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Nikkei doctor makes discrimination charges

An investigation is underway by the California Department of Consumer Affairs to look into claims that Dixon Arnett, executive director, California Medical Board, racially discriminated against Dr. Richard Ikeda, chief medical consultant, California Medical Board. Among Ikeda's allegations against Arnett is that he tried to remove all

of the Asian Americans from the board's nine-member regional consulting staff.

Blair Sims, special investigations unit, Department of Consumer Affairs, sent a letter to Ikeda informing that the department will investigate Ikeda's charges.

The California Medical Board is
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JACL financial crisis must be dealt with now says committee

Staff report

SAN FRANCISCO—After meeting here Nov. 12-13, the National JACL Budget Analysis Committee called the organization's current financial situation a crisis that needs immediate attention and action.

Reviewing financial reports from both the national headquarters and Pacific Citizen (PC), committee members said they planned to present their findings and recommendations

to the National Board at its Dec. 3-4 meeting in Los Angeles and urge the board to make tough but necessary decisions to deal with the significant deficits on both sides.

The committee, chaired by Mae Takahashi of the Clovis Chapter, JACL, includes Ted Tsukahara, Diablo Valley Chapter; Karyl Matsumoto, San Mateo Chapter; Ken Inouye, Selma Chapter; and Steve Hasegawa, Omaha Chapter, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting with the committee were national staff members Randy Senzaki, JACL national director; Carole Hayashino, associate director; and Patti Paganini, business manager, and Pacific Citizen staff members Richard Suenaga, editor/general manager; and Kerry Ting, business manager.

TAKAHASHI

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JACL fund-raiser set for Dec. 2 in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Citizens League will honor the formation of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus at its 65th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 711 S. Hope St.

California representative Norman Y. Mineta, caucus chairman, will accept the honor on its behalf. Delegate Eini

F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa will also attend.

The caucus is dedicated to addressing issues of concern to Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry. In addition to formulating legislative policy, the caucus educates members of Congress about the history, contri-

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Sacramento firebomb re-trial set for Nov. 16

After many delays, the Sacramento Superior Court selected a jury Nov. 10 for the retrial of the 1993 Sacramento firebombing cases. The retrial is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the County Courthouse. The Sacramento and Florin Chapters, JACL, are scheduled to attend.

The 1993 firebombings were aimed at the Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento Chapter, NAACP, Sacramento Chapter, JACL, city councilman Jimmie Yee's home, and the State Department of Fair Employment. Heavy damage occurred at the NAACP and JACL offices. The attack on Jimmie Yee's home took place while he and his wife slept inside.

In August, a jury found a white supremacist guilty of 5 of 12 counts. These included the attacks on the Department of Fair Employment and the attack on Councilman Yee's home. The jury deadlocked 11-1 on the firebombing of the NAACP, JACL, and Temple. It deadlocked 10-2 on the attempted murder of Councilman Yee.

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Hiroshima protests Enola Gay exhibit

Almost fifty years after the B-29 bomber Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, the city of Hiroshima is protesting the way in which the warplane will be presented in an exhibit next May at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum entitled, "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II," reported the *Japan Times*.

In a letter to Vice President Al Gore, the city of Hiroshima protested the Senate resolution which is seeking changes to the Enola Gay exhibit. Sponsored by Rep. Nancy

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NEW LEADERS—From left, Tamako Iio, Takenori Yamamoto, May Yamamoto and J. Craig Fong will form the board of the proposed JACL gay chapter in Los Angeles.

Group to start JACL gay chapter

Months after the National Council upheld the National Board's support of same-sex marriage, a meeting was held Nov. 6 for the purpose of forming JACL's first chapter devoted to gays and lesbians.

If the chapter fulfills the requirements for chapter formation, the "Asian and Pacific Islander Lambda Chapter" will focus on education and advocacy for gay men and lesbian issues from an Asian and Pacific Islander perspective.

Jay Craig Fong, who will act as interim co-president and is director of the western regional office of the Lambda Legal Defense, said, "We've had an overwhelming response from people who are interested in joining our chapter. We welcome gay men, lesbians, and

bi-sexuals as well as all others of good will who understand and support the issues that concern us. It is important to remember that this is not only about gay and lesbian issues, this is about JACL recognizing and supporting the civil rights for everyone because we are all family."

Referring to the same-sex marriage issue, May Yamamoto, former president, APAN chapter, and who will serve as interim co-president once the chapter is formed, said, "This chapter would not be possible without the support of the National Board and those that helped us pass the sanctioning of marriage for everyone regardless of sexual orientation."

"I am sincerely thankful for ev-

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MORE ON DEFICIT—JACL President Yasuhara agrees, calling for National Board action on budget crisis at Dec. 3-4 meeting ... page 3. Gracey Uyehara announces Annual Giving Fund to offset deficit ... page 5.



Mission at Bruyeres

JACL President Denny Yasuhara traveled to France at his own expense to pay tribute to the 442nd and 100th at commemorative events. See story, his speech on page 7.

Ishikawa named to Arizona court

Brian Keith Ishikawa, 38, native of Arizona and member of the Arizona Chapter, JACL, was recently appointed by Gov. Fife



ISHIKAWA

Symington to the Maricopa County Superior Court, Division 4. Ishikawa, who is scheduled to

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JACL concerned with new California immigration law

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has announced its concern over the passage of California State Proposition 187 and applauded the legal action of groups including the American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Touted by its supporters as the "Save Our State" initiative, the proposition seeks to deny public education and non-emergency health care, among other things, to undocumented residents.

JACL National President Denny Yasuhara explained the concerns of the organization regarding

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Man of the hour

Judge Lance Ito, second from left, poses with media attendees Sam Chu Lin, left, Wendy Tokuda, right, and Carol Lin at a recent Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics in Los Angeles. The judge presiding over the O.J. Simpson trial attended the event as a guest.

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Calendar

New York

Tue, Nov. 22—JACS's fifth benefit dinner concert, 6 p.m. cocktails, dinner at 7, program 8-10 p.m., Trion Bar/Bistro, Hilton Hotel, 540 St. 4th Avenue at the emerald, RSVP: info: 219-255-1881. NOTE: "Sea, Three Graces: Masao Morimoto, Hanako Shiratori, Masao Hoshino," singing stars of the "Yama no Ranzan," first million-selling record.

Rhode Island Providence

Ending Jan. 22—Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art exhibit of Noh robes from the Lucy Truman Aldrich Collection. Info: 401/454-6348. NOTE—A 150-page full-color catalog, "Patterns and Poetry," \$45/hd, \$30/st, with history of collection, entries by two Nagasaki of Tokyo National Museum, and weaving and wearing of the Noh costume available at RISD Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence, RI 02903.

Washington Seattle

Sat-Sun, Nov. 26-27—Seattle Cherry Blossom/Japanese Cultural Festival Community's fashion show, 1-5 p.m., both days. Bellevue Red Lion Hotel, 300-112th SE, Bellevue, info: 662-6693, 993-3999. NOTE: Kanago's Fall Holiday Collection.

1995: Sat, Feb. 11—Wing Luke Asian Museum an auction/celebration of Paul Horuchi, 5:30 p.m. preview, 6:30 p.m. dinner followed by auction, Westin Hotel, 1900-5th Ave., Downtown Seattle, RSVP Jan. 11, info: 623-5124.

Thu-Sat, Sept. 7-9—Nati MIS Reunion, DuPont Hotel, Tukwila, Wash., info: MIS Northwest, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98116.

Nevada Las Vegas

1995: Sun. April 30—San Jose Taiko Drum performance, 4 p.m., Lorenzi Park, tickets: Sada Tanaka 702/876-6716.

Arizona Phoenix

Fri-Sun, Nov. 18-20—Aki Matsun, Phoenix Civic Center, info: Joe Aliman 602/942-2832. **Sun, Nov. 27—Aki Matsun**, Scottsdale, info: Joe Aliman 602/942-2832.

1995: Sat-Sun, Feb. 25-26—11th annual Matsun-Festival of Japan, Patrons Park Phoenix. **Mar. 17-19—Gila River** camp reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn, Phoenix; registration forms/info available from Area Coordinators: No. Calif.: John Yatsuoka 415/929-1853, Lanny Ishihara, 415/493-2340, Roy Iida 916/391-0915, George Kluich 408/246-3511, No. Calif.: Sue Koyama 313/728-3514, Mas Fuka 310/334-0634, Chozo Masai 819/331-8636, Haruo Hayashi 805/489-2595, Anz. Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835, Central Calif.: Todd Yumura 209/227-2884, James Yamamoto 209/264-7924, Yo Masaki 209-86205, Hawaii: Helen Y. Masima 808/935-6078.

California San Francisco

Sat, Dec. 4—Nisei Widowed Group annual Christmas party, 12-5 p.m., info: Elise Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yum Mowaki 510/482-3280.

Peninsula

1995: Sat, Jan. 21-28—Nisei Ski Club "Live to Ski (Week) - Telluride (Colo)," info: David Tom, 815 Robie Ave. #7, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 415/235-1625. [Final deposit was by 11-15-94.]

Los Angeles/Orange County

Sat, Nov. 19—Kanago Sushi 'n' Shopping Day, noon-4 p.m., Warehouse 10, 18003 Sky Park Cir., G. Irvine, info: RSVP 800/404-2250. **Sat, Dec. 4—Radio** 101 Tokyo's 42nd anniversary luncheon, noon, New York Kok Restaurant, 2411 N. Broadway, L.A., info: 213/468-4688. **Through Nov. 11—Children's Art** from

Nagoya, L.A. City public libraries; for performance times and locales, call 213/617-6700. **x334 NOTE—Little Tokyo Branch** is included **Sat, Nov. 19—Book party**, George Takei, "The Stars: The Autobiography of George Takei, Star Trek's Mr. Spock," 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum (JANM), 369 E. 1st St., L.A. 213/625-0414.

Sun, Nov. 20—Readings, Mitsuyo Yamada, Wakako Yamachika, "Wrestling Tokyo: Asian American Writers Speak," JANM. **Sun, Nov. 27—Lecture**, "From Little Tokyo to Bronzeville and Back," Kariyam Yoda, PhD candidate in U.S. history at UCLA, 2 p.m., JANM.

Sat, Dec. 8, 11—Performance, "A Jivebreaker's Christmas," by Saachiko and Mad Magwili, 7:30 p.m., Sat-Sun, 4 p.m., JANM.

Sat, Dec. 10—Lecture, "The Concentration Camps: Psychological Coping and its After Effects," Amy Iwasaki Mass, MSW, associate professor at Whittier College, Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, 2 p.m., JANM.

1995: Sat, Feb. 4—Japan America Symphony Orchestra's fall-Berkeley concert, 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; info: 213/489-5060. NOTE—Pianist, Toshiyuki Sonoda performs Concerto No. 1 and No. 2.

Sat, Mar. 4—Japan America Symphony Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; info: 213/489-5060. NOTE—Pianist, Toshiyuki Sonoda performs Concerto No. 1 and No. 2.

Sun, Mar. 5—Japan America Symphony Orchestra's first Youth Concert, 4 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, Torrance, Admission free to under 18; info: 213/489-5060.

Mon, Wed, Mar. 13-15—JUSCUI S. Commerce Dept.'s Asia-Pacific Business Outlook Conference at Los Angeles, conference brochure now available, 213/740-7132, fax 740-7964.

Through Oct. 15, 1995—Major Exhibit American's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experiences," Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., 10-5, Fri. 11-8, closed Mon, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, 213/625-0414. [The outdoor exhibit of the Heart Mountain camp barracks is expected to be dismantled again by the end of January, 1995.]

JACL Calendar

Eastern Philadelphia

1995-Sat, Jan. 14—New Year's party, Orington Hotel, Evanston.

Midwest Chicago

Sat, Dec. 3—Chicago's 50th anniversary party, Orington Hotel, Evanston.

Wisconsin

Sat-Sun, Nov. 18-20—JACL Booth at Holiday Folk Fair, Milwaukee.

Mountain-Plains New Mexico

1995: July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC-T District Conference, hosted New Mexico JACL, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops: Total quality management for chapters; Finance and accounting for chapters; Grant-writing; Mythological persons and families in JACL; Intercultural conflict; Latino and African Americans in the Japanese American community; Second Amendment and Asian Americans; JACL dining? The atomic bomb 50 years later: what have we learned? Buddhist activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/863-1258.

Pacific Northwest Gresham-Troutdale

Sun, Dec. 11—Christmas party, Oregon Buddhist Church, Portland.

Northern California Berkeley/Diablo Valley

Sun, Dec. 4—JACL Berkeley/Diablo Valley installation luncheon, 1-4 p.m., Spring's Fish Grotto, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley, info: Joe Takano 510/526-4733.

Sat, Dec. 10—JACL Nisei Seniors meeting, 1:30-4 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1091 Hearst Ave., Berkeley.

San Mateo

Fri, Dec. 2—JACL/Community Center seniors matinee opera date, "Lucia di Lammermoor," San Francisco Opera House. Pre-opera workshop in Japanese and English at the Center, 415 S. Clement St., San Mateo, before bus leaves Buddhist Temple at 11:45 a.m. RSVP: Roz Enomoto, 415/343-2783.

Pacific Southwest

Fri, Dec. 2—JACL Nat'l/PSWDC "Visions for Tomorrow" dinner, silent auction/cocktails 5 p.m., dinner at 7, Hyatt Regency, Regency Ballroom, 711 S. Hope St., L.A., info: Carol Saito, 213/626-4471. NOTE—Honoring the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, represented by Rep. Norman Mineta, chair. [The National Board is convening Dec. 3-4 at the Hyatt Airport, LAX.]

Greater L.A. Singles

Fri, Dec. 9—Lecture, Rosalio Lopez MD, "Managed Care Health Plan, Medicare/Medicaid Supplement, B.p.m., Gardena Foundation Nat'l Savings, 2001 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. at Gramercy Pl., Gardena, info: Miyako Kaogawa 310/839-1194.

Sat, Dec. 17—13th annual installation and Christmas dinner/luncheon, Long Beach Naval Officers Club, Horseshore Point, 6 p.m. Cost: \$35 before Dec. 1. Send to Janet Okubo, 310/835-7568. Information: Miyako Kaogawa, 310/839-1194.

Arizona

Sat, Dec. 10—Christmas party, 1-4 p.m., JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, 602/521-1001.



From the JACL president

By DENNY YASUHARA

JACL budget crisis imminent

Early preliminary reports from the National JACL Budget Analysis Committee, an ad hoc committee which I appointed, has reached a consensus that action regarding JACL's 1995 operation budget must be taken at its December board meeting to avert a financial disaster for our membership in 1995.

In a phone call to me Sunday, Nov. 13, from Mae Takahashi, chair of the ad hoc committee, reported that the National Board must take action at its board meeting Dec. 3-4, in Los Angeles.

The report will be mailed to the chapter

presidents before the National Board meeting on that date. This is being done so that the membership would be aware of the extent of the budget crisis facing JACL and its board. It is the tragic consequence of deficit budgets since 1991 that were obscured by donations, Legacy Fund earnings and balanced with "funny money," as reported in the *Pacific Citizen* in October, 1994, and lax oversight of certain staff responsibilities.

Anticipated revenues or soft monies, which may or may not be received, should not be used to balance the budget of any

responsible organization. We would never do that in dealing with our own family finances. Why should one do that with someone else's money and an organization that belongs to people, our membership?

JACL's credibility as a responsible organization is at stake, not only to its membership, but to the larger community.

It will be left to this current board, its treasurer, Jon Kaji, and to me to demonstrate the responsibility needed to avert a financial disaster for JACL and its membership.

There is a positive side to this crisis in

that it can be corrected or averted by prompt responsible action by the board and appropriate internal operational procedures instituted so that this will not happen again. Not many boards get a chance to correct mistakes of their own making, but this one will. But it must be done on a fiscally sound basis and not with "funny money," and obviously cannot be done without painful budget reductions.

Yasuhara is JACL national president and a member of the Spokane chapter.

From the JACL staff

JACL staff written articles, columns and opinion pieces appear at the beginning of each edition of *Pacific Citizen*. These stories will be clearly marked "From JACL staff" and will not be edited unless they exceed 500 words.

JACL gives Redress Education Fund update

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) issued an update today on the status of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund in response to numerous requests for information.

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 provides for a nine-member Board to direct disbursements from the Education Fund to "sponsor research and public educational activities, and to publish and distribute the hearings, findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation, and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood."

Under the Act, President Clinton makes nominations to the Board subject to Senate confirmation. The Senate recessed before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee acted on President Clinton's nominees for the Board. Although Congress appropriated \$5 million for the Education Fund, until the nominees are confirmed the Board cannot determine its grant making pri-

orities or establish a grant application process. JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki explained, "If Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio), who chairs the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) and Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan) agreed, the nominations could be cleared during the lame duck session scheduled for the end of November to work on GATT. Alternatively, the President could make a recess appointment. Otherwise, the earliest the Board would be in place is next February or March."

Narasaki added, "We are concerned about the delay. Not only is the community eager to begin working with the Education Fund, but it could hamper our efforts to persuade Congress to make additional appropriations for the Education Fund next year. That is why JACL is urging the community to write to their Senators and to the President and urge them to complete the nomination process this year."

Other key senators on the Governmental Affairs Committee include Senators Sam Nunn (D-Ga), Carl Levin (D-Mich), David Pryor (D-Ark) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska).

JACL applauds appointments to Manzanar Historic Site Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauded the announcement by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt of his recent appointments to the National Manzanar Historic Site Advisory Commission. Secretary Babbitt named Ronald Izumita, Sue Embrey, Mas Okui, Keith Bright, William Michael, Glen Singley, Richard Stewart, Vernon Miller, Gann Matsuda, Martha Davis and Rose Ochi to the Commission, which will advise the Secretary with respect to

the development, management and interpretation of the site. The Commission has until March 3, 2002 to complete its work, which includes the preparation of a general management plan for the site.

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki stated, "JACL is pleased that the Commission is now ready for business. The individuals selected by Secretary Babbitt have a demonstrated commitment to this project and will serve with distinction."



D.C. notes

By KAREN NARASAKI

Election impact

The results of this year's elections have enormous implications for several of JACL's legislative priority issues. The historic change of control in the House of Representatives means that Representative Norman Mineta (D-Calif) will no longer wield the power of the Chairmanship of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee and Representative Robert Matsui will no longer command an important House Ways & Means Subcommittee. The loss of the Democrats of the Senate means that Senator Inouye no longer commands the powerful Defense Appropriations Committee and Senator Akaka no longer chairs a Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.

For issues like redress, this may have a grave impact. Over half of the members of the House have been elected since the passage of the 1992 redress amendments. Moreover, the relevant House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary will probably be chaired by Representative Harold Rogers (R-Ky), someone who voted against the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the subsequent amendment in 1989,

and blocked appropriations for the Education Fund in 1993. *Pacific Citizen* readers may recall that in the Subcommittee hearings on the Education Fund this year, that it was Mr. Rogers who said, "Can't we just promise never to do it again?" The Republicans who now control that Subcommittee have never been supporters of redress.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee is expected to be chaired by Senator William Roth (Del). Nominees to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board will have hearings before that Committee, but Senator Roth has consistently voted against redress.

The Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act now faces even greater hurdles. The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee is expected to be chaired by Senator Nancy Kassebaum (Kan) who led the attack against Wards Cove in this September's vote. Under her leadership, the Republicans unanimously voted against bringing the bill to the full Senate for a vote. It is uncertain what effect the new order will have on the immigration debate. On the other hand, staunch opponents of immigration such as

members of Congress such as Senator Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and Representatives Norman Mineta (D-Calif), Robert Matsui (D-Calif) and Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii).

Speakers have also included journalists, Administration officials and leaders from other civil rights organizations. Each JACL District Council may select up to two participants to attend the program. The \$800 tuition for the program, which includes housing, curriculum materials and some meals, is paid by the sponsoring chapter and District Council. Criteria for selection include demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to making an active contribution to the Japanese American community and to JACL.

Interested individuals should contact their JACL District Governors or Chapter Presidents for applications. Further information may be obtained from the JACL Washington, D.C. office at (202) 223-1240.

Representative Bill McCollum (Fla) and Senator Alan Simpson (Wyo) are now likely to control the key subcommittees in both the House and the Senate; on the other hand, Republicans, particularly those who hold true to a libertarian philosophy, may be more likely to oppose cuts in legal immigration. However, the Republican backed welfare reform legislation already included a provision to make legal permanent residents, regardless of whether they pay taxes, and how much they may have contributed to the economy, ineligible for almost every federal program from school lunches to health care. The good news is that civil rights legislation has always required bipartisan support. There are Republicans who, while they are fiscally conservative, are also concerned about civil rights. Also, JACL has 65 years of experience as a nonpartisan civil rights organization with members who are influential in each party. Strong leadership from JACL is crucial to meeting the many challenges we expect to see over the next two years from this historic 104th Congress.

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

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From the JACL staff

JACL applauds Clinton's nominations to Civil Liberties Public Education Fund

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauded the President Clinton's nominations to the "Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board." He has named Cherry Kinoshita, Yeichi Kuwayama, Dale Minami, Don Nakanishi, Father Robert Drinan, Elisa Kudo and Susan Hayase to the nine-member Board, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki said, "All of the President's distinguished appointees bring exceptional expertise and heartfelt commitment to the Education Fund Board. The Education Fund will be in very good hands." According to Narasaki, the President is expected to nominate the remaining two members of the Education Fund Board before the beginning of the next Congress.

Father Robert Drinan is a professor at Georgetown Law School. He was a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians. He is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Susan Hayase is a former chairperson of the San Jose Nihonmachi Outreach Committee and a steering committee member of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. She has helped to organize pilgrimages to the Tule Lake internment camp site. She is a recipient of a Justice Department Award for redress campaign volunteers.

Cherry Kinoshita is Vice Chair of JACL-Legislative Education Committee and a former National JACL Redress Chairperson. Kinoshita helped to coordinate the Seattle hearings of the Commission on

War-time Relocation & Internment of Civilians and received a Department of Justice Award for Public Service for her work on redress. Kinoshita was interned during World War II in Minidoka, Idaho.

Elisa Kudo (of Honolulu) was interned in Crystal City, Texas, during World War II as a Japanese Peruvian internee. She assisted in the research and writing of *Namida no Adios*, a book about the Japanese Peruvian internment experience. She is an active member of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project.

Yeichi Kuwayama resides in Washington, D.C. after retiring from a distinguished career in investment banking and as a financial specialist for the Department of Commerce, and the Securities Exchange Commission. A World War II veteran, Kuwayama served as a medic in the famed 442nd RCT.

Dale Minami is a partner in Minami, Lew, Tamaki and Lee. One of the co-founders of the Asian Law Caucus, he was the lead attorney for Fred Korematsu's coram nobis appeal which successfully challenged Korematsu's World War II conviction for disobeying the internment order.

Don Nakanishi is the Director of the Asian American Studies Center and Associate Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Graduate School of Education. He has written extensively on the subject of Japanese Americans and the internment.

Supplemental major medical coverage endorsed

CHICAGO—The JACL Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan is now available to members and their families regardless of age. The plan provides up to \$1,000,000 of protection with nursing home and home health benefits.

The JACL Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan is designed as supplemental coverage. When the extraordinary expenses of a catastrophic illness or injury are incurred, the plan takes over when

basic hospitalization insurance, major medical insurance or Medicare run out.

The enrollment period for this plan ends Dec. 15, 1994. Members will be receiving complete information through the mail. Information: Insurance administrator: Albert H. Wohlers & Co., JACL Group Insurance Plans, 1440 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL, 60068-1400. Or call its customer service department toll-free: 800/323-2106.

CRISIS

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In budget discussions, staff and committee members reported an approximate total deficit for JACL in 1995 of \$280,000. Earlier, Patti Paganini, JACL business manager, had submitted a report to the districts projecting a deficit for 1994 of \$187,653.

In making its recommendations to the National Board, the committee will present solutions to balance the budget. The committee said the solutions will be based on the goal of zero tolerance for deficit spending, with the presentation of a zero-balance budget based on hard and not "soft monies."

On the national staff side, committee members said that among the scenarios that must be considered are reductions in programs and/or staff—but that these kinds of decisions must be faced by the National Board. While fund-raising could be proposed as an answer, Tsukahara and Matsumoto called these "soft money" that could not be relied upon as realistic budget balance strategies.

Takahashi is scheduled to send complete reports to National Board members so that they will be prepared to make substantive decisions at the Dec. 3-4 meeting.

DOCTOR

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a state agency under the Department of Consumer Affairs. It oversees and monitors physicians in California, granting medical licenses and investigating complaints. As chief medical consultant, Ikeda, who was appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian, oversees a staff of 8 regional medical consultants who investigate complaints against physicians.

In a June 20 proposal, Arnett recommended changing the requirements and usage of regional medical consultants. In the pro-

posal it lists proposed minimum requirements for chief medical consultant and regional medical consultant which "eliminates Dr. Calvo and Dr. Navarro" and "eliminates Dr. Ikeda and Dr. Vu."

"Dixon Arnett submitted his 'modest' proposals which eliminated out of nine full-time Regional Medical Consultants, four who happened to be the only Asians. If not outright racist, it was to say the least totally insensitive to protected groups and the need to keep balance," said Ikeda in a prepared statement.

Responding to Ikeda's charges, Arnett said in a prepared statement, "Dr. Richard Ikeda's charges are without foundation and are the fiction of a person whose job was declared obsolete by a formal vote of the medical board on July 29, 1994."

The executive director said that if Ikeda were serious about his charges, he would file a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing or in Superior Court.

"Dr. Ikeda's purposeful form of complaint is via memos to the board and now a modest media spectacle. At my initiative, I have requested that his baseless (in my opinion) charges be formally investigated by the board's parent agency, the Department of Consumer Affairs," said Arnett.

Other charges Ikeda is alleging include:

● In a May 17 meeting, Arnett accused Ikeda of taking papers off of his desk. During the course of the meeting, Ikeda claims that Arnett was physically and verbally abusive, pushing Ikeda and yelling at him.

● A workshop for Filipino American physicians Ikeda was supposed to participate in was cancelled. Ikeda says the other two panelists were told not to participate on the panel with Ikeda.

"Both Filipino Americans were told not to appear on the panel with me. Both felt intimidated and

coerced. Both work in Enforcement, the responsibility of the executive director, Dixon Arnett," said Ikeda.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Ikeda said he is seeking Arnett's removal from his position as executive director.

"I want him out. There is no place in state services for anybody that practices discrimination—1942 should have taught us that," said Ikeda.

Candis Cohen, spokeswoman, California Medical Association, said that Ikeda did not go through proper channels when he lodged his complaint directly to the medical board.

"Dixon wants his name cleared, that's why he requested the formal investigation," said Cohen. Because the investigation is still underway the board, which oversees 13 district offices, has not taken a position on the case.

Some members of various Sacramento civil rights organizations took exception to Arnett's calling Ikeda's case "a modest media spectacle."

Debra Oto-Kent, former chapter president, Sacramento Chapter, JACL, said, "This is my message to express my deep concern for the way that Dixon Arnett responded to the press conference putting forth serious charges of discrimination against him. As a past president of the Japanese American Citizens League, I am acutely aware that this is how racism and ethnic harassment is perpetuated in our society."

In a joint statement, Pastor S.C. Carthen, president, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and Charles Gwyn, Sacramento Chapter, NAACP, said in response to Arnett's comment, "We were gravely disappointed in Mr. Arnett's prepared response that this was simply a 'media spectacle.' This is the type of insensitivity Mr. Arnett has displayed consistently regarding this matter."

Commentary

By GRAYCE UYEHARA

Mayday for JACL



JACL needs fixing. The leadership must act fast to respond to President Denny Yasuhara's plan to make decisions that go far beyond "tinkering" with budget figures.

The leadership decisions on JACL finances will have to be more than the wake-up call made by the treasurer. A good example for JACL to follow comes from the Nov. 6 New York City Marathon. German Silva of Mexico clocked the 26 miles 385 yards distance in 2 hours, 11 minutes and 21 seconds. Silva momentarily lost his concentration near the end of the route. He took a detour in Central Park, saw his error and quickly reversed himself to get back on course. Silva had lost 12 or 13 seconds and added 25 to 30 yards, yet managed to come in first, just two seconds ahead of his countryman who placed second.

JACL will benefit from emulating Silva; that is, when faced with the problem of mistaken direction, go into reverse away from the wrong course. Then stay focused with your goal clearly in sight and move forward as fast as you can.

JACL, without funds, is standing still. Not much can happen unless we have funds to support the 1994-96 Program For Action. Without worthwhile programs which are unique to JACL and which can best be done by JACL, JACL will not receive foundation and corporate funding support. In recent years, these funding organizations have had to become more selective with more and more non-profit organizations seeking funds.

President Yasuhara has taken several steps to bring credibility to JACL's financial situation. First, with the appointment of Mae Takahashi of Clovis Chapter, a past governor and the fundraising chair of JACL-LEC after Harry Kajihara relinquished this position when he was elected JACL National President, to chair the ad hoc committee for budget/finance, the National Board will receive a complete analysis of the budgetary problem. The ad hoc committee will make recommendations for corrective measures. The board carries the fiduciary duty among its responsibilities.

Secondly, the Legacy Fund Campaign Committee at its meeting on April 9 recognized the inability of JACL to reach the goal

set for the Legacy Fund. The recommendation to expand JACL's development program to provide several ongoing opportunities for individuals to contribute financial support to JACL. The National Council set October, 1995, as the date to conclude the Legacy Fund Campaign. Two programs were recommended for ongoing opportunities for members and supporters to provide financial support to JACL: Annual Giving and Planned Giving. This month the Annual Giving appeal will reach the JACL membership to respond to the 65-year-old organization's Mayday call.

Why should the membership respond to this appeal? JACL is the oldest and largest human rights organization which has a 65-year history of eliminating the discriminatory barriers directed against the Nikkei in America. Discrimination has not been eliminated.

JACL is the national organization with a network of 114 chapters whose goal is to secure and protect the rights and welfare of Japanese Americans for all generations. The strength of JACL comes from that network which no other Asian American organization has to carry out the long-established mission of JACL. This year JACL extended its networking strength with the addition of the Southeast Chapter with its base in Atlanta, and the Alaska Chapter based in Anchorage. The network must be preserved and expanded.

Eleven JACL members, all long-time JACL members, support the Annual Giving Program as one of the steps to bring financial viability to JACL. They recognize annual giving from the membership who believe in JACL's mission is an opportunity to provide additional financial support on a regular basis. Denny Yasuhara and I have added the support of the following to the appeal: Toko Fujii, Helen Kawa-goe, Lillian Kimura, Cherry Kijoshita, Cressey Nakagawa, Roy Nishikawa, Etsu Masooka, Izumi Taniguchi, Shake Ushio, Shig Wakamatsu and Betty Waki.

The Annual Giving appeal is possible with the support and efforts of Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, and Clay Harada, assistant director for membership.

While the National Board takes on the task of resolving the crisis

of the financial problems of JACL, the JACL membership is asked to respond to the kickoff of the Annual Giving Appeal as generously as possible. The Mayday call is to the JACL membership who believe that JACL must continue with its mission for the well-being of our community, and keep intact.

The financial problem faced by JACL is not ours alone. More non-profit organizations have had to act on the reality of deficit financing of budgets in the past several years, and many have already made drastic cuts to face the reality of decreased financial support of its membership and supporters. To do and think otherwise is to behave like the ostrich with its head in the ground.

Moreover, an organization faced with life-threatening problems cannot have its leadership band-aiding, holding back and thinking that the problem will go away by temporary measures. Such measures will only make the problem worse. The board will have to look at its membership, chapters and how the organization makes decisions.

When JACL leadership shares the problem fully with its membership and lays out the plan for fiduciary responsibility, the core of membership who believes there is a real need for JACL to continue will provide the financial support to enable JACL to survive.

The social philosopher, Peter F. Drucker, in his November *Atlantic Monthly* article argues that Americans "are in the midst of the most extreme societal changes in recorded history." He wrote his essay before the shock-wave of the national election left many concerned Americans stunned about the future of our democracy.

The Annual Giving Program calls for support of JACL membership to give the present leadership time to set the JACL house in order. We will need JACL to be among the organizations who can participate in ensuring our societal changes to be in the best interest of our membership and community.

Uyehara is development chairwoman, Pro-tem, of the Annual Giving campaign as well as chairwoman of the Legacy Fund Committee.

New Nikkei faces rise in politics

Meet two new Japanese American Democrats who succeeded in the topsy-turvy Nov. 8 elections. **Kip Tokuda** (D), Seattle JACL president last year, won, with a convincing 85% over his opponent Daniel Ellis to the Washington State House in the 37th District race. He joins Filipina American Velma Veloria, who ran unopposed for the District 11 seat. Tokuda is the third Japanese American to serve, succeeding in Chinese American Gary Locke's seat to carry on the tradition of "putting people first." Kip is executive director of the Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, a 1969 graduate of University of Washington with a Master's of Social Work in 1973.

Stan Matsunaka (D), 40, of Loveland won in a head-to-head battle over the incumbent Republican Jim Roberts in the Colorado state senate District 15 race in Larimer County. An attorney and



KIP TOKUDA
Successful in Washington state

graduate of Colorado State, he is the first Japanese American in the state legislature since Seiji Horiochi (R) was elected in '62 to the state House. (Check Bill Hosokawa's column, Sept. '94, for background.)

In the Congressional races, back for the 104th Congress will be

Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Reps. Norman Mineta (D-15th Dist., San Jose, Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-5th Dist., Sacramento, Calif.), Patsy T. Mink (D-2nd, Honolulu, Hawaii), and Jay Kim (R-41st Dist., Ontario-Yorba Linda, Calif.). In his second bid, Riverside JACLer Mark Takano (D) lost to incumbent Ken Calvert (R-43rd Dist., Riverside, Calif.). In San Francisco's 8th District, Elsie Chennig (R) was swamped by incumbent Nancy Pelosi's 81% majority.

American Samoa's delegate, Eni Faleomavaega (D) collected 63% of the votes and Guam's delegate, Robert Underwood (D) ran unopposed.

In Hawaii's senate elections, Lt. Gov. Ben Cayetano (D) won the governorship over Patricia Saiki (R). He is the first Filipino American governor. Mazie Hirono

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From the Legacy Fund chair

A biennial report 1992-1994

By GRAYCE UYEHARA

The Legacy Fund Campaign Committee reported to the National Council at Denver that the Legacy Fund reached \$3,453,809.76 since the campaign was kicked off in September, 1990. The goal was \$10 million for a three-year campaign. The National Council approved extension of the campaign to October, 1995.

We now report that as of June 30, 1994, less than 50% of the goal, \$4,516,077.63, has been achieved over the four years of fund-raising for the Fund.

The economic downturn which impacted on contributions became evident not only to JACL but to most non-profit organizations. This past year has been the most disappointing for volunteer fund-raisers.

JACL is going through a period of drastic change. Unfortunately, our present image is one of an organization divided. Until we reorganize with a sense of purpose acceptable to the majority of our members and chapters, JACL will run into further difficulty to get additional funds from its membership and from corporations and foundations. We will have to improve our marketability with a zest of an organization advancing on its clearly programmed mission.

So for now, the \$10 million goal is no longer a realistic one for JACL.

A quick review shows 11 chapters did reach their assigned goal: Selma, San Luis Obispo, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus, Cleveland, Detroit, Twin Cities, St. Louis, Wisconsin and Philadelphia.

Five chapters have passed the 70% mark: Clovis, Delano, Monterey Peninsula, Pocatello-Blackfoot and Cincinnati.

Sixteen chapters have passed the 50% mark: Stockton, Salinas Valley, Berkeley, Diablo Valley, Fresno, Reedley, Pasadena, Santa Maria, Puyallup Valley, Lake Washington, Mile-Hi, Chicago, Dayton, Hoosier, Washington, D.C. Only five of the aforementioned chapters have assignments of over \$150,000.

Seattle, the only chapter exceeding its \$200,000 assignment, is one of the 12 chapters with assignments from \$200,000 to \$435,000. The remaining 11 chapters have not reached 50%.

The performance review tells us that unless the larger chapters participate and succeed in raising at least 50% of their assignment, JACL's ability to raise large sums seems limited.

The Campaign Committee revised the goal for October, 1995, to \$5,700,000. This amount should provide a corpus of \$5 million and \$700,000 for campaign expenditures for the five-year period.

The \$4,516,077.63 could be considered good news since at no time in JACL's fund-raising history have we passed the \$500,000 mark. Without the leadership and the chapter support along with other community contributors who recognized the past accomplishments of the organization, JACL would not have been able to establish the Legacy Fund.

The Campaign Committee will present other options for continuing to increase the endowments. The committee will complete plans for such a program during the final year of the campaign.

At this time, we appeal to the 51 chapters who have not reached the 30% mark to think about meeting their obligation to give JACL a strong financial foundation. If each chapter does its best to meet its fair share, there will surely be a difference in the results. The successful chapters have already shown that chapters can generate contributions to the Legacy Fund.

On behalf of the Legacy Fund Campaign Committee and JACL, we thank all the Legacy Fund Campaign Coordinators who did their best for the Legacy Fund. We also thank the chapters who put on special fund-raising events to provide additional funds, such as the Greater Los Angeles Singles and San Francisco Chapters. We thank the National JACL Credit Union in Salt Lake City for their generous \$10,000 contribution.

Several chapters have initiated fund-raising for the Legacy Fund this year. The Legacy Fund Campaign Committee reminds contributors that the campaign runs until October, 1995. For those individuals who have already given and for those who are considering contributing to non-profit organizations in December, we ask that you consider the JACL Legacy Fund.

Through your generous support, the Legacy Fund hopes to pass the \$5 million mark.

Please use the Legacy Fund contribution form which is on this page.

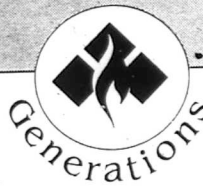
Contributions received for 1994, as of Oct. 31, are \$190,503, according to the unaudited report. Expenditures for the campaign is about \$23,000.

The complete financial report will be published in the Pacific Citizen early next year.

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The JACL National Board and the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee wish to acknowledge the contributions of our many members and friends. The following is a list of contributions received between July 1, 1994 and October 31, 1994. Because of these generous contributions, the Legacy Fund is nearing the \$4.5 million mark. The names listed below reflect the cumulative contribution of a donor.

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Nisei vets revisit Bruyeres, Biffontaine



442ND IN BRUYERES—Historic picture of Nisei soldiers marching through the French town, Bruyeres, which celebrated its 50th anniversary of the liberation on October 16, 1994.

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

BRUYERES, France — Some 300 Nisei veterans and a welcome sight of some Caucasian officers of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team from the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii returned to commemorate the 50th anniversary celebration of the liberation of two French towns of Bruyeres and Biffontaine in the southern Vosges Mountains in eastern France over the Oct. 14-16 weekend.

Overall, there were 600 Nikkei, in addition to 200 hosts and friends from the area, U.S. Army support and French military bands present, and another 1,500 witnessing the parade and ceremonies in the town square at Bruyeres.

At the site where the 442nd started its big push over the hills near Bruyeres through the dark forests in October, 1944, to rescue the Texas Lost Battalion, stands a monument with a JACL plaque which was dedicated in 1947.

The idea for this monument was originated by the late Larry Tajiri, then editor of the *Pacific Citizen*.

Nearly, the Friendship Knot designed and donated by the sculptor Shinkichi

(Larry's younger brother No. 3) Tajiri of Baarlo, Holland, was unveiled with a plaque testifying to the heroism and sacrifices of the Nisei who had volunteered from the American concentration camps of 1942.

With French and Japanese media coverage, close to 900 were present at the wreath-laying in the woods, where grass-covered ground indentations still bare the spots where huge foxholes were dug with logs overhead to ward off mid-air shrapnel and tree bursts. Fifty years ago, it was cold, wet and damp here. This weekend, the sun was up and the mountain air was crisp, autumn colors tinting the birch and elms.

In remarks made during the weekend ceremonies, Denny Yasuhara, national JACL president, recalled that JACL placed a plaque reaffirming "that loyalty to one's country is not modified by racial origin — *que la loyauté au pays ne s'exprime pas par l'origine raciale*" Yasuhara's reading of the French text was a total surprise to many JACLers here as were his closing comments in French to his hosts.

Yasuhara acknowledged the petitions signed by thousands of local French citizens who had appealed to President Reagan to sign the redress bill. And it was a per-

sonal pilgrimage for the JACL president to publicly pay tribute to the 442nd, the 100th and to his oldest brother, Sgt. George Sawada, who was killed in action shortly after landing in Italy, and to his older brother, Fred, who was wounded during the liberation of Biffontaine. It was also the first time that a national JACL president in office spoke in Europe.

At the site of Rescue of the Lost Battalion stands a monument, its text all in French attesting to the heroism and valor of Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, nothing about their being of Japanese origin, only that they came from Hawaii. This was

a perception that riled Yasuhara, asserting the contingent from the Mainland should be credited and remembered.

Representing Mainland veterans and friends was a Yonsei from Torrance, Calif., Claudine Cababa, who read extracts from letters written by her granduncle, Pfc. Ted Fujioka (Anti-Tank Co. of Hollywood/Heart Mountain, killed in action soon after the rescue of the Lost Battalion, and buried at Epinal American Military Cemetery in the Vosges.

"Bruyeres: What It Means to Me" is the working title of Honda's feature to be in the Holiday Issue next month.)

President Yasuhara's speech at Biffontaine

Mayor George Henry, Mr. Jean Bianchette, honored guests, people of Biffontaine, members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, their families and friends,

I am here today as a matter of duty, but, like many of you, it has been more of a journey of love and gratitude. This occasion is very special to me and my family, not only as the National President of the Japanese American Citizens League, but because we have close friends who are members of both units and my brother George Sawada was killed in Italy while serving with the 442nd and my brother Fred was with the 100th and was wounded several times, the first at Cassino and the last time in the battle for Biffontaine.

From unwanted orphans of the U.S. Army, rejected by General Eisenhower, they rose to be one of the elite assault troops in the armies of Europe, sought after by nearly every general in the European Theater and according to some military historians, the most decorated unit of its size and length of service in U.S. military history.

Yet the honors and decorations themselves only begin to tell the story of the 442nd and 100th. No greater risks, no greater burden were ever carried into battle by any other U.S. Army unit, for upon their shoulders literally rested the

fate of their parents, wives, brothers and sisters and all Japanese Americans, suspected and maligned, 116,000 of them languished in unjustified shame and anguish in America's internment camps, prisoners in their own country.

What would have happened had the 100th Infantry Battalion failed at Anzio and Cassino? What would have happened had they and the 442nd failed at Little Cassino, at Belvedere, the Arno River and failed to breach the Gothic line? What would have happened had not the 442nd and 100th spearheaded the Allied drive in Southern France, in the climactic Battle of Bruyeres, Biffontaine and the rescue of the Lost Battalion?

Yes, what would have happened to us all?

Sit to was to be that a small unit of men in a remote corner of the earth, would fight for the honor of a country not their own and for the honor of their families and all Japanese Americans. So that one day, a boy of 16, could look at himself, not in shame but with pride in who he is. Seldom in the course of human history has so few, done so much for so many. The greatest gift that one human being can give to another is not their wealth or position, but their honor and their dignity for that is the essence of freedom. For a little wonder why I shall cherish their memory for as long as I live.

JA museum gives international feel to family expo



FAMILIAR SIGHT—Reconstructed guard tower is part of exhibit on display in Little Tokyo sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum.

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

LOS ANGELES—At a glance, the magnanimous effort by the Japanese American National Museum and the huge turnout, estimated over 25,000, for its three-day Family Expo Weekend, Nov. 11-13 here, was a 3-D perception of Nikkei identity. An in-depth look was inaugurated upon the Nikkei in Latin America.

Keynote: Japanese Ambassador

Hidetoshi Ukawa to Brazil, recently stationed at New York City, was encouraged by the international aspect: "I have argued and continue to believe that diversity is desirable. And that we need to be careful, therefore, that we do not impose a certain assessment or a value judgment on others." He was introduced by Francis Sogi, New York attorney, president of the Japanese American National Museum.

The International Nikkei Symposium

opened the weekend activities, a forum for speakers from Canada, Mexico, Peru and Brazil with dialogue with 200 present on preservation, education and sharing experiences at the L.A. Hilton Hotel.

Speaking were Carlos Kasuga, international president of Pan American Nikkei Association, director of the 90th Anniversary Committee on Japanese Immigration to Mexico (1987); Mamoru Kawamoto, president, Cultural Nikkei Foundation of Peru; Audrey Kobayashi,



INOUE

Ph.D.; National Association of Japanese Canadians, director of the Institute of Women's Studies and professor of geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.; Shozo Motoyama, Ph.D., director, Historic Museum of Japanese Immigration to Brazil; and James Hirabayashi, Ph.D., curator, JANM. Moderating was Samuel H. Yamashita, Ph.D., history department chair, Pomona College.

The broad lesson of immigrants to the United States was reflected by Sen. Daniel Inouye, the 1994 JANM Distinguished Medal of Honor awardee for lifetime achievements in professional and civic work. Speaking at the annual fall dinner Saturday at the L.A. Convention Center, Inouye hoped that "we make immigrant a friendly word." He cited immigrants had provided "skills, intelligence and also defended us in time of war."

Over 1,300 were present. Ernest Doizaki was dinner chairman and emcee. Others paying tribute to the senator included Maj. Gen. James Muroyama of Chicago, the Army's ranking Japanese American general officer, Gen. Gen. Shigeru Noboru and Bill Ouchi, chief of staff to Mayor Riordan. Ouchi mentioned Inouye was emcee at his wedding years back.

Throughout the three days of the attractive Family Expo were a hundred community-based booths and displays at the Convention Center and in Little Tokyo the new exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps," at JANM. Across the street is Heart Mountain camp barracks, dismantled last summer in Wyoming, and reassembled by volunteers at E. 1st and Central Ave.

The Hiroshima musical group kicked off the Expo celebration. KABC-TV newscaster Steven Noh emceed. Among the major exhibitors were:

Sons & Daughters of the 100th/442nd RCT of Southern California. The Rafu Shippo, volunteers from all ten relocation centers, JACL PSW, South Bay and Alaska chapters and 100 more with historic pictures, literature and memorabilia from churches, veteran, social action, cultural, and community groups. About half were commercial, displaying and selling books, mementos, handcraft and jewelry.

JANM executive director/president Irene Hirano thanked the turnout of over 400 volunteers. She also hoped Phase II of the museum project comes up where the reassembled Heart Mountain barracks stands. An earlier plan situated Phase II to the north of the present site.

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

This book looks at both sides of the ocean

From time to time friends in Seattle have been sending me clippings from the *Post-Intelligencer*, one of the city's two daily newspapers. Mostly, the clippings are of stories by Evelyn Iritani, the P-I's Pacific Rim specialist. She reports frequently from the western reaches of the ocean that links the state of Washington to what in times past was referred to as the mysterious Far East.

Iritani's stories have stripped away much of that mystery for the P-I's several hundred thousand readers. I have admired her reporting, her perception, her writing style, and envied her opportunity to interview interesting people in Asia and tell her readers what she saw and heard and felt.

Now she has come out with a book that in essence is four different stories that take place in and around the Olympic Peninsula, the massive and ruggedly beautiful outcropping of land that shelters Seattle from the restless Pacific. The book is titled "An Ocean Between Us" (William Morrow, \$23), but it just as well could have been called "An Ocean That Links Us."

It starts with the tale of three shipwrecked

Japanese sailors who, after drifting across the Pacific, reach the western tip of the Olympic peninsula in 1834. They are rescued and enslaved by a tribe of what used to be called Indians. It ends with an account of the impact a Japanese paper company—with its different management style—has on employees when it buys and revives a failing paper mill in the town of Port Angeles.

In between are the stories of the Ossa family, Japanese immigrants and their Nisei children, who run a little restaurant on the Port Angeles waterfront, and of a preacher's family who by an improbable and tragic turn of events is victimized by one of Japan's desperate efforts in World War II to inflict damage on the United States.

Iritani has used the Pacific Ocean to symbolize the chasm that divides Japan and the United States, and the links that tie them together. It is not an altogether successful tactic, but perhaps the weakness is in the relative sparseness of the individual stories. Each is but an episode, unrelated except for the setting and that

they deal with conflicts between Americans and Japanese. Each possibly might have been expanded successfully into a book of its own.

Recent Nikki creative writing largely has been autobiographical, or of the "lordy, how we suffered" Evacuation genre. Iritani's book is a welcome step beyond them.

Of course there is a place for ethnic books. They are valuable in relating bits within the story of the nation and should be encouraged. But they are of limited appeal. Iritani has addressed the mainstream of American life by treating a critical international issue in terms of its impact on common people on both sides of the ocean between us. Her closing words are thoughtful:

"Those entering the uncharted waters of the Pacific Century would be wise to pay heed to those who are forging ahead. Know your destination, study the currents, and never turn your back on the waves." ☐

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

Letters

Reader says 'sayonara' to JACL

There is an adage, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." This characterizes the state of affairs of JACL. Sayonara!

P.S. Regarding Mineta's plea at the National Convention, leave it to Mineta to give the issue a political spin. What is NOT needed is the input of a politician.

Clarence Neda
Omaha, Neb.

Feels out of touch with a monthly PC

What's happened—a monthly PC? I already feel detached from JACL with the PC coming once a month. It'll be worse for JACLers back east where they have no Japanese American papers.

Luis Yamakawa
Latin America Chapter, JACL

JACL stand wrong on illegal immigration initiative

Looks like JACL is barking up the wrong tree again. Prop. 187 (Save Our State) is not about immigrant-bashing as some contend but is a means to deny free public education and health care for illegal aliens. Is JACL in favor of supporting criminals? I cannot accept the notion that Americans are against immigrants because nearly all of us have had pioneering ancestors at one time who came to America seeking a better life. All Americans should do what is right for all Americans.

Illegal aliens have been given a free ride on the backs of decent hard-working, tax-paying Americans for too long. When will all this end? Some will argue that these illegal immigrants work at jobs unwanted by others. These immigrants work hard and pay their share of taxes. But does this preclude their responsibility to obtain legal status? There are still many people patiently waiting in line for this privilege.

Again some will also argue that teachers and health care professionals will be forced to administer police-like duties to check and screen suspects (usually minorities) of their legal status. But then it is the duty of all Americans to report illegal activities of its people. If all this means is that all of us as Americans will some day have to carry credentials to verify our legal status, then so be it! This may become the price of citizenship. It may also become a symbol of validity and pride rather than of suspicion and notoriety.

The arguments against Prop. 187 are weak and irrational. JACL must do better to bring all Americans together. Its credibility and support is on the line.

Ray Uchiyama
President, West Valley Chapter, JACL



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Hapa, Happa & Happi

WE'VE ALL HEARD the term "hapa," believing, as did I, that we knew what it meant. I never bothered to check the *jitens* (dictionary) as to its precise meaning. In preparing this column, of course, turned to the *jitens* and wish to confess, upfront, that I don't have a clue. In fact, on the occasions that I've heard the term used, I thought it was being mispronounced. I thought it should be "happa."

Why? I dunno.

OF COURSE, there's the term "ai-no-ko" which I roughly knew meant the offsprings of interracial unions. Here, again, I'd never looked up the term, simply thinking that my hunch as to how it might be written in nihongo might be correct, namely: ai (love), no (of, from) and ko (child—"child of love"). But I was unable to explain to myself why such a romantic label ascribed only or particularly to offspring of interracial unions. Also, to qualify as an *ainoko*, must one of the parents be a *haole* or a Westerner? Taking a Nikkei as one of the parents, what if the non-Nikkei parent is

an Asian-Indian, or Filipino, or Chinese?

The lines readily become hazy or non-existent.

AI-NO-KO is written in *ai-nohago* as *au* (to unite combine with agree with) with *aida* (interval, space, relationship) followed *no* (of, from) and ending with *ko* (child). Put it all together and roughly translates into "child-of-cross-breeding." Not nearly as romantic as my ignorant translation of "child-of-love." A nearby entry in the *jitens* was *ai-no-ko bento*, an intriguing suggestion of a gustatory fare which nonetheless might yield a hint toward our search for the root meaning.

Not so. The term simply means "semi-Western lunch," whatever that may consist of. (*Toku-uan* on rye bread, and hold the "mayo.")

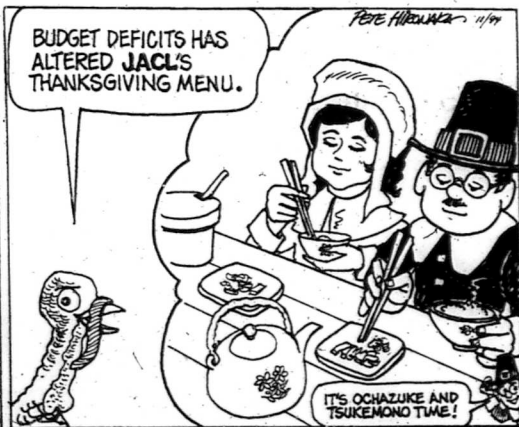
I SEARCHED for both *hapa* as well as *happa*, resorting to a dictionary on Japanese colloquial words. I found nothing on *hapa*. As for *happa*, there were three different terms with different meanings: one

refers to "leaves" such as on a tree; another to "blasting" (*hatsu* = "discharge" + *yaburu* = "tear, crush, transgressing" to list a few); and the third definition, simply "eight birds." Although I've heard of "partridges in pear tree." I have no clue to the significance of "eight birds" in Japanese lore.

So, again, I find myself stymied.

UNDOUBTEDLY, THERE ARE scholars out there who can clear this all up derivation, pronunciation and how it is written, whether it is *hapa* or *happa*. By the way, the *jitens* also listed *happi* on the same page, the reference being to a workman's lively coat. In this country we refer to them as "happy (happi) coats." I, also noted the intriguing term *happi-endo*. Yup, you're right if you said it means "happy ending."

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



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By the board

By BARRY SAIKI

Responding to critics of JACL's wartime role

Reference is made to letters (to the media) by Takasumi Kojima and Mits Kouchiyama outlining a list of charges against the prewar and wartime JACL leadership.

I would like to compliment Mr. Kojima for the research he has done on the WRA centers and to thank him for the copies he has provided me for distribution to appropriate resource centers. Then, I would like to reply to some of his criticisms about the wartime JACL leadership of 50 years ago, which he has done in good faith within the parameters of his experience.

First, let me offer my comments in regards to Mr. Kouchiyama. I am fairly cognizant about his steadfast belief in the convictions he pursued during the war, including the conviction that he served. His personal choice could be lauded as heroic and commendable, and exonerated may warrant a badge of courage for Americanism. He needs to recognize that if everyone had adopted his position, right or wrong, the Nisei would never have received Redress nor would we have achieved the current level of acceptance in our American society.

More than 30,000 Nisei and Kibei served in the U.S. armed forces (almost all in the Army, since they received no choice). Their participation and contributions, which in-

cluded the 100th/442nd, the MIS and an estimated 12,000 more who served in dozens of other units, in all wartime theaters, the Occupation of Germany and Japan, and the Korean War, certainly provided the solid platform from which JACL and other Nikkei and supportive organizations could advocate equal rights for us in the 1960s to the 1980s.

Certainly, Frank Emi and Mr. Kouchiyama will not begrudge those of us who were either volunteers or draftees in the military services of our personal choices to serve during the troubled years of wartime relocation. For some, *namida zo tomete* (holding back the tears), they went to fulfill their destinies.

Both Mr. Emi and Mr. Kouchiyama were present at the recent national JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, where they were provided with a venue to express their viewpoints before the participants.

Now, let me comment on the five events that were listed by Mr. Kojima.

1. He stated that the local chapters of JACL were favorably selected to serve as liaison and thus established arbitrary leaderships in the various camps. The fact is that there were no other organization of consequence which could have undertaken the tasks, so the selection of JACL chapters

where they existed was logical, if not pre-ordained.

Everyone was aware that the roundup of all leaders of the Japanese Associations, the Buddhist churches, and the Hokubei Butoku Kai (fencing associations) meant that there were no viable organizations in the Nihonmachi communities. One could say that there were some Boy Scout troops, a few members in some tolerant social clubs or in athletic clubs.

The reality was that the incarceration of the Issei leadership severely disrupted the major activities, including the economy, within the Japantowns throughout California, and in Oregon and Washington as well.

As for what Jimmie Sakamoto or Walter Tsukamoto, or other JACL leaders may or may not have done, I have no personal or direct knowledge. Yet, I do believe that these men did not act with malice or for mere self-enrichment and that they honestly and sincerely thought that what they did or did not do was for the good of the Japanese communities. Also brought up were the charges of cronyism in some of the WRA centers. These were said to have been in Wagera, Manzanar, Poston and Tule Lake.

Please note that I was not a JACL mem-

ber in the 1940s. As a senior at UC Berkeley, when the war began, I then considered JACL to be mainly a professional and elitist organization.

With all Japanese American communities in complete disarray, by arrests of Issei leaders, travel restrictions, curfew, freezing of bank accounts and a growing number of incidents against those living in the ghettoed communities, many were wary of assuming leadership. Into this breach, JACL had to assume leadership by the default of other groups.

After three murders and a half dozen attacks against residents of Nihonmachi, and faced by the thunderous flow of anti-Japanese and anti-Japanese American propaganda by hostile press and public opinion, few were willing to fight against evacuation, at least in San Joaquin County, to be another victim.

The JACL did not play an overly dominant role in the Stockton Assembly Center or the Rohwer Relocation Center. The chapter aided in the registration leading up to the evacuation; however it did not become

Barry Saiki, Stockton Chapter, JACL, is national vice president, public affairs.

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Come-on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

Methods & Goals

Some time ago a management expert by the name of Peter Drucker wrote in the *Harvard Business Review* how important it was for managers to distinguish between methods and goals. Drucker wrote how the "KITA" (kick in the a--approach) was a nemesis to managers and while short term productivity increases may occur, in the long haul KITA managers were fooling themselves. The Drucker approach found its way into more contemporary management style studies as evident in the well-known Japanese-style of managing people. Team management and quality circles appear to be an off shoot of the Drucker scenario.

Issei and Nisei had a similar concept. In one word it was called *chanto*... doing it right.

As I understood the concept of *chanto*, it was more than just meeting a goal. Whether it was sweeping the sidewalk in front of my Dad's Dry Cleaners, taking out the trash, getting along with peers, or Kendo, *chanto* had the meaning of doing something properly. It meant more than just winning; it involved more than just getting a job done. The term had more to do with taking a broader perspective of the task, and looking at both method and goal.

As a fraternal organization the *Japanese American Citizens League* would do well to consider some of those characteristics we learned from our elders. The concept of *chanto* is one of them.

The business sessions of the 33rd Biennial Convention is a case in point. It was a virtual nightmare of policy and procedure.

- Delegates were expected to vote upon measures that were being distributed at the same time of the vote (i.e. PC amendments).

- Amendments to motions were made "in committee", but to date no one can factually account for who committee members were or whether, in fact, they were made by an unauthorized "committee of one" (PC "technical revisions").

There is evidence to suggest that some District Resolutions that were improperly submitted were passed to individuals for Chapter endorsement, and when called upon the individual had to be told what their motion was, and prompted from the floor what they were to say (PSWDC PC resolutions). A document as critical as the proposed national budget was improperly submitted, and budget spokespersons did not appear to have a clue as to what was being proposed.

The budget adoption procedure was so convoluted that the distance of the Sayonara Banquet had to be interrupted, expelling the guests, to allow the convention delegates to re-convene to adopt a one year plan (Biennial Budget). A pre-convention committee (Credentialed) voted to authorize illegal representatives seated on the convention floor; because of erroneous credentialing notices sent by staff. An illegally conceived voting procedure (youth representation) was sustained denying the one chapter one vote rule.

And there were more...

Fortunately, Helen Kawagoe was present as Parliamentarian to help. But, as most responsible delegates know, a Parliamentarian acts only to rule on matters presented to him or her for a ruling. They are not binding; only advisory to the chair. It is the chair that rules.

For the record, it is important to note that many of these procedural violations were made prior to the opening session of the Council. Consequently, most of the delegates were unaware of the manipulations that had occurred. However, it is clear that Robert's was held in abeyance or ignored.

This sets up a challenge to several of the actions of the National Council.

Inherent to the United States, Robert's Rules of Order is the procedural law of organizational behavior. Whether the body is legislative, private lodge or deliberative assembly, it is Robert's that sets the basic rules and procedures. Violations are null and void. Actions taken by a deliberative assembly that are inconsistent with its Bylaws and/or Robert's are invalid.

- The rules of Robert's are clear, but what has become unclear are some of the actions taken by the National Council. It appears that a good number of resolutions presented to the Council were handled improperly. Under Robert's these actions are null and void.

Members of the "X-generation" and their cohorts argue that JACL is a civil rights organization. But, can a civil rights organization exist and/or operate above procedural law?

Come-on Sense: Chanto Shinasai...

Karl K Nobuyuki was a delegate at the 33rd Biennial Convention and is Chapter President of the San Fernando Valley JACL.

By the board

By NEAL TANIGUCHI

The '95 challenge: membership recruitment

This is a new biennium, and we have a job to do! Our goal is to increase membership by 1,000, organization-wide, during this coming biennium. To achieve our goal, I need your help. Membership recruitment is not a one-person responsibility. It is the responsibility of the entire organization. We must all pitch in for the common good. We must all believe that we will achieve the membership goal of 1,000 new members by 1996.

For my part, I will give you my sense of how we will proceed. I will work with you to give you the tools you need to recruit new members. I will visit with all of the districts, at least once, during this biennium to lend my support and to share with you some of the successful methods of recruiting members. My personal goal is to bring

in at least ten new members and to restart the Golden Gate Chapter, which became inactive this past biennium.

Let me emphasize, however, membership recruitment is, more than anything, a positive commitment to promoting the organization. You have to be committed to the JACL in order to be selling memberships. You have to be proud of what you are selling. You have to be willing to brag about the accomplishments and principles of JACL.

At the national level, we have much to brag about. We won the Bruce Yamashita case and changed the course of military policy on the treatment of minorities. We won appeals cases on redress compensation. We helped get the redress education fund approved in Congress. We have a

stellar reputation as a civil rights organization on Capitol Hill. We have a successful education initiative program in JACL. We have enormous interest in JACL from the youth.

As we start this biennium, I would like each member, as well as the chapter leadership, to begin thinking about how you might increase your chapter's membership by 5 percent. Please think about the following:

- Who are the potential members in your local community? What are their interests? How can you find out what they want? I encourage you to not limit yourself to just the Japanese American community. Be pragmatic. Be inclusive: Are there non-Japanese Americans out there who may subscribe to JACL's goals and objectives?

- Take inventory of the programs and activities for which your chapter can be proud. Think about why these programs are important to your chapter and why these programs would be important to potential new members.

- Discuss your chapter's weaknesses. Think about how your chapter can improve on those weaknesses.

- How do we retain our current members? What can we do to keep them interested in JACL?

We have a challenging goal to achieve this biennium, but I know we can do it!

Taniguchi is JACL vice president, membership and services.



Sidebar

By MEI NAKANO

Thanksgiving

Dear Jason,

Imagine getting an invitation from you for Thanksgiving dinner. Whoa. Grandpa and I were bowled over. Over the river and through the woods to Jason's house we'll go. In the old sleigh, turkey in tow. (You will provide the grandma in me for offering that. Can't quite get with this shift in the pattern of family dynamics, you see. Not to be queen bee in the kitchen, buzzing traffic and producing vittles is a big one. But I'll get it. I'll get it.)

You must be wondering at this letter, since we do most of our chitchat by phone, sometimes via your pager. And you know my aversion to that instrument—the telephone, that is—so we don't carry on for long. Anyhow, here it is. You know how we usually take turns around the feast table to tell the one thing that we are especially thankful for? Thought I'd say mine now, up close and personal, so as not to embarrass you.

Anyhow, it's hard to sandwich serious talk between the wisecracking and jollity that goes on at our table.

What I am most thankful for today, at this moment, is that you have somehow found your way to becoming a whole person, caring and compassionate, strong too, and aware of your responsibilities as a human being on planet earth. I am grateful for that, not only for your sake for you are very dear to me, but because I see in you hope for a society racing to hell on roller blades.

Your hosting the Thanksgiving dinner for us seems to me a clear marker of maturity and of your commitment to—no, your rootedness, in family. I am convinced that people lucky enough to have been loved and cared for by those close to them, their putative families, so to speak, have a priceless anchor to hold them steady through fierce winds. You have been one of those lucky ones.

Oh, I know. It nearly broke your heart when your mom and dad split up. And you wanted so desperately for them to get back together and be your mom and dad. But now, as you look back, I think you must know that they did just that, having made a vow at the time they parted, that no matter how things sorted out, they would each do everything in their power to make life OK for you. That enormous love, that deep sense of responsibility toward you, is what gave you your anchor.

I think it must be hard for you too because you fall into the category (at least in age) of what some people call Generation X. If you hate that label, as I suspect you do, and most minority twenty-somethings do, I can't blame you. I mean, the image! Beavis and Butthead in their twenties. Huh, huh, X-ers often come off in the media, in fact and fiction, as affluent do-nothings, with little but sex and odd haircuts on your

minds. No social consciousness, no sense of the future, no regard for anyone but themselves. I know you have to strain not to buy into that stereotype. I know that because we Japanese Americans are routinely imaged as a passive, self-satisfied lot, the "model minority." When you go against the public's expectations of what they think you are, it's like you've just landed from Mars, or something.

You feel weird—a lot. But then, take a look at the folks who are putting out those images—those forty-and-older folks. "They should talk!" They're dumping something like a \$4 trillion debt in the laps of you twenty-somethings, not to mention a society where the haves have more, and the have-nots have less and grow in size. "I'm afraid this is going to worsen in the coming years, what with the moneyed ones coming into power in the election. We're surely headed for a throwback to the Reagan years, when

the rich got gifted with huge tax breaks for a trickle-down economy that never trickled. While we should be pooling resources for health care, for a better environment, for providing needs to the less fortunate, we build more jails, put more cops and cars on the streets, close our eyes and hope to wake up in heaven. We are in deep doo doo.

That's why I am thankful for you, you; with your political consciousness and your anchor. I have a feeling that when you are ready, you are going to be counted. I won't be here, but right now that gives me hope.

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

Chapter president challenges status of Progressive Westside Chapter

By GWEN MURANAKA

Assistant editor

Pacific Southwest District Governor Ruth Mizobe has convened an ad hoc committee to look into a series of allegations made by Karl Nobuyuki, president, San Fernando Valley Chapter, regarding the status of the Progressive Westside Chapter and the Pacific Southwest District executive committee.

The committee is made up of Mizobe, Nobuyuki and Miyako Kadogawa, Greater L.A. Singles Chapter.

After role call had been taken at the Nov. 6 PSW district meeting, Nobuyuki challenged the credentials of the Progressive Westside Chapter, which had been ruled a chapter not in "good standing" by the National Board in 1992.

Progressive Westside was reactivated shortly before the national convention and sent delegates to the convention in Salt Lake City.

Among the requirements of a chapter in "good standing" in the JACL constitution is that it must have at least 25 members, paid all district and national dues by June 30 in a non-convention year and 60 days prior to the National Convention.

"I think that Progressive Westside is a good standing chapter based on the fact that they were fully credentialed at convention," said Mizobe.

Nobuyuki responded, "The fact of the matter is that once chapter notice has been posted, a national committee has to look into its credentials."

The San Fernando Valley president pointed out that as of the 1993 membership report the chapter only listed 3 members, while the required number of members for a chapter in good standing is 25.

A member of the Progressive Westside chapter was in attendance at the meeting and indicated that the chapter currently

has the required 25 members.

Nobuyuki also challenged the make-up of the Pacific Southwest District executive committee, alleging that because there are 4 members of the same chapter on the executive committee, it constituted non-compliance with JACL's bylaws and Robert's Rules.

"On one hand we can't say we're civil rights organization and then spend the rules. We have to bite the bullet and do it right," said Nobuyuki.

Some members expressed frustration.

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Personally speaking



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Law

Kathleen Akao, 46, assistant Santa Cruz county counsel, was elected to the superior court bench, Dept. 4, in the June 7 elections. None of the 23 Asian-Pacific American Superior Court judges in California have been elected by the people directly from the bar. She is the first female Asian on the superior court while there are four Asian women on the Los Angeles County Superior Court. She finished San Jose State University in English, from Santa Clara University school of law ('81) and had practiced in Santa Clara county, worked with the local American Bar Association redress committee enlisting internships to testify at the CWIRC hearings. Her parents, Tek and Lillian Wakatsuki Katayama, reside in Oxnard. Her father is a 442nd veteran; her mother was in Manzanar. A Long Beach-born Sansei and widow, her son Kris attends UC Santa Barbara.

Diplomats

Newly appointed Japanese consul general in Los Angeles, **Seiichi Noboru** paid courtesy calls with local civic officials in March. He received a county plaque from County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. Prior to his assignment here, Noboru was economic minister in Japan's Washington embassy.



NOBORU

Former vice minister of foreign affairs, **Hisashi Owada**, who had resigned in August of 1993 as the ministry's top bureaucrat, was named Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, last March. Owada is known as the father of Crown Prince Masako, the wife of Crown Prince Naruhiko. He succeeds **Yoshio Hatano**.

Former Japanese consul general **Atsushi Tokinoya** at San Francisco was recalled to Tokyo and named director general of the foreign ministry's North American Affairs Bureau. He was succeeded in San Francisco by **Ryozo Kato**.

Government

President Clinton was scheduled to nominate **Rachelle Chong**, Stockton-born attorney, to the Federal Communications Commission. She is currently a partner in the international law firm of Graham & James, specializing in telecommunications law. Prior to joining the firm in 1987, she practiced communications law before joining the FCC for three years. She is UC Berkeley graduate in political science and journalism, a 1984 graduate of

Hastings College of Law, and member of both the California and District of Columbia bar.

Entertainment

"The Second City," a young cast doing some funny and accurate bits in the tradition of "Saturday Night Live," made its debut in Detroit in January, earning critical raves. Member of the troupe, 24-year-old **Sury Nakamura** of Chicago, was picked the actress of the year by the *Oakland, Mich.* Press critic John Kennet of Pontiac, Mich. She has been with The Second City's national touring company since 1991, performed with the *Mina Sano*-no (New York) and toured Russia as part of an international theatre festival. Detroit is the third metropolitan area to be home to a Second City theatre, joining Chicago and Toronto. The theatre has nurtured talent and entertainers for 35 years, and has been in the vanguard of humor which lampoons the political, social and cultural scenes.

Honors

Cultural personalities and corporate citizens who have blessed Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center over the past years were honored at its 14th annual Pacific Pioneers Award celebration at the Japan America Theatre and Banquet-Under-the Stars on the plaza.

The honored personalities were **Kats Kunitatsu**, the first staffer hired in 1975 by JACC, virtuoso and composer **Kazuo Kudo** of the Miyagi School of Koto, Toyota Motors (USA) President/CEO **Yukiyo Togo** and his wife **Misako**. Of the enterprises being recognized were the Bank of Tokyo and its California subsidiary, Citicorp Bank, and the Union Pacific Foundation of railroad fame.

Program, emceed by Superior Court Judge **Kathryn Doi Todd**, was pleasantly interspersed with entertainment. Artists were June Kuramoto, Derek Nakamoto, the Japanese Festival Sounds featuring Johnny Mori, Danny Yamamoto and George Abe, Azuma Harusume dancers Sumako II, Kikusue and Hisatsuma; soloist Montonette Jenkins, accompanist David Iwataki, and a 10-piece ensemble of the Japan America Symphony Orchestra with Yukiyo Togo as guest conductor.

Presentation of the awards was a stellar cross-section of civic and business leaders: Min Tomai, JACC president; Toshikazu Terasawa, JACC board chairman; Richard Farman, board chair/CEO, So. Calif. Gas Co.; Shinji Sakai, president, Toyota Motor Sales USA, JBA president and dinner co-chairs Kazunori Amano, president of Nipponendo, Los Angeles; former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and Mrs. James D. Hodgson.

Past Mayor Tom Bradley led the toast. Dr. Fred Sakurai, dinner co-chair, gave closing remarks with music by Scott Nagatani & Friends for the evening that drew some 600 Southlanders.

Arthur T. Mitsumori, 82, was inducted into the newly established Illinois Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at Springfield Aug. 15 with nine other community leaders. The Nisei was cited for his wartime services, volunteering from Tule Lake to serve with the U.S. Military Intelligence Service in Burma and China, and his 12-year effort to build the first Keiro (Asian American) nursing home in the Midwest.

Veteran filmmaker and community activist **Alan Kondo, 43**, a student of film at Loyola

Daniel Fukushima inducted into sports hall of fame

Fresno-born Daniel Fukushima, 73, of San Jose was inducted to the California Coaches Association (CAA) Hall of Fame at its annual Coach of the Year banquet at Walnut Creek last spring. His basketball odyssey spans six decades and three continents, enriched by a long association with the CCA, plus two terms as president for two terms in the 1980s.

His basketball playing days began prewar in Los Angeles at Virgil and Thomas Starr King Jr. High, Montebello High lightweights ('34-'38), at Fullerton JC ('41) and in the all-Nisei JAUAs six-footer with Montebello Gophers. During WWII, he starred on the Manzanar and Poston camp teams ('42-'43) and with the U.S. Army All Stars of Camp Blending, Fla. ('44), with the 90th Depot Army All Stars ('45) in Europe, and inducted in the states with the Ft. Snelling MIS All Stars ('45-'46) and Presidio of Monterey ('46-'47).

After the military, he returned to Nisei competition, garnered the Nisei Athletic Union all-star center honors and was the *San Francisco Nisei* Ft. Nisei Athlete of the Year ('55).

A UC Berkeley graduate in political science and physical education, he was the first Japanese American to coach basketball at the high school and junior college levels. He also doubled as a journalism / English teacher at James Lick High, San Jose, in the 1950s.

His coaching began while at

Cal, as mentor of the 145-lb. squad. In 1919, he became head coach at East Contra Costa (now Diablo Valley) College, taking his team to the finals of the Hartwell Small Colleges Tournament. He became head coach at San Jose James Lick High School in 1955 and went on to compile a record of 353 wins and 20 winning seasons, 17 of them consecutively.

His skills were shared at basketball clinics conducted throughout Japan ('64 and '73), World University Games ('73) and as advisory coach to the U.S. Prep All-Stars in Mexico City ('73).

Hereafter, his coaching and teaching honors followed in rapid fashion: James Lick's

DANIEL FUKUSHIMA
Basketball honors

Teacher of the Year ('67), a PTA Lifetime Honorary membership ('67), Santa Clara County backboard club coach of the year ('73), California coach of the year, District VIII coach of the year, U.S. Coach of the Year, inducted to the Naismith Memorial High School Basketball Hall of Fame, and titled as "the nation's most honored high school basketball coach" that year.

In 1980, the Central Japanese Collegiate Association presented him with their distinguished service medal and the Japan Amateur Basketball Association its distinguished service scroll signed by Prince Takamatsu in 1981. He had a high school basketball pavilion in a San Jose school district named in his honor in 1985.

River (Idaho) School Board, **Christine Wada**, was elected to a three-year term on the National School Boards Association board of directors. A Pocotalto-Blackfoot JACLer and a registered dental hygienist, she was elected trustee in 1982 to represent the Pingree-Rockford area. She is also president of the Idaho School Board Association and active with the Idaho Reform Committee and the Idaho Job Training Council. She and her husband Albert, a local farmer, have four children. "I first ran for the Snake River trustee position because I wanted to better understand the education process and make it as good as it can be for all children," Wada told the *Idaho State Journal*. "And it's still my main goal."

Verner R. Naito, a native of Portland, Ore., and a 1977 graduate of Pomona College, was elected president of the Pomona College Alumni Association for 1994-95. Since receiving his MBA from Harvard in '82, he has been a management consultant to high tech and financial service companies and as a chief financial officer.

He is currently director of planning at Atlas Telecom, SA, in Portland, and active with the Oregon Historical Society, University Club and the Japanese Ancestral Society.

Norma S. Tazoi of Santa Ana, a senior comprehensive care registered nurse with the Orange County Health Care Agency since 1984, was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to the Governor's Research Advisory Panel, which reviews and approves research applications for studies of controlled substances and for research into treatment of drug habitation. Active with the JACL, she earned her nursing degree at USC and a master's in education at CSU-Los Angeles. She was chair of the Atascadero State Hospital advisory board from 1988-1991.

Milestones

Last May 25, **Joe Iwao Ozawa, 83**, and his wife **Atsuko, 90**, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in San Francisco with their family of three children, Koji (of San Francisco), Sumiko Sugihara of Pinole, Tomio of San Francisco, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Issei couple hail from Hiroshima, ran a candy store and dry-cleaning business in prewar San Francisco, endured three-and-a-half years in Topaz and rebuilt their lives postwar in San Francisco as a domestic and garment workers.

They were both naturalized U.S. citizens in 1954-55.

to the training and development of ophthalmologists in Japan and promoting academic exchanges between U.S. and Japan. The San Francisco-born had trained graduates from Japan during his 40-year tenure at Harvard Medical School and the National Institutes of Health.

Education

A senior trustee on the Snake

Late James Nakano honored for contributions to health field

The National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has paid tribute to the late Dr. James N. Nakano (1922-1990), a microbiologist whose work on polio and smallpox stand out and who was recognized as a major force in setting CDC's scientific and public service standards, according to former NCID director, Frederick A. Murphy. He noted also Nakano was an early leader in the design of CDC laboratories for handling high-risk pathogens. As the annual NCID recognition program in May, the

James H. Nakano Citation was instituted and awarded to all authors of papers nominated by the NCID for the Charles C. Shephard Award.

Nakano, who received his Ph.D. at Stanford in 1953, joined the CDC in 1955. At retirement in 1987, he was chief of CDC's poxvirus laboratory and director of World Health Organization's Center for Smallpox and Other Poxvirus Infections.

Nakano is survived by his wife Margaret, a Southeast Asian, and two sons, Philip and Jeffrey, who are both surgeons.

Marymount University, received the \$1,000 prize this year from the Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund, an award perpetuating Tatsukawa's legacy for commitment to Asian Pacific American media development or who has dedicated themselves to activism in the Asian Pacific community. Kondo, a native of Toronto, who joined the Little Tokyo-based Visual Communications, edited educational documentaries for public schools, VC's own *Waterford: Birds of Passage, Cruisin' J. Town, Chinatown Two-Step, Kits & Other Tales, Tracks and Vite* during the past two decades, and produced-directed *I Told You So*, which integrates the poetry of Lawson Inada with gritty black & white images of Fresno. Kondo edited *Hito Hata: Raise the Banner* (1980) that aired on PBS. The past decade he has been with Transamerica Life and worked on NCR's video chronicling the Redders movement, *Justice Now! Reparations Now!* (1988). He is married to Ruth Wakabayashi and they have three daughters, Akemi, Masayo and Kimiko.

Onetime director of the National Eye Institute and professor of biochemical ophthalmology at Harvard, **Dr. Jin Kinoshita, 71**, of El Cerrito, Calif., was presented with the Order of the Rising Sun with Neck Ribbon by Japanese Consul General Ryozo Kato at San Francisco in May for his contribu-

Books

Written and compiled by
HARRY K. HONDA

Children

A koi for Kimiko

Kroll, Virginia, and illus. Katherine Roundtree. *A Carp for Kimiko* (1993). Charlesbridge Publishing, 83 Main St., Watertown, MA 02172; 30pp, 10x8", full color, \$14.95 (hard).

Richly illustrated in color, *Kimiko* (she must be about 5 years old, although I may be off a year either way, looking at the picture) wants a paper carp to fly on Children's Day in May just like the boys have. She is then reminded by her mother of the special dolls of Hina-Matsuri displayed on Girl's Day in March. The story, of course, has a nice ending: Kimiko wakes up the morning after May 5 to find a live calico carp swimming in a bowl of water.

Perhaps, Nikkei parents and grandparents will want to add the Japanese words or expressions as pictured. Obviously, for readers and children who are hearing about these Japanese holidays for the first time, they are also introduced to Japanese words for grandmother "ohhahsan," grandfather "ohhahsan," father "ohhahsan," mother "ohhahsan," son "moosookoh," and daughter "moosookoh."

If your Nihongo is on-line, the children will hear how these words should be said, besides the way most Nisei remember calling "papa-san" and "mama-san."

Say it with pictures

Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey* (1993). Houghton Mifflin, Boston; 32pp, 10x12", color, \$14.95 (hard).

Allen Say wrote and illustrated, in capsule fashion for children, the four-generation cascade of the Japanese in America. The story depicts mainland America, particularly California, of the Issei who came in the 1900s. He returns to Japan to get married, comes back to start their home in San Francisco. A daughter is born and when she is nearly grown, the family goes back to Japan. There, the daughter falls in love, is married and a son is born, who is later told by the grandfather about his experiences in California. But war intervenes, the bombs fall, and with the war's end, grandson (none of them are named) goes back and lives in the California of his grandfather.

While not a typical Japanese American family story, certainly not the story of many Issei who arranged to have their bride come with a picture in hand, stayed and raised their family, the two cultures are woven well by Allen Say, a Yokohama-born San Franciscan who has written and illustrated other books, the latest being "The Paper Crane."

Japanese American

A personal history

Hosaka, Fred. *Shortchanged in America: A Story of Hardship*. Fred T. Hosaka, HC 83, Box 5770, Coquille, OR 97423; (1993), 175pp/5.5x8.5, photographs. \$15 (shipping included).

We should expect to review more "personal histories" of Japanese American families and of the travail endured during World War II, which spawned the Evacuation and internment camps. I say this because the Preface, penned by the author's cousin Akio Kuratomi, provides some "how to" guidelines.

One of Fred Hosaka's grandsons got him to talk about his youth — of struggling through the Depression for his personal identity somewhere between the old country morals and traditions of his Issei parents and the contemporary lifestyles of his Akuijin classmates.

In the process, memories surfaced, prompting him to write about his father who came over in 1905 and died in camp in 1943 in Lonsburg, N.M. Fred engaged in research (and at the Mormon Genealogical Center, Salt Lake City), interviewed those who knew him, starting with his oldest sister, and if the Issei friends had passed on, the children were questioned.

Opening pages include photos, the family tree and the mom, the family crest, and the story quickly flies into Mission Valley of San Diego, where he worked on a farm.

Studded with names of his friends, adding a pioneer touch to the tale of Issei in San Diego, it's the key to add appeal to the Japanese American story. The snapshots all helped, too.

The final untitled chapter tells of seven Hosaka children leaving Poston I. The 30 brief, preceding chapters mine the records of the hard times. They need not be repeated for you and I as senior citizen Nisei have experienced them, too.

Hysteria in Hawaii

Tamura, Ellen H., foreword by Roger Daniels. *Women in Minnesota, Pacific Asian Press; John Nobuya Tsuchida, and Ethnic Identity: The Nisei Generation in Hawaii*. University of Illinois Press, 1325 S. Oak St., Champaign, IL 61820; (1994), 326pp / 6x9"; appendix, endnotes, works cited, index. \$19.95 paper, \$49.95 cloth.

In review

Spreading Nisei roots

Reflections: Memoirs of Japanese American Women in Minnesota, Pacific Asian Press; John Nobuya Tsuchida, ed. (1994), University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Office for Minority and Special Studies Affairs, 1901 University Ave. SE, #310, Minneapolis, MN, 55414; 434 pages, hardcover, \$35.19 postpaid.

When this Nisei group of women from the West Coast wanted to gather their memoirs to commemorate their 50 years in Minnesota "before it became too late to do so," historian and lawyer John Tsuchida at the University of Minnesota was asked and accepted their request to compile the anthology. He couldn't say no to octogenarian Ruth N. Tanbara, who hosted a luncheon in 1991 to start the project that became a book of 14 personal essays.

The front cover, incidentally, features their photographs (circa 50 years ago?): Ruth Nomura Tanbara, Gladys Ishida Stone, Mary Mariko (Yokota) Ogura, Chisako Joyce (Higuchi) Hayabashi, Tai Shigeki, Kimi Yamada Yanari, Martha Inouye Oye, Mabe Mitsuyo Oye, Umura, Toshiko Baba Yonji, Alice Abe Matsumoto, Haruko Kuramoto Hashimoto, Esther Teri Suzuki, Mary Takao Yoshida, Yoshi Uchiyama Tani.

Of personal interest, Ruth's late husband, Earl Tanbara, was P.C.'s first business manager and later co-editor in the 1930s. Reading her chapter, I discovered he was advertising manager for the Dollar Steamship Lines since 1928. And it's that way throughout —

A French treasure for the Nikkei

Moulin, Pierre. *U.S. Samurais in Bruyères* (English tr 1993), Pierre Moulin, PO Box 8591, Honolulu, HI 96830; 375pp, 8x12", over 200 color and 650 b/w photos, maps, preface by Francois Mitterrand, President of France, \$70 (hard). [Also, NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94103, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012]

First published in French five years ago, Pierre Moulin tells the incredible story of Japanese Americans to the people of France. For Moulin, who was born in 1948 in Bruyères, his initial point was having heard the story from his father, Moulin, a historian, spent the next 20 years pursuing the story. The love and passion for people, his pride of country and home and dedication

reading bits about the "other half" so that the anthology is more than of the 14 ladies. We found, warmly remembered, bits about their parents, their families and friends who were influential along the way from childhood, through the Evacuation ordeal, education and the sinking of their roots into Minnesota.

Editorial recognition is given in the preface of the first Nisei to relocate to Minnesota, Kimi Hara. "No history of the Japanese Americans in Minnesota would be complete without recording what she has done not only for her community but also for the State of Minnesota." She was unable to finish her memoir due to illness and injuries.

An unexpected exception, Linda van Doosjevoort (a Nisei) was able to piece together her late mother's story of Haruko Hashimoto, pre-war Walnut Grove, Calif., with help of her Nisei friends. But she was inspired by photo albums and her mom's thorough record-keeping of scrapbooks.

Thanks to a JACL Legacy Fund grant and personal redress funds, according to Tanbara, books are being presented to organizations, friends and relatives who helped the Nisei during the early resettlement days in Minnesota, plus the International Institute of Minnesota, St. Paul YWCA, Family Service Agency of Minnesota.

Here's a bottom line: How this book was put together is sketched in the acknowledgment. Others may be inspired.

—HARRY K. HONDA

The personality of Topaz

Taylor, Sandra C. *Jewel of the Desert: Japanese American Internment at Topaz* (1993), University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720; 6x9", 362pp, b/w photos, 4 maps, \$35.00 (cloth).

The author's 19-page preface best speaks to the book's title. A professor of history at the University of Utah, Sandra Taylor also co-edited the papers read at the 1983 conference and published as "Japanese Americans: From Relocation to Redress" (1986). She observes that interest in the wartime Evacuation and relocation had "grown slightly because of the redress movement" and that the Hollywood film, *Come See the Paradise*, "did not enlighten but rather perpetuated a vague image based on stereotypes and some factual errors." Then the Persian Gulf War of 1991 worried Arab Americans, who were lumped together with the Iraqi enemy.

Dr. Taylor delves into the history and experiences of those who were evacuated from the San Francisco Bay area to Topaz, particularly at how they kept their "sense of community and self-worth alive in spite of the upheavals of internment." She has drawn on the interviews of former Topaz internees, the archives and newspapers.

Her book differs from other studies "But to identify relocation as an evil does not mean that all who were interned were victimized in the same way, or that those administered their confinement were necessarily evil men and women who sought to harm them." Dr. Taylor explains "Many Japanese Americans did not allow themselves to become victims, either physically or psychologically. Some were resilient and determined, and their successes in postwar America bear testimony to the stupidity of incarcerating them."

There follows a study of the break-up of the prewar Bay Area communities and creation of postwar communities in northern California.

Those who attended the National JACL Convention in August in Salt Lake City and spent a day visiting the Topaz campus, *Jewel of the Desert* is solid groundwork and a best bet to better visualize what occurred there 50 years ago as the place is bleak, a "topaz" in the desert.

At the Smithsonian Institution exhibit, "For a More Perfect Union," is a photograph of the late George Inagaki (or someone who summed up like him 20 years ago) getting a haircut in Topaz. But more surprising was the huge sign on the door: BARBAR SHOP.

Book notes:

Ronald Takaki has published his latest, *Adifferant Mirror: A History of Multicultural America* (Little Brown, 1993), by weaving an epic tale of cultural pride and the many faces of America. In her review for the *Seattle Times/Post-Intelligencer*, Seattle Community College counselor Lydia Minatoya (author of *Talking to High Monks in the Snow*, a memoir which examines culture and personal identity) called Takaki's latest "a surprisingly intimate journey... a forceful book. In the end, we are left with the understanding that with cultural pride comes the capacity for cultural contempt. And that each of us must examine the dynamics of race — humanity's enduring fear of the outsider — before we can begin to live as *unum*." Of the final chapter of four pages, covering the events since World War II to the 1963 March of Washington, Minatoya found it was "the only weakness compared to the originality and texture found in rest of the book... yet this is a mild complaint."

Thelma Chang was recently honored at the first Ka Palapala Po'okela Book Awards luncheon by the Hawaii Book Publishers Association "for excellence in writing nonfiction" — *I Can Never Forget: Men of the 190th/442nd*, (Sigi Productions, 1993). Sigi Productions was honored "for excellence in technical production."

Joanne Ikeda, a UC Berkeley dietician, is the author of a booklet offering advice for parents of overweight kids, *If My Child is Too Fat, What Should I Do About It?* (ANR Publications, University of California, Berkeley, 6701 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, CA, 94608, \$1.50). Toward the end, she says to parents: "Examine your eating habits. Your child may simply be imitating you."

The "hysteria" in Hawaii, often called the Pacific Paradise, is richly represented in the Nisei generation growing up in the prewar period — striving to be good American citizens while expected to cultivate the best of their Japanese heritage. Making for a lively presentation are the plethora of quotes from the Nisei themselves, crisp summaries of sociological studies pertinent to the book, and the careful definition of terms.

A big plus is Dr. Tamura's introductory chapters of Hawaii after it was "discovered" by Captain Cook in 1778, and accounts of the laborers who were to follow from China, Japan, the Philippines, the Azores and Madeira Islands.

The case of Bruce Yamashita with the USMC has the similar ring in the denial of Tatsue Fujita of her teaching credentials in Hawaii because Dean Benjamin West said she was "undemocratic" and for being "pro-Japanese," as recounted by newspaper columnist Tomizo Katsumasa in 1939. Nonetheless, teaching and nursing were the leading professions for Nisei women after the war.

Of course, the best opportunity for self-esteem and identity came for thousands of Nisei men who left the plantations after Pearl Harbor and joined the 100th/442nd and MIS. What Pearl Harbor meant to the Nisei is only touched by the Saneel educational historian at the University of Hawaii in an ill-fated book, the second in a series on the Asian American experience. The first one, *The Hood River Issei* by another Tamura, was reviewed in the April 15 P.C.J.

to write the first book in French about Americans of Japanese Ancestry are confirmed as one goes through, page by page, *U.S. Samurais in Bruyères*.

We see postcard scenes of turn-of-the-century Bruyères, panorama and streets of today in color, when it was under German Occupation between 1940-44, its liberation and photos of the men of the Texas Lost Battalion walking out after their rescue by the 442nd.

As for President Mitterrand's preface, he was a staff sergeant in the French Army, wounded and hospitalized at the hospital in Bruyères in 1940, when the Germans occupied the town. Still groggy, he woke up as a POW in Stalag IX. He escaped, was recaptured and was to make two more attempts. The third escape was good, and he joined the French Resistance. His political career carried him to the presidency in 1981 and was re-elected in 1988.

Printed in Luxembourg where the author lives today, this has to be the heaviest book for its size in our library. Happily we found Pierre Moulin autographing the book at the MIS Capital Reunion in Washington, D.C., and bought our copy. Incidentally, it's not found in book stores. Proceeds from the book go toward Nisei veterans groups and the Peace and Freedom Trail, the path the 442nd took in 1944, entering Bruyères, to the spot where the Lost Battalion was rescued, and pursuing the retreating Nazis beyond Biffontaine. The trail was dedicated in 1989, the bicentennial of the French republic.

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butions and concerns of Asian Pacific Americans and works to protect and advance the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans.

JACL National President Denny Yasuhara said, "It is particularly appropriate that we honor the founding of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus on the occasion of JACL's 65th year of working to protect the civil and human rights of Japanese American and Asian Pacific American community. The caucus has already become a potential force on behalf of the Asian Pacific American community, raising our visibility in our nation's capital. JACL has worked with caucus members for many years and looks forward to working with the caucus on behalf of the Asian Pacific American community."

Working with other committed members of Congress this year, the Caucus helped to block some of the worst of the anti-immigrant measures and worked to promote the concerns of the Asian Pacific American community in health care reform, welfare reform, crime, education and employment.

The caucus executive committee is comprised of elected members in Congress from Asian Pacific American majority districts or because of consistent and extraordinary commitment to the goals of the caucus. Officers for the 103rd Congress were:

Rep. Norman Mineta, chair; Del. Robert Underwood, vice-chair; Sen. Daniel Akaka, secretary; Executive Committee members: Rep. Daniel Inouye, Reps. Neil Abernethy, Don Edwards, Robert T. Matsui, Patsy T. Mink, Nancy Pelosi, and Del. Eni Faleomavaega.

Pacific Southwest District Governor Ruth Mizobe added: "The formation of the caucus is crucial to the continued progress of Asian Pacific Americans and is the perfect illustration of our banquet theme, *Visions of Tomorrow*. We invite all who care about civil rights to join us on Dec. 2."

The JACL dinner, black-tie optional and co-hosted by the PSWDC, will be preceded by a silent auction at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7. For tickets: 213/626-4471.

RETRIAL

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The Nov. 16 retrial will decide these final counts. The trial was expected to also take place on Nov. 17, and Nov. 21-23, 9-12 a.m. and from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

A Firebombing Trial Coalition, made up of the Florin and Sacramento Chapters, JACL, the Sacramento Chapter, NAACP, Temple B'nai Israel, Chinese American Council, and the Sacramento Human Rights Commission, has coordinated efforts around the trial, including mobilizing community members to attend and raising the community's views in the media.

Mark Morodomi, president of the Florin Chapter, explained, "These firebombings aren't just an attack on a few organizations, they were an attack on every single person in the Japanese American, African American, Chinese American, and Jewish communities. Every person who believes in racial justice should be outraged."

Bandy Inai, president of the Sacramento Chapter, said, "We need to send a strong message to the entire community that Sacramento is united against hate crimes and that everyone responsible for these firebombings should be held accountable."

The coalition encourages people to attend the trial. Information: (recorded message) 916/447-0231.

EXHIBIT

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Kassebaum (R-Kan.), the resolution describes an early draft of the text was "offensive to many World War II veterans" and says "the role of the Enola Gay during World War II was momentous in helping to bring World War II to a merciful end which resulted in saving the lives of Americans and Japanese."

The Hiroshima letter said, "We think it is significant to discuss how to eliminate wars in this nuclear age instead of justification of wars in the past. Knowing well that we live in the nuclear age, we want people in the world to know about the world's first experience of the atomic bomb."

While Hiroshima has written an official report, Japanese Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama said that Japan has no intention of joining into the controversy, reported the *Hokubei Mainichi*.

Kuriyama said that the Japanese embassy will not make suggestions about the contents of the exhibit. However, the ambassador added that the Enola Gay exhibit would provide an opportunity for the American people to understand the horrors of nuclear war and that nuclear weapons should never be used again.

"These are the messages we feel very strongly about," said Kuriyama to a group of reporters.

In the November issue of the *American Legion*, Paul Tibbets Jr., the pilot who flew the Enola Gay when it dropped the bomb on Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945 said he feels the plane should be seen within the context of the time of its mission.

"I suggest that the Enola Gay be preserved and displayed properly—and alone, for all the world to see," writes Tibbets. "She should be presented as a peacekeeper and as the harbinger of a cold war kept from going 'hot.' The Enola Gay and her sister ship, Bock's Car (which dropped the atom bomb on Nagasaki, Aug. 9, 1945), should be remembered in honor of the scientists who harnessed the power of the atom for the good of mankind."

Veterans groups circulated petitions protesting the Smithsonian's planned text for the Enola Gay exhibit, saying it depicted Japan as victims of the war. According to *American Legion*, among the sections of the script the American Legion protested is "summarizing the attack on Pearl Harbor in half a sentence, with far more space being devoted to anti-Asian racism in the United States and to America's devastating strategic bombing campaign in Tokyo."

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be sworn in Jan. 27, is the first Asian American appointee to the position since Thomas Tang, a Chinese American, was appointed over 25 years ago and the first Japanese American to hold the position in Arizona.

"It's very exciting," said Ishikawa, speaking to *Pacific Citizen*. "I am looking forward to the challenge. As a native of Arizona I am really proud to be a part of this."

Gov. Symington, who was recently re-elected governor, said of the appointment: "It is a great privilege to appoint Brian Ishikawa to the bench. His diverse experience and thorough knowledge of the law will serve the citizens of Maricopa County well in their pursuit of justice."

Ishikawa, a Sansei whose grandparents came from Japan and settled in Arizona, was born and educated in Arizona, receiving his undergraduate and juris doctor degrees from Arizona State University. For the past five years,

he has served as a Maricopa County Superior Court judge pro tem and practices civil litigation in the law firm of Gallagher and Kennedy.

Joe Allman, president, Arizona Chapter, said, "The JACL Arizona Chapter is quite proud of its long time member Brian Keith Ishikawa who was recently appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court, Division 4, by Gov. Fife Symington."

In a letter to the governor, Allman said, "Brian Ishikawa is an excellent example of a loyal, discreet, and compassionate family man. He is highly regarded by the Japanese American community as well as the general public who have contact with him."

As a superior court judge, Ishikawa said that at the beginning he will probably be hearing civil cases, but as an attorney he has had experience in both civil and criminal law as a former deputy county attorney.

One of his goals as judge will be to keep judicial system running efficiently.

"People who serve on juries think of it a little like going to the dentist as a negative experience. I want to make it a positive experience—a fair trial which is run efficiently. As judge, I want both sides to say that it's a fair trial. It's a big challenge. Trial judges have a special responsibility," said Ishikawa.

Ishikawa, who has been a JACL member since the late '70s and served on the Arizona Chapter board of directors, said that his appointment is a positive step for Japanese Americans.

IMMIGRATION

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the initiative. "In August, our National Council passed resolutions supporting access to public education and condemning the type of racist rhetoric used in anti-immigration campaigns such as this. While illegal immigration is a problem that needs to be addressed, denying health care and education to children is not the way to go."

Central California District Governor Larry Ishimoto added, "In our district's Sept. 24 resolution opposing the initiative, we discounted its ability to actually address the problems of illegal immigration. We are concerned about the negative impact this initiative may have on the California agricultural industry and the danger posed to both public health and public safety if this measure is implemented as passed."

Pacific Southwest District Governor Ruth Mizobe expressed concern about the suspicion and anti-foreign sentiment the initiative has and continues to foster. "Our district recognizes that the initiative does no more than place blame and fuel racism against those who look or sound 'foreign.' Prop. 187 is both irresponsible and ineffective."

Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Governor Alan Nishi stated, "Our district board is deeply disturbed by the passage of Proposition 187 and its enforcement before its constitutionality has been determined by the courts. We support the court action taken by other organizations against the state which will allow the courts to rule on the constitutionality of this new law."

JACL National Youth/Student Council Chair Kim Nakahara said the council "continues to oppose Proposition 187. Denying education is not the way to curb illegal immigration. We encourage schools, colleges and universities to stand on their basic principles of education to all and to follow the state Constitution and Supreme Court of the United States."

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