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Justice Department announces minority language task force

Speaking before the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) in New York City, Deval Patrick, assistant attorney general for Civil Rights, announced Jan. 31, the formation of a Minority Language Task Force, within the voting section of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

"This task force," Patrick said, "should help our ability to respond to complaints, build expertise in the language provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and more effectively enforce the law." He went on to urge those in attendance "to reclaim and recreate the shared national consensus that discrimination is wrong, and to return the language of civil rights to its essence, back to the core concepts of equality, opportunity and fair play." Patrick, who also cited the trailblazing efforts of AALDEF in the area of voting rights, was honored by the organization along with the Asian American community leader, Midori Shimanouchi Lederer, and South Asian women's advocate Shimita Das Daegupta.

MORE ON CARTOON—Michael Sawamura talks about collaborative work that brought recall of "Nips the Nips"—page 9.

What Do I Do Next?

The Sacramento Chapter JACL is holding a luncheon with Dennis Carlesso to discuss the future of Sacramento in the Western States. The luncheon is being held at Wisteria Garden on October 28th from noon to 1:00 p.m.

The luncheon is open to all members and will feature a guest speaker, Dennis Carlesso, who is the president of the Western States Division of the JACL. He will discuss the current issues facing the organization and how members can get involved.

The luncheon will be held at Wisteria Garden, 1234 Main Street, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Hotel

RATES: $50 per room (double) is available for the conference and recreational facilities will be available at the hotel. The hotel includes a restaurant, a gift shop, a bar, a swimming pool, a tennis court, and a health club.

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Conference

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What to Pack

The conference will be held in Reno, NV, according to conference chairperson, John Hayashi. The conference will take place at the Reno Hilton, 5555 East Second Street.

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NCWNPDC to host April 28-30 tri-district event in Reno

The Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council (NCWNPDC) of JACL will host this year's tri-district conference April 28-30 in Reno, Nev., according to conference chairperson John Hayashi. The conference will be held at the Reno Hilton, 5555 East Second Street.

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28 and April 29, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 30. The conference will feature keynote addresses, workshops, and a luncheon. The conference is open to all JACL members.

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Frenchman who boosted Redress support dies

By HARRY K. HONDA


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A wiry, spirited fellow whose leg was amputated by the U.S. Army in October, 1945, Carlesso survived American shelling of the White House to have the Civil Liberties Act of 1918 (the Japanese American Redress Bill) signed. He and his friends (17 in the group) from Bruyères vowed to petition President Reagan to get their leg back. In a grand gesture of support, close to 1,500 letters were sent to President Reagan, according to Nisei veterans George Yoshino and Huntington Beach.

At the national Nisei veteran gathering in Reno in June, 1988, Carlesso learned from Sen. Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga that Japanese Americans were lobbying the White House to have the Civil Liberties Act of 1918 (the Japanese American Redress Bill) signed. He and his friends (17 in the group) from Bruyères vowed to petition President Reagan to get their leg back. In a grand gesture of support, close to 1,500 letters were sent to President Reagan, according to Nisei veterans George Yoshino and Huntington Beach.

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Sat. May 8—Asian Pacific American Council Heritage dinner, 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Atlanta. EDC/MCPD

Thursday, July 20-23—Tri-District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops, booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/863-1258. (Details below)

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Sacramento honors Sugihara who saved Jews during WWII

By TOKO FUJI

A standing-room-only crowd of 1,000 packed the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento to pay tribute to the compassion of the late Chiune Sugihara and to meet and hear his wife Yukiko Jan 31.

Chiune Sugihara, who died in 1986, defined his Japanese government more than 50 years ago by issuing transit visas so that thousands of Jews could escape from Lithuania and the Nazis atrocities and extermination. He wrote some 2,000 visas which helped Jews achieve temporary freedom. The "Visa for Life" Sugihara story is a direct antithesis to the "Sight and Stench" (of which) I could never forget. "He said that he was surprised by how sympathized American soldiers with "oriental faces" and that some thought Japan had won the war.

The Sugiharas also attended an event at the capitol where they were greeted by many officials, including Nao Takegishi of San Francisco and, as Tokyo Fujii and Dick Fukushima of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, and Titus Foyama and Frank Kanagawa of the Florin Chapter, JACL. The Sugiharas were presented with books about Japanese Americans authored by local people, including We the People by Mary Takei-Kimiko and Elizabeth Pinkerton, and Continuing Traditions by Toko Fujii and Tori Visits by Frank and Joanne Irigini.

HONORED GUEST—Yukiko Sugihara, widow of Chiune Sugihara, addresses Sacramento crowd.

Dazhau, he saw "piles of snow, yellow Yoshis, and the sight and stench (of which) I could never forget." He said "Sugihara demonstrated the true meaning of love and compassion for the human race."

Jack Tsuchuda presented a plaque to her on behalf of the Sacramento Nikkei Jin Kai at the evening program emceed by Sacramento national director Sharon Ho and Jim Wider of local TV stations.

Other Holocaust survivors on the program were Arnold Ehrenberg of Chicago and Rabbi Samuel Grunewald of Modesto. The rabbi recalled helping Sugihara pass out visas and arranging fictitious marriages to get the maximum out of each document. Grunewald carries in his pocket the original visa, now much tattered. To Yukiko Sugihara he said, "We salute you with our eternal gratitude."

Edber also noted that Jews are going on pilgrimage to Auschwitz, the Nazi's worst concentration camp. He shares his experiences at schools, seminars and conferences because, he said, "We have no choice but to tell the Holocaust story, difficult as it is, because six million were killed and they can't do it."

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Concurrent workships/following the address were led by—Teresa Maehori, education chairwoman of JACL, who led the workshop for elementary school education. Her workshop was entitled—"The Evolution and Intention of Japanese Americans Through a Child's Eyes," a lesson in the recently published JACL Curriculum Guide.


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On to Brazil in ’98

Teodore Tsuji (standing): president of the 1995 14th Nikkei International Sports Conference at Lima, Peru, announces that Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be the site of the next gathering of Sansai-Yonsei participants in track and field, swimming, judo, tennis, football (soccer), volleyball, table tennis, bowling and chess in July, 1998. In the recent games held Feb. 8-12, 1995, Brazil garnered the most medals and points to win the championship. Seven countries were represented this year: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, U.S.A., Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Cal State, Long Beach, judoist Jason Uno brought home a gold medal for the U.S., defeating his three top heavyweight contenders. Seated from left are host officials Juan Shimabukuro, Luis Baba and Hector Yamakawa. Baba, among the top economists in President Alberto Fujimori’s administration, is president of the forthcoming 8th biennial Pan American Nikkei Association conven­

: 8 19 and Washington, D.C.) on a day-to-day basis until a national staff as the organization works its way through this most difficult time. We deeply regret the departure of these five employees, and of Business Manager Patti Paganini (who re­signed effective Feb. 20), JACL leadership consulted with Tom Hara, National JACL legal coun­sel, on appropriate steps for as­uring continued operations of the organization. Compensation nego­tiations will extend every cour­tesy to Bill and his temporary employees and volun­teers. Bill is the most senior of our temporary employees and volun­teers. We thank them for their many years of service. We have, therefore, selected Bill Yoshino, the Midwest regional director, to go to San Francisco and organize an interim staff of temporary employees and volun­teers. Bill is the most senior of our regional directors (since 1988 and has prior experience as national director from 1988 to 1991). We hope that the board and the mem­bership will extend every cour­tesy to Bill and his temporary staff as the organization works its way through this most difficult time. We deeply regret the depart­ure of staff and the resignation of our business manager. We thank them for their many years of serv­ice and wish them well.”

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This is my story, from a faraway place, And because of what had happened, it can never lose its trace.

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This is my story of all those who were there, yet remained so brave and unalteringly true; This is my story, and this is my praise, to all who were there, who will continue to be in bright and shining view.

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Chicago lawyers greet Paul Igasaki

New vice chair of EEOC returns to home town

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area (AABA) scheduled a reception for Paul Igasaki, the vice-chairman for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on Feb. 6, 1995. Igasaki, a Chicago native, was the second vice president of the AABA and served as its first vice president from 1987-1989. In 1989, he left Chicago to accept a position in Washington, D.C., as a representative of the Asian American Citizens League. He subsequently worked for U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and most recently was senior director of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in San Francisco before being confirmed for his current post by the U.S. Senate this past autumn. As vice-chairman of the EEOC, Igasaki becomes one of the highest ranking Asian Americans in the federal government.

"I'm delighted to have this opportunity to say hello to old friends and reconnect myself with AABA and its new leadership," he said. Likewise, Igasaki's many old friends are looking forward to his visit. "AABA is delighted to have an opportunity to celebrate Paul's appointment. Not only is it a milestone in Paul's career, but the appointment of someone of Paul's caliber to this position also represents a milestone for the Asian American community and all Americans," said AABA President Jean Marie R. Pembert. "We're terribly proud of him."

Masaoka Fellowship seeks candidates

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund is currently seeking applications for its fourth Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Intern Program for the 1995-1996 term. "The fellowship program will serve his or her internship in the office of a Pacific American U.S. Senator or member of the U.S. House of Representatives," said Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the fund. The fellowship is of approximately three and one-half months duration and is provided by the fund. The term will be open for September through December of 1995 or February through May of 1996. The choice of fellowship candidates will be made based on the urgings of the member of Congress they are appointed to represent. Additional details are available at 415/921-5220 or fax (415) 921-4671 for information and application forms.

Telethon media raise funds for Kobe victims

The International Channel in Los Angeles raised more than $142,000 in emergency relief aid for survivors and victims' families in Kobe, Japan, through its Feb. 5 telethon.

The five-hour live event was shown to 25 million homes across the country through the International Channel, RSKC-TV in Los Angeles, KRON-4 in San Francisco, and the Discovery Channel and Direct TV. A rebroadcast of the telethon is scheduled to air in Japan via cable and satellite.

In addition to the telethon, cable networks and cable and satellite industry leaders pledged their support to the people of Kobe through financial contributions. Among those contributing were AMC, A&E, B.E.T., Branson Communications, Direct TV, The Discovery Channel, Encore Media, Corp., The Family Channel, Headline In-the-Sky, Intermedia Partners, Jones Interchangeable and Cable Extension University, King/Colony Communications, MTV Networks, Prime Liberty Sports, TCI, Television Food Network, Vision Cable, and The Weather Channel.

MDC schedules Chicago event March 10-12

The Midwest District Council meeting has been set for March 10-12 in Chicago at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 600 E. Chicago Avenue.

The featured event at the exhibit on the March 11 and 12 weekend is the "Matsuri Weekend," during which many children's performances are scheduled.

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Ad hoc budget committee report clarified
by GEORGE KODAMA

The report, part commentary, part rebuttal, was prompted by a compelling need to provide the JACL member with a balanced portrayal of the organization's current "hot topic." There's more to the issue than you have been led to believe.

Up to now, you have been bombarded with only one side of the budget controversy. There's more to the story than that.

To start, a critical review of selected items was made, with questions to the respective committee members. This report of the National JACL Budget Analysis Committee appointed by the national president was prepared to advise the national budget revised to match, what could be perceived, as a "little extra effort" to cover the faction of the national volunteer leadership. This report, also containing a condensation from a meeting with respect to 1994 and prior years' financial statements, included the Audit Committee agenda item at the Dec. 3, 1994, National Board meeting held in Los Angeles. Thus, the report is timely, providing an insight to order to follow and understand what follows.

The report describes many matters concerned with the meeting time aggregating 20 hours, including a marathon Saturday session lasting until 1:30 a.m. So far, so good, except that the National Board met secretly for a time, leaving the meeting a little astounding and barely two hours of open session.

First, the overriding question: Why was it necessary to conduct budget discussions in a closed session? As a part of the executive session privilege is limited to certain matters of national significance, matters of litigation affecting the organization. All three PSWD National Board members state they were left out of this discussion.

It's no exaggeration to say that the national budget should be the single most important continuing issue to the membership. The budget answers the basic question, "How are my membership dollars being spent by those who have been entrusted with the stewardship of the JACL?" So far, therefore, how can the chapters, to whom the report was distributed, make an intelligent evaluation without the benefit of prior open discussion and debate by the national leadership, the "vin - the peace in the PC?" The National Council does not see it that way.

The next question challenges the composition of the committee. With five appointees, the chair, in particular, had the advantage of prior experience with the national JACL budget. And, quite importantly, what is the mechanism by which accountability is conveyed to the membership? What is the nature of the executive committee? For us, this is an important question which must be answered. Does the current national leadership know that the National Finance Committee, national treasurer, and the national director, exists for the express purpose of dealing with interim financial matters? Why else would the committee also answer. (More on this later.)

At the risk of appearing petty, here's a quick once-over of the mechanics of the committee's budgeting process. There are three dimensions to consider: typographic, material omissions, judgmental and typographical and typographic errors.

There are also unconfounded suppositions, broad generalizations, and reckless acts, which need to be corrected. In these matters, the committee should be held accountable.

Moving ahead to the report itself, membership renewals for the year 1994 are indicated by the number of members who took the time to pay their dues this past year. The report also indicates a fringe benefits—a large number in the JACL budget—are seriously misapplied or excluding PC subcommittee to make a decision. In fact, the PC is included in the overall payroll number of salaries and wages. The total.
The Japanese monthly magazine *Marco Polo*, was executed recently for offering its readers revisionist history as fact. In a major article it said Nazi death camps had never existed and stories about millions of Jews being gassed into oblivion were a Communist fabrication.

When the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles protested, the president of the corporation that publishes *Marco Polo* apologized profusely, relieved the editor of his duties, and as a further gesture of contrition ordered the magazine killed.

The error in editorial judgment was monumental, but the reaction was drastic. Since Marco Polo is, or was, a member of Bungei Shunju, a responsible publishing house, this episode is worthy of more than passing notice.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, who flew to Tokyo to accept Bungei Shunju’s apologies, pointed out in a press conference that negative stereotypes about Jews remain common in Japan. *"The Marco Polo article is one of the latest instances of this kind that have appeared in Japanese media,"* he noted in urging a study into the reasons why anti-Semitism sells.

Unfortunately, Jews are not the only victims of such treatment in Japan. What has been described as tribalism has led the Japanese over the years to look down on, or—literally outside people—like Koreans, Chinese and more recently, the dark-skinned people of south Asia and Muslim countries who have come to Japan in search of jobs, mostly hazardous and menial. The sense of Japanese superiority is widespread.

Americans also have been guilty of racial and hostility toward Asians. Only recently has the value of diversity been admitted and promoted. However, that doesn’t excuse Japan.

Shinshuko Sogo, publisher of a small monthly publication called *Understanding Japan*, writes in his most recent issue: *"Japanese perception of foreigners seems to swing from one extreme to the other. One extreme is the Japanese admiration for the stereotypical tall, rich, well-educated white man with blue eyes and blonde hair. The other extreme is their disdain for foreigners who work at construction sites or as bar hostesses..."*

**East wind**

BILL MARUTANI

The stockade

VER SINCE the trek to the Tule Lake concentration camp site this past August, the image of "The Stockade" keeps coming back. The reinforce-ments, built in early 1942, were particularly large, but it alone stands while all the other buildings have succumbed to the ravages of the past five decades: the administration buildings, the hospital, the tank-painted barracks, etc.—all gone. But the stockade remains, although somewhat scarred by physical vandalism during the past half-century. I walked through the structure, lost in my own thoughts, counting the number of iron stubs protruding from the walls which suggested the number of fences to each outside, wondering what it must have been like to be jelled here. Somewhere along the way, I overheard someone say that at one point as many as 100 Nikkei men were confined in the stockade compound.

Many puzzling questions welled up in my mind: Who were these men incarcerated as common criminals? What offense had they committed? Who fixed the standards, if any, and who determined that there was no defense thereof? Had due process been observed? The stringent Nikkei culture placed a premium upon peaceful behavior and being law-abiding citizens; it is no accident that Nikkei in America had one of the lowest crime rates.

Newspapers today say that there should be this stockade to imprison Nikkei?

**SOME ANSWERS** are readily apparent, starting with the wholesale uprooting and confinement of innocent people based solely upon race, the FBI into the homes of sleeping families, hauling away the father in the presence of kids, and to be shipped to unknown destinations. Close-knit communities were broken up, and family structures were shattered. And into this traumatic milieu came those diabolically devious Americans who, by the executive order Nos. 9066 and 9067, with hardly a hook to hook the respondent. Any which way. *"26F. Are you willing to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered?"* *"26G. Will you swear allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States against any and all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forebear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or other foreign government power or organization?"*

Having left Tule in the fall of ’42, I was not confronted with the dilemma of having to consider the consequence. It’s easy to declare in today’s setting how one might respond to these questions: The answer would not be printable in a family newspaper. But that’s today, what about then? If at that time one answered these two questions as one might today, the authorities would be downright apoplectic. So if a camp inmate gave today’s answer back then, why should that constitute a breach of anything, let alone criminal activity? The trio of Hirohumbi, Korenatusu and Yasui openly disobeyed what they believed (correctly) to be unjust laws, doing so being convicted of criminal violation.

*"The Holocaust was a little picnic arranged for their comfort and pleasure by a benevolent government.*

*Marco Polo* could have printed what the revisionists were saying and explained that it was nonsense. It made the mistake of presenting the nonsense as truth hitherto concealed from the world in some malleable form.

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*See HOsOKAWA/page 11

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

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**Letters**

Former president explains his non-support to letter

I have been asked by several JACLers why my name was not included among the list of 14 past JACL national presidents who gave their support to the president and the national board’s decision as printed in the December 20-February 2, 1995, *Pacific Citizen*. Shig Marutani apologized in a letter to the national president to give such support (PC, Feb. 3-16, 1995).

This enables me in the request for a blanket support in the name of loyalty to the JACL without being given all the information. In other words, I was quizzed with the statement that there needs to be a cost-cutting measure to restore the financial responsibility of the organization.

One of the duties of the Pacific Citizen is to keep the JACL membership informed on the issues and problems present and how this is being addressed by the organization. From what I now read, this budgetary problem is not of recent origin. Why was this major problem and its possible solution, or a debate on the solution, not being printed in the PC? Was this thought of as not important for the members to know?

Or, was this lack of information attributed to any board member or the PC editor? The answers to the above may be categorical.

Another major concern is the lack of involvement of the national staff, those most directly affected in the cost-cutting measures, in trying to reach a practical solution. It made the staff feel that their ideas in the solution did not matter or were not important. They are all dedicated JACLers, or they would not be working there.

The objection I had to the proposed letter of support is that we are being asked to give blanket support without our knowing the facts. I heard that there is a request by several chapters to the National Board for an explanation of the cost-cutting measures released to me by board’s decision.

An organization needs to hear directly from its members. An open meeting could clarify many of our concerns.

JACL has faced, and will face again, many hard decisions. By consulting its members in its meetings I feel that the final decision can be better accepted by the organization’s widely scattered membership.

One can only speculate today, if the JACL had sought public Japanese American (now group) protests during the period from 1938 to 1942, how that would have affected JACL’s handling of the crisis and its image today?

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Clifford Uyeda
San Francisco

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Letters must be brief, are subject to editing and could be published as excerpts. Letters must be typewritten, double spaced, with specific address and telephone number. In the case of more than one letter on the same topic, the letter of the day will be published. Letters to the Editor, *Pacific Citizen*.

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**Information**

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pe chapter, utilizing JACL's vast network, can have a national positive impact in this country. The Sacramento Chapter was recently able to tap into this network successfully to go against three eminentent government companies and to secure the recue of racist cartoons that, had appeared in the media and in cartoons throughout the country. More surprisingly, a successful result occurred in less than one week.

This saga began when a member of the Sacramento community, with his grand children, watched a Bugs Bunny cartoon which was recently re-released on home video shelf throughout the United States. This cartoon, which was produced in the 1940s, was entitled "Nip the Nips." Warner Brothers had sold these rights to Turner Broadcasting, who, in turn sold them to MGM Studios for home release.

The cartoon segment in question portrayed Bugs Bunny fighting and making fun of Japanese soldiers who spoke with heavy Asian accents and were depicted with the stereotypical bowl-shaped eyes and glasses. In this cartoon, Bugs Bunny clearly used the terms "Japs," "monkey- fink" and "slant-eye." The cartoon title in addition of itself was insulting. The movie then moved on the theme of false physical deformities of people of Asian ancestry. Chapter officers and their children found the cartoon extremely offensive.

The chapter board, led by President Dick Fukushima and Vice President Lori Fujimoto, decided that immediate action was necessary. After all, this cartoon has been, and will be, viewed by thousands of children across this nation. Not only are these cartoons offensive, but they can have a very negative impact on impressionable children as they interrelate with other children in school and in play. What children view in the media and in cartoons can have a detrimental influence on them, which is especially true with racial stereotypes depicted in cartoons.

After contact was made by chapter officers, NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada and W. President of Public Relations, Inc. Mr. Sasaki offered their advice. Because of its proximity to the entertainment companies involved, the PSW office was notified and Vice Gov. Craig Minami immediately began contacting officers in MANA for assistance. NCWNP Gov. Alan Nishi participated in formulating strategy. Local television press coverage was brought into add further pressure. Chapter officers spent hours calling and drafting letters demanding the recall of these tapes.

Twenty-four hours after contact was made by chapter officers and others, the three movie studios in question agreed to immediately remove all tapes containing this racist cartoon. Through this joint effort by all levels of the JACL, as well as through its contacts in the media industry, the Sacramento chapter had a nationwide impact on the release of offensive children's videotapes in this country.

The lesson to be learned from the Sacramento chapter's fight against racism is that we all must continue to work together to effectively change our society, not only for ourselves, but for our children. One chapter could not have done it alone. It took the JACL team, from our national and regional staff, to our national and district officers, to our network of outside organizations to accomplish what initially seemed to be impossible. The viability of each segment of our national structure is essential to the continued effectiveness of JACL. If we continue to work as a team, we can accomplish almost anything.

Swamun is a member of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL.
The following letter to the editor and to the JACL National and Pacific Citizen Board members was published in the February 17-March 2, 1995, issue of Pacific Citizen. The letter was written by Sacramento JACL officers in response to multiple written requests, and the Pacific Citizen’s decision not to consider this story newsworthy.

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The PC response to the charges appears below...

As you already know, since January 1994, all JACL district council meeting complaints and other items of interest to our chapter are published here as the remainders of this issue. We requested information regarding our chapter’s concerns and specifically asked that this issue or any other PC publication address these concerns.

We are writing to bring to the attention of the Pacific Citizen's board of directors and to Pacific Citizen, representative at the time of these events, the following items. We reiterate: this article was not published.

The second request that we submit is that the Pacific Citizen's board of directors complete the second part of the Pacific Citizen's board of directors' letter printed in the February 3rd edition of this newspaper. This letter was never published.

We requested information as to why this article was not published. We have never received an answer to this question.

Please be advised that this issue is set aside by the Pacific Citizen's board of directors, and is exactly this: Any problems that the member of the National Board, and if applicable, the Pacific Citizen board of directors addresses regarding this concern, with the JACL National and Pacific Citizen officers, must be submitted to the JACL National and Pacific Citizen officers.

In conclusion, we would respectfully request that the matter be brought to the attention of the JACL National Board, and if applicable, the Pacific Citizen board of directors, and that the matter be promptly and appropriately addressed.

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Sacramento Chapter board members

Randy Inami, president
Michael Sawamura, chapter president
James W. Tsutsumi, board member
NCWNP vice governor
viewpoint

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Obituaries

Doi, Kazue, 79, Los Angeles, Jan. 1; husband, by daughter Takanoo, survived by son-spouses, Roy M, Bruce, married to Nona Lynn Norton (Fox Island, Wash.), daughter Sharon (Pleasant Hill), sister Hiromoto, Fred T, of Modesto, son Stan (Kirkland), 4 gc.

Hirata, Ruta, 87, San Diego, Dec. 26; survived by husband Miyako, parents Nobuo/Nobuko, sisters Dorothy Saki, Mildon Yamamoto.

Honda, Hiroshi, 78, Los Angeles, Nov. 26; survived by husband, by daughter Tako Ilanaa, survived by son-spouses, Masao, daughters Kiyoko, Mary, brother-nuns, Dorothy Shlraki, Mildon Yamamoto.

Kawashima, Herbert H, 65, Los Angeles, Dec. 26; Korean Conflict veteran, survived by son-spouses, James John, brother-nuns, Yuji Tani, brother Taro, son Toshiyuki, daughter Kari, sisters-in-law, Judy, of Megiddo, son (dead), Kay Tani, died Dec. 3; Terminal Island, survi-ved by son-spouses, Gloria, of Long Beach, 3 gc.

Kawasaki, Ichiro, 81, Palos Verdes Estates, Dec. 22; Campbell-WWII vet, survived by sons-spouses, Michael, of Manhattan Beach, stepson Dan Fakata, Nagatomi, Fudo (El Monte), of Modesto, son (dead), died Jan. 17; Terminal Island, survi-ved by son-spouses, Sally, of Long Beach.

Kawamura, Tatsuo, 85, El Monte, Dec. 28; served with wife Ranka, by children Isamu, Ikuo, surviving by son-spouses, Dorothy, of Fresno, 3 gc.

Kihara, Larry T, 39, Orange, Dec. 11; survived by mother-in-law, by daughter Tadahisa, survived by son-spouses, Jackie, of Las Vegas, James, of Nevada, 1 gc.

Kikuchi, Ishikawa, 79, Gardena, Nov. 29; Hiroshima-bom, survived by sons-spouses, Fred, John, of Fremont, 9 ggc.

Kita, Syoshi, 92, Gardena, Dec. 21; Terminal Island, survi-ved by son-spouses, Mary, of Long Beach, 1 gc.

Kokai, Taka, 83, Los Angeles, Dec. 30; Asapo-bom, by daugh-thers, Mercia, of Los Angeles, sister Tami, of Long Beach, 4 gc.

Koma, Masao, 96, Los Angeles, Jan. 2; Hyogo-bom, by daugh-thers, Sally Satoko, of Japan, 5 gc, 1 ggc.

Kosaka, Kasumi, 86, Los Angeles, Jan. 1; married to Roy M, son Bruce, daughter spouses, Judy Kumagai (San Jose), Judy Kumagai (San Jose), 1 gc.

Kosaka, Mary, 93, Gardena, Dec. 21; Terminal Island, survi-ved by daughter-spouses, Satsuki, of Fremont, 1 gc.

Kosaki, Kazuo, 89, Gardena, Dec. 28; Ishikawa-bom, survived by sons-spouses, Frank N, of Las Vegas, Jack, of Las Vegas, 11; Nagano, of Las Vegas, 23; Los Angeles-bom Sansei, survived by husband, by children, Shogo, of Richmond, 10 ggc.

Kosato, Koichi, 87, Fullerton, Dec. 25; served with wife, by daughter-spouses, Shlzu, of Long Beach, 5 ggc.

Kotani, Charles, 59, Gardena, Dec. 29; served with wife, by children-spouses, George, of Fremont, 1 gc.

Kreft, George T, 84, Los Angeles, Dec. 25; served with wife, by daughter-spouses, Doris (Newhall), son Lawrence, of Bremerton, Wash.

Kumamoto, Miyamoto, 81, Sacramento, Jan. 12; served with wife, by children-spouses, Richard, of Japan, Frank, of Japan, daughter spouses, Emlko Ihatake, of Japan, 84; Sacramento-bom, survived by wife, by children-spouses, Fred, John, of Fremont, 4; Sacramento-bom, survived by wife, by children-spouses, Stan, of Kirkland, 9 ggc.

Kuwahara, Hisayo, 66, Long Beach, Dec. 30; late husband, by daughter-spouses, Dorothy Shlraki, Mildon Yamamoto.

Kuroda, Kiyoe, 80, Long Beach, Dec. 20; served with wife, by children-spouses, Dorothy, of Fremont, 5 ggc.

Kusumoto, Tochiro, 88, Los Angeles, Dec. 25; served with wife, by children-spouses, Reiko, of Fremont, 1 gc.

Kusumoto, Tamao, 90, Los Angeles, Jan. 1; served with wife, by children-spouses, Henry, of Fremont, 9 ggc.

Lum, Ingrid, 92, Los Angeles, Dec. 27; served with wife, by children-spouses, William, of Fremont, 4 ggc.

Matsubara, Norio, 86, Los Angeles, Jan. 2; served with wife, by children-spouses, Shlzu, of Fremont, 4; 2 gc.

Mori, Ishida, 57, Gardena, Dec. 27; served with wife, by children-spouses, Iwao, of Fremont, 3 ggc.

Mori, Toshio, 82, Los Angeles, Dec. 27; served with wife, by children-spouses, Tatsuo, of Fremont, 11 gc.

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Okinaka, Shigenori, 93, Gardena, Dec. 29; served with wife, by children-spouses, Ernest, of Fremont, 9 gc.

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