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## Happy NEW YEAR—1995

### PC announces twice monthly schedule

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## President explains board decision to downsize staff

*For JACL, the new year, 1995, begins with much work to be done in its road to reorganization and financial stability. Faced with a financial crisis, President Denny T. Yasuhara appointed the National JACL Budget Analysis Committee, headed by Mae Takahashi of the Clovis Chapter, JACL.*

*That committee presented a 50-page document to the National Board at its Dec. 3, 1994, meeting in Los Angeles. After hours of discussion, the board voted to adopt a plan which would downsize the national staff at San Francisco and the staff at Pacific Citizen in Monterey Park. At the national level, five positions would be reduced to three, with the opportunity for staff to reapply for the newly defined positions. PC would be cut back by one-and-a-half positions.*

*Some members of the board believed that the decision was unfair and asked to revisit the discussion in a teleconference.*

*That was held Dec. 17, and the original plan was upheld.*

*The issue since then has remained controversial.*

*Here, then, is Yasuhara's explanation of what was decided and why.*

**By DENNY T. YASUHARA**  
JACL National president

Crises always bring out either the best or worst in people no matter what that crisis may be. Those of us in leadership positions must always be mindful of that and behave accordingly. There is no greater need for calm and objectivity and no greater need for the cooperation and support of our membership than there is today. I have stressed this many times in the recent past. As community and JACL leaders we cannot push the panic button during such times, for



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too often it serves no useful purpose but only stirs up people's emotions.

No one could take pleasure from the decisions that had to be made by the National Board in December. But the belief that those on the Board who voted for staff reductions were somehow less compassionate than those that didn't, is unwarranted, unjustified and a disservice to all members of the Board. All of us are volunteers; some had little to do with the problems we are facing, others are serving at great cost to themselves, but we all are trying to do the best we can with the "cards that we were dealt." The current Board deserves credit for trying to make a significant effort to correct the mistakes of the past that led to today's financial crisis. None are uncaring people.

The central issue before us, above all else, is the Board's fiduciary responsibility to its membership, which is not only a moral responsibility but a legal one as well. We have tried to address that. All JACL members need to keep this uppermost in mind, be-

cause this is a fundamental responsibility that the National Board has to its membership.

To summarize, again, the financial situation of JACL at the time of the board meeting in December:

(1) A deficit of \$75,000 at the end of 1993.

(2) Projected additional 1994 deficit of \$187,000, which may be more by the end of 1994.

(3) A reserve fund that totalled \$397,392 at the end of 1992 will be depleted by the end of 1994, with the exception of monies earmarked for building renovations.

(4) Roughly \$270,000 of the reserve fund was utilized to offset budget deficits of 1993 and 1994 and possibly more if the deficit exceeds previous projections.

(5) These cost over-runs occurred despite a total revenue increase from the Legacy Fund earnings from 1991 through 1994 of \$347,613.

(6) A request for an advance of Legacy Fund earnings to meet payroll in December because of cash flow problems.

(7) Membership revenues had been "flat" over the last five years.

(8) A projected additional \$280,000 deficit for 1995, if business is conducted "as usual."

(9) The adopted budget reductions were predicated upon those reductions being effective Jan. 1, 1995. Thus, with current staffing to be continued until March 10, 1995, and with proposed severance packages not being considered in the budget, we will be in a deficit position already in the first quarter of 1995.

Today, 96% of the membership revenues are taken up by personnel and related costs, up 22% from 1990. These personnel costs take up some 60% of our total revenue. Much of the remaining 40% is made up of fixed costs such as insurance, building maintenance, utilities, and contract services that cannot be cut,

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### PC toll-free number back in operation

Pacific Citizen's toll-free phone number, which was inoperable during the latter part of December, has been repaired.

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## Neal Taniguchi resigns as membership VP

Saying he did not agree with the National Board's decision to restructure JACL staff and other budget cuts, Neal Taniguchi, vice president of membership and services, resigned Dec. 17 effective immediately.

Taniguchi said, "I cannot reconcile our action, my vote, with my own principles of fair play and compassion, my own goals and objectives with respect to JACL, and my own vision of the long term direction of the

organization."

A former national staff member and vice president of operations during the Lillian Kimura administration, Taniguchi said that he could no longer work with JACL National President Denny Yasuhara, accusing him of "bullying" the board into making the decision to reduce the budget and restructure staff. The vice president said that by consolidating five staff positions at national headquarters into three that

the changes would "decimate the membership staff," which handles membership renewals and programs.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, called the decision necessary in light of a projected \$280,000 deficit for '95 and a depleted cash reserve. Speaking to *Rafu Shimpo*, Yasuhara said that the national board had a moral and fiduciary responsibility

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## Community calendar

### East Coast

#### Providence, R.I.

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. Catalog available.

#### New York City

Early February—"The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps 1942-1945" will be on view from May 11-July 16 at Queen's Museum of Arts. Curator Karin Higa will hold a slide preview and the Queen's Museum of Arts advisory committee will hold a reception in early February; call JANM 213/625-0414 x 248 for date.

### Midwest

#### Chicago

Sat., Jan. 14-March 19—Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," Field Museum, 312/922-9410. NOTE—Teacher's workshops: Jan. 27, 4-7 p.m.; Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-12n; info: Jean Mishima 708/998-8101. Cultural programs and forums planned, volunteers sought, info: Mary Doi 708/869-1350.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

May—NJAH's "Go For Broke" photo exhibit, Ransburg Gallery, University of Indianapolis, in conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Nisei veterans in the Midwest are invited to participate in opening ceremony. Their names and addresses requested by Charles Matsumoto, Hoosier JAACL president, 849 Reda Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

### South-Southwest

#### Camp Shelby, Miss.

Thu.-Sun., June 15-19—Hattiesburg Homecoming, 100th/442nd, MIS Co. S, 171st Inf Bn monument dedication; Camp Shelby tour info: Corliss Tours, 800/456-5717.

#### San Antonio, Tex.

Thu. Jan. 26—College art panel discussion by Women's Caucus for the Arts, 2:30 p.m., College Art Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas. NOTE—JANM art curator Karin Higa is among the panelists.

### Pacific Northwest

#### Seattle

Sat., Feb. 11—Wing Luke Asian Museum art 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.

### Intermountain

#### Utah

Fri.-Mon., May 26-29—Topaz Pilgrimage. Info: Jiro Yamamoto, San Francisco 415/863-8141.

### Nevada

#### Las Vegas

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

### Arizona

### Phoenix

Mar. 17-19—Gila River camp reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn, Phoenix; registration forms/info available from Area Coordinators: No. Calif.: John Yasumoto 415/929-1853, Lonny Ishihara, 415/493-2340, Roy Uda 916/391-0915, George Kikuchi 408/246-3511; So. Calif.: Sue Koyama 213/728-3514, Mas Fukal 310/324-0434, Chico Masai 818/331-8636, Haruo Hayashi 805/489-2595; Ariz.: Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835; Central Calif.: Todd Uyemura 209/237-2884, James Yamamoto 209/264-7924, Yo Misaki 209/896-2605; Hawaii: Helen Y Mishima 808/935-6078.

### California

#### San Francisco Bay Area

Thu., Jan. 19—U.S.-Japan Education forum, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Westin St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell St. S.F.; info: Japanese Consulate General, 415/777-3533. NOTE—Japan Education Fair follows Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Bldg A, Buchanan and Marina.

Sun., Jan. 22—"Tribute to the Compassion of the late Chiune Sugihara," 7 p.m., Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F.; info: Holocaust Oral History Project, 415/882-7092. [JAACL among co-sponsors with community Nikkei and Jewish organizations remembering the issuance of transit visas by Consul Chiune and help of his wife Yukiko in 1940 to Jews fleeing Hitler's rule through Lithuania and across Russia to the Far East.]

Sun., Feb. 12—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m. meeting; info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.

Sat.-Sun., May 27-28—Nikkei Forum on Aging, San Francisco Miyako Hotel; info: Ich Nishida, NCCJASC pres., 875 Elgin St., San Lorenzo, CA 94580.

### Peninsula

Sat., Jan. 21-28—Nisei Ski Club "Live to Ski (Week) - Telluride (Colo.)," info: David Tom 415/325-1625.

### Fresno

Thu. March 2—Calif. Council for Social Studies Conference for K-12 Educators, "The Constitution: Not Just a Piece of Paper," panelists include Dr. Franklin Ng, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, Elisa Kamimoto. NOTE—Conference to run March 2-5, Center Plaza, Holiday Inn, Convention Center.

### Los Angeles/Orange County

Through Thu., Mar. 16—"Visas for Life: the Story of Chiune and Yukiko Sugihara," Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance, 9760 W. Pico Blvd., L.A.; info: 310/553-9036. NOTE—Exhibition of 75 photographs of Consul General Sugihara and his wife whose efforts to issue thousands of transit visas allowed over 6,000 Jews to escape Europe.

Through Sun. April 9—Travel exhibit: "The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon," Legacy Center, Japanese American National Museum (JANM), 369 E. 1st St., L.A.

Tue. Jan. 17—Nikkei Widowed Group/Nikkei Family Counseling Program, 10:30 a.m.-12n, JACCC #411, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A. Info: Sally Tsujimoto 818/286-7640. NOTE—Lunch follows at nearby restaurant, to meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, \$5 fee per session.

Sat. Jan. 21—Amache Reunion at the Mu-

seum, 1 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP required 213/625-0414.

Sat., Jan. 21—GAPSN (Gay Asian Pacific Support Network) installation, Pacific Bridge Awards, Empress Pavilion, 988 N. Hill St., L.A., 6 p.m.; info: Laurence Lew, 310/376-7494.

Sun. Jan. 22—JANM Demonstration: Year of the Boar Paintings, 2 p.m., JANM. NOTE—Hirokazu Kosaka, JACCC artist in residence. Sat. Jan. 28—Panel: Home Movies and Their Makers, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP required 213/625-0414. NOTE—Karen Ishizuka (moderator), Robert Nakamura, Eiichi Sakauye (Heart Mountain), Akira Hayashi (Jerome).

Sat., Feb. 4—Japan America Symphony Orchestra's all-Beethoven concert, 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; tickets 213/680-3700, info 213/489-5660. NOTE—Pianist Takahiro Sonoda performs Concerto No. 1 and No. 2.; Heiichiro Ohyama, conductor.

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 4-5—Workshop: Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Culture: a Multicultural, Museum-Based Resource Program for Teachers, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., regis. & info: Elisa Kamimoto 213/625-0414 x 257.

Sat. Feb. 11—JANM Annual Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles, Little Tokyo; RSVP, info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Workshops on making Japanese paper, washi, from kozo, follow at 2:30 p.m. at Kidspace Museum, 390 S. El Molino Ave., Pasadena.

Sat. Feb. 18—Crystal City Reunion, 1 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Sat. Feb. 18—"Music to Remember"—Tribute to Japanese American Musicians and Singers of the '40s, 7 p.m. Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., box office: 213/680-7300.

Sun. Feb. 19—Musician-researcher George Yoshida's lecture on Nikkei Music Makers at 11 a.m., NCR's presentation: Day of Remembrance, 2 p.m., Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., RSVP required NCR - 213/680-3484.

Sat. Feb. 25—Crystal City: Past and Present, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., RSVP required 213/625-0414. NOTE—Panel discussion: Alan Taniguchi and Jose Angel Gutierrez.

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—Pipa virtuoso Wu Man of China, guest soloist.

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

Sun. March 12—Taiko at the Museum, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Rev. Tom Kurai, workshop instructor.

Mon.-Wed., Mar. 13-15—USC/U.S. Commerce Dept.'s Asia/Pacific Business Outlook Conference at Los Angeles; conference brochure now available, 213/740-7132, fax 740-9964.

Thu.-Sun., April 27-30—Reunion: 522nd Field Artillery Bn., Hotel New Otani and Miyako Hotel, Little Tokyo, banquet Sat. night at Otani; info: George Oiyee, 53 Alma Court, Los Altos, CA 94022, 415/941-4850.

Mon., May 22—Japan America Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion; info: 213/489-5060. NOTE—All-Brahms program, violinist Tomoko Kato

## JAACL calendar

### Eastern

#### Philadelphia

Sat., Jan. 14—New Year's party.

#### Washington, DC

Sat., Jan. 28—49th annual installation dinner, 6:30 p.m., China Garden Restaurant, Twin Towers, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.; RSVP Jan. 23, info: Yoshi Takeda, 6253 Martin Rd, Columbia, MD 21044. NOTE—Paul Igasaki, Esq., deputy director, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, spkr.

### Midwest

#### Dayton-Cincinnati

Sun., Jan. 22—Joint installation dinner, 4 p.m. reception, 5 p.m. dinner, Marriott Hotel, Dayton. NOTE—MDC Regional Director Bill Yoshino, speaker.

### Detroit

Sat., Feb. 18—49th anniversary installation dinner/fundraiser, 6 p.m. cash bar, dinner at 7, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield, info & RSVP Feb. 8: 313/522-7917. NOTE—Capt. Bruce Yamashita, USMC, spkr.; Valerie Matsumoto, new pres.

### Hoosier

May—NJAH's "Go For Broke" photo exhibit, Ransburg Gallery, University of Indianapolis. NOTE—In conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Nisei veterans in the Midwest are being invited to participate in opening ceremony. Their names and addresses requested by Charles Matsumoto, Hoosier JAACL president, 849 Reda Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227; (f & t) 317/888-8505. Monetary support for exhibit also requested by chapter.

### Twin Cities

Sun., Jan. 22—Chrysanthemum Banquet / Installation program, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn West,

9970 Wayzata Blvd., Mpls 612/593-1918. RSVP Jan. 11, Kathy Koch 612/884-1560 or Joanne Kumagai 587-8076. NOTE—George Takei, guest speaker, and "To the Stars" book-signing.

### Mountain-Plains

#### Mile Hi

Sat., Jan. 21—Installation dinner, 6 p.m., Executive Tower Inn Restaurant, 1405 Curtis, Denver.

### New Mexico

July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, hosted New Mexico JAACL, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops: Total quality management for chapters; Finance and accounting for chapters; Grant-writing; Multicultural persons and families in JAACL. Interethnic conflict: Latino and African Ameri-

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## Small kid time



## Gwen Muranaka



# Yamashita to file federal class-action suit for Marine discrimination victims

Launching the final phase of his five-year battle against racial discrimination in the United States Marine Corps., Marine Reserve Capt. Bruce Yamashita announced Jan. 2, 1995, that he will file a class-action suit on behalf of hundreds of prospective Corps officers who were victimized by the same institutional racism to which he was subjected at Marine Corps Officer Candidate School.

The lawsuit, to be filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., cites the acknowledged absence of adequate mechanisms within the Navy and Marine Corps to deal with racial discrimination, and asks the court to order the Corps to establish an internal process to correct those inadequacies.

"This action is aimed at protecting the constitutional rights of those who suffer from racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination by providing a forum where their complaints can be heard and redressed," Yamashita said. "Our goal is simply to prevent victims of discrimination from being further victimized through denial of their constitutional rights."

In his filing with the federal court, Yamashita states, "the absence of any adequate or effective administrative process by which minority members of the United States Marine Corps can seek redress against discriminatory conduct on the basis of their race, denies them, and more particularly, the class of persons represented in this action, due process of the law as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment . . ."

"This class action embodies the larger principles involved in Bruce's case—fairness, equity, and justice that must be provided for all minorities," said Colbert Matsumoto, incoming president of the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens



YAMASHITA

League (JACL). "These principles have formed the foundation for JACL's ongoing support for Bruce, and they symbolize our continuing commitment to resolving this case and the issues it represents."

Yamashita's personal battle against discrimination in the Corps culminated in his commissioning as a Marine Corps Reserve Captain in March, 1994. During that period, Navy officials acknowledged deficiencies and inadequacies in administrative procedures that hampered resolution of his case.

For instance, in his 1993 hearing before the Naval Discharge Review board, the chairperson of the hearing panel admitted that she was not aware of any Navy or Marine Corps board which had the authority to redress Yamashita's claim of discriminatory treatment. And in the formal written offer to commission Yamashita as a captain, the Assistant Navy Secretary for Manpower Affairs cited "the absence of any meaningful alternative remedies presently available" in Yamashita's case.

Marine Corps personnel data obtained through the Freedom of Information Act revealed a disproportionate number of minority Marine Officer Candidates were, as Yamashita was, "disenrolled" from Officer Candidate School between 1982 and 1990. Analysis of this data, performed by James Dannemiller of SMS Research in Honolulu and Dr. David Takeuchi, then of the University of Hawaii, showed that the disparities could only be attributed to a consistent pattern of institutional racial bias, according to a chapter official.

The class action lawsuit, filed on behalf of those more-than-400 disenrolled minority officer candidates, asks the court to enjoin Navy Secretary John Dalton to initiate and implement an adequate administrative process to redress claims of race discrimination, and to take jurisdiction to ensure Navy and Marine Corps compliance. In addition, the suit asks for other appropriate relief, including reinstatement, promotion, and back pay for members of the class.

"Although I personally was vindicated and my own case has been resolved successfully, it took five years and the efforts of hundreds of people to do so," Yamashita said. "Without that effort and the widespread support generated by the principles involved, we could not have succeeded because of the fundamental flaws in the administrative system."

"That is why we are proceeding with this class action—on behalf of the hundreds of people who are not as fortunate to have enjoyed the support that I have, and on behalf of those who will follow so that they will not have to sacrifice their rights under the Constitution that they desire to protect."

# Former chairman Norm Mineta elected ranking Democrat on House Transportation Committee

As the new year begins, House Democrats in Washington are making way for the new Republican majority following the November elections. Among those are Rep. Norman Mineta (D-San Jose), former chair of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, who announced Dec. 15 that he has been elected ranking Democrat on the new House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that will be formed for the 104th Congress.

He was elected by a vote of 155 to 7 in the House Democratic Caucus.

The new committee will take the place of the one that he last chaired. The jurisdiction of the panel—which currently includes surface transportation, civil aviation, water resources and environment, and public buildings and grounds—will be expanded to include railroads, U.S. Coast Guard and maritime issues.



NORMAN MINETA

"I am honored that the members of the House Democratic Caucus have restated their faith in my leadership ability," said Mineta. "Our panel was very successful in this last Congress by focusing our efforts on investing

in the physical and environmental foundation of the United States.

"Much of this was merely common sense that had been too often neglected in the past. But during these last two years we made the case that unless we invest, we cannot build a healthy economy and improve living standards for all Americans . . ."

"This common sense approach must not change with the new Congress. These are not partisan issues, and I am confident that we can continue to work together successfully."

The new chairman will be Rep. Bud Shuster (R-Pa.).

With 61 members, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be the largest committee in Congress. In the 103rd Congress, the Public Works and Transportation Committee was also the largest with 65 members.

# Florin Japanese American History collection accepted by university

By BILL KASHIWAGI  
Florin Chapter, JACL

SACRAMENTO—More than 400 attended the private reception on Nov. 16, 1994, for the acceptance of the Florin Chapter, JACL, Oral History Project and the Mary Tsukamoto Historical Collection at California State University, Sacramento.

Marian Kanemoto and her Florin Chapter oral history steering committee were instrumental

in establishing oral history exhibits.

The Mary Tsukamoto Collection was the result of support from the Florin Japanese community which gave many hours to help collect more than 350 items of historical materials.

Charles Martell, university dean and librarian, said that with the help of those who genuinely care about the history of Japanese Americans in this country,

the means to use these valuable resources for educational purposes will become a reality, not only regionally but also throughout the state and the nation. The materials describe the oral histories and the Mary Tsukamoto Collection and their importance to the university and future generations.

Martell also stated another reception and exhibition of the collection may be scheduled in the not too distant future.

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## Campos found guilty on all seven counts in Sacramento firebombing

Richard Campos, 19, was found guilty Dec. 14 of seven counts relating to a string of firebombing attacks in Sacramento in the summer of 1993, including attacks on the offices of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, according to the *Hokubei Mainichi*. In an earlier trial, Campos, who is an admitted white supremacist, was found guilty of four counts of arson, however, the jury was deadlocked on the remaining seven counts.

After six days of deliberation, the jury for the second trial found Campos guilty of charges related to the firebombings of the offices of the Sacramento JACL and NAACP and Temple B'nai Israel. But the jury was deadlocked on

the most serious charge of attempted murder related to the firebombing of the home of Sacramento City Councilman Jimmie Yee, which carried a maximum sentence of life in prison. Although he was 17 at the time of the incidents were committed, Campos was tried as an adult. He faces a maximum of 19 years and four months in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 27.

Testifying in his defense, Campos said he is a racist, but denied that he was the one who committed the crimes.

"I would do anything I could to ensure the existence of the white race into the next millennium," said Campos. "If I thought it would

make a difference, I suppose I would (advocate violence, but) it does not lend my cause any dignity."

Reacting to the verdict, Randy Imai, president, Sacramento Chapter, JACL, speaking to *Rafu Shimpo*, said, "We're pleased that he was found guilty because the evidence was compelling, but it's sad to see this 19-year-old youth go to prison. I would imagine it would be very hard to rehabilitate someone like him in prison if at all. He may come out of prison a real angry man. It's a tragedy."

On hand to hear the verdicts were representatives of the JACL, NAACP, Temple B'nai Israel and the Sacramento Human Rights Commission.

## San Francisco DJ fired for racial remarks

A San Francisco radio disc jockey was recently fired for broadcasting racially insensitive remarks against Japanese Americans, reported the *Hokubei Mainichi*.

J. Paul Emerson, co-host of KFRC-FM's morning show, was suspended after getting into an on-air argument Nov. 30 with a Richard Matsumoto, a listener who took offense at Emerson's comments about Pearl Harbor.

"He called me a slimebag and a butthead. When I all I wanted to do was tell him that advocating hatred is bad. It's been 50 years, so just let it go," said Matsumoto.

Prior to the argument with Matsumoto, Emerson talked about the Smithsonian exhibit on the Enola Gay and criticized it for being too sympathetic to the Japanese perspective.

According to Matsumoto, a woman caller, agreeing with Emerson, referred to Japanese as "slant-eyes" and said Japanese Americans should not have received redress.

"Nobody said anything in response to that. First they were talking about Japan and then they

were talking about Japanese Americans. I became incensed," said Matsumoto.

Prior to this most recent incident, Emerson and his co-host Gary Bryan have been criticized for insensitivity to the Asian American and gay and lesbian communities. In a song parody, Bryan made fun of Judge Lance Ito, speaking in broken English and using a fake Japanese accent. Bryan was reprimanded but not suspended for the incident. Listeners also complained when the disc jockeys earlier called lesbians and gays "sick and pathetic."

Will Schutte, KFRC station manager, said he felt that the Emerson's comments factored into the decision to fire him.

"Given the chance to hear what was said on the radio, I then decided to terminate him and was unable to reach him until yesterday," said Schutte speaking at a meeting of community activists from the Asian American and gay and lesbian communities.

"He was fired for a variety of reasons, but you could categorize them as asking him not to do certain things which he persisted in

doing."

Greg Marutani, San Francisco Chapter, JACL, said "I really feel that the management of KFRC has made an honest attempt to deal with this issue and has dealt with it as best they can at this point in time."

Isabel Huie of Chinese for Affirmative Action, said that the organization was not seeking Emerson's dismissal.

"What we wanted was for KFRC to change their policy, to not promote anti-Asian comments and other types of discrimination. We thought it was a very simple request," said Huie.

Echoing Huie's sentiments, Al Kielwasser, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said, "GLAAD is not elated that a staff member of KFRC was fired. Essentially, it's our opinion that you're never going to solve the problem of bigotry by silencing the bigots. What we would like stations like KFRC to do is provide access to alternative viewpoints... that is, you expand the range of free speech, you don't diminish it. That's a better way to promote tolerance."

## Groups file lawsuit calling for implementation of 'motor voter' law

Several civil rights organizations have jointly filed a lawsuit calling on the state of California to carry out the federal "Motor Voter" law.

The lawsuit was filed by the Lawyers' Committee, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Asian Law Caucus, ACLU Foundations of Northern and Southern California, and Western Center for Disability Rights.

In 1993, Congress recognized the need to make it easier to register to vote in order and passed the National Voter Registration Act, which allows people to register to vote for the first time through the Department of Motor Vehicles

or a public assistance agency. It also requires that people who change their address at the DMV or a public assistance agency be able to re-register to vote using the same form.

The lawsuit challenges Gov. Pete Wilson and certain department officials for failing to carry out the federal mandate. Wilson has issued an executive order stating that California will implement the bill only to the extent that the federal government will fund it—which means virtually no implementation.

"Congress has acknowledged the importance of increasing access to one of the most important fundamental rights—voting," said Kathy Imahara, staff attorney, APALC.

"They also found that the poorest and those whose first language may not be English have faced many barriers to the voting booth. This new bill is important not only for newer citizens, but for all citizens."

Doreena Wong, ALC staff attorney, remarked, "At a time when many immigrants are being scapegoated for many of this state's problems, it is critical that we encourage as many potential voters to participate in the electoral process and exercise their right to vote."

Elizabeth Ouyang of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York said, "Because Motor Voter is a national law, we need to ensure that all states provide multilingual voting materials for those in need."

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**Postal Service drops plans for A-bomb stamp**  
While there's no way to stop the postal rate increases, a stamp which would have depicted the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was withdrawn Dec. 5 by the U.S. Postal Service after protests from Japan, reported the *Hokubei Mainichi*.  
The stamp which depicted a mushroom cloud with the caption, "Atomic bombs hasten war's end, August 1945," will be replaced by a stamp showing President Harry Truman preparing to announce the end of the war.  
"We are changing the design of the stamp because of the importance of U.S.-Japan relations at this critical time in U.S. foreign policy," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.  
Runyon also indicated that President Clinton voiced his opinion that the stamp design should be withdrawn. The stamp was to have been part of a five-year series commemorating World War II.  
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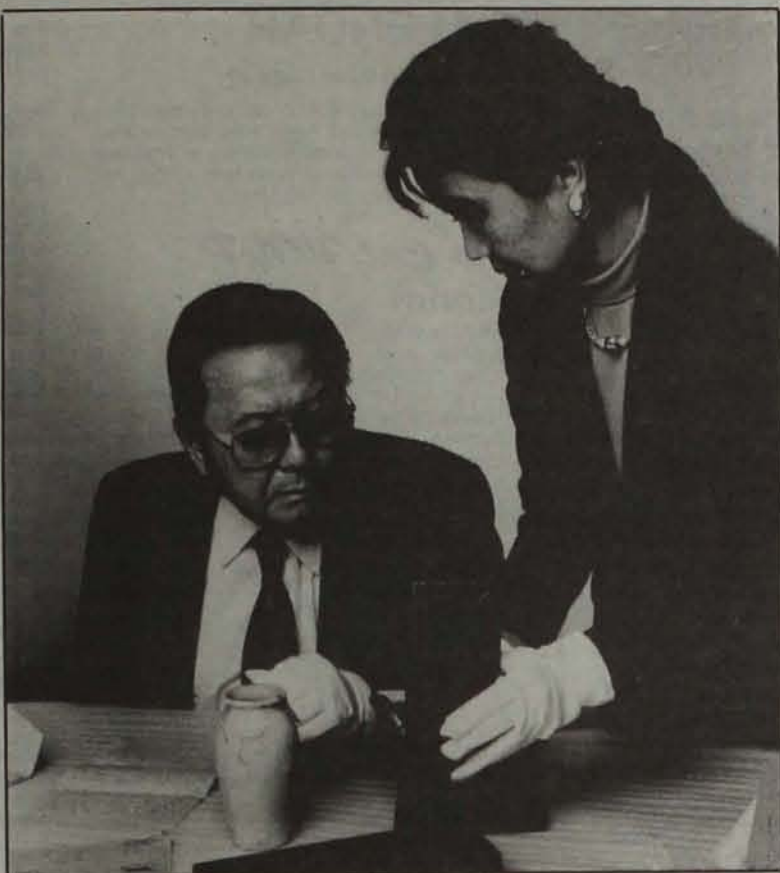
# L.A. museum schedules artifact identification day

The Japanese American National Museum of Los Angeles is scheduled to hold its Artifact Identification Day Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 369 E. First St., in Little Tokyo. The day is dedicated solely to artifacts related to the military, specifically World War II memorabilia, but not exclusively.

The museum is looking to locate and identify military artifacts which might be used in future exhibitions. Kaoru Oguri, Ph.D., of the museum emphasized that the museum is seeking information and is not looking to accept any artifacts immediately. Rather this day is dedicated to locating and identifying what sorts of artifacts still exist and may be made available for display.

"We realize how important these objects are to the families of the soldiers," she explained. "The museum isn't looking to take them away from anyone. But, it's also vital that we locate these items with hopes of using them in exhibitions so the maximum amount of people can see and appreciate them for their historic value."

Dr. Oguri will be the curator of two upcoming exhibits at the Japanese American National Museum on Japanese Americans in the military. The first, set to open at the end of April, will be on the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, part of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Members of the 522nd were among the first to reach the Dachau death camp near the end of the war in Europe. The second exhibit, set for November of 1995, will focus on the



**INSPECTING**—U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye examine artifacts belonging to a Japanese American family during WWII. Dr. Kaoru Oguri of the Japanese American National Museum shows the senator two of the Purple Hearts medals earned by his buddies.

Japanese American soldiers who fought during World War II.

Dr. Oguri added that the museum is looking to locate a variety of items. Besides the obvious sorts of artifacts, such as uniforms,

medals and war implements, the museum is interested in personal effects, such as letters. "It could be something like a good luck charm a soldier might have taken into battle," Dr. Oguri observed.

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and still others such as postage and printing which are known to rise (\$9,000). It doesn't require a mathematics professor to recognize where the cost savings had to be made and with the budget deficits and no reserves that JACL is in a very precarious financial position.

In order to retain as many of the current staff as possible, the National Board approved an internal posting process to give existing JACL staff members the first opportunity to apply for the three new positions created by National Board action. A severance package is also being developed by a committee approved by the board for those opting not to apply for the new positions, or for those not selected for the new positions. In addition to this, during the last month of employment, those not electing to apply or those not hired

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ity to immediately address JACL's financial problems.

The national board was not "a group of ogres or uncaring people and some had little to do with the problems we face, but we have a fiduciary and moral responsibility to take the 'heat' and we will do that," said Yasuhara.

Taniguchi said that the board was not given enough opportunity to look at other options and that the decisions would hamper the organization's ability to attract younger members.

"I have done this organization a disservice by voting the way I did. I'm sorry it turned out this way, but I have to say that your presidential goals and objectives directly conflict with my goals and objectives and the long-term vision I have for this organization. I refuse to put my volunteer time and resources into a futile effort to make a difference in this organization," said Taniguchi.

may spend time looking for new employment.

We tried to make an honest and sincere effort to be objective about the decisions we made. The sad truth is, it probably wouldn't have mattered what decisions we made, we would still leave many people unhappy and angry. The lesson to be learned in all of this is that when one is responsible for someone else's money, we ought to be doubly careful about how we spend

it and how we care for it. We are truly sorry for the grief and sorrow these decisions are causing and the turmoil that has followed

Some members have requested more information regarding options and alternatives considered by the board, fund-raising, and the votes of the National Board at its December meeting. I will try to answer their questions in the next *Pacific Citizen* article I write.

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The stories that go with each object are just as important. Artifacts' histories, where something came from and how and why it was obtained and then preserved, are vital to its use in exhibitions. For example, historic photographs need accompanying data, such as when and where they were taken.

Besides the concentration on World War II, Dr. Oguri stated that the museum is also interested in materials from Nikkei soldiers who served during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

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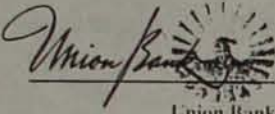
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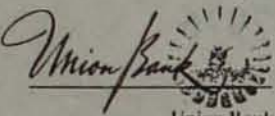
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cans in the Japanese American community; Second Amendment and Asian Americans; Is JACL dying?; The atomic bomb 50 years later: what have we learned? Booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258.

### No Cal-WN-P Florin

Sat., March 11—"Time for Remembrance," Florin Buddhist Temple Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., Sacramento. Info: Christine Umeda 916/657-5052 day, 916/391-1921 eve; planning meetings scheduled every 3rd Wed. NOTE—Chizu Iiyama, speaker, "Courage and Sacrifice: the Extraordinary Roles of Japanese American Women."

### Marysville

Sat., Jan. 14—60th installation, 5 p.m., no-host cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner, Peach Tree Country Club; RSVP: Tae Sano, 1530 Coats Dr., Yuba City, CA 95993. NOTE—Archie McDonald, author, *The Japanese Experience in Butte County*, speaker.  
 Sat., Feb. 18—All-you-can-eat Crab Feed, 6 p.m., Marysville Buddhist Temple social hall.

### San Jose

Fri., Jan. 13—Installation of 1995-96 cabinet, 6 p.m., Issei Memorial Bldg. 565 N. 5th St.; info: 408/295-1250. NOTE—Carl M. Fujita was re-elected to a 2nd term as president; finger food to be provided.

### Sequoia

Sat., Mar. 4—Crab/spaghetti feed, 5-8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple gym; info: Aki Yamanoto 415/965-0671; Mike Kaku 408/985-2747.

### Pacific Southwest Arizona

Fri.-Sun., Mar. 17-19—Gila River Camp reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn, Phoenix; registration forms/info available from Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835. NOTE—Nearly 700 registered as of Dec. 26.

### Las Vegas

Sun. Jan. 15—Installation dinner, 6 p.m., Cathay House, 5300 W. Spring Mtn. Rd.

### Marina/SCAN

Thu., Feb. 2—Monthly meetings, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park, Rec Room at end of Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey. Info: Isaac Hirano 310/822-3568. NOTE—Meetings every first Thursday.

### SELANOCO

Sat., Jan. 21—28th annual Installation social hour-dinner, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Gateway Plaza Inn, 14299 Firestone (at Valley View Blvd.) La Mirada. Info: Charles Ida 714/974-1076. NOTE—Capt. Bruce Yamashita, USMC, spkr.

### Ventura County

Sat. Feb. 4—Installation dinner, 6 p.m., Lobster Trap Restaurant, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Channel Island Harbor; RSVP by Jan. 27, Tsujio Kato 805/499-3408; Morris or Cherry Abe 805/484-1570, Joanne Nakano, 818/991-0876. NOTE—Denny Yasuhara, speaker, "JACL: Now and in the Future."

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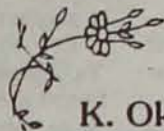
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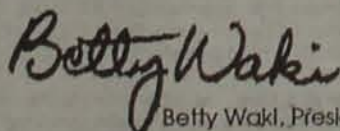
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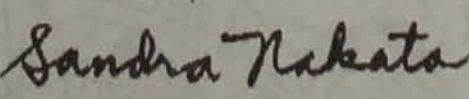
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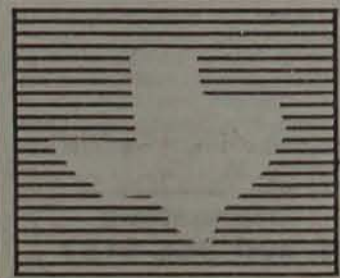
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**Opinions**



**From the frying pan**

BILL HOSOKAWA

**JACL president needs our support**

The JACL administration of President Denny Yasuhara, elected by overwhelming majority at the national convention last summer, has wasted little time in addressing the staggering budgetary deficits run up by the previous administration.

In what Yasuhara describes as a "heart-rending, 15-hour board meeting," the National Board adopted most of the recommendations presented by a national budget analysis committee. The \$1,270,400 budget proposed for 1995 but not passed at the convention was trimmed by approximately \$142,000, a nearly 11% reduction.

Some of this was achieved by consolidating responsibilities at national headquarters, in effect eliminating half of the top staff positions. In addition, *Pacific Citizen* was put on a twice-monthly schedule rather than weekly, and appropriations for meetings and travel were slashed. You've probably read the details elsewhere.

Budget cutbacks are not easy under the best of circumstances. In JACL's case they were not only prudent but necessary for its very survival. Yasuhara's board had the guts to begin work on the membership's

mandate for fiscal responsibility, something that Congress has failed to accomplish year after year in the face of soaring federal deficits.

Despite the encouraging first step, JACL's struggle is not over. The new budget still provides for spending in excess of projected income and, Yasuhara tells us, the reserves are gone. The level of services is likely to be reduced, never a popular move, and there must be greater selectivity in programs.

If JACL needs popular support, it is now. Yasuhara is entitled to it by having demonstrated his willingness to tackle the organization's problems head-on.

Yet there is something lacking in Yasuhara's account of a "heart-rending" board meeting. Given that with cutbacks some jobs inevitably would be lost and some programs abandoned, it would be enlightening for the membership to know what alternatives were proposed and by whom?

We have not been told who said what, and whether the key votes were unanimous, lop-sided or close. In a democratic organization this kind of information is essential to intelligent membership over-

sight. If the board meeting, except on personnel matters, was closed on issues that affect the entire organization, it shouldn't have been. If the voting was by secret ballot, it shouldn't have been. The membership has a right to know what happened.

Having said that, let it be repeated that the need for supporting JACL is greater than at any time since the dismal Evacuation days. Yasuhara doesn't deserve the kind of unfair sniping demonstrated in a Japanese American newspaper's board meeting report based on faulty information from "sources who asked to remain anonymous," unnamed "JACL insiders," and other "unidentified sources."

JACL has been guilty of a lot of dumb things. But in its mission it is the best we have by far and Denny Yasuhara, who sought the presidency knowing the kind of mess he was inheriting, is doing his damndest to clean it up. He is making progress. He is entitled to support.

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

**Letters**

**National Board deserves the members' support**

The National Board made some crisp decisions at their December meeting which deserves the solid support of the JACL membership. It also requires understanding and sympathy because this business of restructuring and job elimination always involves pain at the personal level, on people we have come to know and love.

We would all wish otherwise, but the hard facts revealed in the Budget Analysis Committee Report made it an imperative for the Board to act. The message was clear—the JACL is spending more than its income; whatever cushion we had in the Reserve Fund was depleted; and unless steps were taken to balance our budget in actual dollar performance for 1995 we would face a cash flow crunch without acceptable recourse—which means in plain English—broke.

I think the Budget Analysis Committee did a great service, foremost of which was to provide for the Board at this critical point, a set of recommendations that would lead to a balanced budget in 1995.

I think it is a credit to the Board that they lost no time.

As 1995 unfolds, let us show our support, confident that we have overcome other crises by staying united. In so doing, JACL may continue to fulfill its historic obligation to the greater Japanese American community whose welfare we serve.

*Shig Wakamatsu*

Past JACL national president  
Chicago, Ill.

**Reevaluating priorities in financially tough times**

I'm very concerned regarding the future of JACL. Though the organization strives to protect and promote civil rights for all Americans, the primary and continuing concern of this organization should be the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

I believe that the membership has remained loyal through many sensitive Japanese American issues, even if they haven't agreed with National's position. When highly controversial, non-Japanese American issues are added to the agenda, the potential loss of support of members increases greatly.

I feel that JACL cannot and must not involve itself in non-Japanese American issues which are so divisive that the ability to address Japanese American issues is compromised.

JACL's severe financial difficulties seem indicative of the loss of financial support from members and increased costs of addressing more and more issues, many of which do not concern Americans of Japanese ancestry. Perhaps it's time to re-evaluate priorities. Realizing JACL money comes

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JIN KONOMI

**The mixed date flap at Wedowee**

At the Randolph County High School, Wedowee, Alabama, the students were making plans for a prom. Principal Hulond Humphries called an assembly and asked the students if any one intended to attend with date other than his/her own race. A majority of them raised their hands. (Here, the news account seems to have skipped over Humphries' diatribe on the evil of mixed dating.) Revonda Bowen, who has white father and black mother, stood up and asked what race should her date be. Humphries said his objection to mixed dating was to prevent mistakes such as herself; she broke into tears. Although Humphries reversed himself the following day, the school board suspended him, with pay.

The above is a bare bones outline of the Wedowee mixed date flap. To me it is a most interesting happening. It presents the image of a little (population 800) backwoods town in Alabama which is radically different from the stereotype of a rural town in the Deep South.

Let us consider some details:  
When the majority of students raised

their hands, according to a 16 year old junior, "they really weren't going to go with who they said they were going with. We just wanted to see what he was going to say."

From this, and from the principal's apparently obsessive opposition, you may gather that mixed dating is not uncommon, and is taken more or less for granted.

Revonda Bowen is popular enough to be elected president of the juniors. She was on the prom planning committee. She was intending to attend with her white boyfriend.

I cannot help reflecting on the race relations at many of California high schools where there always seems to be tension, between white and black, black and Latino, Latino and white students which, not infrequently breaks out into violence. Reluctantly, I must conclude that this tiny high school in the sticks of Alabama, with its 682 students, is more civilized than some high schools of supposed to be more metropolitan and progressive California.

But more importantly I must confess that reflecting on the happening has been a humbling experience for me. I'd always

considered myself a liberal, aware of things and events going on in the world. Then I was made to realize how antiquated my view of the South had been. It hadn't changed a bit since *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Strange Fruit*.

There is no question that the old South is in full retreat. But also there is no question that the old South is waging determined rear guard battles on many fronts. Hulond Humphries, the suspended principal of the Randolph County High School no doubt is a hero to a sizable minority of the townspeople, for he is championing one of the most tenacious ideas that the diehard Southerners have cherished and venerated—the purity of the white race.

How fallacious the idea is can be shown by history. How blatantly the ideal was flouted by the white people is an American scandal which few people seem inclined to discuss. I would like to spend a few lines on the matter if I am permitted.

*Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.*





## By the Board

## Responding to critics of JACL's wartime role—Part 2

By BARRY SAIKI

In the first part of his editorial in the November issue of PC, Barry Saiki offered his insight into JACL's controversial wartime role. In part 2, he recounts some of his own personal experiences and views on what happened and why.

The Sansei and Yonsei of today need to know in detail the full force of the discriminatory environment which were faced by the Issei and Nisei in prewar California. Why do you suppose the Nihonmachi's existed? Why were there covenants on housing? What about the miscegenation laws? Was the strong current of inferiority among the Nisei merely "enryo syndrome" or the self-effacing attributes of the Issei? Those who were brought up in the 1960s and later cannot fully comprehend the pressures which had been generated by the Hearst and McClatchy papers and their readers.

With several other Berkeley Nisei, I did attend the Feb. 21, 1942, Tolan hearings in San Francisco to listen to a parade of abusive diatribes against any and all persons

of Japanese lineage which completely overwhelmed statements by JACL and Omura. It showed how weak and ineffective the Nisei were. It was political farce instead of political force. It was a complete debacle.

I became one of the so-called "fatherless" in May, 1942. My father had been called in for questioning on three separate occasions' from December, 1941, to March, 1942. One was because he had been a director of the Japanese Association. Later, he was called in for his association with the Buddhist Church and the Hokubei Butokukai (kendo organization).

Each time, all those leaders of the organizations were detained and sent off to internment camps, except for my father. He had undergone a period of sickness, which led from pleurisy to pneumonia. He had begun to recover and his doctor's certificate saved him from incarceration.

That is, until May 15, 1942, when our family with Dad as the head, entered the Stockton Assembly Center. The family members each received a cursory medical check, but my father was held for further

examination.

An hour later, after my mother and two younger brothers and I had found our barracks and had stuffed our mattress covers with straw, a black sedan pulled up to our barracks.

One of the two men said "Your father is to pack all his things into one bag."

"What's going on," I said.

"He has no time for farewells. He's being taken to another camp."

The next day, my other brother, who was housed in the adjoining room, said that he was glad that the FBI had picked up Dad. Surprised by this remark, I asked him why. He said that he had heard rumors that Dad could be an *inu* because he was called in three times and released.

We didn't hear from Dad for about a year. We eventually received a censored mail letting us know that he was in Lordsburg, N.M.

Such was the paranoia, the distrust and mistrust, the doubts and rumor-mongering that disturbed, even distorted the thoughts

of the once cooperative and mutually supportive Japantown people. With most of the key leaders apprehended and stunned by the hysteria and antagonism rapidly developing in the general population, the Nihonmachi gossipers were turning any unusual or inexplicable situations into unsubstantiated insinuations.

And these rumors and backbiting remarks were magnified each time they were repeated, to the discomfort of the families. The war created trauma for everyone, and more often, it affected the families. In so doing, it was to change the complete structure of the entire Japanese American society.

Whatever leadership that developed in the centers for the most part was temporary. Some sons and daughters took the pioneering roles by relocating to the Midwest and East. Others remained in the

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

## Voices

By ROY M. NISHIKAWA

## The Deficit

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

How true when applied to JACL's financial crisis. I somehow recall that in any event of significance, the five W's (what, where, when, who and why) must be addressed. Otherwise there can be no complete and honest picture of the event.

So let's look at the five W's.

1. **What**—The \$75,000 1993 deficit. The \$187,000 1994 deficit and the projected \$280,000 deficit for 1995.

It is too simplistic to explain this by merely saying, "Not enough income, too much expenses."

We've got to find out how and why we got into this mess before we can fix it.

2. **Where**—National Headquarters and to a lesser extent the *Pacific Citizen*. Both are controlled (financially) by the National Board and the National staff which writes the checks and keeps the books.

3. **When**—This is uncertain. 1990? 1991? In any case, the problems were greatly

exacerbated under the prior 1992-94 board and staff.

4. **Who**—The president, vice president of operations and the treasurer. Some board members may have been "cut out of the loop" and thus remained unaware.

The National staff: the national director, associate director and the business manager.

There are varying degrees of culpability. For example, the previous and current national directors apparently were not instructed and/or provided guidance on dealing with JACL's finances.

It is incredible that after the 1993 deficit of \$75,000, no steps were taken to stop the deficit of \$187,000 for 1994. And now we have a projected deficit of \$280,000 for 1995!

Who was (is) minding the store?

5. **Why**—There are several factors.

A: The culture of the 1992-94 National Board that they were the "owners" of JACL. This culture and mind set started with the "organization structure committee" plan

which the National Council did not accept at the 1992 Denver Convention and which was rejected completely at the 1994 Salt Lake City Convention.

B: Poor internal communication, including lack of consultation and possibly misinformation.

C: A psychology of denial, avoidance, evasion and stonewalling.

D: A tendency to pursue their own agendas and consequent inattention to the JACL Constitution and budget balancing.

E: Poor judgment and poor management together with ignorance which led to the belief that someone else was responsible and things were under control.

For further detailed information, I refer you to the *Pacific Citizen* issues of Nov. 26, 1993 and the Jan. 21, April 22, and July 1 issues of 1994.

There are a few people who say, "Let's not point fingers, let's not wash our dirty linen in public." But there are far more people who cannot tolerate further "cover ups."

We all know the firestorms that followed the infamous Sept. 25-26, 1993 attempt by

the National Board to cover up their proceedings.

The flip side is some of today's leaders led by President Denny Yasuhara want an investigation and a self examination. This commands respect and goes a long way towards restoring credibility, confidence and trust.

What are the remedies? The answers are a lot tougher—not clear cut as in the five W's.

## Remedies

1. Absolute openness and honesty with the members—No spin control, no rationalizing excuses.

2. Temporary salary caps.

3. Elimination of merit raises (there may be a few exceptions).

4. Selection and retainment of staff not only on a civil rights background but on

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A former JACL national president, Nishikawa is a member of the Wilshire Chapter.

## Voices

By MOLLIE T. FUJIOKA

## Making a difference

Making a difference...we all try to do that...in how we live our lives, raise our children, do our jobs etc. But the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, is trying to make a difference by informing its members, friends and the local community in the areas of the "domestic partners" issue; the history of the Japanese Americans; and appreciation and responsibilities of diversity.

"Where in the world is Diablo Valley Chapter?" That is still being asked, despite the fact that it has been 17 years since its inception. The 200-member chapter is located in what is considered the 'burbs' of San Francisco. Its membership community lies roughly east of the Oakland/Berkeley hills, extends north to the waterways of Carquinez Strait/Sacramento River, east to the Delta, south to the Contra Costa/Alameda County border. It encompasses the cities of Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Martinez, Concord, Clayton, Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood, Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon. JACL chapters to the west of us

are Berkeley and Contra Costa, to the north Solano County, to the east Lodi, and to the south Tri-Valley.

A recent PC article focused on the chapters' work on domestic partners, its tracking of the evolution of Emergency Resolution #3 to California Assembly Bill 2810 (Domestic Partners Legislation). It took the creativity and many committed hours by dedicated individuals to accomplish these tasks. **WHAT THE CHAPTER DOES, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

On Dec. 6, 1994, the Diablo Valley Chapter, St. Mary's College Department of History, and the Irvine Occasional Lecture and Visiting Artist Series sponsored an evening public lecture by Mei Nakano titled: "Threads of Remembrance: Three Generations of Japanese American Women." Mei was featured as a scholar, human rights activist, and author of *Japanese American Woman: Three Generations*. (PC readers know her for her column "Sidebar".) Mei's story of JA history and personal vignettes held the rapt attention of the audience of students, history department professors,

chapter members, and friends. The chapter provided refreshments, while Mei autographed two of her books: *Japanese American Women*, and *Riko Rabbit*. Earlier that day she spoke to a history class, entitled: "A Multicultural History of American Women" which covered Native American, Mexican American, African American, Chinese American and Japanese American women. The course's section on Japanese American Women covered "Issei Women: Immigration and Settlement"; "Issei Women: the War Years and Beyond"; and "Nisei Women: A Generation Shaped by War." Mei's discussion with the class, of course, was on JA women. Her book, *Japanese American Women: Three Generations* was one of the texts used in that class.

The link between the chapter and the Moraga-located college comes from Ted Tsukahara, a board member and co-chair of the chapter's Oral History Committee. Ted is associate professor in the School of Economics and Business Administration at St. Mary's College. Thanks to his strong feelings about the inclusion of Asian Ameri-

cans in the study of American history, the chapter has a symbiotic relationship with Prof. Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo of St. Mary's College's History Department. The Oral History Committee besides introducing Ms. Lemke-Santangelo to Mei Nakano, provided additional resources in books, video tapes, and persons to be interviewed by her students. In the spring, the committee anticipates cooperative work with St. Mary's College's History and Communications Departments. **WHAT A CHAPTER DOES, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**DIVERSITY!** In recent years, volunteer organizations have been actively seeking diversity on its boards and its general membership. At the very least, for "getting to know you" can be a descriptive theme. **BUT DIVERSITY HAS ITS TOLL!** The following incident took place almost two years ago; how it was handled, is the last example

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Fujioka is a member of the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL.



Reflections



**IN HONOR**—The American flag and numerous plaques honoring the 100th/442 Regimental Combat Team, mark a battlesite in Bruyeres. **AT RIGHT**—Yaeo Munemori, sister of the late war hero Sadao Munemori, attends a ceremony. To her right is Pierre Moulin who organized the reunion.

# BRUYERES

## A special experience, a special meaning . . .

One of the biggest events of 1994 was the Oct. 14-16, 1994, celebration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine in the Vosges Mountains in eastern France. Some 800 Nikkei, many of them members of the 100th/442 Regimental Combat Team, came to the site of the battles to pay homage and respect to those who had died.

It was, as well, an event of renewal, of reuniting and re-cementing friendships with the local French townspeople who had many

years ago erected monuments to the feats of the Nisei soldiers who freed them decades ago.

In these articles, Harry K. Honda, PC editor emeritus, and Valerie Yoshimura of the Detroit Chapter, JAACL, offer their insights, feelings and emotions to this special experience.

In the third article, Honda talks about the Nisei war experience in the infamous Nazi camp—Dachau . . .

By HARRY K. HONDA

In late July, a controversy dealing with the JAACL monument at Bruyeres reached our news desk and the caller, George Yoshihara (Co. E), president of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association, wanted a comment.

The principle: Prof. Shinkichi Tajiri. I had met him through his late brother Vince. Answering to the name, George, he was an original 442nd volunteer from Poston, Ariz., in Co. M, and wounded in Italy, so he did not participate in France. In October, 1993, he had visited Bruyeres and was warmly welcomed. Upon returning home, the internationally known Nisei sculptor, who lives in Holland, decided to create a work of art to donate to the city. It was his "Friendship Knot," not that similar to the one he had fashioned for Weller Court in Little Tokyo.

The controversy: Yoshihara was told that the mayor of Bruyeres wanted to put the Tajiri's huge artwork above the monument bearing the JAACL plaque that was dedicated in 1947. What the mayor says goes in Bruyeres. Yet the rest of the councilmen agreed with Tajiri. It should have its own base. In fact, he had already seen and recommended a site nearby in the thickly wooded Vosges, where the

100th/442nd began its battle to liberate Bruyeres. So if the mayor's word prevails, the work of art and its dedication on October would be scrubbed.

Of the Battle of Bruyeres, Chester Tanaka's background in his *Go For Broke* (1982, pages 75-76) is succinct and comprehensive

"The men did not know then that this was the beginning of a far different kind of fight than the ones waged in Italy. Here the battleground was close to the German border. In Italy, the Germans could afford to trade real estate for time, men and materiel. Now the enemy had their backs to the wall. In the Bruyeres sector, they were ordered to hold at all cost . . . They were ready to use every trick in the book of modern warfare and they wrote the book—extensive planting of minefields and boobytraps; zeroing in of military targets (bridges, intersections, village squares, wells) . . . They used tree-burst artillery shelling (regarded as the most deadly as the shells were fired to explode overhead, raining metal fragments and tree limbs below) in the Vosges; they dug, fortified and camouflaged machine gun nests in the underbrush of the

forest—throwing back their cover like a trap-door spider and opening fire on the backs of passing troops. They were no longer the hit-and-run soldiers. They had no place to run. So they stayed to slug it out and the 100/442 stayed with them."

(Being there in the town square at Bruyeres and having Hills A, B, C and D, which dominate the town, pointed out to us by two men who were there 50 years ago, Col. Young Oak Kim (ret.) and Capt. Bill Pye of the 100th/Co. C (now of



**PERSONAL JOURNEY**—JAACL President Denny Yasuhara travelled to Biffontaine/Bruyeres, France, to pay tribute to the 100th/442nd and his brother who was killed in action in Italy.

San Antonio, Texas), brought those pages to life.)

Tajiri had informed a few key members in Hawaii about his intentions but there was no reply. On the Mainland, Yoshihara had polled the 100th/442nd Association board and wrote to the mayor that the Nisei veterans all supported Tajiri's generous gesture.

And Yoshihara confided, "I feel this donation of a significant work of art by a former GI who volunteered from Poston into the unit that liberated Bruyeres has a great deal of emotional impact . . . Furthermore, several from Bruyeres attended the 1988 Nisei Veterans Reunion at Reno, heard about our redress campaign. Upon their return home, they canvassed their own citizens and 1,500 (the town has 4,000 inhabitants) sent petitions to President Reagan on our behalf."

Yoshihara was going to Bruyeres to thank them for their support on behalf of all Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during the war and Tajiri's art sculpture would be its lasting symbol.

My comment: As a longtime JAACL member and veteran editor, it was — "We're with Tajiri."

Ten days later, Yoshihara reported back the good news. The mayor had changed his mind. I also decided then to take a personal vacation in mid-October to see Bruyeres, cover the dedication, talk to veterans—many of whom were returning for the first time since the war—and see the Italy and France as they remembered it.

In Italy: Civitavecchia, Cecina, Grosseto, Rosignano, Livorno, the American Cemetery near Florence, Viareggio, Massa, Carrara, Genoa (where Columbus was

born), the Italian Riviera towns of Varazze and San Remo.

In France: Mentone, a day trip to L'Escarene and Sospel in the French Maritime Alps, Geneve, Basel at the Swiss/French border, Colmar, the only Nazi concentration camp in France at Struthof-Nazweille, Epinal, the American Military Cemetery at Quequemont outside Epinal, Biffontaine, Bruyeres, Reims, Verdun, Bayeaux, and Normandy—Caen, Omaha Beach, the U.S. military cemetery and Pointe du Hoc.

National President Denny Yasuhara wanted to deliver a JAACL message at Bruyeres for a personal reason. His brother, George Sawada, was in the 442nd and killed in action in Italy. Arrangements were hurriedly made to have Denny join the tour at Lucerne — the hotel stop before Epinal. This was also his first trip to Europe. Fortunately, he couldn't get lost, accompanying Dr. Robert Kiyomura of Layton, Utah, who knew his way around Europe, from Salt Lake City to Lucerne for only the Bruyeres-Biffontaine portion.

As one who soldiered stateside from October '41 to December '45, writing and reading about the exploits of fellow Nisei GIs overseas, it proved to be an astounding trip, listening to stories 50 years old, vivid as though they happened yesterday. These stories, undoubtedly, have been told and retold. But hearing them was a rich, unforgettable experience. It's a rare kind of history.

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 3 (Monday)—After a predawn drive across Los Angeles County to the airport, arriving around 5:45 a.m., I was an early check-in for UAL's 8:35 a.m. nonstop flight to Washington/Dulles, then transfer to UAL 971 for Rome — a total of 13 hours with two meals, two snacks and two movies.

George Uchimiya (Co. K) of Garden Grove and wife Nancy were already there to keep tabs on Rudy Tokiwa's group boarding at LAX for "The 50th Anniversary Battlefields Tour," arranged by Pierre Moulin of Luxembourg. Rudy and Pierre have worked together in the past on similar tours. Pierre was born in Bruyeres in 1948 and heard the 442nd stories from his father, a Free French fighter.



# The French Connection

By Valerie Nao Yoshimura

Dreams really do come true. As a student of French literature, and of Japanese American history, I didn't think my primary research interests would ever intersect, but they have. The unlikely friendship between Japanese American veterans and the French of Bruyeres and Biffontaine offers a shining example of global commitment to peace. As I slipped between the "worlds" of the French and the Nikkei at the fiftieth anniversary reunions, I gained insight into how the French conceive of "us," and realized how closely knit our Japanese American community really is.

As you may know, Bruyeres (pop. 3,600) and Biffontaine (pop. 400) were liberated fifty years ago by the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team/100th Battalion. Having endured four years of Nazi occupation, the French were overwhelmed with joy—and surprise—when they saw the "petits bonhommes" (the little good men) of the 442nd/100th. Even today, the Bruyerois recall with tears in their eyes the arrival of "les Hawaiiens" which enabled them to finally leave the cellars where they had cowered during the siege of the city during the final three months of the war.

While the newly liberated Bruyerois were not, at the time, aware of the personal struggle waged at home by their liberateurs, they learned, over the years, of the internment of Japanese Americans during the war. The knowledge that the men of the 442 were fighting for their own liberty at home endears the French even more to the 442; they recognize the supreme sacrifices



**TRAVELER**—The author pauses during luncheon interviews with Nisei vets at Bruyeres.

made by these men for the freedom of both peoples, and feel a shared understanding of injustice endured. Indeed, the French often say that it was on French soil, through the valor of the 442nd/100th, that the fiftieth star of the U.S. Flag was earned.

The Bruyerois affectionately—and repeatedly—refer to the men of the 442nd/100th as "les Hawaiiens." One might ask how the term came to be used; surely they couldn't be called "les japonais," and a term such as "les americains" may have conjured images of tall, fair men. "Les Hawaiiens" may thus have been

the "term of endearment" coined by the Bruyerois for their liberators. While the French are increasingly aware that not all of their liberators came from the islands, the term remains. The image of Hawaiian paradise, of men who came from halfway around the world to restore their liberty, is dear to their hearts and memories. Additionally, in 1976, sixty Bruyerois made a trip to Hawaii, to visit their "sister city,"—an unforgettable "Visite au Paradis" about which they still reminisce today.

The French have not forgotten. Every year since the end of the war, the Bruyerois have held a ceremony in the Helledraye forest at the

monument to the 442nd/100th which bears a plaque donated by the JACL; the road leading to the monument is called "la rue du 442eme regiment d'infanterie americaine." A granite monument rests quietly among the overgrown foxholes at nearby Biffontaine, site of the rescue of the "Lost Battalion"; an identical monument, cut from the same stone, honors the 442nd/100th at the site of their battle in Cassino, Italy.

While the residents of Bruyeres and Biffontaine pay the utmost respect to their fallen liberators, they delight in bestowing the joy of friendship upon those who re-

visit them thirty, forty and fifty years later.

In Bruyeres, merchants decorate their shop windows with flags, photos, and greetings for the American guests; banners declaring "Honneur a nos liberateurs" (Honor to our liberators) grace the streets. Bruyerois of all ages line the parade routes, waving joyously at the Nisei veterans and their families. Gifts are graciously exchanged; smiles and hugs "translate" all that is "said."

I had a very particular and privileged position at the fiftieth anniversary reunions. My knowledge of French enabled me to interview the French of Bruyeres and Biffontaine, and to interpret between the Nikkei and the French. I attended the "mini-reunion" of 442 "E" Company in July; we participated in the Bastille Day Parade, and shared many poignant moments as battlefields were revisited and friendships renewed. The July reunion had the benefit of being of manageable size; we were a small group of 60, thus more French were able to join us for more intimate conversations. After the Bruyeres luncheon, many of the Bruyerois invited the Co. "E" veterans to their homes for a longer visit. I had the pleasure, along with Nob Takashima and family, of visiting the home of M. et Mme. Claude at the foot of "Hill A." We took a hike up to the "Avison Tower"—the key strategic point held by the Nazis until the arrival of the 442nd/100th—and took in the "bird's eye view." It is there that one realizes the expanse and steepness of the "hills" surrounding Bruyeres—each one of which was taken by the 442nd/

100th in fierce battle and pouring rain.

I also made the acquaintance of Edouard and Viviane Canonica of Bruyeres, who live on the route taken by the Nisei soldiers as they marched into town. Mr. Canonica relates his memories of guiding the soldiers through the forest which he has known since childhood, and remains committed to the friendship between the Americans and the French. Mr. and Mrs. Canonica invited my husband and I to stay at their home for a few more days in July, and graciously hosted me again when I returned for the October reunion.

The October reunion was an incredible sight. While we no longer had the intimacy of a small group, the presence of some 800 Japanese American veterans and family members was a moving testimonial to the bond which unites these French and Japanese American communities. I could only imagine what thoughts crossed the minds of the veterans as they stood in silent salute, or walked among the graves, marked and unmarked. Still, painful moments were eased by the comfort of friends reunited, and by the laughter of new friends made from among fourteen tour buses.

While I made many new French friends, it was the many Nikkei whom I met who helped me realize how our Japanese American community is still very closely linked despite our increasing geographical dispersity. In July, I met a couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Togashi, who remember my parents. Mr. and Mrs. Al Yoshimura,

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**GRAVESIDE TRIBUTE**—The Fujioka-Kunitomi families and Nisei veterans gather at the American Military Cemetery at Epinal in France at the gravesite of Pfc. Teruo "Ted" Fujioka (Anti-Tank, 442nd) of Hollywood/Heart Mountain who was killed in action in the Vosges mountains. In front are Sue K. Embrey (wearing sun glasses), Claudine Cababa and her father Ed (right).



**MEMORY OF WAR**—The black Dachau memorial of jumbled barbed wire upon the wall is the backdrop as the guide addresses a group of Nisei veterans. Three separate 552nd Nisei veteran groups stopped by in Dachau during the recent celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres and rescue of the Lost Battalion.

## 522nd GIs shoot open Dachau gates

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

BIFFONTAINE, France—The field artillery "won" the war, if you were to ask General Patton, whose first love was armor. But the 100/442 Nisei on the front lines also respected the German "88," an artillery piece that was not only mobile and fast but accurate and deadly with a reputation that has survived in their stories told 50 years later.

What Patton had in mind were outfits such as the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, formed at Camp Shelby as a component of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in February, 1943. After the Battle of Bruyeres, which included the liberation of

Biffontaine, and the so-called Champagne Campaign by the Franco-Italian border in the French Maritime Alps, the 522nd was separated in March, 1945, and sent north to help support the 7th Army's assault on the Siegfried Line, which was 30-miles deep where the West Wall was breached. Once the wall was pierced, the 522nd Bn. newsletter was moved to quip: "All quiet on the Western front."

Throughout the war the 522nd carried on in the background, as is their role, but a closer look would reveal the 522nd's actions were historic and amazing.

● They shot open the gates of the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau in the final days of World

War II. The one-page pictorial with T/4 Ichiro Imamura's diary account in Chester Tanaka's *Go For Broke*, 1982, has opened the eyes of American Jewish and Nikkei communities as no other picture. The picture, by Lt. Susumu Ito, shows S/Sgt George Oiye left of the tree and T/4 Yuki Minaga to the right, as noted in the "C Battery" history compiled in 1991 by Ito and Oiye.

The 522nd "C Battery" history has a picture of Cleveland JACler S/Sgt. William Sadatoki offering a cigarette to a Dachau prisoner at Waakirchen. There were 5,000 prisoners in this town some distance from the camp on a force march when freed from SS troops.

From the Imamura diary:

Two liaison scouts from the 522nd Field Artillery were among the first Allied troops to release prisoners in the Dachau concentration camp. I watched as one of the scouts used his carbine to shoot off the chain that held the prison gates shut. He said he just had to open the gates when he saw a couple of the 50 or so prisoners, sprawled on the snow-covered ground, moving weakly. They weren't dead as he had first thought.

When the gates swung open, we got our first good look .... Many of them were Jews. They were wearing black and white striped prison suits and round caps. A few had shredded blanket rags draped over their shoulders. It was cold and

the snow was two feet deep in some places. There were no German guards. They had taken off before we reached the camp.

The prisoners struggled to their feet after the gates were opened. They shuffled weakly out of the compound. They were like skeletons — all skin and bones ....

We had been ordered not to give out rations to the Dachau prisoners because the war was still on and such supplies were needed to keep our own fighting strength anyway. The officers looked the other way. These prisoners needed help and they needed it right away. They were sick, starving and dying....

We stayed near Dachau for sev-

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Personally speaking

Las Vegas Clark High School principal **Wayne Tanaka** was honored as Nevada's principal of the year because of his innovative and daring success, it was announced last September by Steven Henick, president of the Secondary School Principals Association of Nevada. His record includes a willingness to take risks to help students, launched a community watch program as a deterrent to street violence and gang activity that blossomed into a cooperative effort to reduce crime in his area in southwestern Las Vegas, opening the school after hours, leaving the court lights on for night basketball and to coordinating the annual "One Neighborhood for Everyone" celebration that involved agencies manning information booths to offer community resources.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist **Thomas Moore** and a Hiroshima Hibakusha orphan, **Thomas Tanemori**, 56, of San Francisco, are developing an electronic device to help the visually impaired get around, a recent AP feature related. Tanemori came to America in 1954 to study but fell ill, thinking it was radiation poisoning. In fact it was food poisoning from the migrant camp meals. But in 1987, he discovered he had retinitis pigmentosa, which all but robbed him of his sight. For help on a tape-recording system he thought would prevent the sightless from stumbling down unfamiliar streets, Tanemori contacted his congressman, Rep. Bill Baker (R-Danville, Calif.), who asked Moore to assist. He is the lab's deputy division leader for computers and communications engineering. His idea was to place electronic tags on objects, such as street corners, a sign or a bus, which the device carried by the user could interpret. It would help both the visually or hearing-impaired. They are in the process of finding funding for an estimated \$3-5 million development project.

Two Japanese Americans working at Los Angeles TV stations emerged from behind-the-scenes in print recently because of the O.J. Simpson trial. KNBC (4) spokeswoman **Regina Miyamoto** said: "We will continue to provide up-to-the-minute coverage," mindful that TV stations face intense competition for viewers and are reluctant to reveal specific coverage.... **Jill Tsukamoto**, spokesperson at KTTV-Fox (11) said they are reviewing their options as the hearings got underway in late September. [Forty years ago, **Mary Kitano Diltz** was the first Nihonjin on the L.A. scene as a TV spokesperson and publicist for KNXT (2). She was on the Manzanar Free Press during WWII.]

Believed to be the first courtroom of its kind, Los Angeles Municipal Court **Judge Thomas Oki** of West Covina started on a program dealing with domestic abuse exclusively. It is estimated Oki's court will handle about 400 cases each month. The deputy district attorney, deputy public defender and the Sansei jurist are working as a team, bypassing the probation officer and placing responsibility solely on the shoulders of the defendant who must complete a nine-month counseling program which became mandatory in July.

**Tiffany Chin**, 26, won the Olympic bronze in 1984 at Sarajevo and the U.S. championship the following year in figure skating. While teaching figure skating in Northridge and attending UCLA as an English major, she was back on the ice performing at the L.A. County Fair at Pomona—the first time the big-

gest county fair in the nation presented an ice show last September.

**Tak Nakae** and 40 of his Japanese American classmates from the 1940s were scheduled to return to the University of Nebraska in Nov. 4-5 of last year to thank the school and community for accepting them as students and friends when few others would during the war years.

About 50 Nisei students were admitted to the university in the fall of 1942 thanks to the efforts of NU Chancellor Chauncey Boucher, registrar George Rosenlof and members of the faculty and campus ministry. According to university officials, NU went beyond meeting its quota for admissions and brought the Nisei into contact with the local community.

"The friendly environments of the university and of the people of Lincoln made my Nebraska experience an ideal situation for my healing and growing up," said Nakae from his home in Winnetka, Calif.

Among the Nisei attending the reunion were **Fred Ishii**, **Bill Sakayama**, **Joe Ishikawa**, and **Nora Maehara Mitsumori**.

The event also included a panel discussion, "The Nisei Experience," featuring **Yuri Maruyama Adachi**, **George Hachiya**, **Tom Miya**, **Richard Morita**, moderator **Marie Yamashita Snell** and Nakae.



**RYAN AKIRA DEAN**

**Ryan Akira Dean**, an eighth grader at Olson Junior High School, Bloomington, Minn., has earned his Eagle Scout Rank, the highest in scouting. Ryan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 328, sponsored by the American Legion Post 550 in the Viking Council.

For his eagle service project, Ryan planned and organized a project at Richardson Nature Center to help build tepees for a Native American display that will be used by several nature centers throughout Hennepin Parks system.

Ryan is the oldest son of **Dick and Carol (Takekawa) Dean** of Bloomington, Minn., and the grandson of **John and Phyllis Takekawa** of Burnsville, Minn.

**Thomas Shigemasa** was promoted to San Jose, Calif. assistant police chief. He is the first Japanese American to reach that rank in the department. Shigemasa is a Sansei 1967 graduate of San Jose State University. He majored in in penology.

Producer **Karen L. Ishizuka** and filmmaker **Robert A. Nakamura** were recognized with



**ROBERT NAKAMURA and KAREN ISHIZUKA**

an award of merit at the American Association for State and Local History's annual meeting.

The two were recognized for their "Moving Memories" video, a sampling of home movies taken by Japanese Americans during the 1920s and 1930s. The video, produced for the Japanese American National Museum, was narrated by actor George Takei, a museum trustee.

Nakamura is an associate professor in the School of Film/Television and the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA. Ishizuka is curator of the museum exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience."

**Paul T. Bannai**, 74, of Redondo Beach, Calif., was appointed Sept. 29, 1994, to the Veterans Memorial Commission by California Gov. Pete Willson.

Bannai has served the interests of California and the military in a variety of capacities including: four terms as an assemblyman for the 63rd District; director of legislation for the Veterans of Foreign Wars; commissioner for the Fair Employment and Housing Commission of California; and Vice Commander for the Post 100 of the Disabled Veterans.

The California Veterans Memorial Commission is charged with the task of building a memorial to honor all Californians who have served in the United States Armed Forces since statehood was established in 1850. Members do not receive a salary.

Children's author and illustrator **Janet Mitsui Brown** was honored Nov. 17 by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and the Nihonmachi Little Friends at a special book party to celebrate the publication of her picture book, *Thanksgiving at Obaachan's*. The event was hosted by civil rights attorney Dale Minami.

The author's new work is based on her family memories and features her watercolor illustrations. The story weaves Japanese culture with American culture by



**JOAN MITSUI BROWN**

combining the traditional turkey dinner with Japanese foods such as rice and Japanese pickles, reminding readers of the diversity and enrichment of American society.

"I wanted to pass on the custom of Thanksgiving in a Japanese American household, which I felt was traditionally American and yet unique in its Japanese American character," said Brown.



**FRED HOSHIYAMA**



**MARK KIGUCHI**

**Fred Hoshiyama** and **Mark Kiguchi** were recipients of the 15th annual Japanese American Community Service Award, presented Oct. 7, 1994 in L.A.

Hoshiyama, 80, is best known for his long and distinguished career with the YMCA. During the war, when he was interned at Topaz, Utah, he organized unofficial YMCA committees which could develop social, recreational, and educational programs.

After returning in 1984, Fred assumed regional and national staff positions within the YMCA to develop training workshops aiding youth in prevention of delinquency, drug abuse and gang violence. As the national project director of a youth program utilizing mini-bikes, it is estimated that more than 250,000 teens, most of whom were high risk first offenders, were aided by this program. About 90% of these youth were kept out of further trouble with the juvenile justice system.

An attorney, Kiguchi has been a longtime contributor to the Nikkei community.

A 1958 graduate of USC Law School, he was among the first Nisei attorneys practicing law in the area.

His practice specializes in business, real estate and estate planning law. Because of his bilingual ability, he has given numerous presentations for no charge at community gatherings throughout Southern California, advising people about general legal issues, as well as taking care of their probate and estate planning concerns. He provides free consultation twice a month for the elderly at the Seinan Senior Center, provides regular legal seminars at Keiro and has worked with other groups including LTSC, presenting free seminars to the community.



**TAUL WATANABE**

Willamette University of Salem, Ore. has established the **Taul Watanabe Chair** in the Sciences, funded by a donation from the 1941 alumnus.

The endowed professorship, which is fully funded in excess of \$1 million, along with his earlier gift of an endowed science scholarship fund of \$100,000, is intended to complement the new Olin Science Center.

"Taul Watanabe represents what is the best and most important in a Willamette education; throughout his life he has been a civic and business leader who cares about his community," said Willamette President Jerry E. Hudson.

A special scholarship at Willamette for American students of Japanese descent was also established by Watanabe two years ago.

Watanabe was president of several banks and then executive vice president of Burlington Northern, Inc. As a member of the Los Angeles Port Harbor Commission, he negotiated the first container ship trade agreement with Japan. He has also served as president of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington. In 1978 he received the 3rd Order Sacred Treasure, the highest Japanese government award for citizens of other countries.

**Timothy P. Yoshino**, professor of parasitology in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, received the 1994 Henry Baldwin Ward Medal, the most prestigious award given by the American Society of Parasitologists.

Yoshino has conducted studies on a worm which in its adult stages lives in the intestinal veins of people, where it causes schistosomiasis.

Born in Livingston, Calif., Dr. Yoshino received his bachelor's and master's degrees in zoology and his doctorate in biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He taught and conducted research for 11 years at the University of Oklahoma before joining the University of Wisconsin.

The Ward medal is presented annually for leadership and meritorious achievement in an aspect of parasitological research.



**CAMILLE HAMILTON PATING**

**Camille Hamilton Pating**, a former deputy city attorney and specialist in civil rights litigation, was elected president of San Francisco's first Ethics Commission in October of last year.

"The voters created this commission because they want real changes and stricter controls in government ethics, particularly in the areas of lobbyists, campaigns, conflicts of interests and enforcement of violations," Pating said.

Pating will serve on the commission until 1997. The 33-year-old attorney was born in Portland, Ore., of Japanese-African American heritage. She graduated from Stanford University and UCLA School of Law, and began her legal career with the San Francisco Law firm Bronson, Bronson and McKinnon. She later served as a deputy city attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, specializing in civil rights and employment litigation and conflict of interest matters.



## SAIKI

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enclosed security of the centers until they were finally closed.

All persons who were affected by the evacuation and relocation know that it took their families from five to 10 years to re-establish their niches and to solidify plans for their futures. For many, even the return to the Nihonmachi and things Japanese became anathemas. Unexpected were the numbers who remained comfortably settled with new identities in cloistered communities, prepared to meet their individual crises as they occurred.

But to a large segment of the Nisei, the pain and the hurt of those critical war and postwar years are still too personal and intensive to relate to their children. Frustrations often will remain unuttered. "Don't rock the boat" seemed an appropriate response to ensure the continuing security of their families.

The Lim Report and various, other critics have argued that "some wartime JACL leaders and members acted as *inus* in the pre-war and wartime periods."

The Lim Report contains numerous references to the contacts which were made by JACL people with ONI representatives and authorities. The reports show that there were cooperation and friendship with investigating agencies, as should be expected.

If these contacts are to be criticized, the criticisms should be directed against ONI for monitoring JACL, a legitimate organization. Were these visits for surveillance purposes?

What are the facts and fantasies about *inus*? Why was there a need for stool pigeons in the Japantowns? If they had been needed, they would have been placed long before Pearl Harbor, and not as active leaders but among passive members.

Was their primary reasons to identify all leaders in the Japanese American communities? If the aim was to pinpoint all Issei leaders in the Nihonmachi throughout the West Coast, all the investigative agencies had to do was to obtain the copies of the directories published by the Japanese American newspapers in the West Coast cities: *Nichi Bei*, *Hokubei*, *Rafu Shimpō*, *Kashu Mainichi* and others in Seattle, Salt Lake City and New York.

Then, employing pretenses, they could readily contact all listed associations and organizations to obtain the names of the leaders and confirm their positions and importances.

The wholesale arrest and incarceration of several thousand Nihonmachi leaders was not an "inu-triggered" operation—it was a hit and miss, mass pickup of "potential and possible" suspects, motivated largely from the years of Yellow Peril propaganda and the fortuitous use of "military necessity."

The rumor mills that fed the *inu* theory among the remaining Nihonmachi people was also useful in creating distrust and suspicion among them, saving the investigative agencies from being the scapegoats.

Bred on years of Japan-bashing, abetted by envious competitors seeking economic gains and blinded by public hysteria and hatred stoked by Pearl Harbor, no Japanese American group of individuals could have prevented the evacuation. Only the sheer number of Nikkd in Hawaii forestalled it there. As the inevitability of mass removal came, the Nihonmachi allowed our own insecurities and fears to create the fall guys through the indiscriminate naming of *inus* to salve the festering sores of disillusionments.

As in all significant crises, the best and worst in us appeared;

leaders came forward or were created by circumstances; and their hasty judgments may have been as often wrong as right. But whose judgments then would have been better? After the turmoil was over, there came the wisdom of Monday morning quarterbacks.

Fifty years later it is farcical to cast stones of contempt on some of those who filled the breaches. Tule Lake was the only WRA center where the "no-no" percentage was over 40 percent, compared with half of that in other centers. Selected as the segregated camp, the tension and atmosphere in Tule Lake would have been subjected to even greater insecurities. We allowed the outside public pressure to divide and shred our compatibility. We became the victims of our own frustrations.

While several thousands were repatriated to Japan after the war, most of these eventually returned to the United States after the high court ruling that citizenship cannot be revoked. Several of these became members of the Japan Chapter of JACL.

It is now time for the dissenters and the naysayers to lay aside their ill feelings against those who were also involved in the Evacuation. After all, our basic complaint need to be against the Evacuation, and those who created the background for it and those who brought about its implementation. *Harakiri* is a feudal Japanese custom. We need not continue that practice here.

## DIFFERENCE

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of making a difference.

Excerpts of a speech made by a board member of DV Chapter to the Human Relations Commission best describes the incident. The speaker after describing the guiding principles of JACL, and DV Chapter pride in having had five members in four consecutive years receive awards from this commission, went on to say that as Japanese Americans we are keenly aware that for others lack of awareness, misunderstandings can and do frequently occur in a diverse community. This lack of awareness brought JACL to the Commission meeting that night because recent events surrounding the HRC dinner had created troubling reactions and thoughts. To place the unwelcome aspect in its most stark form, the speaker presented this outline.

"One of our Board members, the Vice President of Membership, accepted the task of "arrangements chair" to interest chapter members for their respective achievements. Her diligence resulted in 35 members attending the function. Our group collectively was assigned 3 center tables suitably marked at three points. This long line of tables was located in direct line of the podium. Problems began to develop when our attendees were summarily made to shift seats without consultation or request. The "arrangements chair" informed the intruding party (an HRC commissioner and two awardees) that the spaces at the table were reserved. She describes the response to that statement as rude and abrupt. Two other board members independently spoke to the party with no results. This series of "misunderstandings" had a domino effect in that it exacerbated the feelings of those who were "bumped" as well as those who were aware of what had taken place."

The speaker continued: "The chapter board had its scheduled monthly meeting the evening following the dinner. The HRC Dinner report to the Board conveyed the feelings of frustration, if not anger. The assembled listeners' more mild responses were tinged with dismay and disbelief. The most charitable comments ranged from "misunderstanding" to "in-

sensitivity." It became apparent that to have a "follow up" discussion on the event by the affected parties was imperative! At the follow-up meeting, "airing-out" of feelings took place. Let me try to give you a flavor of the remarks made, at the height of distress to be sure, but it will illustrate our concern. This is what was said:

● Remark: They are discriminating against us.

● Remark: The party of four was already seated at the next table with its own placards, why did they insist on coming to the DV table?

● Remark: Were our awardees of less importance than theirs?

● Remark: Would they have treated another group like this?

● Remark: Would "paler" or "darker" skin make a difference?

Continuing on, the speaker said: "Out of the discussion came some positive results: Rejected outright was a position of 'DENIAL', that you imagined it, that it was an isolated event, to forget it!"

The group felt these were options available as follows:

1. To talk only within the group with a possibility of its resulting in not having anything more to do with this HRC. (This INTERNALIZING, a safe route, was rejected.)

2. To communicate via letter to the Chair of HRC and accept an apology from him in behalf of the Commission. (This CONTAINMENT was rejected.)

3. To inform the Commission as to how the dinner incident was perceived by many of our members. (This to INTERACT and to INFORM was the accepted route.)

Based on our past experiences of not speaking out, we would be remiss in our responsibility to the community if we did not come before you this evening. As a minority, do we have to continue to ask:

As Asian Americans DO YOU HEAR US?

As Asian Americans DO YOU SEE US?

As Asian Americans ARE WE INVISIBLE?

The speaker concluded:  
● We believe in equal rights for all Americans.

● We believe in the aims and goals of your HRC.

● We want to participate with you and other groups in a dialogue which can lead to achieving our common goals of equal rights and an appreciation of our diversity.

At its conclusion, the Commission thanked the JACL for coming forward, apologies were made, and the Commission, almost in its entirety came to the following Chapter Board meeting with a written apology and words of apology from its chair. No apparent strains remain within the two groups. The following year another chapter member was honored at the HRC dinner. WHAT THE CHAPTER DOES, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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their ability to improve internal public relations i.e. within the Japanese American community.

It should be quite obvious that the membership and financial support for JACL comes primarily from the Japanese American community.

5. **Downsizing.** Not pleasant but nearly every other group has been forced to face reality. Is it time for the JACL?

6. **Funding.** Besides membership, concentration on other methods such as year end giving, corporate support, grants, wills, trusts, estates, smarter long term investments for growth. What is needed is implementation not just rhetoric.

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In conclusion, please refer to item #8 in the Program for Action 1995-96. Item 8 says that in the governance and administration of

JACL there must be openness, responsiveness and accountability.

I sense that under the moral leadership of President Yasuhara, the long and difficult road towards recovery is beginning to happen. Just beginning.

All of us, the National Board, the National staff and all of the members must help him.

Our commitment to the organization will be measured by our reactions.

Let's make these reactions positive. If the board and staff set the proper example, I am confident that the membership will follow.

## BRUYERES

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We were sorry that 100th/442nd Club president George Yoshihara (Co. E) of Huntington Beach, assisting with a second section of the group organized by Rudy Tokiwa of San Jose, became ill Sept. 19 and had to cancel. Travel-wise Yone, wife of Shig Kiyomura (Co. F) of Bellflower, took over the Bus 2 gang. Co-leaders Rudy and Judy Niizawa handled Bus 1. So much for the tour logistics. Keeping track of nearly 100 people must have been a constant worry.

At the check-in line, the young man behind me, Darrell Kunitomi, introduced himself and revealed he had been to Epinal several years earlier to visit his uncle's gravesite, Pfc. Teruo "Ted" Fujioka (Anti-Tank) of Hollywood/Heart Mountain. He was my first hint that three generations of Fujiokas were Bruyeres-bound.

Within the hour, Ted's older brother and onetime Southwest L.A. JACL president Dick Fujioka of Los Angeles and his wife Fudge, their Sansei nephews and nieces Dale and Grace Kunitomi of Camarillo, Ed and Kerry (Kunitomi) Cababa of Torrance and their Yonsei daughter Claudine gathered at LAX.

## The 'Ted' Fujioka documentary

"Ted" was born in Hollywood on June 12, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Fujioka. He was vice-president at LeConte Jr. High School in 1940, attended Hollywood High from 1940-1942, then by E.O. 9066 evacuated in April to Santa Anita Assembly Center and in September to Heart Mountain, Wyo. He was student body president at the camp high school, graduated in June, 1943, and then volunteered for military service.

A three-panel leaflet, "In Remembrance," compiled in tribute by Shizuo and Janice Kondo of Orange County, was handed to me at LAX. It was to be used at Ted's gravesite program. Besides Scripture readings, floral tributes and prayer, the testimonial explained he was killed in action during "a special mission" in the Vosges Mountains on Nov. 6, 1944. Clippings from the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, his smiling portrait in uniform and a profile by his friend, Pfc. Albert Saijo, round out the piece. Saijo recalled this one conversation:

"While we sat there, Ted looked off toward the mountains and I knew he was serious. He told me about his family and how close they all felt toward each other. He talked about his girl [Janice] and his hopes and about his belief in God. ... 'I'm joining the army,' Ted said suddenly.

Though his face was as the enemy's, Ted's heart and soul and brain were American. ... 'I'm joining the army,' Ted said, "so that that my family will have security. So there will be no stigma against my children. So that I can prove the things I believe in: things like democracy, equality and tolerance

and most of all, peace."

Perhaps Ted didn't get to fulfill his *special mission* but he tried so that other Teds might carry on where he left off.

## In the Thick of Battle

The War Department telegram had notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Fujioka, of 22-14-CD, Heart Mountain, that their son Teruo was killed while "on a special mission." Nature of that special mission was later explained to me in this fashion.

An anti-tank company is normally stationed in the rear. But in the heat of battle when casualties run high, these men in the rear are sent upfront to become litter-bearers. Similarly, the company cooks, bakers and clerks are rushed to the battle lines to bring back casualties, my tour roommate Jack Tagawa (communications chief at 2nd Bn HQ.) of Los Angeles explained. This happened at the Battle of Bruyeres and Rescue of the Lost Battalion. Enemy fire could be 10 yards away, he interjected.

## Women cover the historic reunion

Another Kunitomi, Sue Embrey, met the Fujiokas at Bruyeres upon conclusion of her retirement-gift tour that began with a Mediterranean cruise.

Other women covering the tour were Karleen Chinen of the *Hawaii Herald*, Momo Murakami of Los Angeles for the *Kamai Forum*, and onetime San Jose JACL president Judy Niizawa (co-leader with Rudy Tokiwa of the Mainland group), contributing to the San Francisco vernaculars, *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Nichibei Times* with copies to the *Rafu Shimpō* and the *Pacific Citizen*. Niizawa acknowledged Pete Hironaka's cartoon in the P.C. (see June 3-9, 1994) for adding "the dimension that the trip was to emphasize."

More conspicuous were Wendy Hanamura (daughter of Haruo, Co. L, and Mary of Oakland, they must have been proud seeing her in action) and her TV crew for San Francisco KPIX, following and chatting with veterans for her "Honor Bound" documentary to be aired this coming year.

Not a reporter but a graduate student at the University of Michigan in French literature, Valerie Yoshimura of Detroit was moving through the crowd, interviewing veterans with a tape recorder in hand. (See story on page 11).

Japan-born Rie Saito of New York, a commercial photographer, came with her videocam, shouldering a black tote bag packed with paraphernalia and cassettes. She had read in the P.C. about Rudy Tokiwa's 50th Anniversary Tour of the 100th/442nd to Italy and France and wanted to do a documentary in memory of her uncle, "Ko" Yamasaki (Co. L). With all the raw footage from a 17-day tour, she faces a stupendous and expensive task of editing.

There was one more. Grace Tsubata Fujii, executive vice president of the Honolulu S&D (Sons & Daughters of 442nd Veterans), daughter of Edward Kiyoshi (3rd Bn HQ) who passed away. She often regretted not videotaping him or writing down the many stories he told the family.

## MIS veterans were aboard, too

BUON GIORNO ROMA, Oct. 4 (Tuesday)—It made little difference having a window seat on the 8-hour trans-Atlantic 5:30 p.m. flight from Dulles to Rome. What is there to see flying at night over an ocean?

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**HISTORIC TOUR**—Onetime West L.A. JACL president Tak Susuki located what was the Service Battery headquarters for the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion for three months after VE Day in Bäumenheim, near Munich.

## DACHAU

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eral days and then got orders to move on ...

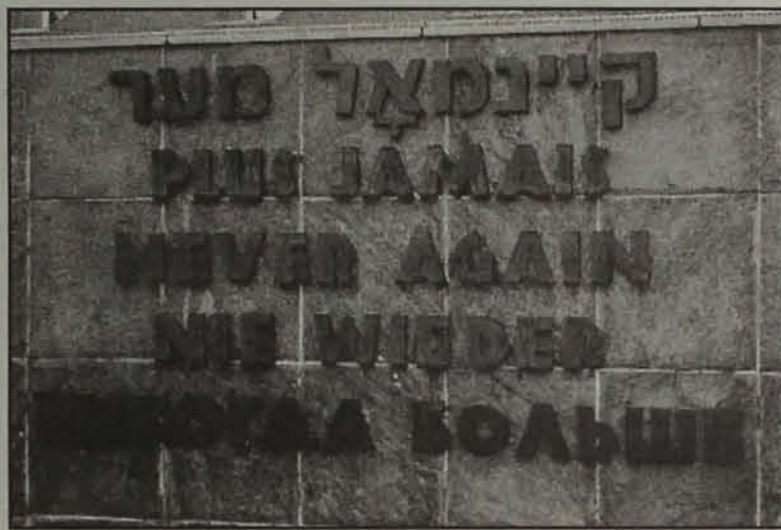
[Pictures on this page of "Dachau Now" come from Tak Susuki (522nd Service Battery) of West L.A., whose group visited Munich, Dachau and Berchtesgaden. Behind the camera was his son Mark, among the fortunate Sansei and Yonsei hearing war stories over again but in the surroundings of historic reality that no videotape or book can match or convey.]

● The 522nd lofted 150,000 rounds in support of seven different Army divisions and units in a month and half and achieved every objective assigned.

One veteran attending the cer-



**INFAMOUS SITE**—Inside what was a gas chamber—"And note the vents on the ceiling," the guide said. "No one was gassed here as the war had ended, stopping the laborers from completing their job. They were taking their time."



**MESSAGE**—The proclamation, "Never Again," greets visitors in five languages: Hebrew, French, English, German and Russian.

emonies at Biffontaine (where the Lost Battalion was rescued by the 442nd RCT) came up to thank George Oiye (522nd "C" Battery) for their accurate fire, enabling his outfit to move into Mannheim in the final days of the European war. "I was happy to hear this kind of acknowledgment," he added.

The 522nd had crossed the Rhine before dawn March 27 and supported the 44th Division in its

drive to take Mannheim three days later.

● Other stories should be expected at the 522nd reunion in Little Tokyo, April 27-30, with a gala banquet at the Hotel New Otani Saturday night.

Reunion headquarters will be at the Miyako Hotel a block and a half away on E. 1st St. For details, contact George Oiye, 53 Alma Court, Los Altos, CA 94022, 415/941-4850.

## BRUYERES

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Sitting alongside me were Bob Oku (MIS) of West L.A. and wife Miyo Nishi, remembered as the PSWDC aspirant in the 1948 JACL Convention queen contest at Salt Lake City. George Yasui (MIS) of Fremont, his wife Mary and daughter May, who works at a bank in San Francisco, were to visit the gravesite of his brother, Pvt. Hideo Yasui, at the American Military Cemetery near Epinal. Richard Furukawa (MIS/Occupation) and wife Yoko hailed from San Francisco. On the Tokiwa roster were Peter Okada (MIS) and his wife Mutsuko of Seattle. Pete had just suffered a heart attack and had to cancel. Touring with another group were Louise and Jack Nagano (MIS) of Los Angeles, a longtime VFW leader who rejoined his comrades of the European campaign.

The MIS - 100th/442nd connection is apparent in a remarkable story in the MIS 50th Anniversary booklet (Honolulu, July, 1993), written by Honolulu attorney Ted Tsukiyama (522nd B Bat /MIS CBI), of four Nisei in Hawaii recruited prewar for U.S. military intelligence. We quote his preface:

"Their faithful and unblemished performance must have laid the foundation and justification for subsequent acceptance of Niseis in the military service of their country, the 100th Battalion, the 442nd RCT and MIS. They [Gero Iwai, Army, 1931-1957; Douglas T. Wada, Navy, 1936-1975; Arthur S. Komori, Army, 1941-1988; and Richard M. Sakakida, Army, 1941-1975] are truly pioneers and the

"senpai" of the Nisei soldiers of World War II."

The story about Douglas Wada, recruited by the Navy in '36 because of his Japanese language skills, mentions Joe Shigeo Takata, "who later became a 100th Battalion war hero." Takata and Wada played baseball together in the Honolulu Japanese Senior League. And who was Takata?:

The 100th, as part of 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division had landed on the Salerno plain in September, 1943. Swinging northward to cut off and seize Naples, the 100th pushed out on the 23rd and two days later, the Germans were in retreat. News of Japanese Americans in Italy was in headlines back home. On Sept. 26, the 100th had moved 106 miles by truck into the mountains to Montemarano—on the other side of Mt. Vesuvius.

According to Thomas D. Murphy in his book, *Ambassador in Arms: The Story of Hawaii's 100th Battalion*, "Co. B was met by German machine-gunfire, mortar and artillery as it approached a curve in the road. The curve was "zeroed in," as the expression goes. Sgt. Takata, Co. B, 3d Platoon, said, "It's the first time, so I'm going first." He spotted one of the machine gun nests, walking toward it with his automatic rifle firing away. A piece of shrapnel caught him in the head. Dying, he managed to tell one of his men, who had crawled close, where the German gunners were. Before this enemy pocket was silenced, another had died and seven more wounded. The 100th had its first hero ..."

## Tribute at the AMC-Florence

FIRENZE/FLORENCE, Oct. 8 (Saturday)—The itinerary matter-of-factly says, "9 a.m. Departure to the American [Military] Cemetery of Florence. 10 a.m. Visit of the American Cemetery. 11 a.m. Back to the city for lunch (not included) and free time to enjoy ..."

But my journal remembers: "Never expected the satisfaction of being here: clean-cut lawns, the white crosses and memorial at the top of the rise." Rudy Tokiwa had brought bouquets for each of the "eleven lost members of the 100th/442nd who still lie resting in Florence," to borrow Judy Niizawa's phrase.

The crosses bear the name, rank, date of death and birthplace. Of the Nisei who were killed in 1944-45 and buried in Florence, none hailed from California. We found Arizona, Washington, Idaho, Colorado and Texas.

## The Munemori Story

During the month before the war ended in Italy, Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori (Co. A) fell on a German grenade that rolled into a foxhole at Serevessa (just below Massa) to save the life of two Nisei buddies. The Congressional Honor of Medal was posthumously awarded. (*The Stars and Stripes* had reported there were seven Nisei being cited for the Medal of Honor.) This vivid account of Munemori's instinctive mind to protect your buddy appeared in the 100th/442nd Newsletter, Sept. 1993, which is being shared for

P.C. readers, possibly for the first time.

On April 5, 1945, near Serevessa, Italy, Co. A came under murderous fire. (Munemori's) unit was pinned down by withering enemy gunfire and hand grenade barrage. Its commander David Novak (now a doctor at Northridge) and squad leader Sgt. Kei Yamaguchi (Los Angeles) were severely wounded.

Told to take over and without hesitation (Pfc.) Munemori took command of his squad. He made frontal one-man attacks through direct fire and knocked out two machine guns with grenades. Withdrawing under oppressive fire and showers of grenades from other enemy placements, he had nearly reached a shell crater occupied by two of his men when an unexploded grenade bounced from his helmet and rolled towards his helpless comrades. He rose into the withering fire, dived for the grenade and smothered the blast with his own. (More from Tooru Kanazawa's *Close Support*: He was instantly killed. The explosion took off half of his face and mutilated the upper part of his body.)

By his supremely heroic action, Pfc. Munemori saved two of his men at the cost of his life and did much to clear the path for his company's ultimate victorious advance .... He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously by President Harry S Truman on March 7, 1946, for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life." In contrast .... his family was confined in a U.S. concentration camp (Manzanar).

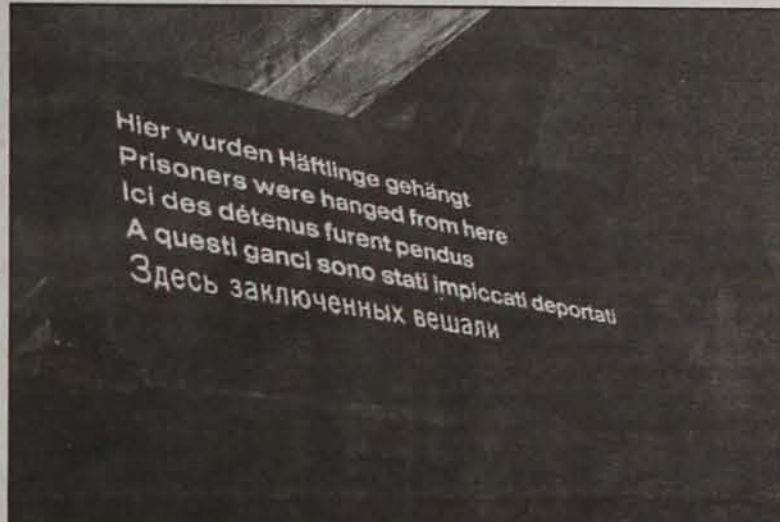
IN HONOR OF 42ND RAINBOW DIVISION AND OTHER U.S. 7TH ARMY LIBERATORS OF DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP APRIL 29, 1945 AND IN EVERLASTING MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF NAZI BARBARISM, THIS TABLET IS DEDICATED MAY 3, 1992.

EN L'HONNEUR DE LA 42<sup>ème</sup> DIVISION "ARC-EN-CIEL" ET DES AUTRES ELEMENTS DE LA 7<sup>ème</sup> ARMEE AMERICAINE QUI ONT LIBERE LE CAMP DE CONCENTRATION DE DACHAU LE 29 AVRIL 1945 ET A LA MEMOIRE INEFFACABLE DES VICTIMES DE LA BARBARIE NAZIE CE MEMORIAL A ETE INAUGURE LE 3 MAI 1992.

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**IN HONOR**—Dedicated inside Dachau, the plaque was unveiled in May, 1992, by and for veterans of the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division and other U.S. 7th Army liberators.



**REMINDER**—Again in five languages, in the same order as the proclamation at the gate, the overhead sign is a grim evidence of life in Dachau.

## FRENCH

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from 1961 in Chicago. Another veteran remembers my father's family from the 1930's in "Kakaako" in Honolulu. In October, I met many from Hawaii who knew my late uncle Kiyoshi very well; still others know my friends in Santa Barbara or my new friends in the Detroit JACL. Walking in the parade, a man asks me for pronunciation advice; what an interesting context to meet, by chance, JACL National President Denny Yasuhara! Most dear to my heart? I visited with my own "first cousin once removed": Dorothy Murashige and her husband Richard, from Oahu, whom I haven't seen in years!

The reunions at Bruyeres and Biffontaine accomplished much more than either language articulates. Together, we reaffirmed a friendship born out of horror yet dedicated to peace; we renewed a commitment to honor the sacrifices of the 442nd RCT/100th Battalion; for younger generations, the "reality" of those "old war stories" was manifest. Hopefully, the reunions brought peace to the hearts of those who returned to the battlefield, and understanding to those who could only imagine it. Perhaps most significantly, the France-Nikkei reunions inspired moments of quiet, profound reflection among all, touched as we were by truly spectacular expressions of respect, gratitude, and previously unimaginable friendships.

My sincere thanks to all those who shared their thoughts with me.



Obituaries

AKUTAGAWA, Richard M, 79, Granada Hills, Nov. 16; Ewa-born, survived by sons Wesley, Donald, Ronald, Eugene, stepdaughters Lynn Segura (Lafayette), Debra Mikura (Hawaii), stepson Dennis Kondo (Hawaii), 8 gc., brothers Wallace, Kiyoshi (both Hawaii), Tsuyoshi, Hideo, sister Linda Yuen (Hawaii).
ASATO, George T, 72, Torrance, Nov. 23; Baldwin Park-born, survived by wife Toshi, son Gregg, daughter Doreen Ogata, 1 gc, brother Tetsuo, sister Kazuko Kondo.
AMASUGA, Grace K, 81, Los Angeles, Oct. 30; Kingsburg-born, survived by sister Chizuye Takemoto.
BABA, Ishi, 96, Long Beach, Oct. 21; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Katsumi, daughters Umeno Iwamoto, Sugie Asari, Kazue Toyoshima, 8 gc., ggc.

Okinawa-born, survived by wife Toshi, sons George, Jim, Peck, daughters Asako Miyagi, Eiko Sanders, Reiko, Taeko Ishihara, 11 gc., 5 ggc.
IMAMURA, Takako Taxie, 67, Los Angeles, Nov. 25; Oxnard-born, survived by husband Hideo, sisters Miyoko Tom, Mariko Nakano, Tomiko Otani.
ISOBE, Takeo, 74, Gardena, Oct. 31; Stockton-born and prewar Watsonville WWII MIS veteran, commercial photographer, survived by wife Kikue, son Craig, daughters Linda Nakaba, Donna Nagatani, Faye Anderson, 6 gc., brother Jimmy.
IWAMI, Noboru, 62, Cerritos, Nov. 15; Salinas-born, survived by wife Kinuko, sons Craig, Kirk, daughter Diane Kamiyama, 2 gc, brothers Wilbert and James.
IWASHINA, Jean C, 53, Studio City, Nov. 15; Richmond-born, survived by husband Kenny, son Kevin.
KAMIYA, Ichio, 96, Los Angeles, Nov. 21; Japan-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son, 2 daughters, 7gc., 10 ggc.
KANASHIRO, Isokichi, 95, Los Angeles, July 20; Okinawa-born, survived by wife Kame, sons Isamu, Kiyoshi, daughter Sachiko Capilla.
KANEGAE, Nancy M, 53, Monterey Park, Sept. 25; survived by husband John, daughters Lisa, Laura, Karen, mother Asako Fujinaka, brothers Ben, Steven, sisters Lois Kimi Kendall, Jean Kobata, Carol Shinoda.
KANESHIRO, James H, 80, Los Angeles, Nov. 2; Kauai-born, survived by wife Sadako, sons Jerry, Gary, daughter Amy Ahmad, 5 gc, 1 ggc., sister Fumiko Miyahira (Hawaii).
KASAI, Mary F, 83, Los Angeles, Nov. 21; survived by brother Jack Mayeda (Honolulu), sister Florence C. Tsuchida (Seattle).
KATO, Hiroshi Edwin, 86, Pasadena, Aug. 1; Riverside-born, survived by wife Kimi, sons Tim, Stan (Fresno), 2 gc., brother Ralph, sisters Kathleen Yonegaki, Elizabeth Yamada, Ruth Hiramatsu, Lorna Nozaki.
KATO, Jerry Shizuo, 80, Sacramento, July 26; Auburn-born, survived by wife

Helen, son Jeffrey, 1 gc, brother Kengo, sisters Hisako Horikawa, Sueko Matsumoto, Chiyo Horikawa, May Miyamura, Helen Sugiyama, in-law Roy Tanaka.
KATSUNO, Shoichiro, 109, Seattle, Nov. 25. Nagano-born patriarch, prewar White River Valley farmer involved with three other Issei contesting the Washington alien land law in 1919, which the U.S. Supreme Court held valid in 1928, land was escheated to the state which, in 1960, agreed an injustice had been done and for which the state compensated him. Survived by sons Yoshinoi (Jpn), Peter (Vancouver, B.C.), daughter Aiko Yamagiwa Sakura, 10gc., 15 ggc., 3 gggc.
KAWACHI, Katherine M, 86, Los Angeles, Oct. 19; Seattle-born, survived by husband Kay, son Ronn, 2 gc., 2 ggc.
KAWAHARA, Yukio, 74, Los Angeles, Nov. 7; Hilo-born, survived by wife Takayo, sons Glenn, Bert, Robert, daughter Vivian Tashiro, 6 gc, brothers Mike, Masayuki, Kazuto, Osamu (latter three in Hawaii), sisters Kimiko Kitagawa, Chiyono Sakuma, Nancy Maeda (all Hawaii).
KAWAKAMI, Masayoshi, 93, Los Angeles, July 22; Tottori-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Mary Gen, son Tetsuo, daughters Misako Tanaka, Kazuko Higa, 8 gc., 4 ggc., sisters Makiye Louise Owens, Sueko Joan Oishi, Yuriko Sumi (Jpn).
KAWASAKI, James, 74, Los Angeles, June 1; survived by wife Mitsu, stepson Jeffrey Hendrick.
KAWASUMI, Toramatsu, 92, Los Angeles, June 30; Fukushima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughter Nana Montesanto (Reno), 7 gc., 3 ggc.
KAWASE, Kenneth M, 84; Monterey Park, Nov. 17; Little Tokyo-born Kibei grocer, survived by wife Chiyeko, 6 children, Francis, Raymond, Emi Morita, Steve, Dennis, Anne Abe, 16 gc, 4 ggc., brother Hideo, sister Harue Saito.
KAWATE, Kazuo, 71, Sanger, June 23; Parlier-born, survived by wife Futaye, sons Clyde, Gary, daughter Donna Lee, 4 gc.
KIMOTO, Machiko, 64, Los Angeles,

Oct. 18; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Jack, daughters Penny Norris, Stacy Saito, 4 gc., brother Azuma Nishi.
KINGMAN, Ruth, 93, Oakland, July 26. At the 1964 National JACL Convention in Detroit, Ruth was recognized among five foremost civil rights pioneers who, with her husband Harry Kingman, created "the atmosphere that enabled wartime evacuees of 1942 to return to their home and associations on the West Coast after the (military) exclusion orders were lifted in 1945." She was executive director of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in 1943, that became the California Conference for Civic Unity in 1946. Many prewar Nisei students benefited from the University Students Cooperative Association, which Harry Kingman opened in 1933 as a low-cost housing facility when racial discrimination in housing was rampant.
KINOSHITA, Sohei, 53, Torrance, Sept. 17; Okayama-born, survived by wife Yumiko, daughter Yoko, son Taro, brothers and sisters in Jpn.
KITAGAWA, Kaoru, 73, San Mateo, Aug. 17; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Takeo, sister Kikue Narverud, brother Takashi Kubota, in-law Toshiko Mori.
KITAMURA, Chiyeko, San Gabriel, Nov. 11; Tottori-born, survived by father Ichiro Kitamura, brother George.
KITANO, Shigeno, 95, Los Angeles, Aug. 4; Maui-born, survived by mother-in-law Faye M Yamashita, 3 gc., predeceased by son John.
KOBASHIGAWA, Noboru, 79, Gardena, Nov. 13; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Alan, Roy, Alvin.
KOBATA, Dorothy C, Harbor City, June 17 (sv); Sierra Madre-born, survived by son Dr. Dennis (Seattle), daughters Jeanne Tsujimoto, Janice Zoeger, 2 gc, brothers Arthur Yorimoto (Denver), David, sisters Ruth Nakamura (Chicago), Alice Nakamoto, Margaret Sakamoto.
KOBAYASHI, George, 70, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; Brawley-born, survived by wife Maria, sons George Jr, Roman, Byron, Danny, sister Toshi Otsu, brothers Kenji, Sam.

Kobayashi, Hideo, 74, Chatsworth, July 29; Menlo Park-born, survived by wife Emiko, sons Mike, Jerry, daughter Marie Y Ball, 5 gc., sisters Fumie Hara, Asako Mori.
Kobayashi, James M, 82, Cypress, Aug. 8; Hawaii-born WWII vet, survived by wife Marie, sons Stanley, Lloyd, Clyde.
KODAMA, Masayuki, 82, Los Angeles, June 28; Gardena-born, survived by daughter Lana Gosness, sisters Molly Oda, June Zediker.
KODAMA, Shosaku, 76, Sun City, Calif., Aug. 16; El Centro-born WWII vet, survived by wife Grace, sons Mark (Nipomo), Keith (Riverside), daughters Sharon Kodama (Corona), Jeanne Mano (Olathe, Kan.), Judy Bartholow (Palm Springs), 9 gc., 4 brothers James (El Centro), Harry (Lompoc), Oscar (San Diego), Roy (Thousand Oaks), 4 sisters Hiroko Masunaga (San Jose), Tamiko Goto (Pasadena), Toshiko Horibe (Los Angeles), Geraldine Yamamoto (Fountain Valley).
KOGA, Hisayo, 83, San Mateo, June 23; Oakland-born, survived by son Richard, 2 gc., sister Kimiko Wong, brother Paul Kitagaki.
KOGA, Jim Satoshi, 66, Petaluma, Sept. 18; Petaluma-born, survived by wife Harue, mother Satsuyo, brothers Brian, Tadashi, Toshio, sisters Patty, Misao Shimizu.
KOGA, Richard Shinya, 42, San Mateo, Sept. 23; survived by uncle Paul Kitagaki, aunt Kimiko Wong, nephew Gregory Nakamura, niece Colleen Nakamura.
KOHAYA, Jimi, 72, Sacramento, June 19; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Momoye, sons Kenneth, Donald, daughters Carlene Drake, Darlene Gentry, 2 gc.
KOJIMA, Kiyomi, 42; San Francisco, Aug. 5; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Sachio, sons Koichiro, Yoshiyuki.
KOMATSU, Usami T, 72, Gardena, Aug. 26; Kingsburg-born, survived by sons Gene, Melvin, daughters Tomiko Altuna, Nagako Komatsu-Garrity, 5 gc., brother

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Death Notice

JOSEPH NODA Joseph M. Noda, 83, Sun City, Calif., Dec. 10; Salinas-born, West L.A. JACL Chapter President '59, survived by brother Robert; sisters Rose Okimoto, Julia Kuroda and Eunice Sato.

Death Notice

YAYONO HANO Yayono Hano, 94 of Poconos, NY, Saitama born, predeceased by husband Harry Matsui Hano, 58 of Kumamoto. Survived by daughter Ritsu Matano of Pleasantville, NY; Sons Eippie, retired first nisei sergeant 18th Pct., NYPD; Kazu, retired principal of Aviation H.S., Queens, NY; Saizo, retired Vice President of May's Stores, Encinitas, CA; 7gc, 1 great gc.

Death Notice

WILLIAM BIYO YOSHINO WILLIAM BIYO YOSHINO, 80 of Modesto, California passed away December 1, 1994. During World War II, he was interned with other Japanese Americans at the Amache Relocation Center in Colorado. After the war, he returned to Livingston to resume ranching and raising his family until his retirement in the early 1970's when he moved to Modesto. Brothers: Fuji Kimura of Pacoima, CA; Sachi Terai of Des Moines, Iowa and Stanley Yoshino of Torrance, CA. Children: Ronald Yoshino of Riverside; Timothy Yoshino of Madison, Wisconsin; Jack Yoshino of Upland and Candy Buries of Long Beach. Services were held at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Modesto on 12/6/94.

Death Notice

DR. GLADYS ISHIDA STONE Dr. Gladys Ishida Stone, 71, Minneapolis, Dec. 20; Modesto-born sociologist, taught at Univ. of Wisconsin Stevens Point and UW-River Falls, retired as professor emeritus in 1992. Survived by brothers; Calvin & Julius Ishida (both Chicago). She and her late husband Dr. Greg Stone were the scholars to construct the first Issei questionnaire for the JACL-Japanese American Research Project in the '60s. Her family was involved in the Calif. escheat cases of the '50s. Active JACL member at Chicago and Twin Cities chapters. While working on her master's at the Univ. of Chicago in the '50s, she was associated with a famous Belgian woman intellectual on drafting a world constitution and human rights. Memorial will be held Feb. 17, 1995, at the Univ. of Minnesota; contributions in her memory may be directed toward the Univ. of Minnesota Foundation (specify "Nisei Womens Book Project"), 1300 S. 2nd St., Minneapolis, MN 55514.

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ers Tom Takata and James, sisters Emi Yamamoto, Peg Oda.

**Koshiyama, Hisano, 85**, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Maui-born, survived by sons Harry, Richard, Thomas, (San Jose), 6 gc, 4 ggc., brother Katsuchi Nishimoto, sisters Jean Shimamura, Masayo Yoshimura (all Hawaii).

**Kozai, Setsu, 99**, Gardena, May 10; Shiga-born, survived by sons Masaharu, Seiichi (Jpn), Toshiaki, Tadanori, daughters Nobuko Bevins (Conn.), Sally Kuriyama, 18 gc., 21 ggc., in-law Hatsuyo Kozai.

**Kubo, Sam I, 83**, Santa Clara, Sept. 2; survived by wife Mary T, sons Ken, Kunio, Yukio, Nobuo, Eiji, Akira, 13gc. **Kujubu, Kiwayo, 93**, Los Angeles, June 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Chikao, daughter Masayo Hada, 5 gc., 9 ggc., 1 gggc.

**Kumagai, June, 71**, Ontario, Ore., Dec. 11 in a Boise hospital; Fifé, Wash.-born longtime hostess at Eastside Cafe, survived by husband Joe, sons Arnold, Dwight, daughter Laraine Sage (Payette), brothers Tsuyoshi Kuramoto (Bakersfield, Calif.), Yoso, sister Marge Arima (Caldwell), 5 gc.

**Kumagai, H. Motoharu, 90**, San Jose, Aug. 12; Alviso-born, survived by daughter Lillian Uyeda, 2 gc, brother Jack Saburo.

**Kumagai, Mitsu, 89**, Costa Mesa, Sept. 15; Fukushima-born, survived by son Joey, 5 gc., 6 ggc.

**Kumagai, Tomie, 88**, Los Angeles, Sept. 9 (sv); Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons John H, Tom, daughters Rose Kishi, Elsie Kageyama, 8 gc., 4 ggc., sister Yaeko Hirayama (Jpn), predeceased by husband Frank.

**Kumano, Hiroshi, 68**, Carson, June 19; Marysville-born, survived by wife Susan, daughters Christine Kumano Doyle, Suzuko Wattenbarger (both Temecula), 1 gc., brother Masami, sister Kyoko Kondo, San Jose.

**Kunishige, Sam I, 73**, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; Fresno-born, survived by wife Dora, mother Matsuyo, brothers Mits, Masato, sisters Umeko Sato, Takeko Kodama.

**Kunitake, Kazuo J**, Sacramento, Sept. 21; survived by wife Grace, daughters Debbie, Karen, Nancy, Susan, brothers John, George, Henry Ken, sisters Mary Nishi, Florence, Betty Chung, May **Kuniyoshi, Nami, 88**, Lomita, Sept. 9; Okinawa-born, survived by son Shinyu, daughters Sumiko Wolfe, Michiko Murakami (Hawaii), Yoko Pagador, Sachiko, stepson Shinmatsu (Jpn), step-daughter Yoshiko Kinjo (Jpn), 14 gc., 9 ggc.

**Kuniyoshi, Shinsei, 96**, South San Gabriel, June 18; Okinawa-born, survived by son Alvin, Paul, Douglas, daughters Mildred Shiira, Sumiko Kanashiro, 10 gc., 3 ggc.

**Kurihara, Sumiye, 82**, Oxnard, Aug. 16; Gonzales-born, survived by daughter Asako Moriwaki, son Norman (Walnut Creek), brother Masao Mori (Campbell).

**Kurimoto, Toshiko, 78**, Los Angeles, Nov. 9; Tacoma-born, survived by brother Atsushi, sister Ayako K. Cox.

**Kurisu, Hideko S., 69**, Palmdale, May 14; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Masao, son Douglas, daughter Chiyeko, 4 brothers George Shinagawa (Cleveland), John (Richmond), Roy (Fremont), Hitomu (Pinole), 4 sisters Mariko Deemer (Maryland), Kazuko Kawahira (Sacramento), Mizuko Scott (Pittsburg, Calif.), Akiko Helwig (Oregon).

**Kuwahara, Shizue, 81**, Gardena, Nov. 14; Moneta-born, survived by husband Masakichi, son Sadao, Masayuki, Toshio, daughter Chiyoko Tanimoto, 13 gc., 3 ggc., brother Hiroshi Harada (Jpn). **Labriola, Jean Kawauchi, 62**, South Gate, Oct. 14; Sacramento-born, survived by son John, daughter Gina, 4 gc.

**LETTERS**

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primarily from a single ethnic group, you must also realize that it's highly unlikely that there's enough money to go around for an organization whose causes know no limits.

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*Mike Iseri*

Ontario, Ore.

**Matsumoto, Dr. George M**, Chicago, July 5 (sv), survived by wife Masako, son Gregory, 1 gc, brothers Dr. James, Dr. Peter, sister Mary Arimoto.

**Matsumoto, Margaret Emiko**, Encinitas, July 9; Imperial-born, survived by husband of 51 years James S., sons Randy, Brian (La Mesa), 2 gc., brothers Robert Shimamoto, Edgar (both San Diego), Lawrence and Gene (Imperial), Dennis (Fla.)

**Matsumura, Jimmie M, 77**, Monterey Park, Nov. 11; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Kuniko, daughters Irene Ota, Midori MacDougall, 3 gc., brother Bill Shigeru.

**Matsuoka, Masami, 89**, Fowler, July 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Emma Kawano, Alice Miura, son Jack, 10 gc.

**Matsuoka, Yuwayo, 92**, San Francisco, Sept. 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Shigeki, Chitoshi, daughter Setsuko, gc.

**Matsushima, Harry K**, La Salle, Colo., May 22; survived by wife Teruko, daughters Harriet (Canton, Conn.), Naomi (Cheyenne), Jody (Boulder), brothers John (Ft. Collins), George and Takashi (both Ft. Lupton), Lester (Greenwood, Ind.), sisters Sachiko Katayama (Lake-wood), Margie Miyoshi (Nye, Mont.)

**Matsusuyu, Shinaye, 95**, Los Angeles, July 1 (sv), Wakayama-born, survived by sons Ichiro (Hayward), Toshiro, Yuzo (Oxnard), daughter Setsuko, 4 gc. **Maxwell, Judith B, 50**; Ashland, Ore., Nov. 26 at City of Hope, Duarte, Calif., of leukemia; Chicago-born, survived by mother Marion Nakata, son Christian

Nakata, daughter Jamaica, sisters Carolynn Massey, Patricia Wiesbusch. **Merritt, Ralph 'Pete' Jr.**, Fallbrook, May 22 while attending the Death Valley-49ers board of directors meeting in Bishop, Calif. Son of the late Ralph Merritt, Manzanar WRA project director, he lived at Manzanar during his father's assignment; served the City of Redlands as assistant city manager, 1956-1964, as city manager until he retired in 1977. An advocate of the Manzanar National Historic Site, he wrote, "Death Valley: Its Impounded Japanese Americans" (1987), that tells of contributions of the 65 internees who were removed for personal safety reasons from Manzanar after the Dec. 5, 1942, disturbance.

**Mikami, Josephine Y, 70**, Torrance, Nov. 29; Long Beach-born, survived by husband Yutaka, sons Glenn, Geary, Sam, Bob, daughter Christine Kusaba, 7 gc., brother Yukio Seki (Jpn).

**Miya, Mary F, 71**, Los Angeles, Nov. 17; L.A.-born, survived by husband George, sons David, Dr. Glen, daughter Carol Pograd, 2 gc, brother William Mori (Hawaii).

**Miyamoto, Kin, 92**, Los Angeles, July 4; Fukushima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons George and Nob Tanji, daughters Toshiko Nakashima, Hisako Shibata, 9 gc., 5 ggc.

**Miyaoka, Tommy T., 68**, Salinas, March 15; former produce company owner, survived by wife Tomiko, son Jeff, daughter Julia Andress (Buffalo Grove, Ill.), gc, brother Ben, sister Helen Yoneyama.

**Miyashiro, Peter T, 76**, Los Angeles Oct. 1; Kauai-born, survived by wife

Norma, son Vip, daughters Theresa, Cindy, 2 gc.

**Miyazaki, Thomas K, 90**, Los Angeles, Nov. 7; Osaka-born, survived by wife Hisa, daughters Patricia Ikehara, Bobbie Mizuhara, son Tommy, 8 gc.

**Miyoda, Hideo, 78**, Yorba Linda, Nov. 14; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Haruko, sons Edward, Larry, daughters Linda Masuda (Turlock), 2 gc., brothers Akira, George, sisters Masako Fujimori, Hisa Tsubara, Shige Honda.

**Mizota, Hisako, 69**, Santa Clara, Oct. 14; survived by sons Michael, David, Stanley, daughter Janet Yamada, 4 gc.

**Mochida, Masayo Hitaka, 93**, Fairfield, June 14; survived by son Morimasa, Tooru, Masaru, daughters Emiko, Satsuki Ward, Kikue, Miyuki Hirano, Kayoko Ikuma, Hiroko, 15 gc., 7 ggc.

**Mori, Dr. James, 40**, Los Angeles, April 28; L.A.-born, survived by wife Theresa, parents William and Grace, sisters Donna Mori-Kamimura, Linda Mori-Roberts, brother Bill Jr.

**Moriguchi, Miyoko, 74**, Los Angeles, Oct. 25; L.A.-born, survived by husband Masashi, daughters Hatsuko Shimizu, Natsuko Nakano (Jpn), Michiko Moriguchi-Baker, 6 gc., sister Fumiko Nishikawa (Jpn).

**Morimoto, Joe Kazumi, 87**, Watsonville, Aug. 1; Soquel-born, survived by wife Masako, son Gary, 1gc.

sister Chieno Matsumoto. **Morinaga, Yukiko, 65**, Monterey Park, Nov. 22; Bakersfield-born, survived by husband Yoshinori, sisters Kiyoko Okada, Akiko Mori, brother George Miyata.

**Morita, Dr. Haruko**, Los Angeles, Sept. 24; Stockton-born L.A. Unified School District principal, survived by sisters Dr. Linda Morimoto, Toshiko Morita, brother-in-law George Morimoto, sister-in-law Clare Anthony.

**Morita, Larry, 47**, Denver, June 3; Greeley-born social worker, Colorado State graduate, survived by mother Miyoko.

**Morita, Toshiko**, Marina del Rey, Aug. 2; Wyoming-born, survived by daughter Pat Nakahara, son Gerry, 4 gc.

**Mukai, Chiyeko Wakasugi, 79**, Seattle, June 25; Rolling Bay, Wash.-born, survived by husband Masahiro, son Milton, brother Mamaro (Weiser, Idaho), sisters Nats Hashitani, Harumi Yano (Ontario, Ore.), Many Amano (Weiser).

**Mukai, Isao, 91**, West Los Angeles, April 18 in Hiroshima; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Itsuo, sons Hajime, Tsukasa, daughters Emiko Okamoto, Kazue Fujimoto, Yukiko Ito (all of Jpn), 15 gc., 7 great-gc.

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