, 19 amendments and three sepa-

rate proposals regarding changing the structure of the Pacific Citizen. At a meeting Aug. 4, proponents of the different proposals met with Dale Ikeda, resolutions and amendments chair, to consolidate and make the proposals easier to understand. From that meeting, the various proposals were consolidated into a one page matrix which the National Council used for reference. Discussion of the resolutions continued over three different council sessions, culminating in final passage during the Saturday

morning session.

The main proposal passed by the National Council was authored by John Nakahata, Eastern District PC board representative and member of the national ad hoc committee on Pacific Citizen, and submitted by the committee. The ad hoc committee report was incorporated into the Constitutional Review Committee report. Two separate resolutions coming from the Pacific Southwest District PC ad hoc commit-

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California's domestic partners bill vetoed

Despite efforts of Diablo Valley Chapter and JACL President Yasuhara, Gov. Wilson says no to measure that broadens definition of 'couples.'

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

A California bill granting rights to domestic partners, a concept recently endorsed by the JACL National Council, was vetoed Sept. 11 by Gov. Pete Wilson. Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, which introduced the Emergency Resolution 3 on domestic partners, spearheaded a campaign urging Wilson to sign the AB2810 which would have enabled unmarried couples to register as "domestic partners," granting these couples some of the same rights and privileges of married couples.

In vetoing the domestic part-

ners bill, Wilson, who is up for reelection in November, said, "We need to strengthen, not weaken, the institution of marriage," reported the Los Angeles Times.

Mike Hamachi, president, Diablo Valley Chapter, said he was not surprised by the Wilson veto, but that the chapter will continue its efforts supporting domestic partnership.

"There's not much we can say. The press said there was a good likelihood he would veto it in an election year," said Hamachi.

The chapter president said that the chapter started a letter writing campaign, with letters sent to

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Teen guilty of 5 of 12 charges in Sacramento firebombings trial

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

In a mixed result, Richard Campos, 18, an admitted white supremacist, was found guilty Aug. 29 in 5 of 12 counts stemming from the 1993 firebombing attacks in Sacramento.

The racially mixed jury found Campos guilty of firebombing the home of Sacramento City Councilman Jimmie Yee and the office of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. However, the judge declared a mistrial on the charge of attempted murder of Yee, the most serious charge brought against Campos, as well

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MORE ON TRIAL—Sacramento Chapter, JACL, issues statement—page 14.

List of charges

Following is a list of charges brought against Richard Campos related to the 1993 firebombings in Sacramento, reported by Rafe Shimpo. Campos was found guilty Aug. 29 of 5 of 12 charges, a mistrial was declared on the other charges. He will be retried on the remaining 7 charges.

Campos was convicted of:
● Racially motivated arson against Sacramento City Councilman Jimmie Yee's home.

● Possessing and igniting a destructive device at

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National Board takes over Pacific Citizen finances

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Community calendar

East Coast

PROVIDENCE

Oct. 21-Jan. 22—Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art exhibit of Non robes from the Lucy Truman Aldrich collection. Info: 401/454-6348. NOTE: A 100-page full-color catalog, "Patterns and Poetry," \$45 hard, \$30 soft, with history of collection, entries by two Nagasaki of Tokyo National Museum, and weaving and wearing of the Non costume available at RISD Museum, 224 Benefit St. Providence, RI 02903.

PHILADELPHIA

Fri. Oct. 14—3rd annual banquet. Asian Americans United, 6 p.m. social hour, dinner at 7, Hai Tien Restaurant, 16th and Washington Ave. Info: 215/925-1538.

SEABROOK, N.J.

Fri.-Sun. Oct. 7-9—JACL and Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center's 50th year celebration, Ramada Inn, 2216 W. Landis & Rte. 55, Vineland, NJ 08360, 609/696-3800. Info: Ray C. SEEC. Open: Deerfield Two Municipal Bldg., Hwy 77, P.O. Box 5041; Seabrook, NJ 08302. NOTE—Oct. 7, 6 p.m. Registration (\$50) at hotel, 7:30 reception. Oct. 8, 8 a.m. Registration at SEEC. Seabrook Village tour, People's inaugural: Seabrook a New Beginning program, 11 a.m. Upper Deerfield Municipal Hall, Oct. 9, Social hour, 6 p.m. Banquet, Ramada Inn, 7:30 p.m. Sunday events: Church services, golf tournament, 12:30 Lunch, Wheelan Village tour. Travel info: Gene Nakata, Bridgeton, 609/455-1865, Randall Kusumaha, Monterey Park, Calif., 818/288-5369.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Sat. Oct. 15—The Chicago Japanese American Historical Society presents Edward K. Ozaki, tenor for the Chicago Symphony Chorus, and Marina Bailes-Ozaki, concert pianist, in a benefit concert, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 North Ridge. Info: Joy Yamashita 312/508-9521.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

Thu-Sat. Sept. 22-24—50th Anniversary reunion of WWII A57 Japanese language students at University of Minnesota, Shenfeld Group, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis; info: Herman F. Ward 800/432-9273.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Thu. Oct. 6—Seattle Broadway High Class of '44 reunion. Nisei freshman-sophomore who have graduated in '44, contact Jack Mulvihill, 4020 NE 70th, Seattle, WA 98115, 206/532-4209.

Nevada

RENO

Sat. Sun. Sept. 24-25—Moon Festival Street Fair, Flamingo Hilton Hotel, info: Tom Fujii 702/826-3577.

LAS VEGAS

Thu.-Sat., Oct. 27-29—Amache Reunion, Union Plaza Hotel, info: No. Calif.-Cal Kizumi 415/266-4162, Judy Mizutani & Betty Nishi 409/733-7692, Central Calif. Asa Yonemura 209/266-3012, So. Calif. - Min Tonia 818/1269, Nevada-Bill Nakaba 702/451-9408, Chicago-George Hida 312/275-6210.

California

SACRAMENTO

Sat. Sept. 17—75th Anniversary of Florn Buddhist Church, 11 a.m. service, luncheon and banquet. Info: Teri Mizutani 916/381-0849, George Furuta 916/383-0116.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat. Sept. 24—S.F. Bay Area Nikkei Singers/Kanajo. fashion show, 1-5 p.m., JCOCC Gym, 1840 Sutter St., info: Arleen Honda 415/695-5380.

Sun. Oct. 2—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki 510/482-3230.

Oct. 3-26—Viva La Europa! 1000+42nd vets in France and Italy, info: Rudy Tokue, 834 Gary Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, 408/733-7692. NOTE—16th Liberation of Bryansville-Battle 50th anniversary celebration.

PENINSULA

Sat. Sept. 17—San Mateo Talko Group ap-

pearance at JACL family picnic, 5-8 p.m., Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, info: 415/243-2793.
Sat. Oct. 8—Health Care Forum on cancer and other problems, 1-4 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple GYM, info: Bud Nakano 415/856-1274, 415/243-2793. Kamaoka 494-4087.
NOTE—Dr. Kenneth Yamamoto, oncologist, principal speaker, with panelists Glenn Hamamoto (pharmacist), Robert Kashima (dentist), Koichi Miyashita MD (Fam. Eastern medicine), Joan Roberts (medical social worker).

EAST BAY

Sat. Sept. 24—East Bay Nikkei Singers meeting, noon potluck, 1555 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, info: Millelano 510/223-5619.
NOTE—Maxine Johnson of American Cancer Society, speaker.
Sat. Nov. 5—Annual Kiku-Kai, Shiwaki Dabco Community Center, Concord. NOTE—Individual senior clubs display their chrysanthemum cascade/corollas display. Info: Joe 408/294-2505. (Other senior club contests forthcoming).

SAN JOSE

Wed. Oct. 19—Yuka Kai trip to Herman Goetz (automated jelly bean makers) Candy Co. and luncheon at Nut Tree on 180; info: 408/294-2505.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun-Oct. 2—Japanese Cultural Festival, 2-5 p.m., Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, info: Carolyn Moniz 805/846-8520. NOTE—Tako, Japanese dancing, lads (swordsmanship), dried flower arrangement, stables, hands-on craft for children, free food tables.

LOS ANGELES

Through Oct. 9—"Obata's Yosemite Obata's Design" exhibit, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/612-0414. NOTE—The art and architecture of tattooing Chura and Gyo Obata. (Museum is closed Mondays).

Through Nov. 11—Children's Art from Nagoya, L.A. City public libraries, for performance times and locations, call 213/617-4700.

4334 NOTE—Little Tokyo Branch is closed. Sat. Sept. 17—Century National Methodist Church/Kanajo fashion show, noon-4 p.m., 300 S. Central Ave., info: Phyllis Oyama 213/732-1906. NOTE—Kanajo celebrates its fourth anniversary in business and the third consecutive year at Century, showing off its fall Matsuri collection.

Sun. Sept. 18—San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center/Kanajo fashion show, 1-5 p.m., 12953 Bradford St., Pacoima, info: Kanajo 800/404-2252. NOTE—Dedicated to Ise Kunitzugu, nursery school director, since 1978.

Mon., Sept. 19—JASSC Golf Tournament, Valencia Country Club, 27330 N. Toumey Rd., Valencia, info: 213/627-6217 ext. 14.

Fri. Sept. 23—Asian Career Transitions conference, 7:30 a.m.-noon, USC-DeWitt Conference Center, Jefferson & Figueroa Sts. Pre-registration required, no fee, info: 213/617-5678. NOTE—Matt Fong, candidate for state treasurer, keynote remarks, followed by breakfast sessions, panel discussions, resume and interview techniques, job counseling, designed for unemployed or underemployed Asian Americans.

Fri. Sept. 23—Japan America Society-Japan Business Assn., Consulate General of Japan luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hotel Inter-Continental, 251 S. Olive St., L.A. RSVP info: 213/627-6217 x14. NOTE—Dr. Haruo Shinkawa, professor of economics, Keio University, "Current Japanese Politics: Impact on Japan-U.S. Relations."

Sat., Sept. 24—"Obata's Passages and Terminal Island Reflections," reading, James Hirabayashi, Ph.D., Sue Kunitomi Embrey, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 24—"Omami Cards and Sorts" class, Ryoko Shibata, 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE: Pre-registration by Sept. 19.

Sat. Sept. 25—Pan American Nikkei Assn. picnic, 11-4 p.m., Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, Sec. 12 (Santa Anita off-ramp, S of Pomona Freeway), info: Henry Onodera 213/991-0157, June Hayashi 213/264-3332.

Sat. Sept. 25—"The Art of Hirokazu Kosaka," discussion, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat. Sept. 25—Nikkei International Association "Kick-Off Party," 11:45 a.m., Samba of Tokyo Restaurant, 4400 Fresno St., Bldg. Downey, 310/771-4821, info: Sam Fujii 310/787-9111 or Masako Kobayashi 310/676-

8949. (Founded to promote understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture; Bashko sport, to share resources with Nikkei groups in U.S.; Canada and Latin America and aggressively pursue programs for youth, adult and senior members.)

Mon. Sept. 26—Reception for "U.S. Japan Relations" school textbook with Prof. Daniel Okimoto, co-director, Asian-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, 6:15 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414.

Sat. Oct. 1—Aki Matsuri, 1-8 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 N. Mariette Ave. between Sunset and Vincent Avenues, West Covina, info: 818/960-2566 mornings Tue-Fri. NOTE—Food, entertainment, martial arts and cultural displays.

Wed. Oct. 5—African American columnist Karen Hill Anton, author of "Crossing Cultures," lecture, 6-7:30 p.m., Japan Foundation Language Center, 2425 W. Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica (Clowerfield 26th St. ext. N. of Santa Monica Fwy.), RSVP, free, info: 213/621-6217 x15. NOTE—She is a regular writer for the Japan Times and Chunks Shima, originally from New York, she and her husband moved to a rural mountain village in Japan in 1975 and have remained there ever since, raising their family of three children, three being Japan-born, and went through the Japanese schools.

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RIVERSIDE

Sat. Oct. 8—27th annual Sendai Festival, Canyon Crest Towne Centre

SAN DIEGO

Sat. Oct. 1—2nd annual meeting, Japanese American Historical Society, San Diego, 11:30-2 p.m., Southwestern College, 900 Day Lakes Rd., Chula Vista. Info: Elaine Hild Bowers 619/421-3525, Jeanne Muramoto Elyea 690-1151, Ben Segawa 482-1735.

For the record

■ The Convention Committee's special recognitions were awarded to Chieko Okazaki and Ted Nagata by Tom Shimizu and Judge Raymond Uno, respectively. Hawaiian-born Okazaki is the ranking Japanese American in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a member of the Relief Society General Board. Graphic designer Nagata has completed design and production of two national convention souvenir booklets, his first being in 1978 which was mailed to every JACL member after the convention with a coverage of the meetings with text and photographs.

■ The telephone number to the Marriott Library, where the Mike Masaka Papers are stored at the University of Utah is (801) 851-8864. Advance notice is required to use the papers for perusal or study.

■ Other collections containing information on Japanese Americans include the Topaz Oral Histories, Alice Kasai Papers, Henry Kasai Papers, Japanese Relocation and WWII papers, Japanese Archives and Interviews with Japanese in Utah.

■ Headlin Chapter leader Allien Hida's first name was misspelled in the August issue.

■ Karen Emiko Makkeel, 24, of San Francisco is the third winner of the Mike Masaka Fellowship, beginning her congressional internship this month with Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.). A San Diego graduate cum laude in sociology at UC San Diego, she concentrated on civil rights law at Hastings and graduated in the top 20% of her class this year. Information: National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco CA 94115.

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LIFE: AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF...



Gwen Muranaka



APPOINTMENTS

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terms from 1986-90. She has been a JACL member for 30 years, vice governor of PNWD, and the Seattle Chapter president in 1977. She was a reporter, columnist and co-editor of the Minidoka newspaper for two years.

"She brings diligence, commitment and exceptional ability to the position at a time when there is a critical need for objective, calm leadership in dealing with matters concerning the Pacific Citizen."

Headed that the next few years may well determine the survival of the Pacific Citizen, whether it can remain a credible newspaper, and a reasonably objective source of information for JACL members. We must solve the Pacific Citizens' financial woes. "A monthly newspaper is totally inadequate for our needs," said Yasuhara.

Miyazaki also brings outstanding credentials to the office the National JACL vice president of general operations, Yasuhara said. Miyazaki retired in 1991 as the senior vice president of underwriting, national accounts, and reinsurance, Northwestern National Insurance Group.

His primary responsibility with the firm was to set underwriting policies and achieving profitable results. He was a member of senior staff reporting directly to the CEO and a member of its Board of Directors. Other areas of his responsibilities were:

- 1) Loss Control Department
- 2) Research and Development Department
- 3) Acquisition and developing specialty business
- 4) Involvement in every department's income and expense budgets, as well as being a working member of the overall company budget program.
- 5) Involvement in every department's personnel matters, utilizing human resources, as necessary, in hiring and dismissals.
- 6) Involvement in reviewing job evaluations and salary ranges for managerial positions.

His experience, particularly in budgets and personnel, are invaluable attributes for JACL's vice president of general operations, Yasuhara said.

He has been a member of JACL for 29 years and is currently a member of the Pacific Citizen Board of Directors. He is a former president of the Wisconsin Chapter.

In addition to these two ap-



From the president

By DENNY YASUHARA

Message to members

We face some crucial decisions in the coming months relative to our finances and in turn, programs and personnel, for they are both driven by the financial health of JACL.

The elections are now over, but the support and responsibility of our membership cannot and must not end there. The new National officers and board cannot resolve the problems we face without the support and cooperation of our membership.

At no time since our interment and the immediate post interment years has there been a greater need for calm and mature leadership in JACL. It is truly a time of "testing." Testing how much we care about JACL and each other. Many talk about JACL being at the "cutting edge" of civil rights. Perhaps, we leaders and members need also to ask: "Are

we serving the best interests of our membership and are we serving them well?" Each of us need to address that question.

In the coming months, we will try to "lay out" for you what the problems are and the steps that need to be taken to correct them. If we are to resolve the problems adequately, there must be long term solutions and not "stop gap" measures that only serve to forestall greater difficulties later. We will try to make periodic progress reports to you, either in the Pacific Citizen or to the Chapters directly.

You or your representatives have elected us and we are prepared to take the necessary steps to resolve the problems that lie ahead, but we cannot complete the task without your help.

Yasuhara is a member of the Spokane Chapter, JACL.

appointments, Yasuhara also named Mae Takahashi of the Clovis Chapter and CCDC as the chairwoman of a Presidential Ad Hoc Committee that will study the financial status of both the Pacific Citizen and National JACL and make recommendations relative to any "corrective" measures that need to be taken relative to their financial situations. The report is to be completed in time for the National Board meeting in December. Its primary purpose being to provide an independent budgetary analysis and recommendations to assist the National JACL Board in making the criti-

cal financial and personnel decisions that must be made in the next few months in the event adequate funds are not available to sustain current operations.

Yasuhara also announced the appointment of Dale Minami, as the interim JACL legal counsel. "As the lead counsel for the historic Korematsu coram nobis case and numerous involvement in civil rights matters, he needs no introduction the Nikkei of California," the president said. "He will be assisting the Board and me through the initial stages of this term of office."

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- November issue, Fri., Nov. 18
- Holiday Issue (see story below), Friday, Nov. 25.

'Holiday Issue kits mailed

The 1994 Holiday Issue "kit," consisting of greetings and advertising that appeared last year as well as prior years in many instances, were either mailed to Holiday Issue coordinators or the current Chapter President over the Labor Day weekend via "certified mail" / return receipt requested. The lone exception, the Japan Chapter, has been sent its kit via "registered" airmail.

Analyzing the 1993 Boxscore, the list shows 115 chapters and eight district councils with "participation" by 80 chapters (70%) and only two district councils (25%). Of the 80 chapters, 28 were "bulk-rate" reserving one or more pages. There were as many as 35 bulk-rate chapters in 1986.

"Participation" means chapters have solicited greetings from local area merchants, business and professional firms and individuals, either as a one-column by one-inch (1 x 1) minimum or as a "one-liner" of the name & address. Upon request the home address is omitted.

Those in business usually ask for the "business card" size (2 x 2). Restaurants, especially, ask for the "post card" size (3 x 3). Chapter benefactors, of course, go for the "quarter-page" (3 x 8), "half-page" (3 x 15 or 6 x 7.5) or a "full-page" (6 x 15).

"Bulk-rate" chapters earn a greater commission than the 15% standard for space sold, starting from 24% to 48% based on the number of pages reserved. The

chapter commission rate chart is included in the "ad kit."

"Holiday Issue rates" are \$15 per column inch and \$7.50 per one-liner.

"Deadline" for reserving bulk-rate space is the first Friday in November (Nov. 4); and the fourth Friday (Nov. 25) for submitting all bulk-rate and other Holiday Issue ads.

Bulk-rate chapters sporting more than two pages are expected to turn in their ads in two or three batches. The absolute deadline for all ads and stories is Nov. 30.

The annual Holiday Issue will be mailed out Thursday Dec. 15.

REDRESS

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stances surrounding the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

In related news, the Office of Redress Administration announced Sept. 12 that 148 cases were ready for payment beginning the first week of October.

The payments include those who had completed their documentation, as well as individuals who had appealed in the Waiau region of Hawaii and in the Phoenix area. About 100 are estimated to be eligible in Waiau and 60 in the Phoenix area.

Some 117 cases are still pending, awaiting for verification of documentation, according to Joanne Chiedi, director of operations for the ORA.

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From JACL staff

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JACL commends comprehensive diversity program instituted by Commerce Secretary Ron Brown

Washington—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) commended the new comprehensive diversity program for the Department of Commerce recently instituted by Secretary Ron Brown and called on other agencies to follow suit.

The program's main initiatives include strengthening career development and recruitment programs, training managers in diversity and conflict resolution and establishing an internal Diversity Council. Diversity will be taken into consideration in every aspect, including training, procurement, grants, trade missions and every other program area. Diversity will be part of each manager's performance plan.

In announcing the policy, Secretary Brown noted concern about the lack of minority representation at mid and senior management levels within the Department. Although African Americans make up 19% of the Department's personnel, they comprise less than 7% of the mid and senior level management. Women represent almost half of the Department's personnel, but only 13% of the senior executive

level. The Department ranks last of all agencies in the percentage of Hispanic employees and Asian American employees are underrepresented in mid and senior management levels.

In his announcement, Secretary Brown stated that the Department has "a special opportunity and a profound responsibility to think creatively and to act boldly to transform the Department into a working example of diversity." He also acknowledged the work of General Counsel Ginger Lew and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration Gloria Gutierrez in developing this new comprehensive effort.

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki said, "JACL is very excited about Secretary Brown's new initiative and calls on other agencies to follow the Department of Commerce's lead. JACL, together with other Asian Pacific American advocacy organizations, has been working for the past year to persuade federal agencies to review their workforce and initiate efforts to break down the glass ceilings in their workplace impeding the progress of Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities."



From the JACL national director

By RANDY SENZAKI

Beware: Initiative based upon fear and ignorance

There is a wave of anti-migrant sentiment sweeping across our country, rooted in ignorance and fueled by xenophobia and racism. The scapegoating of immigrants and the concern of the perceived effects of undocumented workers upon our economy has spawned in the U.S. Congress and various state legislatures, a variety of bills denying basic rights to permanent residents as well as non-citizens. In response to this, the National Council of JACL at our 33rd Biennial Convention in August, adopted Resolution #12, Access to Public School Education and Health Care introduced by the Progressive Westside JACL chapter. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, in harsh economic times, the dominant society of the United States employs racist rhetoric directed toward immigrants, often who are people of color;

WHEREAS, on March 31, 1919, as an example of this racist rhetoric, United States Senator James D. Phelan before a special session of the California Legislature, said that the Japanese were a menace economically, socially, and militarily, and advocated for a more stringent alien land act, abrogation of the Gentlemen's Agreement, passage of a Japanese exclusion law, a larger navy and strengthened coastal defenses on the Pacific slope;

WHEREAS, currently in the United States Congress and in various state legislatures, pending legislation exists in various forms denying rights to people based on their immigration and citizenship status;

WHEREAS, if access to public education and basic health care are denied to persons based on their immigration and citizenship status, the United States will create a permanent underclass of people because they will not have the ability to economically and socially provide for themselves;

WHEREAS, in *Phyllis v. Doe* [457 U.S. 189 (1982)] the United States Supreme Court held that the equal protection clause forbids governmental discrimination against undocumented immigrant children in public school education, that "government cannot ignore the significant social costs borne by our Nation when select groups are denied the means to absorb the values and skills upon which our social order rests";

WHEREAS, the United States

Supreme Court further acknowledged the positive contributions of undocumented immigrants who "underutilize public services, while contributing their labor to the local economy and tax money to the state."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) supports the right of children to equal access in public school education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JACL supports equal access to health care for everyone."

In California, a mean-spirited bill called Proposition 187 (also known as the "Save Our State, Nelson-Ezell" Initiative) is on the ballot for November. This is a short-sighted and divisive initiative that, while unfairly blaming the undocumented immigrant population of California for its economic and social problems, does nothing to stop undocumented immigration. Proposition 187 would mandate that the state of California implement the following four requirements:

1) All California school districts and state funded colleges would have to verify the immigration status of all students. Those unable to verify their status will be denied an education. Both students and parents suspected of being undocumented, will be reported to the INS and California Attorney General for deportation. Asians, Hispanics and other who look or sound "foreign" may be unfairly "suspected" of being undocumented. This "big brother" mentality will be racially divisive and further polarize an ethnically rich and diverse state. Denying these children an education would create an underclass of illiterate persons and further erode resources for our future. In addition, this violates the California Constitution guaranteeing all children an education, and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling (*Player vs. Doe*, 1982) that undocumented children are entitled to a public education.

2) All publicly funded health services, except for pre-natal care, life-threatening emergencies, child immunization and prevention/treatment of infectious diseases, would be denied to undocumented immigrants. This would seriously threaten public/community health. Children would not be immunized against communicable diseases while those in desperate need of medical attention will not receive

treatment, thus creating an emergency care crisis later on that will be much more expensive to provide.

3) All public social services applicants such as foster care/child welfare services, will be screened for lawful immigration status. Any individual suspected of being undocumented will be reported to the INS for deportation.

4) All state and local law enforcement officials will be required to report to the INS all clients suspected of being undocumented, even if they are innocent. Proposition 187 also endangers the public safety of all Californians. Criminals could prey upon the community because many witnesses and victims would fear reporting crimes to the police for fear of being deported by the INS. Effective law enforcement models of police-community cooperation would be severely hampered, and scarce resources for fighting crime and reducing community tension would be diverted. In addition to all of the above, Proposition 187 would create a cumbersome, expensive and discriminating verification system that is unnecessary since federal verification systems currently exist that discourage the undocumented from applying for social services. An official, non-partisan analysis shows that \$100 million dollars more per year will be spent on additional verifications systems, as well as incurring a potential loss of \$15 billion dollars in federal monies (grants for education, health care and social services) because Prop 187 violates federal confidentiality requirements.

In conclusion, ballot initiatives such as California's Prop 187 must be reviewed and analyzed carefully. We must be ever vigilant so that the human/civil and constitutional rights of all people in this society will be protected. In times of economic and social unrest, we must avoid the pitfalls of short-sighted, scapegoating policies based upon ignorance, misperceived facts and ethnic/racial stereotypes that will further disenfranchise and polarize a society much in need of common respect and mutual concern for the good of all people. Vote no on Proposition 187 if you're a Californian. To those of us across the nation, beware of similar initiatives that appear in your state.

Senzaki is the national director of the JACL.

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Views from the D.C. office

By KAREN NARASAKI

Health care reform—a JACL priority

The JACL National Council voted to accept the recommendations of the JACL Health Care Reform Task Force and to make health care reform one of JACL's priorities in this Biennium. Gracely Uyehara is fond of noting that this legislation has the potential to be as revolutionary as the passage of social security—she is right.

The legislative environment in Congress is obviously very volatile. However, changes in our health care delivery system will continue to take place whether or not Congress acts this year. The move to managed care through HMO's or

networks is accelerating; health care is increasingly big business. The only question is whether changes in the industry and our economy will continue to leave millions of Americans without health care coverage.

This issue is as vital to yousei and sansei as it is to the nisei who wonder whether health care costs will continue to eat up their fixed incomes. Yousei and sansei find it increasingly difficult to find employers who will pick up the entire premium for their family coverage. Many have to weigh the loss of coverage as they move from job to job, or gamble and cover only part of their family. Yousei and sansei

also have employers who are less likely to provide them with a pension so that health care coverage in our twilight years is becoming increasingly important.

While JACL has not endorsed any particular bill, both the Gephardt bill in the House, and the Mitchell bill in the Senate meet most of JACL's principles, although the Gephardt bill is much better. They move the country towards universal coverage, and include provisions covering cost containment, long-term care and prescription coverage, strong anti-discrimination provisions, a requirement for lan-

From JACL staff

Congress gives final approval to \$5 million appropriation for Redress Education Fund

WASHINGTON—The Senate recently passed the final version of the appropriations bill for Commerce, State, Justice and the Judiciary, which includes a \$5 million appropriation for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. The House voted on final passage in mid-August. The bill was expected to be signed by President Clinton sometime before Labor Day.

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is pleased with the vote on final passage. The Education Fund has been one of JACL's top priorities this Congress.

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki stated, "JACL is very grateful for the hard work and dedication of Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Representatives Norimitsu (D-Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), and their aides, Marie Blanco, Chris Strobel and Tom Keany. We also

want to acknowledge the support of Attorney General Janet Reno and the Office of Redress Administration, Senate Appropriations Committee members such as Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Diane Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairperson David Obey (D-Wis.)."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki added, "This appropriation is testimony to this country's commitment to redress and begins the final chapter of the redress program. We are urging the Administration to make every effort to ensure that its nominees to the Education Fund Board are confirmed by the Senate before Congress recesses on Oct. 7 so that a grants process can be set up for early next year."

JACL applauds passage of crime legislation

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauded the passage of the Violence Against Women Act and the Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act, both part of the Crime Bill recently passed by the Senate. The Crime Bill had been passed by the House of Representatives a few days prior to the Senate vote. President Clinton will sign the bill sometime next month.

The Violence Against Women Act will provide much needed resources to improve the effectiveness of judges, police and prosecutors in cases of violence against women, create educational programs to prevent rape and domestic violence and to

fund rape crisis centers and battered women's shelters. It also provides women with a civil rights remedy for certain gender-motivated crimes.

The Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act allows federal judges to increase jail time for criminals who select their victims for assault and other crimes because of race, religion, sexual orientation or other such factors.

In a survey earlier this year, JACL chapters had identified crime as one of their top concerns. JACL has been working to urge Congress to pass both pieces of legislation and to keep anti-immigrant provisions of the Crime Bill.

JACL National Director Randy

Senzaki said, "In passing these pieces of legislation, Congress has recognized the particularly heinous nature of assaults and other violent crimes committed because of bigotry and hatred, and has given the community an additional tool to fight hate crimes."

Added JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki, "The Violence Against Women Act breaks new ground by providing a civil rights private right of action against individuals who commit gender-based discriminatory violence. JACL will be working next year to urge Congress to broaden that right of action to include discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion and other factors."

DC-ORA announces new guidelines for Glendale, Phoenix cases

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauded the Office of Redress Administration's announcement of revised guidelines in considering the redress claims of individuals who were deprived of liberty or property because of the World War II exclusion orders. These guidelines were developed in consideration of the losses suffered by claimants in the Phoenix/Glendale area of Arizona, where boundary lines re-

stricted their travel about the area. These new guidelines may also apply to claimants in other similar situations.

JACL and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations had raised this issue a year ago at a meeting with the Department of Justice. JACL has argued that ORA's former guidelines were overly restrictive given the language of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and has been working with Gen Fujikoka,

an attorney at the Asian Law Caucus, to encourage ORA to develop new guidelines.

The Pacific Southwest District of the JACL has been assisting claimants from the Phoenix area who, while not relocated, found themselves unable to continue attending their schools, which were on the other side of the demarcation line. Others could no longer attend their churches or sell their produce in markets which were located in the

permitted areas of town.

Eligibility will turn on whether the deprivation of one's liberty or property resulted from the substantial disruption or termination of a significant pre-existing and ongoing relationship in their daily lives. The disruptions must have been as a direct result of the mandatory exclusion program implemented by the federal government.

ORA plans to review, on a case-by-case basis, the close to 60 Ar-

izona claims it already has received and may need to seek additional documentation from those claimants.

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki stated, "JACL is very pleased that ORA agreed with our analysis and was willing to reconsider the issue. We applaud Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick for his commitment to redress."

JACL supports universal coverage with strong antidiscrimination provisions

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization in the United States, announced its strong support for health care reform and urged the Asian Pacific American community to contact their representatives in Congress to vote for universal coverage and strong anti-discrimination provisions which would prohibit discrimination based on

race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, language, citizenship status, health status and anticipated health need.

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki stated, "JACL believes that comprehensive reform is necessary to increase the amount and quality of care currently received by the Asian Pacific American community.

We believe in universal coverage and support a comprehensive package of benefits, including preventative services, long-term care and the full range of reproductive health services, financing through shared responsibility, and cost containment measures." He added, "National Center for Health Statistics 1990 data show that, adjusted for health status, Asian Pacific Americans have the lowest rate of doctor visits

per person of any population group."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki stressed the importance of universal coverage, noting, "One in every five Asian Pacific Americans do not have health insurance and only one in every two Asian Pacific Americans have employment based health insurance." She added that strong anti-discrimination provisions are

crucial, stating "With increased pressure to drive down costs, some health care providers will be tempted to cut corners by excluding populations that may be more costly to them to serve, such as the 4.1 million limited English proficient Asian Pacific Americans who need language assistance and who may be less likely to have been receiving preventative care."

PC

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tee were also passed.

The major changes to PC include:

- Shifting business responsibility for *Pacific Citizen* from the Pacific Citizen Board to the National Board.

- Changing the *Pacific Citizen* Board to the *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board—this body, made up of representatives from the eight districts and a youth representative would oversee PC's editorial operations, while the National Board oversees its business operations.

- PC representatives, formerly appointed by District Governors to serve three-year terms, will now be elected by their districts and serve two-year terms.

- Power to terminate the editorial/general manager is placed with both the National Board and the *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board. In the event of non-concurrence between the two boards, the opinion of the PC Editorial Board will prevail.

- A "prominently placed" column will be reserved in every issue of PC for National staff. This column "shall not be edited, changed or modified by the *Pacific Citizen* editorial staff." A resolution also passed which mandates that PC provide one page

free of advertising for organizational and chapter news starting with its September issue.

Beyond changes to the constitution, PC is currently on a monthly rather than weekly schedule because of financial difficulties.

Explaining shifting business responsibilities to the National Board, the PC ad hoc committee report said, "By placing the responsibility for all business policies and decisions in the National Board, the Ad Hoc Committee's proposal vests business decision-making with the entity that ultimately bears financial responsibility for all liabilities." Nakahata said that the recommendation was a compromise decision of the PC ad hoc committee.

Speaking in favor, Nakahata said, "I would emphasize that there is no intent for the National Board to be in a position to dictate editorial policies of the PC. Specifically, this proposal, and I'm sorry I'm talking fast, the principal here is that financial accountability and financial decision-making should ultimately be placed with the body that ultimately holds the bag. I think we all know from this year as we said before the PC is not a separate subsidiary corporation. We don't have limited liability ability debts incurred by the PC, any contingent liabilities incurred by the PC are debts of National. We're one and the same

organization. It would give the National Board control over the business management, over the finances."

Nakahata said that the change doesn't place the editor under the National Director, but places control over finances with the National Board because the National Board has to deal with PC's liabilities.

Speaking against the motion, Peggy Liggett, Fresno Chapter and Central California PC representative, said it is difficult to clearly delineate between editorial and business decisions.

"I ask that this body consider this major change in the constitution very carefully. It's hard to make a clear distinction between business and editorial decisions. Those decision on editorial will always have an effect on business. Let me ask that the National Council consider the ramifications control of business operations exclusively to the National Board. This would require the National Board to be responsible for advertising, collections, all of those tasks performed by Pacific Citizen and there's no real determination in this revision of the constitution as to how those duties are to be carried out. It's more than just a technical thing that has been done," asked Liggett.

Nakahata responded that the constitutional change doesn't

transfer business duties from the PC staff. The Washington D.C. delegate said it places financial decision-making duties with the National Board.

Beyond the issue of financial control of PC, was the question of whether the *Pacific Citizen* is to be a newspaper or a house organ.

Sharon Ishii Jordan, chair of the PC ad hoc committee, announced the results of a survey sent to all chapters and answered by 26 chapters, with representation from every district. Ishii Jordan said these responses were used as the basis for constitutional changes to the PC.

When asked what the role of the PC should be, Ishii Jordan said the basic response was that "the *Pacific Citizen* should report news and inform the members of activities and issues in JACL and within the Japanese American community."

On the question about the relationship between PC and the JACL, Ishii Jordan said the responses were divided evenly between PC should be an independent newspaper and PC should be under JACL direction. Ishii Jordan said the response which got the most response was that PC and JACL must find a way to work together.

At the issue session on PC, Bill Hosokawa, PC advisor and

columnist, said that it is important that PC remain editorially independent, but it is up to the National Council to set PC's policy.

"From my position as a professional newsman, I feel it is essential in an organization such as this that serves not only the membership but the public at large to dig for the news and report it fairly, completely, with balance and comment thereon in a fair and balanced manner. Now whether this organization will support this kind of newspaper is a matter for you to decide. But all my instincts tell me that if the PC is to serve the greater community, it must be given the mandate to cover the news adequately, in a balanced manner and comment fairly thereon."

Speaking against PC editorial independence, Bill Kaneko, vice president, public affairs and a member of the PC ad hoc committee, said PC had undermined lobbying efforts by National JACL.

"It's crucial that we be able to get our information out in the way we want tailored to pushing our issues and our goals and objectives. The PC is going to be a major issue. People read this thing and they read about the dirty laundry. They don't read about our position in a clear, focused concise

JACL chapter news



Japanese Americans participate in a cultural event in the 1930s.



Documentary host Jan Yanehiro introduces a segment.

San Mateo Chapter, TV station present historical documentary

SAN MATEO, CALIF.—An overflow crowd packed the College of San Mateo theater Aug. 30 for the premiere of a provocative television documentary, *The New Americans: Chrysanthemums and Salt*, a presentation by KCSM TV60 in cooperation with the San Mateo chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Introduced to Japanese Americans from San Francisco to San Jose and to San Mateo civic leaders by host Jan Yanehiro, the half-hour documentary portrayed the building of a community on the San Francisco peninsula between 1872 and 1942.

The program was broadcast on KCSM Sept. 2 and will be nationally distributed by the National Asian American Telecommunications Association.

Through personal interviews by surviving Issei and their Nisei children, *Chrysanthemums and Salt* documents their lives, struggles and determination to establish roots for their families. Many contributed to the floral, agricultural and bay salt industries, while others established retail stores and businesses to form solid Japanese-American communities throughout the Peninsula. Producer Dianne Fukami, speaking to the preview audience, urged young people to ask their parents and grandparents about their lives. "It's not too late," she added. "You can learn a lot of what they did to build our community here in the Bay Area."

Two more programs on the history of Japanese Americans are planned for 1995 and 1996, pending funding. The first will document the experience of those incarcerated at Tanforan race track in 1942 prior to being sent to relocation camps in the interior of the U.S.

San Mateo JACL chapter history committee chair Ann Ito is seeking contact with people who were in Tanforan (415-343-9198) for interviews for a companion book to the documentary, *Starting Over*, about the return of Japanese Americans to their communities after World War II, their integration into mainstream society and their emergence as a successful and powerful community.

Chrysanthemum and Salt is part of KCSM's *The New Americans* series which documents immigrant experiences on the San Francisco Peninsula. KCSM developed this series to increase awareness and to educate the public on the major contributions made by these ethnic groups. With the support of the San Mateo JACL, KCSM developed the *Chrysanthemums and Salt* project using their published 1981 book as a key source for the initial production in this series on Japanese-American history.

The production was developed through the generous support of underwriters and the members of KCSM. It was underwritten in part by the Chevron Corporation, the Bay Meadows Foundation and the Ray and Peggy Daba Fund.

"This project could not have happened without the leadership of Ann Ito, chair of the San Mateo Chapter JACL History Project Committee," said KCSM General Manager David Hosley. "Her desire to tell the story of Japanese-American pioneers on the Peninsula convinced me that this was a program KCSM should make especially as part of the San Mateo Centennial Celebration this year. This collaboration gives birth to an invaluable chronicle of the Japanese American history."

U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto honored by JACL chapters, local community

By TOKO FUJII
Sacramento Chapter, JACL

Newly appointed U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto was honored at a community dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Hoi Sing Restaurant in Sacramento. He was sworn in by Chief Judge Cole earlier in the day at the Federal Court House.

Attended by 350 well wishers from all over California, the affair was opened by coordinator Toko Fujii, who introduced MC Maely Tom. Ms. Tom, who was chief of staff for Willie Brown of the Assembly and David Roberti of the State Senate, did a great job of keeping the program moving with personal remarks that only she could bring to the podium.

Speakers included: City of Sacramento Councilman Jimmie Yee, Sacramento Police Chief Art Venegas, Marilyn Isenberg representing Senator Barbara Boxer, Sacramento County Supervisor Illa Collin, State Senator Patrick Johnston, Dr. Jessie Dai Cunha of Hawaii, Michael Sawamura, of Sacramento JACL, Director Randy Senzaki of National JACL, Dr. Susan Pool, Dale Minami of Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans, Superior Court

Judge James Long, Dr. Shelton Duruisseau of the UC Med Center.

Congressman Robert T. Matsui of the 3rd District was the keynote speaker, presenting Jerry Enomoto to the gathering. Matsui remembers Enomoto as a role model for him in his long climb up the political ladder.

Enomoto thanked everyone for attending the dinner, especially those who came from great distances.

Co-sponsors of the dinner were: Sacramento JACL, Office of Robt. T. Matsui, Asian Community Center, Asian Law Caucus, N.C. Asian Police Officers Assn., CAPA, Sacramento Asian Pacific C of C, Filipino American C of C, Florin JACL, NAACP, Urban League, State Asian Employees Assoc., Asian Legislative Caucus, Union Bank, Sumitomo Bank, East Lawn, Inc.

Serving on the dinner committee were: Toko Fujii-coordinator, Tom Fujimoto, Georgette Imura, Collette Schulke-Johnson, Reiko Kawakami, Toyo Nakatogawa, Teiko Matsuo, Myra Kiyota, Mickey Tanaka, Terry Makishima, Mike Katsura, Lori Fujimoto, Amie Fujimoto, Gary Shiota, Yosh Ishihara, Kuni Hironaka.



ENOMOTO

East San Gabriel Valley JCC salutes Nisei, Sansei KIA

WEST COVINA, Calif.—Eleven Japanese Americans from San Gabriel Valley who were killed in action in the three wars, WWII, Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Campaign, were memorialized Sunday, May 29, by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center.

Perhaps the first time a community center has taken the task of researching the names to place in honor for its bronze memorial plaque, they are:

WWII—S/Sgt. Joe J. Hayashi, Cpl. Yasuo Kenomoto, Pfc. Stanley K. Hayama, Pfc. Minoru Ishida, Pfc. Henry M. Kondo, Pfc. Bert A. Tsunematsu (all 442nd); Korean War—2nd Lt. Ray Ito (USAF); Vietnam—Cpl. Tom Sugiura (USA), Sp/4 Glenn N. Nishizawa (USA), Sp/4 Douglas Yuki (USMC), Sp/4 Takeshi Yabuki (USA).

Leroy Kawai, ESGVJCC president, unveiled the plaque. Yosh Sogioka chaired the year-long project. As Mits Kunihiro, VFW

Post 9902 commander, read the names, a parent, brother, sister or friend placed a single red rose in a vase beneath the plaque. Raymond Takai, immediate past JCC presi-

Photo: JEW LEW



IN MEMORIAM—Leroy Kawai, president of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, dedicates plaque honoring 11 Japanese Americans KIA in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

dent introduced guests of honor including Supervisor Mike Antonovich, San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Ben Kayashima, Presiding Judge Dan Oki of the West Covina Municipal Court, former congressman Jim Lloyd and West Covina Mayor Bradley McFadden.

—HARRY K. HONDA



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—Jim Kajiwara, second from left, is honored by Steve Okamoto (left) and others are (from left) Nobu Kajiwara, Takeo Okamoto, and Allen Okamoto.

Jim Kajiwara receives S.F. Okamoto volunteer award

Jim Kajiwara has been selected as the recipient of the 1994 Kay Okamoto Volunteer award, according to Greg Marutani of the San Francisco Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. The announcement was made at the 38th anniversary luncheon of the Hamilton Senior Center where Kay Okamoto was the volunteer coordinator for over 30 years.

"The selection committee, consisting of Steve Okamoto, Gary Mizono, and Sox Kitashima, had the difficult task of reviewing the applications and making their selection," Marutani noted. "It has never been an easy process because each of the nominees have demonstrated their active involvement in the community like Mrs. Okamoto."

As one of the nominators put it "Jim does his volunteer work efficiently and quietly and seeks no recognition. He truly gives from the heart and is a warm and compassionate human being." The selection committee agreed.

Some highlights of Kajiwara's volunteer work include the Boy Scouts of America Troop 58 where he served as the advisor of the Explorer Group and helped establish "The 58ers" which still meets to this day. At Pine Methodist Church, since before World War II, Jim has had an active career, volunteering for countless fund raising events. He is presently serving on the Church and Society Committee.

A member of the National Coalition of

Redress and Reparations since 1980, Jim has been involved with every "Day of Remembrance" program sponsored by NCR. Both he and his wife, Nobu, lobbied for redress in Washington, D.C. as well as more fund raising, petition signings, letter writing campaigns are only a few of their volunteer efforts.

Although a former member of the Board at Kimochi, Inc. Jim can still be found at Kimochi Home on Tuesdays as well as at the Nutrition Project on his scheduled days. He has been their "handyman" whenever needed and is available to work on "Sansei Live" a major fund raising event for Kimochi. Recently Jim has become an assistant to the Kimochi dietitian for the men's cooking classes.

Jim has actively served on the boards of the Nisei Fishing Club, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, Japanese American Religious Federation, Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, but his current commitment is to Nisei and Retirement where he has been the chairman for the past thirteen years. Jim takes care of the logistics and shares the planning responsibilities with other members of NAR.

The Kay Okamoto Award includes a \$1,000 check which is issued to a nonprofit organization of the recipient's choice. Jim asked that the award be shared with Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and the Hamilton Senior Center.

JACL chapter news

Seabrook to mark 50th year with dedication of museum

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

SEABROOK, N.J.—For the past 50 years, Japanese-American presence in this South Jersey farm community has shined through the JACL chapter and its wide range of public events, the next one coming up the Oct. 7-9 weekend with a 50th year celebration and dedication of its museum in the basement of Upper Deerfield Township Hall.

Ten years ago, the JACL chapter initiated the Seabrook Cultural and Education Center (SOCC) as a project to preserve their stories and pictures and to collect artifacts and oral histories. John Fuyume, retired ship-

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LONG AGO—Photo shows 1948 Seabrook board. From left are Dick Kunishima, a classmate of Richard Nixon at Whittier College; founding chapter president Vernon Ichisaka; Ellen Nakamura; Ray Bano, president; Tatsuyo Hasegawa Hamlyn; George Sakamoto; and James Mitsui.

S.F. Chapter pitches in to clean up AIDS Memorial Grove

Once again, members of the San Francisco Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will participate in the AIDS Memorial Grove workday on Saturday, Sept. 17. Volunteers will clear out underbrush, rake wood chips over open areas, plant small shrubs and ground cover, or pull weeds.

This is the third year the chapter has been involved with sponsoring a work day at the AIDS Memorial Grove. The first year the chapter provided Japanese maple trees and last year small shrubs and some ground cover for the

Grove.

Coordinating this event is Greg Marutani who has spent other Saturdays helping out at the Grove. "It's one of the few times people can support a project or cause without having to reach for their checkbook or wallet," he said. "I enjoy working with people who volunteer at an event such as this one, especially last year when several girls from Brownie Troop 533 came out and helped plant the shrubs; they not only enjoyed their time at the Grove but they left with a sense of pride in doing

something that others will enjoy later," Marutani added.

Individuals representing the S.F. Bay Area Nikkei Singles, Nikkei Lions Club, Asian American Recovery Services, have participated in the past.

Information: Greg Marutani, (415) 641-1697 (home) or (415) 621-6853 (work). Contributions are welcome to purchase the plant material: S.F. Chapter, P.O. Box 22425, San Francisco, CA, 94122. Include a note stating that the donation is for the AIDS Memorial Grove.

St Louis Chapter members meet royal couple from Japan

By MIKE HOSHKO

ST. LOUIS—On June 18, 1994, the emperor and empress of Japan visited the Missouri Botanical Garden for a tree-planting ceremony at the Seiya-En Japanese Garden. They impressed the invited guests with their graciousness, warmth and friendliness.

After the tree-planting ceremony, the royal pair received about a dozen of the VIP invited guests, including Dr. Kendall Itoku, president of the St. Louis Chapter, JACL, Mrs. Itoku, and the founding members of JACL who originally proposed the Japa-

nese Garden, George Hasegawa, Sam Nakano, and Paul Maruyama. The emperor asked Dr. Itoku about JACL, and he responded by saying that one of the organization's roles was to promote friendship between Japanese Americans and Japanese citizens. As one of the original JACL members who proposed the garden, Maruyama had been honored with the Kunaho 19 years ago.

The chapter president spoke in Japanese and thanked the Japanese royalty for visiting St. Louis.

Paul Maruyama, Sam Nakano and George Hasegawa are to be congratulated for their foresight

in proposing the Japanese Garden, one of the largest in the United States. It has been continuously supported by the chapter.

Other JACL members and some other invited guests numbering about 75 received blue invitation cards permitting them to stand across the garden path behind the seated VIP guests.

The emperor and empress walked over to the area where the blue-ticketed JACL members were standing. They greeted and shook hands with some of the lucky JACL members and waved graciously to those who were standing in the back.

Seattle, Puyallup, Lake Washington members participate in fashion show

When Kanojo, USA, the Sansei fashion firm out of Orange County, Calif., staged its scheduled premiere showing of its new 1994 collection in the Pacific North-west on June 25, some local well known names were featured as models. In a first-time joint collaboration of the Seattle Chapter JACL and the Seattle Adult Buddhist Association, the "Festival of Fashion" spotlighted Seattle City Councilwoman Martha Choe and

11th District State Representative Velma Veloria. Seattle JACLers Tomio Moriguchi and chapter past president Kip Tokuda, currently candidate for 37th District State Representative, were among the male models who were featured in men's specialty items.

Elsie Taniguchi and Rose Nohara, representing Puyallup Valley JACL and Lake Washington JACL, respectively, along with

representatives of Ayame Kai, Sakura Kai, Adult Buddhist Association, and volunteers from various churches, community organizations and other affiliations, participated in this initial showing of modestly priced classic fashions tailored for the Asian American feminine figure.

Some 500 people were reported in attendance at the event held at the Seattle Buddhist Church location.

Tule Lake reunion planned for May, 1995

By TOKO FUJII

Sacramento Chapter, JACL
Some 25 members of the Tule Lake Reunion Planning Committee met on Aug. 31 at the Sacramento Nisei Hall to plan for its 5th Reunion.

The dates were designated as Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, 1995. The gathering will again be

at the Red Lion Hotel and Resort in the north area of Sacramento. The previous 50th anniversary event drew close to 1,400 participants, said chair Tom Okubo.

The camp reunion will be a two-day event, with Friday evening mixer and the Saturday night Sayonara Dinner-Dance.

The follow-up Sacramento Re-

union IV is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, disclosed chairperson Toko Fujii.

Official announcements of the 5th Tule Lake Reunion will be mailed to some 2,000 persons who have attended one or more of the four previous events. Information: Tom Okubo (916) 422-8749 or Toko Fujii (916) 421-6968.

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manner in a way that advocates for what we're trying to do. It's the most frustrating thing to be able to go and lobby someone and push for something that the National Board and National Council have said we want to succeed and have that contradicted by a so-called independent body. Again we need to balance that," said Kaneko.

PARTNERS

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all JACL chapters in California. The campaign received the support of Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president.

In the letter, Yasuhara, said, "As National JACL President, I encourage and support the effort of grassroots chapters, such as the Diablo Valley Chapter, to better educate our members relative to the issue that directly affects many of our friends, neighbors, and members."

While JACL had not, until recently, endorsed this effort, the National Council overwhelmingly supported Emergency Resolution #3 which seeks to give couples some of the rights, privileges, and benefits of married people. The measure, furthermore, places stringent guidelines as to how people qualify as domestic partners.

Randy Senzaki, JACL national director, added, "I encourage all chapters of the JACL in California to actively support the passage of this important bill. Please work closely with the Diablo Valley Chapter in their coordination efforts and write directly to Governor Wilson or call his office and encourage him to sign AB2810. Your participation is greatly needed. The time to act is now."

Milo Yoshino, a chapter member and chairman of the chapter's AB2810 committee, said that an aide to Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Panorama City), who introduced that bill, said the legis-

lation would probably be reintroduced in January.

"For Diablo Valley, we are continuing to look to which organizations we can rely on to write letters to legislators. There's a lot of ground work that can be done," said Yoshino.

The domestic partners bill has received support from a wide range of groups including the AARP, California Medical Association, California Council of Churches and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In the 1990 U.S. Census report, there are 495,223 unmarried couples in California. Within this group, 93% are opposite-sex couples and 7% are same sex couples.

Yoshino noted that the chapter became involved in the issue after reading Peggy Liggett's article on domestic partners in the Aug. 11 issue of *Pacific Citizen*.

"When we saw that article, we thought that domestic partnership was something we could work with. We knew that we could have some impact on the legislation," said Yoshino.

At the JACL National Convention, the Diablo Valley Chapter introduced the domestic partners resolution in response to controversy over the National Board's

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—Milo Yoshino

decision to support the concept of same-sex marriage. A resolution presented by the Mt. Olympus Chapter which would have rescinded the National Board's decision was defeated.

Speaking to the broad implications of domestic partnership, Yoshino said through his work on the issue that he spoke with two gay men who said that the legislation would not only help them but also their mothers.

"These two gay guys said it would help them and their mothers, both of whom are widows and have become friends with each other. They would benefit by being able to live together," said Yoshino.

Domestic partners benefits

Following is a brief summary of the benefits and qualifications for domestic partnership under AB2810, the legislation authored by Assemblyman Richard Katz and recently vetoed by California Gov. Pete Wilson.

AB2810 creates a statewide registry for domestic partners in the Office of the Secretary of State.

The bill provides:

- Registered domestic partners be afforded hospital visitation rights and conservatorship rights similar to those given to married couples.

- That domestic partners be included in the state statutory will form.

Qualifications:

To qualify as a domestic partnership, a couple must:

- Have a common residence.

- Agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during the domestic partnership.

- Neither person is married or a member of another domestic partnership.

- The two persons are not related by blood in a way that would prevent them from being married to each other in this state.

- Both persons are at least 18 years old.

- Both persons file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the Secretary of State.

It's official: Jerry Enomoto gets U.S. marshal's badge

Jerry Enomoto, newly appointed marshal for the Eastern District of California, was sworn in a ceremony on Aug. 24 by chief judge Robert E. Coyle of the United States District Court.

Reading of the commission and the presentation of the marshal was conducted by Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.).

Speakers at the ceremony were Hon. James L. Long, judge, Sacramento County Superior Court; Marilyn Araki Isenberg, Judicial Selection Advisory Committee for U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer; and Jannine R. Mohr, special assistant to U.S. Sen. Boxer.

Others in attendance were: Lawrence K. Karlton, chief judge emeritus; Edward J. Garcia,

judge; judge William B. Shubb, judge David P. Levi, judge Oliver W. Wanger, judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr., and senior judges M. D. Crocker, Thomas J. McBride, Philip Wilkins, Edward D. Price, and Milton L. Schwartz, magistrate judges John F. Moulds, Erther Mix, Gregory Hollows, Peter Nowinski, Sandra Snyder-Hylton, and Hollis G. Best.

Other judges in attendance were: Hon. David E. Russell, Hon. Richard T. Ford, Hon. Christopher M. Klein, Hon. Brett J. Dorman, Hon. Michael S. McManus, and Hon. Jane Dickson McKee.

Enomoto was a two-term president of the National JACL in the 1970s. He has been the chair of the JACL/LBC.

JACL calendar

East Coast
SEABROOK, N.J.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 7-9—JACL and Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center's 50th Year celebration, Ramada Inn, 2216 W. Lands & Rte. 55, Vineland, NJ 08360, 609/686-9800. Info: Ray Ono, SEEC, Under Deerpark 700 Municipal Bldg., Hwy 77, P.O. Box 5041, Seabrook, NJ 08302.

Midwest
CHICAGO

Sat., Dec. 3—JACL Chicago's 50th anniversary, Orrington Hotel, Evanston.

DAYTON

Sun. Sept. 25—JACL Dayton general meeting.

Sun. Nov. 6—JACL Dayton election meeting.

WISCONSIN

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 19-20—JACL booth at Holiday Folk Fair, Milwaukee.

Mountain-Plains
NEW MEXICO

1995: July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Hosted New Mexico JACL, Marmot Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops: Daily quality management for chapters, Finance and accounting for chapters, Grant-writing: Multicultural persons and families in JACL, Ethnic conflict: Latino and African Americans in the Japanese American community, Second Amendment and Asian Americans: Is JACL dying? The atomic bomb 50 years later: what have we learned? Booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/863-1258.

Pacific Northwest
GRESHAM-
TROUTDALE

Sat., Nov. 12—JACL Gresham-Trousdale in-station dinner.
Sun., Dec. 11—JACL Gresham-Trousdale Christmas party, Oregon Buddhist Church, Portland.

No. Cal.-W. Nev.-
Pacific
SEQUOIA

Sat. Oct. 8—Health Care Forum, 1-4 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple gym, info: Bud Nakano 415/956-1974. NOTE—Dr. Kenneth Yamamoto, oncologist, main speaker.
Tue. Oct. 11—Board meeting, P.A. Buddhist Issue Hall, info: Mike Kaku, president, 408 965-2747.
Sat., Oct. 15—JACL Sequoia kero-ka! Testimonial dinner for senior citizens 7:00 and older as of Dec. 31, 1994. Palo Alto Buddhist Hall NOTE—Names requested: Bud Nakano 415 856-1974.

Pacific Southwest
SAN GABRIEL
VALLEY

Sat. Oct. 1—At Matsuri, 1-9 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave. West Covina.

RIVERSIDE

Sat. Oct. 8—Sensai Festival, Canyon Crest Towne Centre.

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Actions on resolutions to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws

Resolution proposal

1. Membership selection: of the *Pacific Citizen* Chair.

2. *Pacific Citizen* (Editorial Guidelines).

3. *Pacific Citizen* (page for organizational/chapter news).

4. *Pacific Citizen* (column for National staff).

5. *Pacific Citizen* (budget, operational audit, possible reduction of issues).

6. Opposing the support of same-sex marriages.

7. Conducting a Personnel Classification Study for All JACL Staff Positions.

8. Sexual Harassment Policy for Volunteers.

9. Hanford, Wash., Nikkei Hibakushas.

10. Establishment of National Historical Sites at all the geographic locations of the former War Relocation Authority internment camps in the United States

11. National Health Care Reform

12. Access to Public School Education and Health Care.

13. *Compassion in Dying v. Washington State* (Right to Die)

14. Support of the Jessica McClintock Garment Workers.

15. Recognition of Ronald MacDonald as the First American to Make Significant Contributions toward U.S.-Japan Relations.

16. Racist Rhetoric Directed toward Immigrants.

17. Resolutions Procedures.

18. Involvement in U.S.-Pan American Relations.

Emergency Resolution 1: JACL Legacy Fund

Emergency Resolution 2: Latin American Redress

Emergency Resolution 3: Domestic Partnerships

Emergency Resolution 4: Nation Identification Card System

Emergency Resolution 5: Hate Crimes

Emergency Resolution 6: 50th Anniversary of United Nations

Description of proposal

● 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.

● Editorial guidelines for PC drafted by committee for approval by the National Council.

● Starting Sept. 1, 1994, one entire page of PC devoted to organizational/chapter news, free of advertising.

● 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.

● 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.

● JACL retract its support of same-sex marriages and not take an official position at this time.

● 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.

● 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.

● 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).

● 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.

● 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.

● Given recent anti-immigrant rhetoric, that JACL support equal access to public education and health care.

● That National JACL join in an amicus brief in support of an ACLU constitutional challenge to a Washington State law prohibiting a physician's aid-in-dying for mentally competent, terminally ill patients.

● 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.

● 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.

● JACL condemns the use of racist rhetoric and acts targeting immigrants and minorities.

● 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.

● JACL reactivate and reaffirm its association with the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA).

● That the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee continue through the next biennium until an operation manual for all JACL endowment funds is developed. The earning distribution on the Legacy Fund would be revised to increase the principal. Earning distribution is revised to: 60% to National for programs and projects, 20% to chapters, 10% to grant program and 10% to the principal.

● That JACL actively support all efforts to achieve redress for Japanese Latin American internees during World War II.

● JACL support the concept of domestic partnership.

● JACL oppose the creation of a national identification card on the basis that it would foster discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans.

● JACL condemn hate crimes in Japan against Koreans.

● JACL support the 50 year anniversary of the creation of the United Nations.

National Council action

Withdrawn and resubmitted as Amendment 19 A-D. (Omaha Chapter)

REJECTED by the Resolution and Amendments Committee. (Amendment 16—not adopted) (Venice-Culver)

ADOPTED (revised to include a chapter sponsor) (SCAN)

ADOPTED (revised to include a chapter sponsor) (East Los Angeles)

WITHDRAWN (SELANOCO Chapter)

NOT ADOPTED (Mt. Olympus Chapter)

ADOPTED (revised regarding president's signature, amended regarding vice president of general operations) (San Fernando Valley Chapter)

REJECTED by the Resolutions and Amendments Committee (APAN Chapter)

ADOPTED with amendment deleting "Nikkei" (Pacific Northwest District, Seattle Chapter)

ADOPTED (NCWNP District, Sequoia Chapter)

ADOPTED with amendment deleting "pro-choice" and adding "including pro-choice services" (NCWNP district, Sonoma County Chapter)

ADOPTED (revised to include District approval) (Pacific Southwest District, Progressive Westside.)

ADOPTED (Pacific Northwest District, Seattle Chapter)

ADOPTED, revised including District approval (Midwest District, Chicago Chapter)

ADOPTED (Pacific Northwest district, Seattle Chapter)

ADOPTED, revised to include District approval (Progressive Westside Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)

REJECTED by the Resolutions and Amendments Committee (Detroit Chapter, Midwest District)

ADOPTED (Gardena Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)

ADOPTED (Philadelphia Chapter, Eastern District)

ADOPTED (Berkeley Chapter, NCWNP District)

ADOPTED (Diablo Valley Chapter, NCWNP District)

ADOPTED (APAN Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)

ADOPTED (APAN Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)

REJECTED by the Resolutions and Amendments Committee (New Mexico Chapter, Mountain Plains District)

Actions on amendments to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws

Amendment proposal

1. Membership (voting rights of "special members").
2. Geographic Distributions (Livingston-Merced Chapter).
- 3A. Report by Committee on Organization Structure dated March 24, 1994.
- 3B. Report by Constitutional Review Committee
- 3C. Constitution Review Committee Proposal
4. *Pacific Citizen* (Appointment or termination of *Pacific Citizen* editor)
5. *Pacific Citizen* (Objectives of the *Pacific Citizen*)
6. National Board (PC Chair's voting rights on National Board)
7. National Officers (VP for *Pacific Citizen*)
8. National Officers (VP for *Pacific Citizen*)
9. National Board (PC Chair's voting rights on National Board)
10. National Board (PC Chair in line to succeed National President)
11. National Officers (Duties of VP for *Pacific Citizen*)
12. National Officers (Eliminates PC Chair's duties as appointed officer)
13. *Pacific Citizen* (Name change from Chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* to VP of the *Pacific Citizen*)
14. *Pacific Citizen* (Eliminates PC Chair and PC Board members as appointed positions)
15. National Officers (Adds National Youth Representative to *Pacific Citizen* Board)
16. National Council (Adoption of *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Guidelines)
17. *Pacific Citizen* (Creates Editorial Review Committee as standing committees of the *Pacific Citizen* Board)
18. *Pacific Citizen* (Adoption of PC budget by National Council and appropriation by National Board)
- 19A. National Board (PC Chair's voting rights on the National Board)
- 19B. National Officers (Removal of PC Chair)
- 19C. National Officers (PC Chair's removal by the National Board)
- 19D. *Pacific Citizen* (election of PC Board members by district

Description of proposal

- 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.
- Livingston Merced Chapter moves from the Northern California West-Nevada Pacific District to the Central California District (under Article III, Section 1, subsection b and c).
- 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 student/youth, and district governors would be changed to district representatives.
- 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 *Pacific Citizen* 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.
- A new section on PC staff (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.
- 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."
- In Article IX Section 1 of the Constitution on the make-up of the national board, gives voting privileges to the PC board chair.
- In the same Article IX Section 1 on the different elected positions, creates a vice president for *Pacific Citizen*.
- 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.
- In the same Article IX Section 1, deletes references to chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* board.
- Places the newly created vice president for *Pacific Citizen* within the chain of succession to the office of national president [Article VI Section 3 (c)]. The revised order would read: v.p., general operations, v.p., public affairs, v.p. *Pacific Citizen*, v.p., planning and development, v.p. Thousand Club and membership services, and secretary/treasurer.
- 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.
- In Article VII Section 2(b) of the bylaws, strikes out the duties of the *Pacific Citizen* board chair.
- Changes Article XII Section 3 of the bylaws from PC board chair to v.p. of the *Pacific Citizen*.
- 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.
- Adds PC board to the duties of the national youth representative (Bylaws: Article VII Section 4 b).
- 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 *Pacific Citizen*. The *Pacific Citizen*, Board and staff shall be guided by such policies."
- 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.
- 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."
- PC Board chair would have a vote on the National Board.
- In Article X Section 2, PC Board chair becomes only appointive office which does not serve "only at the pleasure and sole discretion of the National President."
- In Paragraph 1 of subsection 2(b) of Article VII of the bylaws, states that the PC Board chair is subject to the approval of and removal by the National Board.
- In Article XII Section 2, PC Editorial Board members are elected by districts to serve 2 year terms. Each board member serves no more than 2 consecutive terms.

National Council Action

- ADOPTED (Chicago Chapter, Midwest District)
- ADOPTED (Tulare County, Central California District)
- TABLED
- Technical changes were referred to the Constitutional Review Committee. Changes approved include: the category of youth changed to "youth/student" and PC ad hoc committee recommendations adopted. A proposal on the constitution of JACL Endowment Fund was presented as a point of information for the National Council. A provision which would have deleted the JACL hymn and JACL creed from the constitution was rejected by the National Council.
- WITHDRAWN (East Los Angeles Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)
- ADOPTED (Arizona Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)
- NOT ADOPTED (Mile Hi Chapter, Mountain Plains District)
- TABLED (SELANOCO, Pacific Southwest District)
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- WITHDRAWN (Adopted as an amendment to Amendment 3C)
- NOT ADOPTED (Venice-Culver Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)
- WITHDRAWN (Gardena Valley Chapter, Pacific Southwest District)
- WITHDRAWN (Pacific Southwest District)
- WITHDRAWN (Omaha Chapter, Mountain Plains District)
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Comeback in Colorado

Japanese Americans have not been visible in the upper echelons of Colorado politics since Dr. Mel Takaki was mayor of Pueblo and ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress, and Seiji Horiuchi was a member of the state legislature 30-odd years ago.

Comes now a Sansei attorney from Loveland, Stanley Y. Matsunaka, who is making a run for the state senate in the largely rural 15th District. Matsunaka is a Democrat. The seat has been held by Republicans for the last 20 years. There are only a handful of Asian Americans, heavily Republican, in the district. Look like a long shot?

Matsunaka, a thoughtful, quiet sort, doesn't think so. Boosting his optimism is the fact that Republicans in the district are split. The incumbent has not distinguished himself, a hot primary race was won by an ultra-conservative, and feelings were bruised.

Matsunaka has been preparing for this venture into politics for a long time. He has practiced civil law in Loveland for 15 years, and has considerable name recognition, has been a member of the Democratic party since 1971, an elder in his Presbyterian

church, president of the local Sertoma club, and coach in youth sports and academic teams. He's been married to the same woman, Kathy, also a Colorado native, for 17 years and they have three children. All of this clean-cut background are assets in a district like his. He was graduated from Colorado State University and earned his law degree at San Diego State.

Matsunaka is a third generation Coloradoan. Grandpa Matsunaka was a truck farmer. On his mother's side, the Toda family published the now-defunct *Rocky Mountain Shimpo* in Denver. His father Harry, a veteran of the 442nd, taught electronics in two Colorado community colleges and at a vocational technical center before retiring in Bisbee, Ariz.

Stanley Matsunaka's major problem is raising a campaign war chest. Party leaders have told him it will take \$50,000 to \$75,000 to run a competitive campaign, partly because his District is so large and the population centers scattered. The senate term is four years and pays \$17,000 per year for a 120-day session, but committee assignments and constituent contacts can make it a 12-month job. At age 40 he doesn't have a lot of money. You have to want to

serve to walk into a situation like that.

Last I heard, Matsunaka had raised \$10,000. His campaign director believes the Republican incumbent has spent \$25,000 already. Recently Matsunaka sent letters to 12,000 registered Democrats asking for donations of \$29 each—enough to buy a roll of stamps.

In his campaign appearances Matsunaka is focusing on improving education, managing growth and improving the quality of life, making taxes more equitable, cracking down on repeat law-breakers and alternative sentencing to include work on public projects, all issues that make sense to voters of both parties in a district like his.

What are Matsunaka's chances of becoming the first Japanese American in the state legislature in more than a quarter century? He thinks they are pretty good. If you'd like to give him a bit of encouragement, the Matsunaka for Senate Committee can be reached at P.O. Box 675, Loveland, CO 80539. ☐

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Letters

Praise for those who coordinated convention

Rarely do I write a letter to the editor, but because of the many folks to whom I feel indebted, please allow me to take this means to express my deepest gratitude for the wonderful 33rd Biennial National JACL Convention hosted by the Mt. Olympus, Salt Lake City and Wasatch Front Chapter in late July. Having attended quite a few JACL Conventions and a number of other conferences, the host committee volunteers are to be given a big "pat on the back" for the excellent selection of the locale. The Marriott with its under the roof access to the Crossroads Plaza, with as wide a selection of eateries and shopping as you can imagine, was an ideal location for our conclave. Although it was a record heat outside, only on rare occasions did we have to venture forth to reach other related activities.

Not only was the program well thought out, but also the exhibits included representation of local, state and national mainstream organizations. The theme, "JACL: Legacy of Generations" was most appropriate as was seen by attendance of the very young to the very old, including some in wheelchairs and crutches.

The highlight of the entire Convention was the Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast at Temple Square where those of us who stayed over Sunday were treated to an unforgettable rendition of the JACL Hymn and "Sakura." "The Spoken Word" expressed our longfelt sentiment that "Life adversity we faced brought out the best in us, our strengths, beliefs, and talents."

All throughout the Convention I felt the presence of the spirits of those who had gone on and thanked them for their guidance and guardianship of all of us.

Convention Chairman Floyd Mori, ably assisted by Shake and Momo Ushio, corralled a goodly number of capable volunteers who helped contribute to one of the most successful JACL Conventions. Shin Jose is going to have a most difficult time in trying to match Salt Lake City's hospitality. Everywhere we turned we found beribboned volunteers ready to assist us. Floyd did such a fine job that I'm recommending him to run for the next JACL presidency in San Jose. Let's give all those responsible in Salt Lake City for a most memorable Convention a hearty "domo arigato" and "kokoro-sae" deshiyo. Thank you so very much for all your tireless efforts. We truly appreciated it from the bottom of our hearts. May we be inspired with the enthusiasm generated there to recruit more members at the chapter level to support the newly elected National Board un-

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Eda-mame: green soybeans

EACH SPRING the ritual begins of planting a vegetable garden: tomatoes, beans, snow peas plus whatever Japanese-style vegetable seeds we can get: egg-plant (thinner skin), string beans (longer and more tender), *kyū-ri* (cucumbers), *shun-ai* (leafy chrysanthemum that is prepared like spinach) and this year *eda-mame* (green soybeans). As a child, I recall the Issei folks would dunk the entire plant—branch, leaves and all—into a vat of boiling salt water, and we would pluck those little beanpods off the branches, give them a little squeeze to pop the innards into the mouth. Today, whenever we go to an Oriental food market, we look for packaged salted-in-the-pod *eda-mame*. Once you begin snacking on those things, it's hard to stop. Undoubtedly a far more healthy food than potato chips, popcorn or nuts. But one doesn't get much in the package. So this past winter, I promised to try putting in some rows of soybeans. Seeds should be no problem: farmers, particularly over in New Jersey, grow acres and acres of soybeans. So after the snow had melted and seed packages began arriving at the local garden shops, I looked for soybean seeds.

What luck did I have? None. Absolutely none.

IN DESPERATION, I wrote to seed growers, including Burpees, hoping that they would respond to this nuisance request. They referred me to another source which apparently specializes in soybean seeds. Dutifully and persistently, I wrote to this other source, but no response. Planting time was here; it was getting to be panic time, when one day Vicki nonchalantly hands me an airmail package from Japan containing, among other things, soybean seeds! I opened one of the packets of seed, and darned if the seeds weren't round—almost identical to snow peas. But on the packet, in *hira-gana*, appeared the words spelling out *e-da-ma-me*. Every *eda-mame* that I've ever eaten was shaped like a miniature kidney bean, not round like these. But what the heck, if round ones taste as good as the kidney-bean shaped ones, I'll give it a try.

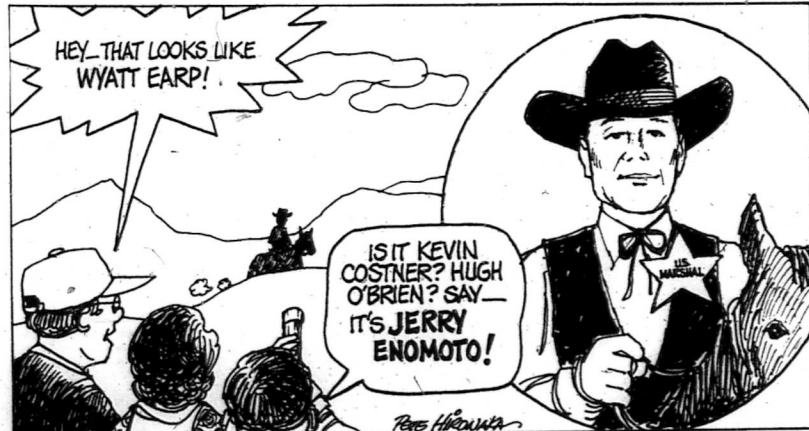
And so I got out that now-old roto-tiller and churned the garden soil, along with giving the soil a shot of organic fertilizer. (Nothing's too good for a robust crop.)

THE SEEDS SPROUTED and at least

three times a week I contributed my share by ridding the garden plot of weeds. The soybeans came along just fine. Trying not to appear too anxious, I suggested to Vicki that I thought the moment for the harvesting had arrived. So we picked those *mame* until our large container was brimming over, requiring another container. (After soaking the pods in brine, Vicki blanches the bean-in-the-pod in hot water and places them in the freezer.) Bending over to pick those beans brought on the inevitable aching back, but I was determined that as long as Vicki was in there picking away, I couldn't admit weakness. My back and my determination, in that order, lost. I thought about the summers in White River Valley working on the farm performing stout labor from dawn to dusk and wondered how in earth I managed to survive.

CURIOSITY TO CONFIRM how "eda-mame" is written in kanji, I checked the See MARUTANI/page 15

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



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Come-on sense

KARL NOBUYUKI

Praise for convention

Now that the JACL 33rd Biennial National Convention is part of organizational history, it would appear appropriate to reflect on what has happened. Granted it may be some time before the details of the convention are officially memorialized, but the impressions are what I believe to be the first order of business.

There can be no doubt that the Convention Organizing Committee, Mount Olympus Chapter with support from the Salt Lake City Chapter, et al., were outstanding. Having worked on several conventions in the past as both staff and chapter president, I can empathize with what is involved. My impressions of the effort put forth by Mt. Olympus was that the overall

convention was "seamless." Apart from the interruptions caused by the business sessions, each evening was clockwork and the accolades must be given to the host chapter for their diligence. Let's hear it for Mt. Olympus!

One of the hardest things I found in working on a convention is that you are locked into the details of each event and consequently concerned about each of the transitions. Overall, one cannot really understand how the delegates and attendees view the event; one can only hope and pray that all works well, given one's best effort. In my humble opinion, the 33rd Biennial Convention Committee exceeded its mission and gave the organization one of its finest conventions in recent history.

As a final note, I must acknowledge the finale on Sunday morning, as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir sang the JACL Hymn. I heard the hymn sung before, but never with the ambience, resolution and clarity as presented in early August. I hope that someone in the organization was able to record this rendition on tape and that such can be shared throughout the League. It was stunning. My wife Sandy and I were in awe, and felt so proud to be part of this association. (We heard it once, once during the pre-production and again during the broadcast version.)

The business sessions were, in my opinion, lacking spectacularly. There was far too much for the delegates to address in the limited time available. Whether this was

done intentionally or not is mute. All one can really suggest is that in the future more sophisticated planning and organization be integrated into the "orders of the day."

For example, I made a special point to read each business item at least three times before the convention. Nonetheless, one had to verify the version of the revision that was before the assembly. There was a record number of Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions and reports thrust before the National Council and most of these items were amended (several times) before they were "resolved" on the assembly floor. (I will share more detail on this phenomenon under separate cover.)

On a personal note, I must acknowledge

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Opinion from the PC Board

By JOHN NAKAHATA

Criticism of PC reporting, finances

It is time for a little truth about the Pacific Citizen. Here's what you didn't read in the last issue:

- Just before the National Convention, the PC Board discovered that the PC was headed for a deficit for 1994 of over \$108,000, \$46,000 more than we had been told a month earlier. We also discovered that 1995 and 1996 look even worse.

- It should have been apparent early in 1994 that revenues would be at least \$30,000 below budget. Projected expenditures, however, are only running about \$2,000 below budget. This means that virtually all the 1994 deficit has to be made up in the last

five months of this year.

- In order to reduce this year's deficit, the paper will have to go on a monthly publication schedule. Even with such drastic cuts, the paper will likely run a deficit of at least \$25,000.

- The National Council did not mandate a \$82,705 cut in PC expenditures for 1995. The National Council adopted a budget that kept the member subscription rate at \$12 per year. PC expenditures must drop because advertising revenue, Holiday Issue revenue, and non-member subscriptions are all way down. Like a business, PC can spend more if it earns more.

Unless advertising and non-member subscriptions miraculously improve, PC will have to become a biweekly publication in 1995. The only real alternative is to raise dues by over \$6.

- Each week PC did not publish this year was a week it could not have afforded to publish. If PC had published two additional issues in the spring (when National staff was blamed for non-publication), the projected 1994 deficit would have been \$10,000 higher. The same is true of publishing the week after the convention.

Now for a question: why wasn't this reported in the last PC? This information was

presented and discussed at the PC Board meeting in Salt Lake City. Much of this was also reported to the National Council by PC Board Chair Ron Ohata.

Members deserve to know the truth about the PC and its operations, and about why they will no longer receive it weekly. This may all be embarrassing to the Editor/General Manager. But it deserves to be reported.

The views expressed by Nakanahata are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of the PC Editorial Board. He is president of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, and a member of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board.

Sidebar



MEI NAKANAHATA

Re-thinking 'Asian American'

I've always felt comfortable with the term "Asian American." It feels smooth and sort of, well, neutral. Never mind that it lends itself to corny expressions like "Asian persuasion" or "Asian invasion." And never mind that its acronym "AA" is the same as for Alcoholics Anonymous. It doesn't carry the baggage that "Japanese" once did, or "Oriental," which comes across as downright creepy.

But now, I've had to re-think. "Asian American" has presented a problem for me twice within the past month to the point that I've felt compelled to identify myself as Japanese American instead.

In the first instance, I was at a women's camp where only seven women out of 125 attendees were listed as Americans of the, er, Asian persuasion: three Chinese, two Pacific Islanders and two Japanese. Around the second day of the week-long gathering, we were all asked to contribute, by ethnic

group, to the entertainment for the farewell gala, a big deal, since we had come from far and wide—one woman from as far away as Australia. We seven, not surprisingly, were to have our turn as Asian Americans. Big problem. It quickly became clear to us in preparing for the gig that, however much we might look alike, we shared no common heritage—neither language, music, costume nor lifestyle. In short, we couldn't do "Asian American." Realizing this, the two Pacific Islanders among us shortly went off to do their thing—which, as it turned out, was pretty spectacular. We Chinese and Japanese women should have followed their lead. As it was, we bumbled our way through a skit depicting an old Buddhist legend, each in our own makeshift costumes. Ka plunk.

In contrast, the other groups—African Americans, Jewish, Latinos, Lesbians—each had some commanding, common cul-

tural characteristic that allowed them to share who they were and how they came to be that in their songs, dances, poetry, diets and drumming. The audience felt their cultures, celebrated them, and were profoundly moved.

I cite this seemingly trifling incident because it does reflect a larger problem. Lumping together all Asians neutralizes the groups within, makes them an amorphous mass, to the extent that often issues specific to an individual group do not get addressed. For instance, a couple of weeks ago, an ad hoc committee for a coalition of community human rights groups (including JACL), issued a survey sheet on which members were to rank from one to ten our priorities for action. Among items to be ranked were ethnic groups. And yep, there it was: Asian Americans. You see the problem. There is no way we could rank the needs of all Asians in a way that made sense on that

list. The Southeast Asian population here, for example, is largely immigrant, as I suspect they are elsewhere. They have a whole different set of concerns from that of, say, Japanese Americans, who are relatively well-established. When I made that point, back to the drawing boards went the survey. Can't you just see the same problem occurring with government bodies? Grouping Asians together also leads to dangerous stereotyping. Nahleen Pang of Oakland, Calif., set down some of these stereotypes, or results of same, born out of her experiences and observations. Here is a sample of some thirty-two astute observations she makes:

- When using checks or credit cards, I can count on my skin color to work for me in terms of financial reliability.

- I am assured that my children's teachers will expect homework in a timely fashion.

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Voices

By PETER HARRIS

Post-convention assessment

Bravo! The convention is over. We have a new president. The same-sex resolution survived rejection. (Although 50 chapters is only 44%.) The budget is balanced. Seems like the monster problems are under control for another two years, doesn't it?

Our current belt-tightening doesn't look like "lean and mean" to me. It's nothing less than the wasting away of a very sickly organization. JACL has emerged from the convention with a deathly pallor. The real problems grow unabated, people preferred the attention and excitement of debating same-sex domestic partnerships.

Budgetary belt-tightening is the inevitable result of our number one problem, "shrinking membership." Analysis of

the finances clearly shows why this has become so serious. A big chunk of our operational budget is made up of fixed costs. Only a few of the expenses are proportional to the actual number of members. We've been spreading these fixed costs among fewer and fewer members. About 9,000 fewer during the past decade. That's a 27% shrinkage, from 33 thousand plus to 24 thousand. All of the financial problems are directly related to shrinking membership.

Magnitude of the problem

You need to understand the magnitude of the problem. The numbers are easy to calculate. Let's be conservative, and say that the 9,000-member reduction occurred over 12 years. That's a net loss of 750 per

year. If you acknowledge that some new people are joining, then we are losing 800 to 1,000 members per year. The new budget calls for a \$5,000 increase in dues income. That's a 140-member net increase! Does anyone really believe that JACL can make an 890-member reversal of the long-term trend in a single year?

The organization demographics contribute. Most members are over 50. Probably half are over 60. If we're honest, we need to confront our own mortality. Nearly every one of the over-60 members will need to be replaced during the next 12 years. That's 1,000 new members per year, just to stay at our present 24,000. We actually have a desperate need to grow to achieve a viable financial base. To reach 36,000 in 12 years,

would require 2,000 new members per year.

Trouble at the PC

The Pacific Citizen is experiencing the same problem. Fewer subscriptions and fewer issues does not translate into proportionally lower costs. Typesetting costs are the same whether 10,000 or 30,000 copies will be printed. So is the cost of gathering the content. People can't skip a payday, because we've skipped an issue.

Cutting the Pacific Citizen's budget by \$75,500 may seem like a mere 23%, but it will all be taken from production costs. If we use 50% of total budget for the people costs, then that 23% cut represents 46% of

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Voices

By BECKY KING and GREG MAYEDA

Hapas and the future of the JA community

Do you know anyone who is Hapa? With out-marriages in the Japanese American community at 65% (according to a 1992 National Center for Health Statistics study), chances are you do. In fact, that person might be your cousin, nephew, grandchild, child, or yourself. Within a few generations, the typical Japanese American will be Hapa. This represents the evolution—rather than the extinction—of a rich culture and a cohesive community. By addressing Hapa issues, we ensure the preservation of the historical experiences, contributions and traditions of all Japanese Americans. When interracial marriages were novel 25 years ago, a common concern phrased as, "What will they be?" or "Will they fit in?" was expressed for the children. Today, as a generation of Hapas comes of age, we are answering these questions and asking many of our own.

Hapa Issues Forum

Through our organization, Hapa Issues Forum, a number of Hapas and other interested people have come together to explore what it means to be Hapa/Japanese American. We discuss the role Hapas play in the greater Japanese American community, the effect Hapas have on Japanese American food and culture, and how Japanese American institutions respond to the changing

dynamics of the community. By developing a "Hapa voice," we are making a clear statement: Hapas are mixed, not mixed up. **What is a Hapa Issue?**

Understandably, Hapas and Japanese Americans are concerned with the same issues, such as hate crimes and the discrimination that affects the Japanese and Asian American communities. We are also concerned with subjects that include the addition of a mixed race category on the census and other statistical forms, outreach to Hapas who do not have close ties to the Japanese American community, and the demystification of existing stereotypes, one of which depicts Hapas as confused and uncomfortable with their identity.

How do we achieve our goals?

Hapa Issues Forum achieves its goals in a variety of ways. Last March, we sponsored our First Annual Conference, entitled "Hapas: The Changing Face of Japanese America." We also participate in community events such as San Francisco's Nihonmachi Street Fair and the Cherry Blossom Festival, and publish a quarterly newsletter entitled *What's Happening*.

The JACL Commitment

As both National Director Randy Senzaki and newly elected president Denny Yasuhara mentioned in the August issue of

PC, the entire Japanese American community is in transition. To deal with this transition, the JACL has adopted a 10-point Program for Action for the coming biennium. In the next two years, the JACL will address many important issues: the incorporation of Japanese American history into school curricula, the inclusion of Asian Americans in the political process, the development of the next generation of community leaders, and community reach-out to multi-ethnic families. Point seven of the Program for action states:

To promote awareness and pride in, and to celebrate, the unique culture and history of Americans of Japanese Ancestry, and to support our members, particularly those in multi-ethnic families, as they pass this culture and history to their children.

Through this point, the JACL has recognized the importance of Hapas and their families. The question now is, what specifically will be done to meet this goal successfully?

Hapa commitment

Hapa Issues Forum is currently working with the JACL to gather information about the creation of a multi-racial category on the Census. By joining forces and working together, we can build a stronger and better-informed community.

Hapa Issues Forum wants to play an active role in achieving the goals set forth in the Program for Action. First, we hope to help increase involvement and membership of young people by actively recruiting the new generation of Japanese Americans. Second, we hope to reach out to the increasing diversity of our Japanese American community through our annual conference, newsletter, and general meetings. Finally, we aim to ensure that the history of our parents and grandparents will be passed on to future generations.

Today, Japanese Americans have reached an important crossroad. This is an opportunity moment for us to move forward as a community without forgetting our past. It is important that our organizations reflect the true diversity of our community. Who knows, maybe a Hapa chapter of the JACL is just around the corner?

Hapa Issues Forum is a non-profit community organization based in Berkeley, Calif. Information: Hapa Issues Forum ASUC #401, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, Calif., 94702; (510) 466-5859.

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Voices

By HANK SAKAI

Finding a way to finance PC

I don't see how the *Pacific Citizen* can operate with a budget cut of almost 23% (\$75,505). Is it the intent of the National Council to put PC out of business? It would be like eliminating the best part of JACL since it's the only National Japanese American newspaper. Jon Kay's (treasurer) remark that, in order to balance the budget we have to consider dropping issues and increasing advertising revenue is kind of naive. How do you cut down the number of issues and raise ad revenue, especially if they go to a monthly publication? For most of the JACL members across the country the only tangible benefit they get is the PC and news on what's going on in the JA community and in JACL. To go to a monthly publication would be like cutting off the

communication line to the membership and result in a loss of membership, both existing and potential.

Since PC dues are a low priority to the National Board and Council, it would be better if the PC subscription was separate from national dues. If national dues are \$36 and the PC part is only \$12, then the dues can be reduced to \$24 and members can subscribe to PC directly for \$25 or whatever is determined by the PC Board. If we know we are going to receive 50 issues a year, then \$25 or 50 cents an issue is a fair price for a good newspaper. The PC has improved over the past couple years and will be much better with an adequate budget, staff and able to increase to 12 pages or more. Maybe

a compromise could be \$15 for a 12-page bi-monthly issue. For Life Members, National can pay for these subscriptions since they have our money. It's time for PC to be financially independent from National and politics.

PC can still report to the National Board through the PC Board. There has to be a buffer between PC and the National Board, National Staff and members. Otherwise people try to intimidate the PC staff whenever they don't like a particular article.

It seems like JACL is having the same problems that occurred in the mid-70s when a small group of people thought they owned the organization and also controlled the PC

so that members never knew what was going on. I don't think many members knew JACL had several lawsuits and started to run down as we were equal rights. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past. PC must be strong, independent and viable so that members can be kept informed. Maybe Denny Yasuhara can get the organization straightened out. I'm not concerned about the gay rights issues since that will pass, besides everyone should have equal rights. It's the finances and control of the organization and the future of the *Pacific Citizen* that should concern the membership.

Sakai, a former chair of the Pacific Citizen Board, is a member of the Portland Chapter, JACL.

LETTERS

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der President Denny Yasuhara while thanking Lillian Kimura for having herded us through a difficult biennial. Lillian is to be complimented for her masterful job she did in conducting the business sessions, time wise and parliamentary wise, although I've never attended such a busy, early morning into late night meetings before. The dedication of all attendees was revealed in their attention to the issues discussed. Let us continue to help JACL live up to its motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America."

To all the PC staff and Board, thank you for the fine work you do in bringing news of JACL to not only our members all over the world, but also to those friends, who, I'm sure, look to the PC to learn what we're doing.

S. Ruth

Haskimoto

Albuquerque, N.M.

Reader has thoughts on gun registration

Does not this concept parallel that for gun registration? Know where your potential enemies (guns) are, take them away, and internment (tyranny) results.

The same JACL arguments against the ID system holds for gun registration. We have had internment, but thus far we haven't had a Hitler here to confiscate our guns. However, our

government more and more appears to be massing its efforts in that direction.

Our elected government representatives, Matsui, Mineta, etc., should cast their votes regarding a national I.D. system or gun registration (limitations), with logic and prudence, not on emotion.

Befair, be consistent. Individual rights and rights to privacy, or total government tyranny.

Stanley Taniguchi

Sacramento, Calif.

Concern for changes to Pacific Citizen

It was a "hot" JACL National Convention this August in Salt Lake City—inside the hotel because of highly emotionally charged issues and outside with its temperature of 106 degrees!

The host Mt. Olympus chapter did a wonderful job of welcoming us with enjoyable activities in a warm, friendly atmosphere culminating in a magnificent program by the Tabernacle choir which included the JACL hymn.

As a member of the NCWNP District Women's Concerns group, I was gratified by the defeat of the resolution that opposed the support of same-sex marriage, the passage of the resolutions concerning national health reform, domestic partners, Nikkei Hibakusha in the Pacific North West, Peruvian Japanese redress, and a number of thoughtful, humanistic issues.

However, I am writing about my concern regarding the rela-

tionship between the National Board and the Pacific Citizen.

There were 15 amendments and five resolutions regarding P.C. and we were inundated with many corrections and revised copies. I was not an official delegate, but I wondered if the delegates were clear about their votes.

Harry Honda made an excellent presentation on the first day, outlining what he thought would be the issue regarding P.C. He spoke about the history of the Pacific Citizen, and the difficulties it faced with its role. He pointed out that at one extreme was a P.C., for example like the Washington Post—a totally independent newspaper focusing on investigative reporting or the P.C. as a house organ primarily filled with news of the organization. The editorial board and the staff have tried to report news of interest to Japanese Americans throughout the country as well as those of JACL. The P.C. editorial board was responsible for the business and editorial policies of the paper.

All this was changed at the National Convention with power residing now in the National Board. What does this mean? That Pacific Citizen staff—which has been excellent, and has provided information to members about how the JACL operates, including its fiscal dilemma—is no longer able to report critical news? That it will be a public relations paper, with only good or safe news? That everything must be according to the strictures of the National Board and staff?

I suggest that members of the present Pacific Citizen Board and

some P.C. staff be a part of the committee which is supposed to draft guidelines for the paper. We need to remember that for many JACLers, the Pacific Citizen is the main source for information not only of the JACL but of the issues facing Japanese Americans and Asian Americans.

Chizu Uyama

El Cerrito, Calif.

Finds some computer game shocking

I recently bought a computer game called Pacific Strike put out by a company called Origin. It contains very graphic and ugly anti-Japanese name-calling and sentiments. I really felt it was shocking. Perhaps this has already been brought to your attention. I have just written a letter of protest to Origin. If you have any other suggestions, I would appreciate it.

I am a Sansei living in Providence. I am also on a committee of Race and Ethnicity at Brown University and plan to raise these issues once our new semester begins in September. Thank you for any suggestions you might have.

Arlene Cole

Providence, R.I.

National spending too much, says reader

I am in complete agreement with Fred Hirasuna of Fresno regarding National JACL's excessive spending (*Pacific Citizen*, July 22

- Aug. 11, 1994, issue).

National JACL spending is excessive and uncontrolled, considering it being a small membership organization with less than 2% of the Nikkei population. We certainly don't need big wasteful government agency type spending just to be spending because the money is there, particularly spending on non-Nikkei issues. My feeling is that JACL is not spending money in the best interest of Nikkei communities.

Let's stick to Nikkei issues only. If there is nothing else to do, the JACL should become a membership-only type of organization, maintaining a current membership on a stand by basis. This should require no more than two parttime employees and reduce membership fees to \$5 per person. The organization can be activated only if and when issues relating to the Nikkei arise.

Let's take a good hard look.

Bill Kashiwagi

Sacramento, Calif.

Reader willing to be bone marrow donor

In a recent past edition of your newspaper, you had an article requesting Bone Marrow Donors for a Eurasian girl. I am Eurasian and would like to offer a donation on Bone Marrow if I am a match. Unfortunately, I don't have the article nor any of the information needed to contact the right people. Can you help?

Christina Sumisaki

Gilroy, Calif.

EXHIBIT

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Ishizuka explained the exhibit is designed to "increase awareness of the WWII experience and engage evacuees and others to collectively reach a greater understanding of this extraordinary chapter of American history."

Providing his expertise in building this exhibit is Ralph Appelbaum, who helped to create the recently-opened U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Ishizuka added that the exhibit will not encompass every aspect of Evacuation or the camp experience. "Since no single show could possibly cover all this material," it is intended to highlight a chapter of American history "while simultaneously gathering more information for future exhibits on different aspects of this history."

"There are still many things which we don't know or fully understand," she added, such as "the psychological effect of being wrongly incarcerated and the long-term impact on America as a democratic nation."

Scheduled for a year showing, the JANM exhibit has added to the cluster of 10 WRA camps, the Immigration and Naturalization Service enemy alien internment camp at Crystal City, Texas, where nearly 2,000 Japanese from Peru were held hostage.

Videos comprised of prewar Issei home movies, newsreel footage of the 100/442nd Nisei GIs and 1982 redress hearings conducted by the Commission on



Photo JACK MATSUDA

ASSEMBLY CENTER—Forced from their homes, this family awaits further directions as they arrive at Manzanar. The scene is reflective of the next major JANM exhibit opening Nov. 11 in Little Tokyo on the Japanese American camp experience. The museum is planning to unveil a section of an authentic camp barracks from Heart Mountain, Wyoming, in an adjacent parking lot.

Warfare Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) will also be on tape. It was the CWRIC that concluded the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII was not a military necessity, but was the result of racism and opportunism. The commission recommended that survivors of those forced into the camps be provided monetary redress of \$20,000 and an apology. The recommendation was signed into law, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, by President Reagan.

The museum discovered that one of the apartment units of the Heart Mountain barracks, coming from the Rod Morrison property near Powell, Wyo., has the num-

bers "22799" inscribed and believes this to be the WRA family number for the Tokisabe T. and Hiruko W. Mukai family and their children Jenkuo, Kei and Tomu who were in Los Angeles and initially detained at Pomona Assembly Center.

In undertaking a nation-wide search for this family, inquiry with a Heart Mountain camp directory and former internees have been fruitless. If whereabouts of the Mukai family is known, the museum hopes to find out who else lived in this portion of the barracks, according to Chris Komai, JANM public relations coordinator, (213) 625-0414. All leads will be appreciated.

maining 7 counts, Campos could receive life in prison.

"We are sort of disappointed," said Randy Imai, president, Sacramento Chapter, JACL. "We felt that there was enough evidence to convict him."

On the deadlocked charges, Imai said the jury was split 11-1 to convict Campos on charges related to the JACL, NAACP and Temple B'nai Israel firebombings and was split 10-2 on the attempted murder charge.

Following the conviction, Steve White, Sacramento district attorney, announced that Campos would be tried again on the remaining charges. Imai said that the date for the new trial is Oct. 11.

Sacramento Chapter statement on verdict

"While we are happy that the perpetrator was found guilty on 5 out of the 12 counts, especially with respect to the charges arising out of the firebombing of Councilman Jimmie Yee's residence, we are disappointed at the outcome of the trial whereby a mistrial was declared on the charges originating from the Temple B'nai Israel, NAACP and JACL incidents," declares Randy Imai, president of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL. "We will be working with the other firebombing victims, community members and the Sacramento County District Attorney's office on bringing Mr. Campos to trial again on the remaining 7 counts."

"We have always taken the position that this was a deliberate attack on our organization and we will become more vigorous in our fight against racism and discrimination. We will continue to work for justice and equality."

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Saturday, October 2, 1993, unknown perpetrators fire

bombed and destroyed the office of the Sacramento JACL Chapter. Given the similar recent bombings of the headquarters of the Sacramento NAACP and the B'nai Israel Temple, local and federal law enforcement agencies immediately considered this incident as a hate crime and have prosecuted it as such. Further, a group calling itself the Aryan Liberation Front called a local television station to claim responsibility for the Sacramento JACL and the NAACP bombings immediately after the fire bombing occurred.

The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, is part of the National JACL which is one of the first and largest Asian American civil rights organizations in the country. The Sacramento JACL Chapter was founded over sixty years ago and is one of the largest Asian American civil rights organizations in Sacramento. This is the first time in the National JACL's history that any of its chapters' headquarters was fire bombed.

SEABROOK

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ping firm executive, is project director.

The unique Seabrook story of Japanese Americans in southern New Jersey began in January, 1944, when two Nisei from Amache WRA camp, George Sakamoto of Newcastle (Placer County) and Henry Kaihara of Seabrook Farms, then the largest enterprise involving some 54,000 acres including land owned by neighboring farmers, growing, quick-freezing and canning vegetables for the war effort, hence it was a restricted area. They "broke the ice," making a good impression upon Charles F. Seabrook, who wanted more of them. He persuaded the War Relocation Authority to release "loyal" Japanese Americans to help feed the country.

Then in April, Fujii Sasaki, Harold Ouchida, both of Florin, and Ayako Noguchi (and bride-elect of Kiyomi Nakamura) of Visalia came from Jerome WRA center to survey the Seabrook Farm and then helped to open the way for others to relocate.

"It was the turning point in our lives," Nakamura remembered. "We toured the processing plant then operating around the clock to fill the needs of the war effort, saw the local schools and met the mayor and others," she continued. The "others" included the WRA Director Dillon Myer in Washington. Over 2,000 followed between 1945-47 from all the WRA camps and Japanese Peruvians from the Crystal City, Texas, internment center.

To overcome wartime apprehension and hostility, Seabrook with the press, civic and religious leaders had to prepare the local community to accept the new workers, his son John related to a *New York Times* writer. He recalled that the first Japanese family came, "unfortunately, the day the newspaper front pages were displaying a photograph of a grinning Japanese soldier beheading a captured American flier with sword."

The Times story, appearing this past July 20, generated contacts from Japanese correspondents based in New York: the Asahi Shimbun, Kyodo News Agency, and Nara Nichi. And, the Associated Press followed with a feature on Seabrook's 50th year accompanied by photographs and maps pinpointing Seabrook next to Bridgeton (in one corner of the Bridgeton, Philadelphia, Atlantic

City triangle). "We're expecting a much greater attendance than expected from all over," Nakamura beamed.

The JACL chapter was organized in June, 1946, with Vernon Ichisaka as chairman pro-tem and being elected president. Active prewar with the Washington Township chapter (now Eden Township), Ichisaka was Pacific Citizen's volunteer business manager in 1941-42. The nation's first mass naturalization ceremonies occurred at Seabrook in June 26, 1953, naturalizing 126 Issei citizens. The chapter had sponsored Americanization classes, which were taught by Marion Glaeser.

Other chapter highlights over the years have been the annual JACL chow mein dinners with proceeds contributed to local hospitals and community projects, undertaking the first Japanese-language radio program in 1974 and being invited by the President Carter Inaugural Committee in 1977 to have Japanese folk-dancers perform. The group has continued to perform at JACL and community ethnic functions to the present day.

When New Jersey celebrated its 300th birthday in 1964, Seabrook (1881-1964) was remembered as a visionary farmer who wanted to lick the weather. Since the 1930s, Seabrook pioneered in marketing vegetables in consumer packs under the Birdseye label. He developed overhead irrigation, installed artesian wells to feed the pipes, and devised a system of floodlights so that crops could be harvested at night. At peak harvest time, there were as many as 3,500 working at the farm.

In 1953, the JACL recognized him "for his distinguished contributions to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, especially during World War II when they were the objects of national hostility and hysteria."

When the farming operation ceased in 1981, the land became a "farm" of warehouses for industry.

The Seabrook Village, which housed wartime evacuees from the camps, bears little resemblance now as a public housing project.

The Seabrook Buddhist Temple, founded in 1945, remains as one of the few visible reminders, now located a few miles from its original spot. The Rev. Rebecca MacDonald, the first woman and "non-Japanese" priest at the temple, explained to the Associated Press: "It's like an anchor. The (temple) has been a very important part of the community."

as "usually used disparagingly."

Two teenagers were recently arrested in connection with a series of cross burnings in Scottsdale, Ariz., reported the *Arizona Republic*. Keith Stewart Stanley, 17, and Brent Glover Stanley, 14, were charged with arson for the cross burnings at the Beth Joshua Congregation, Native New York Restaurant and Chompies Bagels. If convicted, the minimum penalty is probation, the maximum penalty is 3.75 years in prison.

Special service held at the Beth Joshua Temple to protest the incidents was attended by representatives of the Arizona Chapter, JACL, NAACP, Maricopa County Attorney's Office and various religious groups and law enforcement agencies. Speaking at the event were Rabbi David Mayer, Beth Joshua Temple; Rabbi Robert Kravitz, Phoenix office, American Jewish Committee; and Ilene Lashinsky, president, local chapter of Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith.

Mark Bornstein, whose family owns Chompies Bagels, said, "I'd like to look inside the heads of these kids. Why is there this hatred, why is there this burning desire to do things to people?"

ARIZONA

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The *Gazette* called Moss, who has run unsuccessfully four times for governor and once for Congress, the "bane of the Arizona Democratic Party" for his "off-color, off-truth comments." One of four candidates running in the Democratic Senate primary race, Moss garnered 2% of the vote in a recent telephone poll. The primary is Sept. 13, the general election is Nov. 8.

Responding to Moss, Joe Allman, president, Arizona Chapter, JACL, in a letter published in the *Gazette*, said, "If your reporter correctly quoted Mr. Moss, it indicates a prime example of what is commonly referred to as an 'ugly American.' Thoughtless comments such as contained within the article does not do justice for anyone running for office let alone the U.S. Senate."

Allman criticized the *Gazette* for running Moss' comment and note: "Usage of 'Jap' is considered to be derogatory and disparaging in nature. Notably are Americans of Japanese ancestry offended by such usage, but even Webster's Collegiate Dictionary lists the term

TRIAL

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as charges stemming from the attacks on the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, NAACP, and Temple B'nai Israel. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 27. The maximum sentence Campos can receive from the 5 charges is 13 years and four months. If convicted of the re-

"Some chapter members felt that we shouldn't go after (Campos') parents, some felt we should. We may file a lawsuit against the suspect and not the parents. It's more the principle and not the money."

—Randy Imai

HARRIS

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production costs. The *Pacific Citizen* is on its way to becoming a biweekly!

This is a major crisis. The future of JACL is at stake! The *Pacific Citizen* is the single most visible connection that members have with the organization. Reducing this visibility, is a sign that we've crossed a critical threshold. Unless we can reverse the membership soon, JACL will continue to wither away. Probably at an accelerated rate.

BIG SALARIES?

Is staff being paid too much? We still need a capable executive director. Does he deserve less money, because we've shrunk? He still does the same tasks and needs the same skills. Our current director, Randy Senzaki, came to us with a past filled with accomplishments and an established worth.

Our Assistant Director for Membership, Clay Harada, isn't being overpaid either. During a visit to national headquarters, I learned that Clay commutes daily between Sacramento and San Francisco. He could not afford adequate housing for his family here in the Bay Area. That's hardly a sign of too much pay.

Yes, our operational budget is too big. Yes, salaries are a gigantic chunk. But not because we are paying people too much.

Because we continue to do the same things that we did when we were a bigger organization. Our goals and activities haven't shrunk to match the declining membership. That can't continue.

THE WRITER

Before going further, you should know that I'm an accidental member. My neighbor, Bud Nakano, is an insurance professional and Sequoia Board member. When I asked him about health insurance, he recruited me to join our Blue Cross group and JACL. If his name had been Nagel, or Nash, I'd be a member of another ethnic group.

I'm the membership chairman of a dying chapter, the Sequoia Chapter in Palo Alto, California. This chapter has shrunk from over one thousand to barely four hundred. This is no passing fad!

My predecessor membership chairman has been an honor at the Keiro Kai dinner for 70+ seniors ever since I've known him. At 51, I'm one of the younger board members. There's no membership committee. There's no replacement to me in sight. Nor do we have a person lined up for the presidency. Everyone on the Board has been asked and has declined. Many have already served as president.

The fact that I am membership chairman is another bad sign. I volunteered, because I foolishly thought that I wanted to write membership software. But I don't feel comfortable recruiting Japanese Americans on the basis of ethnicity. Or telling them that they will be discriminated against. It may be true, but it shouldn't come from me. Also, I'm an optimistic person. I don't want to promote fear. I'd like to offer people positive reasons for joining JACL. We have events where recruiting material could be distributed, but no good material.

Next month: In the second part of his editorial, Harris talks about possible solutions for the organization's problems.

Harris is a member of the Sequoia Chapter, JACL.

NOBUYUKI

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and commend two particular fellows whose performances were notable—if not outstanding. Ron Yoshino, chair of the Credentials Committee, and Dale Ikeda, chair of the Resolutions Committee, were the notable notables. I hope

that I will be able to share their performances in future comments.

Overall, there was a greater level of discipline at this convention (in business sessions) than in the past, and despite the unreasonable volume of resolutions that were placed before the assembly, the chairpersons performed with dignity and tact which resulted in positive output.

On the downside, perhaps the greatest disappointment was the inability of the National Council to adopt a biennial budget. It did, of course, prevent a dues increase, but the National Council was not afforded the appropriate opportunity to functionally debate, amend and adopt a budget for the 1995-96 Biennium.

Come-on Sense: A national convention cannot resolve all the problems of the Japanese American community. It can only attempt to culminate the matters that are presented and appropriately schedule.

Nobuyuki, a former JACL national director, is a member of the San Fernando Valley and Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapters, JACL. His column appears regularly in PC.

NARASAKI

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guage assistance, support for essential community providers and payment through shared responsibility. Both have won the endorsement of AARP.

The alternative bills don't even come close. They do not contain any of these features and some of them go so far as to deny welfare benefits to legal immigrants (including permanent residents) rather than requiring businesses to help cover their employees or taxing tobacco. Representatives such as Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) would deny them coverage under Medicaid regardless of how long they have been here and what contributions they may have made to the U.S., in the form of taxes, military service or the economy.

One in every five Asian Pacific Americans are uninsured. One in every three face restricted access to adequate care because of their inability to speak English fluently—insurance companies have refused coverage on that basis and HMO's have taken their enrollment fees and then refused to provide language assistance so as to reduce utilization.

Health care reform is a critical issue for all Americans. Please call your Senators and your Representative, to let them know that the time for reform is now and that you don't want them to come home with anything less than universal coverage. The Capitol switchboard is: 202/224-3121.

MARUTANI

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dictionary. Sure enough, "eda" is the kanji character for "branch" (such as that of a tree) and "mame" is just what you thought it meant: "beans" or "peas." "Mame" appears as radical, for example, for *atama* ("head" such as that on one's shoulders). At the language school at Ft. Snelling, we remembered the "mame" radical as comprised of "ichi-kuchi-so-ichi", which describes the four segments of the character, starting from the top. Using the same system, we remembered that "atama" was formed by adding to the right "i-chi-mo-ki."

Well, notwithstanding, I'm going to enjoy that home-grown eda-mame. ☺

SIDEBAR

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ion and "A" work from them—especially in math and science.

• People reading *The Joy Luck Club* on BART (rapid transit) look up knowingly, and smile at me.

• In a class or social gathering where there are two or more Asian

women, we are often called each other's name.

• I can be assured that within a large group setting, I'm expected to have so much in common with other Asians in the group. I am also compared to them, and a false rivalry is set up.

So why Asian American? Convenience, and political power, I think. It's axiomatic that a coalition of Asians might wield more power than an individual Asian one—if they can agree on any one thing. On the other hand, Asian Americans tend not to vote Asian, per se, as I understand it, more often voting for race (their own) specific candidates or issues. It follows that voting districts gerrymandered to produce Asian American voting leverage would only produce significant results when those districts are comprised largely of a single race.

I don't know how all of this will play out in the future, when our progeny has likely merged into mainstream America, both racially and culturally. But for my sake, for now, it makes more sense to be identified as Japanese American, not Asian American. In fact, I will insist on it.

Nakano is the Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations."

CAMPAIGN

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last year, Waki said she was concerned for the safety of Sandra Tanamachi Nakata, a Beaumont elementary schoolteacher, who had become a focal point for the Jap Road controversy.

"Last summer, I really was afraid for Sandra's safety. She has been denied service, and been confronted by angry individuals," said Waki.

Although Waki noted that a recent meeting with local residents had not been successful. One of the compromises proposed by the group opposing changing Jap Road was to put a historical marker under the Jap Road sign. Despite local opposition, Waki said that one of the chapter's goals is to educate the local community.

"Our intent is to educate the locals, some of who believe it (Jap Road) does honor the pioneers," said Waki.

Honor the Pioneers Fund

If you would like to help the Houston Chapter change Jap Road and Jap Lane send donations to: Honor the Pioneers Fund, c/o Houston JACL, 8687 Indian St., Houston, TX 77061-3247.

Betty Waki, president, Houston Chapter, JACL, said the fund will be administered by the chapter and proceeds will be used to provide the resources to change the road names. Any surplus funds will be used for other civil rights activities.

Sandra Nakata gets award for struggle in Texas

Sandra Tanamachi Nakata, Houston Chapter, JACL, was awarded the 1994 Transpacific Golden Image Award Aug. 20 in Malibu, Calif. in honor of her struggle to change the road name. Other recipients included: Bill Mow, George Takei, Ting Shao Kuang, and Ki Suh Park. Proceeds from the sale of t-shirts and programs went to the "Honor the Pioneers Fund" set up by the Houston Chapter, JACL, to continue its efforts to change Jap Road to Mayumi Road in honor of the Mayumi family which farmed the land and change Jap Lane in Vidor to Kishi Lane. Transpacific, an Asian American magazine, presented Nakata with a \$1,000 for the fund.

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- #18 Hokkaido & Tohoku Tour
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Yuki Sakurai, escort
Okinawa & Kyushu Tour
Oct 17 - 26
Michi Ishii, escort
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Oct 19 - 27
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Nov 28 - Dec 15
Ray Ishii, escort
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Nov 7 - 17
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Nov 30 - Dec 5
Hong Kong Shopping Tour
December
George Kanegae, escort
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- Hokkaido Snow Festival
02/03 - 02/09
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04/05 - 04/14
- Japan Cherry Blossom Tour
04/10 - 04/20
- New Orleans & ECOT Tour
04/17 - 04/27
- Sweet Holidays—04/25 - 05/04
- Branson & Ozark Tour—05/05 - 05/12
- Greece with Aegean Cruise
05/12 - 05/28
- Michigan: Tule Time—05/15 - 05/24
- Spring in Japan—05/18 - 05/29
- Europe at Leisure—06/25 - 06/31
- National Parks & Sun Valley
Scenic Rail Tour—06/05 - 06/15
- Best of British Isles—06/18 - 06/31
- Leisure Tour of Japan—06/23 - 07/04
- Alaska North/Princess Cruise
07/03 - 07/14
- Hawaiian Islands Cruise
07/01 - 07/10
- Discover South America
07/10 - 07/24
- Best of Scandinavia—08/14 - 08/27
- Mexico Reunion—05 Seattle
09/06 - 09/09
- 19A Canadian Rockies Tour from Seattle
09/10 - 09/21
- 19B Japan Highlights from Seattle
09/10 - 09/22
- Spain & Portugal—09/11 - 09/22
- Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Toronto
& Niagara Falls—09/25 - 10/06
- 22 Fall Foliage in Canada & New England
09/30 - 10/14
- Okinawa & Kyushu & Shikoku
09/30 - 10/12
- 24 Amsterdam, Rhine River & Paris
09/30 - 10/14
- Kentucky, Branson & Ozarks
10/01 - 10/12
- Japan Ura-Nihon Fall Foliage
10/02 - 10/12
- 26 Quebec City and Gaspe Trail
10/01 - 10/07
- 28 Silk Road of China—09/04 - 10/19
- 29 Canadian Maritime—10/01 - 10/09
- 30 Japan Fall Foliage Tour
10/16 - 10/30
- 31 Copper Canyon Adventure
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- 32 Orlando plus Cruise to
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- 33 Hong Kong Shopping—12/05 - 12/12

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Obituaries

Fuji, Richard R., Ridgecrest, May 7; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Ikuo. **Fujikawa, Eiji**, 64, Los Angeles, May 27; Texas-born Nisei veteran of Korean conflict, survived by brothers John and Gochi (Garden Grove), sister Marilyn Iwakochi (Valley Center, Calif.). **Furushiro, Noboru**, 66, Mission Hills, May 3; Lomita-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Michiko, son Randy, daughter Carolin Sanwo, 2 gc, brother Tom, mother-in-law Sakae Sugawara, in-laws Emiko Furushiro, Louis Sugawara, George Sugawara, Bill Sugawara.

Hanabata, Kensho, 70, Los Angeles, May 20; Hawaii-born, survived by wifeletomoko, sons Dudley, Leo, daughter Tamara Ige (Hawaii), 9 gc, brothers George, Seiko, sister Mitsuko Wong (all Hawaii).

Hashimoto, Hana, 100, Torrance, May 9; Fukui-born, survived by sons Bill T., John M., James H., 9 gc, 2 great-gc. **Ishii, Jack Shigeo**, 37, Los Angeles, April 22; Los Angeles-born, survived by

parents George and Mary, sister Karen Gowanlock. **Ishii, Robert M.**, 80, Torrance, May 18; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Grace, sons Thomas, Michael, 1 gc. **Ishikawa, Frank S.**, 88, South Pasadena, April 21; Fukushima-born, survived by sons Paul, Alan, daughters Michi Tashjian, Emi, 4 gc, 4 great-gc, sisters Sufeko Nika, Saku Takahashi, Fujio Ishikawa, Aiko Ishikawa, brother Satsuki.

Iwaisako, Shigemitsu, 60, Oceanside, May 27; Japan-born, survived by wife Keiko, sons Bill, David, daughter Shigeru, Satomi, mother Mine, brothers and sisters (all Japan). **Izumoto, Jennifer Kimiko**, 21, Springfield, Ill., May 6; survived by parents Melvin N. and Marie, brothers Thomas and Andrew, Blanch, 1 grandparent Nobuo and Kimiko Izumoto (Gardena).

Kai, Miyohiko, 87, Long Beach, May 9; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Toshichi, Masayuki, daughter Setsum, 3 gc, sisters Miyoko Miyagawa, Kazuko Miyagawa, Reiko Amami (all Japan), brother Takumi Kai.

Kamimura, Kenichi, 36, Monterey Park, on cruise May 17 at Port Said, Egypt; Osaka-born Nisei, survived by parents Yutaka and Sachiko, sisters Kamimura-Pallares. **Kanatanai, May S.**, 70, Cotton, May 15;

Seattle-born, survived by husband Milton, in-laws George (Redland), Marian Amato. **Kanegae, Lillian Jing**, 66, Mission Viejo, May 5; San Antonio, Tex.-born, survived by husband Elden, son Dennis, daughter Judy Hommen, 2 gc, sisters Mary Onodera (Palos Verdes), brother Kimi (Rancho Honolulu), Ruth Yamadera, Rae Nartimoto (Monterey Park), Mabel Enkoji (Whittier), in-laws Alice Jing, Mary Yamani, Henry Kanegae.

Kashiwagi, Tsune, 90, Los Angeles, May 27; Fukushima-born, survived by daughter Barbara, 2 gc, son-in-law Frank.

Kato, Mitchell, 51, Burbank, May 11 of cancer; Denver-born Army veteran, Los Angeles police officer, an original member of Asian Task Force in October 1975, retired March 1994, survived by wife Takako, sons Darryl, Dann, mother Mitsuko, brother Frank, sister Edith Hatamaya, mother-in-law Tamioka, Th. Onomori, brother-in-law Tamiko Richards, brother Ronald Thompson.

Kawana, Kume, 96, Los Angeles, May 11; Ehime-born, survived by sons Harry Y. Frank S., daughters Myrie Nakata, Eiko Chio, Sumiko Tatsui, 11 gc, 6 great-gc.

Koba, Shizue, 91, San Diego, May 15; Kagoshima-born, survived by sons Haruki, daughter Midori Kato, Mitsuko Kodama, brother-in-law Tsutomu Ando (Japan), gc and great-gc.

Kochi, James Zeno, 72, Los Angeles, May 19; L.A.-born, survived by wife Marie, son Tadashi, daughters Yoshiko, Richardson, Hiroko Hoshino, 5 gc, brothers Clifford, Jay.

Yamada, Toshio, 61, El Cerrito, May 29 in auto accident south of Grass Valley on Hwy 49; Kobe-born Sumitomo Bank executive in San Francisco headoffice, survived by wife Kiyo (listed in stable condition at hospital).

Yamada, Yoshiko, 67, Montebello, May 18; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband John T., son Michael, daughter Susan Goka, 4 gc, mother Suzu Yokota, sisters Miyo, Hongo, Chiyo, Sasaki, Michiko Koga, in-law Tom Yamada.

Yamanishi, Tadeo, 94, San Juan Bautista, June 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Akiji, Ray, Louie, daughters Kinuyo Yoshizaki, Nami Naito, Hiroko Yamakita, 15 gc, 7 great-gc, brothers Tenu, Hiroshi, sisters Tamiko Nakashima, Haruko Yamanishi, Itsumo Yamanishi.

Yamaseki, Sumiko, 77, Fresno, May 7; Stockton-born, survived by son David, 5 daughters Fay Nakaguchi, Kay Mori, Edith, Jane Shintaku, Sue, 7 gc, brothers Tad Yamaseki, Shunzo (Japan), Saburo and Goro, sister Toshi Yamaseki.

Yamashita, Debra Haseda, 36, Anaheim, May 13 (sv); Los Angeles-born Samsel, survived by husband James, daughter Ashley, parents Kari and Harriet Kumagawa, brothers Mark, Dean, Bart, grandparents Yoshito and Hisayo Togo (Honolulu), in-laws Jim and Marian Yamashita (La Habra), Nancy Hawkins, Wendi Coombs (Bothell, Wash.).

Yasaki, Joe J., 71, Oakland, May 15; Los Angeles-born attorney, Southwest L.A. JACL president '59, survived by wife June, sons John, Stuart, daughter Joyce Kuzni, 1 gc, sisters Lillian Inouye (Kauai).

Yasuzaki, Hisa, 96, Gardena, May 11; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Emiko Sagawa, Yaeiko Mita, 4 gc, 4 great-gc, brother Henry Tanaka (Kauai).

Yokomizo, Hatsuami, 91, Oakland, May 6; Fukui-born, survived by sons Yoshiharu, Masamichi, Toshiro, daughters Kikuko Otsuka, Koko Kurasaki.

Yokoyama, Sumiko, 77, Richmond, June 12; Coastland-born, survived by husband Kiyoi, sons Eugene, William, daughter Elaine Tsuda, 3 gc, in-law Katsuji Yokoyama.

Yoshioka, Sute, 93, Los Angeles, May 9; Totton-born, survived by son Kunio, 3 gc, 4 great-gc.

Yoshioka, Toshie, 90, Fresno, May 15; Fukui-born, survived by sons Katsumi, Masami, daughter Fujie Nakashima, 5 gc, 3 great-gc.

Yoshimoto, M. Willie, 64, Foster City, May 12; San Jose-born, survived by wife Tsuneyo, brothers Edward and Ray.

Death Notice

HARRY HARUO YOSHIMOTO

Funeral services for the late Harry Haruo Yoshimoto, 69-year-old Kenner, Wyoming-born Nisei resident of the Los Angeles and Veterans of World War II (442nd Central Postal Directory) who passed away on September 5 at the Veterans Hospital, were held on September 8 at Fuku Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Hideo to officiating.

The deceased is survived by his daughter Susan G. Tsu, a step-daughter Norma Jean Mayeda (Masao) Yamashita and Tessa and Ryan Tsu, a great-granddaughter Mackenzie Leong, two brothers George (Hatsuko) Yoshimoto and Jack Yoshimoto, and two sisters Doris (Aki) Onda and Rose (Hatsuko) Katsuki. Fuku Mortuary, directors (213) 625-0441.

Death Notice

KENJI KIKUCHI

Pioneer Issei Pastor, age 86, died on Sept. 8, 1994, at Fontaine Valley Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife Yoshi Kikuchi, daughter Marian and Paul Oyama of Walnut Creek, son Thomas and Shem Kikuchi of Northridge, daughter Elizabeth and Joseph Yamada of La Jolla, son David and Mak Kikuchi of Pasadena, daughter Anna and Hiroshi Yamada of Woodland, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held on Thurs., Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m., at Winnebago Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview St., Garden Grove, Calif. Burial service was held on Fri., Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Hope Cemetery, San Diego, Calif. Family requests that flowers please be omitted. Fuku Mortuary, directors (213) 625-0441.

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