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Yoshino leads interim staff at JACL HQ

Staff report

Overseeing JACL's transition period, Bill Yoshino, acting JACL national director and Midwest regional director, met with staff Feb. 27 to discuss the continuation of membership services and other functions throughout the final stages of JACL staff reorganization.

Yoshino said, in a letter to the National Board, "We have set as our immediate priority, an attempt to ensure that the basic functions of the organization continue with a minimum of disruption. These functions include membership renewals, the Washington, D.C., Leadership Program, the Scholarship Program, and financial operations such as payroll and staff benefits, upkeep of all invoices, premiums, contracts and filings." (See Yoshino column on page 2)

Yoshino indicated there are currently six JACL full time staff members and that volunteers and former retired employees of JACL have offered to help at national headquarters after the staff recently decided to leave their positions. The acting national director asked the board for its support and for the authority to hire on a

temporary basis a business manager, membership coordinator and administrative assistant.

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Besides maintaining the national headquarters office, Yoshino indicated that Washington D.C. office is being temporarily staffed by Leigh-Ann Miyasato as the organization looks for a new Washington, D.C. representative.

The changeover in JACL is the culmination of a process that began with the August, 1994, formation of the Presidential Select Budget Analysis Committee to analyze JACL's recurring budget-



BILL YOSHINO
Reorganizing staff efforts

ary problems. The Budget Analysis Committee, meeting at its own expense, released a report on Nov. 25 which, on the initiative of Mae Takahashi, its chairwoman, was sent to all chapter presidents and the National Board. (See *Pacific Citizen* Jan. 20-Feb. 2 issue for complete report as well as dissenting reports by headquarters' staff.)

On Dec. 3-4, the National Board, met in Los Angeles to discuss the committee's report and decided upon a course of action. The board decided, at that meeting, to reduce the size of the National and *Pacific Citizen* staff by combining several overlapping jobs in order to reduce the recurring size of JACL's payroll. An Implementation Committee was formed and delegated the responsibility of redefining the new jobs, helping in the transition of these employees who were being released, and advertising the newly defined jobs.

Each of the six JACL employees (5 headquarters and 1 PC) were given an option of applying for the four new jobs (3 headquarters and 1 PC) without outside competition, or accepting a severance pay and benefits package to help in their transition to outside employment. All five headquarters employees elected to leave JACL. The PC employee decided to stay and reapply for the newly defined PC position. The JACL national director, associate director, assistant membership director and administrative assistant all elected to not apply for the restructured positions. In addition, JACL's business manager resigned effective Feb. 28.

Over the next several months, the National Board will turn its attention toward stabilizing the fiscal and administrative health of JACL by reviewing its management and financial operations in

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Texan says "J" word on State House floor

Iwo Jima vet has no regrets in making comment

For some, the war will never be over. Rep. Doyle Willis, an 84-year old veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima, speaking on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives, recently referred to the Japa-

ern-day criminals to Japanese soldiers. In a meeting of the Tarrant County legislative delegation he said he had to "kill a Jap every morning before breakfast."

After making the comment, Willis refused to apologize, and remarked further, "So I'm talking to one of these Marines this morning about calling 'em a Jap and he said, 'Well, you should have called them a damn Jap.'"

The comment drew criticism from Betty Waki, president, Houston Chapter, JACL. Speaking to *Associated Press* she said "Elected officials have to put aside their personal prejudice and racism and remember that they represent all Texans, no matter what color or ancestry."

According to the *Statesman*, Willis' comments raised eyebrows in the Texas Legislature, but drew no official protest from the body which has no Asian Americans among its 181 members. Willis has long been a vigorous supporter of veterans' issues.

Pete Laney, Texas House speaker, said, "There's a lot of things that shouldn't be said here that's said, and that's probably one of them."



BETTY WAKI
Time to put prejudice aside
nese troops during World War II as "Japs" who tortured U.S. servicemen, reported the *Austin American Statesman*.

Willis, who has served in the Texas House and Senate a combined 40 years, compared mod-

Domestic partners bill re-introduced in California

A bill which would give domestic partners some of the same rights as married couples was re-introduced Feb. 21 by California Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sylmar). At the August 1994 JACL National Convention, the National Council endorsed the concept of domestic partners after an emergency resolution was introduced by the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL.

The Domestic Partners Registry bill (AB627) is identical to a bill which was vetoed by Gov. Pete Wilson, after it passed both the State Assembly and Senate.

Katz, noting that the bill had wide support from senior citizens groups, religious, medical, educational and gay and lesbian groups, said, "I've heard many horror stories from people who were forbid-

den to see their loved ones in hospital emergency rooms or denied rights when a partner became incapacitated or passed away and it has to stop."

The bill allows unmarried couples who live together, without regard to sexual orientation, to register with the Secretary of State. Once registered, the domestic partners will be allowed hospital visitation rights if visitors aren't designated, conservatorship rights if a partner becomes incapacitated and be able to will property to one another with greater ease.

Other groups supporting the bill include: AARP, California Commission on Aging, California Federation of Teachers, Jewish Labor Committee and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Cyril Nishimoto named to census advisory board

Cyril Nishimoto, director of the New York-based Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI), has been selected by Ron Brown, U.S. commerce secretary, as a member of the Census Advisory Committee on Asian and Pacific Islander Populations.

The committee serves as liaison between the Asian Pacific American communities and the Census Bureau.

Nishimoto said, "I feel tremendously honored and privileged to be selected to serve on this important national committee. As the

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National officer to file libel suit against member

A national officer has expressed an intent to file a libel lawsuit against a JACL member for statements made and disseminated which are alleged to disparage the personal reputation of the officer.

Pacific Citizen has obtained copies of letters and memoranda distributed to the National Board, *Pacific Citizen* Board and other news media outlets by the JACL member.

At issue are allegations against the national officer which are currently under investigation and therefore confidential.

Pacific Citizen is unable to publish full details and information on this lawsuit. As the JACL newspaper, *Pacific Citizen* will exercise restraint because the personal reputation of a JACL volunteer and the organization itself are at stake.

Leaflet attacks minorities, women, gays in San Jose police department

A leaflet attacking the qualifications of minorities, women and gays in the San Jose Police Department, including Assistant Chief Tom Shigemasa, was anonymously distributed Feb. 16 in the police locker room.

Parodying the police internal newsletter, the *Insider*, the leaflet criticizes the Chief Lou Cobarruviaz's policy of "protected classes," which seeks to further promotions of underrepresented groups within the department. The leaflet states that the policy protected women, minorities and gays from "promotions based on raw scores," "your own laziness" and "low levels of IQ." The flier also depicted a mock conversation between Shigemasa and Japanese visitors and ridiculed local lesbian leader Wiggys Sivertsen.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Shigemasa said that the department is investigating the incident. While the source of the leaflet is unknown, it was found in a room which has limited access to the general public. Shigemasa also noted that whoever created the leaflet had knowledge of computer graphics. The police department is not releasing the leaflet in order to limit the number of people who know its specific contents.

"The investigation is still going. We're trying to identify who had it done. We are very concerned as a department. We have a very professional department, but it takes just one," said Shigemasa, who is former San Jose Chapter, JACL, president.

As assistant chief, Shigemasa is one of the highest ranking officials in the department.

"As operations manager overseeing 1,700 employees, I'm not going to make everyone happy, many may not agree. It is unfortu-



TOM SHIGEMASA
Investigating racist leaflet

nate it came in light of my ethnicity, as a Japanese American. It's offensive to me," said Shigemasa.

The assistant police chief said the leaflet constitutes a hate incident rather than a hate crime because no crime has been committed under the penal code.

"As for JACL, it's a sign of the times. It can happen to anyone at any place—even the police department," said Shigemasa. "The lesson to be learned is if it does happen, make sure it is reported and investigated instead of ignoring it."

While disturbed by the incident, Shigemasa added that it did not reflect the entire police department or San Jose community. "Despite this, this is the most professional department in the United States. I am proud of being a San Jose police officer and it does not dissuade me from being an officer. At the same time, it is troubling to me, the chief and the whole city administration," said Shigemasa.



From JACL headquarters

By BILL YOSHINO

Up and running

Several weeks ago, Denny Yasuhara and Jim Miyazaki (JACL vice president for operations) asked me to provide supervision over the staff operations during this interim period until a national director is selected. At the outset, it is important to note that our existing staff has been generous to me in their support and advice for those tasks we need to accomplish in the coming weeks and months.

At present our active staff includes PNW regional director Karen Yoshitomi, CCDC regional director Patricia Tsai, PSW administrative assistant Carol Saito, headquarters bookkeeper Eunice Kaneko, and headquarters receptionist Emily Ishida. On a temporary basis, we're very fortunate to have the services of Leigh-Ann Miyasato in the Washington Office. An attorney, Leigh-Ann brings impressive credentials and experience to the position. Where we had 15 national staff in December, we have six active and part-time staff members today.

Nearly all of the primary functions of the organization such as business/finance, membership and certain programs were handled by staff members who are no longer with the organization.

Our immediate concern and priority is to ensure, to the extent it is possible, that the basic functions of the organization continue with a minimum of disruption. These functions include among others, membership renewals, the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program, the scholarship program

and the various business operations of the JACL.

The national JACL is making every effort to act without delay to fill critical positions within the organization. The posting for the positions of national director and Washington representative have been placed in the *Pacific Citizen*. I have been authorized to post and hire on a temporary basis the positions of business manager, membership coordinator and administrative assistant. Our most pressing concern centers on the automated membership processing system. So if you know of someone with good computer skills who is looking for a job situation in San Francisco, urge the individual to send a resume to me at our headquarters office.

On Feb. 27, I convened a meeting of the existing staff in San Francisco. Also present were Jim Miyazaki and Richard Suenaga, the *Pacific Citizen* editor. This meeting allowed us to put in place an action plan for the coming months. I have asked our regional staff members to assume responsibility for important operations and programs. Karen Yoshitomi will oversee membership operations. Patricia Tsai will provide staff support for the scholarship program and Carol Saito will provide assistance to the Legacy Fund Grants program.

Our membership priorities will be to catch up with computer entries of new and renewed members since January, send renewals for April and May, complete a 1994 membership report, and begin a process for distributing chap-

ter rebates due from the third quarter of last year. On the scholarship program we will begin working with the chairs of the scholarship committees to put a process in place which will culminate with the selection of scholarship recipients at the end of June. Patricia Tsai will coordinate staff activities for this program.

Our Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference will begin on March 4. The planning and implementation for the program have been directed by John Nakahata and Bill Kaneko. Their efforts together with the assistance of Leigh-Ann Miyasato, will make for another successful conference. Another impending program is the Legacy Fund Grants which has a June 1 deadline. Carol Saito will work with the committee to ensure that chapters receive the grant applications in a timely manner.

I have every confidence that even with limited staff we will be on track shortly. Our staff has been bolstered by the good will of our membership throughout the country. It's gratifying to know that even in what may seem the darkest of times, our members do respond with offers of volunteer assistance and words of encouragement. We appreciate your support and we look forward to carrying out our role in maintaining the daily operations of the JACL and providing staff assistance to our national board.

Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, is interim national director.

CALENDAR

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758-5437. NOTE—Sara Ishikawa, professor emeritus, UCB School of Architecture, keynote speaker.

Sun. Mar. 25—NCRR's workshop, 'Teaching About Internment of Japanese Americans,' 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St., Albany, \$25 regis includes bento, info: Lucy Hamai 510/559-6680 day, 510/524-2093 eve. NOTE—Morning panelists: Carol Chin, Paul DeWitt, Chiyomi Masuda; 1:30 p.m. workshop panelists: Fred Korematsu, Mits Koshiyama, Rudy Tokiwa.

SAN JOSE
Thu. weekly to April 13—Yu-Ai Kai/JACSC watercolor painting, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 588 N. 4th St., San Jose 95112; info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.
Sun. March 19—Yu-Ai Kai fashion show-luncheon, Red Lion Inn, San Jose. RSVP, 408/294-2505; TV personality Jan Yanehiro, emcee.

Fri.-Sat. May 12-13—Wesley United Methodist Church Centennial Celebrations, 566 N. 5th St., info: Akira Kamiya, chair, 408/295-0367. NOTE—Fri lecture, 7:30 p.m., by Calif-Pacific Annual Conference Bishop Roy Sano, Fri.-Sat. talent display/special music. Centennial worship on Sun. June 4

Portland reunion set for Aug. 11-13

A reunion will be held from Aug. 11-13, 1995, for all those who lived in the Portland area prior to World War II at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn in Portland.

The reunion will begin with a mixer Friday evening, Aug. 11, at the Red Lion Inn. Various tours will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 12, including: the Portland city scenic tour I, Portland city cultural tour II, the Mount St. Helens tour, the Mount Hood Loop tour, the Oregon Coast tour, and a winery tour. In addition, a golf tournament and a walking tour of downtown Portland and the waterfront are scheduled.

The reunion banquet on Saturday evening will feature a nostalgic program of music, slides and photos which record the Nikkei story of Oregon and metropolitan Portland.

nial worship on Sun. June 4

FRESNO
Thu.-Sun. Mar. 2-5—Calif. Council for Social Studies Conference, Center Plaza Holiday Inn. Thu panel: 'The Constitution: Not Just a Piece of Paper,' speakers includes Dr. Franklin Ng, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, Elisa Kamimoto.

DELANO
Fri.-Sun., June 9-11—Ninth Nisei Reunion of Delano at Las Vegas, Imperial Palace Hotel-Casino, 3535 Las Vegas Blvd.; registration by March 1, \$40 includes Sat dinner, Sunday breakfast, payable to Delano Reunion Committee, Toshi Katano, 722 Randolph St., Delano, CA 93215; Delano Reunion hotel rate RSVP by May 8, regular rate after that date. Info: Toshi Katano 805/725-8660.

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, 9786 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.

Fri. Mar. 3—Girl's Day-Hinamatsuri doll display, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo; info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Sat workshop, Cards and Spring Flowers class, 1 p.m. RSVP required.

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.

Sat. Mar. 4—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's 'Spring Fling,' 7:30-11:30 p.m., ESGVJCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; info: Barbara 818/810-1509, Toshi 909/861-9676. NOTE—Benefit for Building Fund.

Sun. Mar. 5—Hand-weaving demonstration by Hitomi Yamamuro, 12n., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo; info: 213/625-0414.

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.

Sat. Mar. 11—'Taka Tips,' Building Blocks for Parents, 2 p.m., RSVP, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo; info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Taka Kawatsu-Nomura, speaker, taught pre-school at Gila River WRA Camp.

For the record

● In the editor's introduction to the Sacramento Chapter board members' letter appearing on page 12 of the Feb. 17-March 2, 1995, issue, it incorrectly states that "charges against JACL officials have been regarded as defamatory by their legal counsel."

It should have said "charges against a JACL official have been regarded as defamatory by his legal counsel."

● Applications for JACL undergraduate, graduate and law scholarships must be postmarked by April 1, 1995, and not March 1 as stated in the applications, according to Patricia Tsai, CCDC regional director, who is supervising the project.

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Short takes

Little Tokyo Library moves

Plans to reopen the Little Tokyo branch library in March were detailed by its head librarian Susan Thompson, just before it closed service Feb. 11 at Centenary Methodist Church, which had provided 2,700 square feet rent free for the last six years.

The move is underway, a sign is up for the new branch of 5,000 square feet at the northeast corner of Alameda and E. Third St. The site is a half block from the previous branch.

Marion Kadomatsu of the volunteer Friends of the Little Tokyo Branch Library took part in opening the branch in the 1980s, first as a bookmobile that offered Japanese-language material as well as books on Japanese American history. By the end of the third year, it had met the 50,000 circulation figure to stay open. The branch was opened in April, 1989, at Centenary after the Friends raised funds for furnishings, shelves and library equipment.

Hotel renovation preserves history

SEATTLE—The 80-year-old North Pacific Hotel, vacant for 20 years, was restored as a \$5.8-million project and officially reopened last November, thus safeguarding a page of Japanese community history.

The six-story building at 306 Sixth Avenue South includes a lobby exhibit in cooperation with Wing Luke Asian Museum detailing the role of the hotel in Japantown. The ground-floor Maneki, believed to be Seattle's oldest Japanese restaurant, was also renovated and has reopened.

Prewar, the hotel was the center of Japanese community activities. Hotel housed men who worked in the canneries, and attracted businessmen, sports teams, government officials and travelers from Japan.

The building is listed on the National Historic Register.

Stage is set for Gila River reunion

The 50th anniversary reunion of the Gila River Relocation Center will be held Mar. 17-19 in Phoenix, Ariz. and at the former camp site of Canal Camp #1 and Butte Camp #2 in Pinal County.

Plans for the monuments and plaques have been completed and construction is underway. Diagrams and photographs are currently on exhibition and as a permanent part of the Gila River Arts and Crafts Center Museum, Pinal County.

Over 1,000 former internees, families and friends have registered for the three-day event. Headquarters for the reunion is the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix. All registration is closed. Speakers include: George Takei, California Assemblyman Nao Takasugi, Mary Thomas, governor, Gila River Indian Community (GRIC); and Urban Giff, GRIC community manager.

Right of entry permit has been obtained from the Gila River Indian Community for the Mar. 18 visit and tour of the camp sites. Permits are required to visit the Canal Camp #1 and Butte Camp #2.

Tanforan assembly center subject of documentary

Looking back at the Tanforan Race Track and its role as an assembly center for Japanese Americans during the evacuation is the subject of a book and documentary scheduled to run in May on KCSM Channel 60 in San Mateo, Calif.

Tanforan: Race Track to Assembly Center is being produced by Dianne Fukami and hosted by Jan Yanehiro. The project is being done in cooperation with the San Mateo Chapter, JAACL.

Tanforan in San Bruno was used as an assembly site during World War II for thousands of Japanese Americans living in the Bay Area as the government built permanent internment camps.

"The time from the issuance of Executive Order 9066 until the transfer to camps in the interior was the most frightening for these United States residents displaced from their homes in the first months of

war," said Fukami.

The producer, who has been in the process of interviewing Tanforan internees, said she is interested in speaking to others who were at the center, especially those with diaries, artwork, correspondence or maps. Fukami and Yasuko Ann Ito, associate producer, are also interested in talking to members of the Tanforan Camp administration or those who visited people who were interned at the center.

"Today, when worldwide communication can be achieved instantly, it's hard for many to conceive of a period in which rumor and fear replaced fact in guiding the actions of government officials as well as those whose ancestry tied them to America's foe. We feel it is important to document those times, particularly, while many of those who experienced those events are elderly—but still with us—to relate what happened," said Fukami.

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order to prevent this from happening again. When a new headquarters staff is finally in place, JAACL should be well on the road to becoming a much more efficiently run and membership responsive organization.

Until the final chapters of this effort are written, there will be several compromises and accommodations which will be necessary for membership services.

CENSUS

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only Japanese American member, I look forward to working with the eight other Asian and Pacific Islander members to help ensure that the census most effectively serves our communities."

The Census Advisory Committee will examine how the 1990 census was taken and look at results of evaluations and research

The *Pacific Citizen* will extend for a short time, the membership subscriptions of members whose renewals may have lapsed during the restructuring. This is to ensure members who have paid renewals will not be accidentally cut off the subscription rolls. New members should call the *Pacific Citizen* on its toll-free number 800/966-6157 if they are been receiving the PC.

JAACL Blue Shield-Blue Cross and the JAACL Credit Union are unaffected by these problems.

studies, Nishimoto's term runs through November 1996. From this material the committee will advise the Census Bureau on its efforts in achieving an accurate count of the various racial and ethnic groups.

In addition to his work with JASSI, Nishimoto is a member of the JAACL, the Asian American Task Force on the Aging and the New York State Governor's Asian American Advisory Committee.

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DEADLINE: April 1, 1995

Agenda



THANKS—The Mile-Hi Chapter recently honored, from left, Ed Imatani, Kerry Hada, Andrew Hamano and Linda Kato. They received plaques in appreciation for their pro bono assistance with redress claims. Not present to receive their plaques were Linda Hamada and Ronald Taoka.

Attorneys who helped with redress honored at Mile-Hi Chapter event

By **TOM MASAMORI**
Mile-Hi Chapter

DENVER—JACL National President Denny Yasuhara addressed 110 chapter members at their Jan. 21, 1995, installation dinner (See "All aboard," page 7 for new officers). Yasuhara talked about his

views about the problems in JACL and possible solutions to the current financial situation.

The event also honored six attorneys who provided pro bono service to chapter members with redress claims. Recognized were Kerry Hada, Linda Hamada, Andrew Hamano, Ed Imatani, Linda

Kato and Ronald Taoka. Among those in the audience were Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, state Sen. Stan Matsunaka, honorary consul general William Hosokawa as well as members of the judiciary. Adele Arakawa, local TV broadcaster, was emcee for the event.

Seattle Chapter has 'moving' experience



GEORGE TAKEI

The Seattle Chapter's recent installation banquet was a big event for a couple reasons. One is that the chapter's keynote speaker was actor George Takei of Star Trek fame and author of "Reaching for the Stars."

The second reason is the 5.0 earthquake that occurred about 10 minutes into the program. The epicenter was believed to be just 10 miles away. No apparent damage to the facility occurred and the 250 members continued with their event.

Takei delivered a moving talk, reminding the audience of their roots and the important role Japanese Americans play in today's society. Following the banquet

theme of "Reaching for the Stars," he encouraged members to set high goals and pursue them.

Denny Yasuhara, national JACL president, installed the 1995 board (see "All aboard," page 7).

Outgoing chapter president, Raymond Ishii, who provided leadership in many programs throughout the past year, was given the past president's pin by incoming president, Dr. Calvin Takagi. Arlene Oki was awarded the Silver Pin for her many years of service to the chapter. Judge Eileen Kato presided as emcee of the event.

Following the banquet, Takei autographed copies of his book.

Florin finalizes 'Time of Remembrance'

By **BILL KASHIWAGI**
Florin Chapter, JACL

The 13th annual Florin Chapter, JACL, Time of Remembrance event has been finalized, according to Christine Umeda, chairwoman. The commemoration of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans will be held at the Florin Buddhist Church at 7235 Pritchard Road, Florin, Saturday, March 11, 1995. The Morning Educator's Workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The topic, "Justice Is a Matter of Continuing Education," is designed to teach constitutional issues about racial intolerance through the internment experience of Japanese Americans during World War II. Workshop coordinators are Joanne Iritani and Ruth Seo.

Participants include: Mary Tsukamoto, educator, author and community activist, who will speak on "Courage: The Story Must Be Told;" John Cary Sims, professor of law at McGeorge School of Law, on "The Significance of Japanese American Internment Cases in Constitutional Law;" Janice Matsumoto-Low, associate professor, California State University, Sacramento, on "A Different Way of Knowing Internment Through a Woman's Eyes;" Ruth Seo, mentor teacher, Grant Union High School, on "Oral History—Lives Touching Lives;" and Cary Leek, sixth grade teacher, Sacramento Country Day School, on "Into, Through, and Beyond Farewell to Manzanar."



CHIZU IIYAMA

p.m., a historical exhibit will be open to the public. It will on view again on Sunday morning, March 12, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The evening program begins at 6:45 p.m. with the call of the drums by the Sacramento Taiko Dan, a children's group, followed by the presentation of colors and pledge by the VFW Nisei Post 8985.

Christine Umeda will introduce the speaker, Chizu Iiyama of El Cerrito, who will focus her talk on "Extraordinary Roles of Japanese American Women," followed by the introduction of the Friendship Community Award by Mary Tsukamoto to County Supervisor Ila Collin.

The Oral History Project will be presented by Marion Kanamoto. The program ends at 8:45 p.m., followed by an Asian buffet.

Tom Nakashima, a local radio

station deejay, will emcee the evening event.

Donation of \$10 at the door is asked.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$25 per person (includes continental breakfast, materials, Japanese box lunch). Educators and the general public are encouraged to attend. Send checks payable to Florin Chapter, JACL, to Joanne Iritani, P.O. Box 226090, Sacramento, CA, 95822. Information: Joanne Iritani, 916/395-7944, or Christine Umeda, 916/427-2841.

Sacramento holds crab feed

By **TOKO FUJII**
Sacramento Chapter

The chapter's 1995 Crab Feed was acclaimed a huge success as more than 400 members and guests filled Betsuin Hall to enjoy the outstanding crustacean dinner, along with the pasta prima prepared by Janet Takehara.

The always popular airplane flying contest was conducted in 14 divisions, with a beautiful trophy awarded to each champion. Total raffle ticket sales of almost a \$1,000 was added to the 1995 scholarship program.

Co-chairs Richard Sawamura and Mike Iwahiro extended thanks to all those who helped make this event a success, including the Boy Scouts Troop 250 and the UC Students Club.

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Personally speaking



JULIE SASAKI

Julie Sasaki, board member of the Detroit Chapter, JACL, was recently selected by the Japanese government for a special two-week trip to Japan to participate in its annual Invitation Programme of Japanese Descendants.

The program is designed to promote good will and provide a cultural exchange for American and Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry. It includes visits to major Japanese cultural, civic and business entities.

Sasaki, one of two Americans chosen for this trip, is manager of electronic product marketing and planning for Rockwell International. She has been a Detroit Chapter board member since 1992.

Dr. Alice Murata was selected to receive the 1995 Japanese American Community Service Award by the Asian American Coalition of Chicago. The award was scheduled to be presented to her at the 12th annual Lunar New Year celebration Feb. 11 in Rosemont, Ill.

Dr. Murata, who is the first Sansei and first female president of the Japanese American Service Committee Housing Corporation, was recognized for her efforts to preserve and promote Japanese American history. She was instrumental in developing the exhibit "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990" for Chicago's Field Museum.

She has also been responsible for efforts to preserve the history of Chicago's own Japanese American community by creating an oral history project in which 100 Issei, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei are interviewed about their lives.



DAVID MURA

David Mura of Minneapolis received \$105,000 as one of 109 winners in this year's Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Awards. Mura, 41, is a visiting professor at the University of Minnesota and the author of "Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sansei" and "The Colors of Desire," a collection of poetry.

According to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the Asian American Renaissance, which Mura co-founded, will receive as part of the award about \$10,000 for a workshop led by Mura to help young Asian Americans build a sense of community through reading and writing.

Daniel Kiyoshi Hanasono, an eleventh-grade honor student at Carmel High School in Carmel,

Ind., has earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest given by the Boy Scouts of America. Hanasono had completed eight years in scouting and had earned 21 merit badges.



DANIEL K. HANASONO

For his Eagle Scout project, he constructed bird houses and feeders for a nature study project for children at the Forest Dale Elementary School in Carmel.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. George K. Hanasono Jr, members of the Hoosier Chapter, JACL.



KEN MIYAGISHIMA

Ken Miyagishima was elected chairman of the Board of Dona Ana (N.M.) County Commissioners Jan. 17. He is considered the highest ranking elected official in the county.

Miyagishima, 29, ran unopposed in the Nov. 3, 1994, general elections.

On Jan. 10, the commission had elected John "Tony" Schaefer chair of the group in a 3-2 secret ballot. But because such voting must be held openly, a second election was held and Miyagishima won the chair by the same 3-2 margin.

One of 12 women selected to participate in a groundbreaking endeavor to move beyond the glass ceiling in their chosen careers, Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson, Ph.D., vice president, student affairs, Arizona State University at Tempe is being mentored since last fall by Kath-



CHRISTINE KAJIKAWA WILKINSON

arine Lyall, president of the University of Wisconsin System in a year-long Leadership Foundation Fellows program. Daughter of the Bill Kajikawas, she was hailed as "one of the most talented and promising women leaders in the U.S.," president Rosemary Weiss of the International Women's Forum Leadership Foundation said

in making the announcement. The fellows, with outstanding career achievements, come from all fields: business, government, science, the professions, diplomacy, academia and the nonprofit sector. The training includes a week-long curriculum at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, 14 days of on-the-job training, strategic career planning and networking with mentors, in-service and public speaking training plus participation at two IWF meetings. The IWF is comprised of more than 3,000 top women leaders from 20 countries. Its programs are designed to impact public policy development, global affairs and the daily lives of women around the world.

A recent glance of the Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening (D) cabinet left no doubt a new wind blowing through the state, according to a *Washington Post* report Feb. 12, as one meeting featured a computer-driven slide show on improving the organizational acceleration, clutter of flow charts and the talk laden with words, such as paradigm, benchmarking strategies and prospective programmatic input. In this midst is Jane Nishida, 39, secretary-designate of environment. She was former executive director, Maryland Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a newcomer to state politics and well-respected. Cabinet secretaries are subject to senate confirmation.

S.F. Chapter offers applications for scholarships

The San Francisco Chapter, JACL, announces that applications for its \$1,000 scholarship are now available. According to Kay Gamo, the funds for this scholarship were raised from the chapter's annual golf tournament.

The scholarship is available to a graduating senior attending an accredited high school in San Francisco. The applicant must also be actively involved in a volunteer capacity in the community and have at least a 2.5 grade point average. Gamo commented that the chapter is interested in recognizing a commitment to volunteer work in the community, either in the Japanese American community or community at large. "We believe it is very important for young people to be volunteers and we want to recognize those students who are already actively involved in this valuable service."

The applicant must be planning to attend an accredited two or four year institution of higher learning or a business or vocational college in the academic year of 1995-1996. "The committee members recognized the fact that individuals may choose to pursue a career in other areas not offered through colleges or universities" Gamo added, "and we wanted to open up the scholarship to those individuals who may plan to attend an accredited business or vocational institution."

Finally, the applicant must be a member or be a family member of a member of the San Francisco Chapter of the JACL. The \$1,000 scholarship will be applied to the student's educational fees or tuition.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 1995. Applications must be postmarked by that date in order to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Information sheets and the applications have been sent to both the public and private high schools in San Francisco. They are also available by contacting Kay Gamo at (415) 824-6905.

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All aboard

All aboard features announcements of new officers for JACL chapters and other organizations.

100/442 Veterans Assn., Los Angeles

Henry Ikemoto, retired Los Angeles County probation officer, took command of the 100/442nd Veterans Association at its 35th annual installation fete Jan. 21 at Holiday Inn, Torrance.

"We still have a great job to do," he declared, "to tell the message (of why we fought during World War II) to our own kids and their generation."

Guest speaker Franz Steidl of Soquel, Calif., previewed his forthcoming book, "Facing the Enemy," about the Battle of Bruyeres and the rescue of the Lost Battalion from both fronts, the Allied and the German. He said that one Texan of the so-called Lost Battalion remarked to him, "We weren't 'lost'; the Germans knew where we were and we knew where we were."

The 1995 executive officers are: President: **Henry Ikemoto**, (Anti-Tank Co.)

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Riverside Chapter, JACL

The chapter's 28th installation event was held Feb. 4 with Dr. James K. Sasaki as guest speaker. A retired Methodist minister, he discussed "Issei, Nisei and Sansei: We Are the Same, But Different."

1995 board members: **John Kurata, Irene Ogata, Clyde Wilson, Doug Urata, Beverly Inaba, Bob Endo, Gen Ogata, William Takano, Junji Kumamoto, Meiko Inaba, Sumi Harada, Mable Bristol, Lorna Nakamura, Akio Yoshikawa, Michiko Yoshimura, Joyce Higashida**

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Mile-Hi members

ON BOARD—New board members officially installed at a Jan. 21, 1995, meeting of the Mile-Hi Chapter are, from left, seated, **Sumi Takeno**, membership/hospitality; **Peter Kanda**, vice president/secretary; **Denny Yasuhara**, JACL national president and guest speaker; **Tom Migaki**, president; **John Tanigawa**, youth chair; **Dr. Mark Shimoda**, at

-large member. Standing, from left, are **Tom Masamori**, redress/Legacy Fund; **Sami Nakazono**, programs/fund-raising; **Andrew Hamano**, local scholarships; **Adele Arakawa**, emcee; **Richard Hamai**, treasurer. Not shown: **Jim Hada**, singles, and **Chiyo Horiuchi**, national scholarships. See chapter news story on page 5.



Venice-Culver Chapter

New officers of the chapter were recently installed at a Feb. 4, 1995, meeting. From left are: **George Kodama**, official delegate; **Stephanie Doy**, vice president, programs; **Karl Oike**, historian; **Hitoshi Shimizu**, treasurer; **Fred Hoshiyama**, board mem-

ber; **Sam Shimoguchi**, president; **Akemi Wood**, secretary; **Frances Kitagawa**, insurance chair; **Mark Greenblatt**, board member; **Tak Shishino**, vice president, membership; and **John Saito**, installing official.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Japanese in U.S. need survival skills

The body of a 20-year-old Japanese woman was found in an irrigation ditch on a Colorado farm a few weeks ago. She had been strangled and her throat slashed. She was from a well-to-do Japanese family and a drop-out from the University of Colorado.

Japanese reporters stationed in the U.S. rushed to Boulder to do what they are paid to do. No doubt their stories about another Japanese victimized by savage American criminals got plenty of attention in the media.

As this is written, there is no indication that this was a racially motivated killing. A young male drifter with whom she had been seen is considered the prime suspect.

What follows has no statistical data to support it. But I think it is safe to say that Japanese temporarily in the United States are victimized disproportionately more often than their Japanese American cousins.

In other words, Japanese who are indistinguishable from Japanese Americans to the casual observer seem to get mugged, their pockets picked, robbed, beaten up, shot and swindled more often than natives.

And more of them get killed.

In addition, the automobile accident rate among the visitors seems higher. A larger percentage gets creamed at crossings, crumples fenders, falls into ditches. This is partly understandable. Japanese kids don't grow up with a steering wheel in their hands. For many of them driving is a painfully acquired skill, not something that comes almost naturally. And for some, long stretches of open road pose an irresistible temptation to speed, especially when they've had a few beers. (Besides, from the Japanese point of view, Americans drive on the wrong side of the road.)

If my assumptions about the vulnerability of Japanese visitors is correct, the question is why they should suffer a higher rate of unpleasant experiences than natives?

My theory about the cause is that it's something like putting pampered pussy cats out in the woods to live among cats accustomed to foraging on their own. The wild cats have developed survival skills whereas the house cats are naive about finding food and shelter and avoiding predators. If the house cats don't wise up quickly,

they're in danger of getting eaten up by tougher and fiercer animals.

Put in human terms, the Japanese live in a society with a low crime rate and being wary and suspicious isn't essential to survival. On the other hand, whether or not Americans are conscious of their actions, they automatically stay out of dark alleys and avoid talking to strangers because they know danger lurks in the woods. That may not be a particularly nice way to live, but it improves chances of staying alive.

Japanese youngsters who come here on their own are likely to be leaving home for the first time and experiencing real freedom for the first time, and too often that leads them into situations they aren't prepared to handle.

To our shame the U.S. has become a sort

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



East wind

BILL MARUTANI

Hawaii's Nikkei culture

I NEVER INQUIRED how it came about that my Issei parents left Hiroshima Prefecture and ended up in the U.S. Pacific Northwest. In fact, I wondered why they left Hiroshima in the first place since my father, as the *cho-nan* (eldest son), under Japan's primogeniture laws, was in line to inherit the family properties. From tidbits of information picked up over the years, I pieced together a sketchy outline of our early family history in the U.S. After a military stint in the Japanese army during the Russo-Japanese War, my father, with his new bride, headed for the Seattle area. Apparently this young Japanese couple first worked as a maid and outdoor handyman for a family by name of (Issei pronunciation) "Tan-kure-tsu." Before I came along as the last of four children, the folks had owned and operated a dairy farm. I discovered this one day when my mother, upon sighting a herd of cows, spontaneously commented on the breed and characteristics of these particular bovines. Inquiring as to whatever happened to the dairy operation, I was informed that the all-essential barn burned down—alas,

with no fire insurance coverage. But for absence of fire coverage, my life well might found me sitting (indoors) on a stool plucking away at milking cows rather than being condemned to stoop labor in the fields under a blazing sun.

Both parents having passed away, the opportunity is long gone to fill in those huge gaps in our family history.

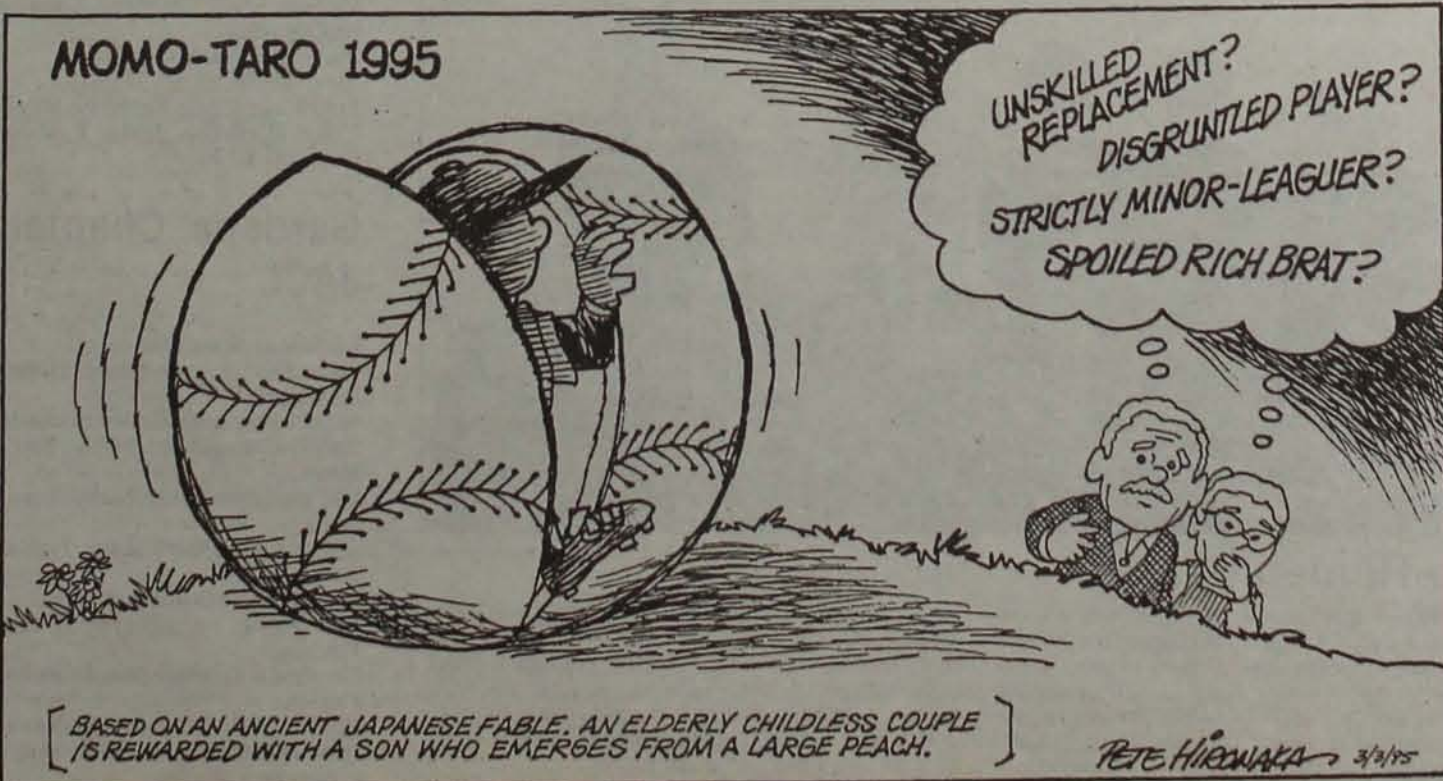
THIS BIT of reminiscing is prompted by a recent tour of the "Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii" (JCCH) in Honolulu. A four-storied structure with an adjoining garage, its clean lines reflect the culture of *shibui* (restraint). The concept of a community center was sparked some ten years ago following the Nikkei community's centennial celebration of their settlement in Hawaii. Sensing the urgency to perpetuate and preserve their unique history, not only for their progeny—one of the project's themes being "*mago-ko no tame ni*" (for the sake of our descendants)—but also as a segment of Americana, in 1986 the leaders of the community launched an ambitious drive to translate dreams into reality. Shortly, JCCH obtained an IRS 501(c)(3)

tax-exempt status as a public charity, thereafter assembling land followed by commencement of construction which was to cost \$10.8 million. Last year the JCCH reached its initial fund-raising goal of \$10 million. A sensitive educational exhibit with depictions of "how it was" with artifacts from the past, is in place. Space has been reserved for memorializing more recent stages of Nikkei life. As we were walking out of the Center, I noted a large *dojo* (exercise hall) where, on this Sunday afternoon, a group attired in white *gi* (outfits) were limbering up. Apparently the *dojo* is also used for *kendo* (Japanese fencing), another disciplinary art form. The programs of the Center are open to other ethnic groups.

THIS MAJOR UNDERTAKING involved, and continues to involve, participation from the broader segments of the Nikkei community with the chairmanship of the

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



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PETE HIRAWAKA 3/1/95

Letters

Says members need to give financial assistance to PC

"I would sure like to see the *Pacific Citizen* more frequently," is the sentiment expressed by several friends. One of them said that she had to read the *Rafu Shimpo* to find out what's happening at National JACL. I wonder if the scarcity of the PC will result in the waning of interest of our members and advertisers.

What is the remedy? I hear that there is a PC Fund started to pay for more frequent issues of the PC. I would like to appeal to all of you JACLers to send in at least \$20 each to get more issues out again. I am enclosing my \$100 for this program.

I see that National JACL sends in \$12 per member toward the PC, but non-members are charged \$30 per year to subscribe to the PC, so if all of us could kick in just a little bit more, I think we can meet the challenge of getting more issues out.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto

Chicago

Reader wants JACL to rescind same-sex decision

As long as God's judgment on sodomy hangs over JACL like the proverbial sword of Damocles, no amount of frail, human ponderings will extricate the organization from the chaos it now faces. All we need to do is to learn from history: Greek and Roman civilizations fell, not from outside attacks but from inner, moral decay.

God's Law is Truth and inviolable.

Genesis 5:2 says: "Male and female created He them."

Romans 1:26-28: "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another: men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

The solution? Rescind the same-sex decision of '94.

Masako T. Agari

Stockton, Calif.

Applauds those who oppose board decision to reduce staff

The *Pacific Citizen* is to be commended for the 2/17-3/2 issue which is its most relevant and pertinent issue in a long time.

PC had the courage to print, among other things, letters from Sacramento and from past National President Clifford Uyeda.

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Voices

BY PEGGY LIGGETT

The slippery slope: Who knew what, when?

This is a self-evident truth: If you can afford only \$5 for dinner, you can't feast on lobster and champagne. You have to settle for a tuna sandwich.

For JACL, it is tuna sandwich time. But how did we get here from there? What happened to produce the deficits of 1993 and 1994?

I attended the September 1993 JACL National Board meeting when JACL Treasurer Jon Kaji announced a projected deficit for 1993 of \$75,000. To my astonishment Kaji did not report why the deficit would occur, what line items were over budget, what expenses could be reduced or eliminated to avoid the deficit.

I was shocked and dismayed that no National Board member asked how expenses had been exceeded during the first nine months of 1993 or, what could be done to reduce or eliminate the projected deficit.

No questions. No comments. No concerns expressed. No recommendations made.

At that same September 1993 meeting, Randy Senzaki, the newly hired National Director, was presented to the National Board. When he was asked what fund-raising background he brought to JACL, he chuckled and said, "I have no fund-raising experience. My experience is limited to spending money."

The national directors for the previous two years had no explanation about the \$75,000 deficit, nor were there recommendations as to how that deficit could be reduced.

The JACL staff member in charge of business and financial operations was equally unhelpful.

The most important issue before JACL was financial survival. Yet no member of the paid staff and no National Board member had one word to say about what should be done to meet the crisis.

Even today, there is no information as to how the \$75,000 deficit for 1993 came to be, how it was handled by the staff and the National Board. We do not know how a \$187,000 deficit for 1994 occurred, how that unbudgeted money was spent.

YASUHARA'S MANDATE

National President Denny Yasuhara was elected in August of 1994 by a landslide vote on a promise to get the JACL back on

track and solve the financial crisis.

Yasuhara's first act was to appoint a special Budget Analysis Committee led by Mae Takahashi of Clovis, former finance chair for JACL/LEC, a person of unquestionable integrity and ability. Her conscientious oversight of JACL/LEC funds assured contributors the funds were being used only for the intended purpose of obtaining passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Takahashi's skills and commitment to JACL are beyond reproach.

MISSING RECORDS

In September 1994, the committee invited staff recommendations for achieving a balanced budget and to provide data about recent activities to assist the committee in its assignment.

The committee was frustrated by staff delays and inaccurate data. By December 1994 much data that had been requested had not been provided. No recommendations had been made by National Headquarters staff as to steps to reduce the deficit. Records of expenses for the Washington, D.C. office for 1992 are still missing.

Staff explanation that those records are not missing but simply not available at this time does not explain where they are and why they have not been produced as requested.

Some JACL financial records reportedly are at the headquarters Business Manager Patti Paganini's home where they remain without authorization. It is reasonable to ask whether yearly audits were completed without giving the auditor access to those records. How does a business manager who is paid to work eight hours per day at JACL headquarters explain an entire year of missing records and keeping JACL financial records for years at her home. Without these records, the JACL Budget Analysis Committee cannot evaluate income and expenditures for the critical period of 1992 to 1994.

As dues-paying members of JACL we have a right to know what and how decisions were made leading our organization to the brink of bankruptcy.

Who was in charge? Who decided they had the authority to ignore budgets approved by the National Council that required balanced budgets? The time for

spending money the organization doesn't have is long past.

JACL salaries consumes over 95 percent of membership dues. By contrast, a recent survey shows that other non-profit organizations with comparable budgets limit salaries to 40 percent of their budget.

The staff has consistently contended that neither the members nor the Board should know what their individual salaries are. No other non-profit organization in this country denies access to that information to members or their Boards.

In addition, we have allowed the JACL staff to determine their own salary raises. The exception is the Pacific Citizen Board which considers and votes on whether and how much salaries for Pacific Citizen staff should be raised. The National staff's insistence that their salaries should not be disclosed has in large part caused the percentage of salaries to budget to increase from 40 percent to over 90 percent over a period of five years.

To allow the 1993 budget deficit to occur without taking remedial action was irresponsible on the part of the staff and the National Board in place at the time.

To allow the 1994 budget to accumulate a \$187,000 deficit was irresponsible of the staff and the National Board in office at the time.

National President Yasuhara's mandate from the membership was to solve the financial problem and insure the continuation of the important work of JACL. The National Board, recognizing its fiduciary duty, acted to restructure top staff whose jobs overlapped and whose salaries were not justified in light of the budget crisis.

That was the only responsible action, given the nature of the problem.

Some critics have said more time should have been taken before taking action, that other options should have been considered. They have not suggested how long JACL should have continued to operate at a deficit, nor have they proposed workable options. The staff has made no money-saving proposals, just as they remained silent in 1993 and 1994. That is enough to have no confidence in our employees.

CLOSED MEETING REQUIRED

The JACL Constitution requires that discussions on personnel or litigation not be conducted in open meeting. Within two

weeks of the December 4, 1994 decision to reduce the staff, four of the five affected staff members hired an attorney who put President Yasuhara on notice that all communications should be with his office. Because discussion at the December meeting involved specific staff positions and the possibility of litigation, an executive session was justified.

STAFF WALKOUT AND DEMANDS

Instead of applying for the newly created positions to assist JACL in getting back on track, all five turned in their keys and turned their backs on JACL.

The five staff members were given benefits and full salary for 2/10/95-3/10/95. Now they are demanding a six-figure severance package. To take more JACL funds to pay those people would be improper and in violation of the JACL Constitution that requires any unbudgeted item greater than \$5,000 to be approved by the National Council.

The National Board does not have the authority to suspend the JACL Constitution and pay off the very people who are primarily responsible for depleting the assets of JACL.

MANAGEMENT AUDIT NEEDED

What we need now is a management audit to tell us how the budget deficits of 1993, 1994 occurred and what we can do about 1995. We need to know what decisions were made and by whom to create this current financial crisis. "If we do not learn from our mistakes, history tells us we are doomed to repeat them." This is an axiom that we need to heed well.

A management audit of JACL finances will help us to understand what mistakes were made and how they can be avoided to insure our organization's survival so that it can work to guarantee due process for our people and preserve Constitutional freedoms and rights.

It is time to rededicate ourselves to the goals of JACL, and take the actions necessary to revive the organization.

I urge all members to endorse the deficit reduction plan recommendations of the JACL Budget Analysis Committee.

Liggett is a member of the Fresno Chapter, JACL.

Sidebar

BY MEI NAKANO

Camp and beyond

"In mocking irony, the Nisei were to have more reason than any to 'Remember Pearl Harbor'."

—Japanese American Women: Three Generations

My life in the Amache concentration camp and beyond comes to memory increasingly as a kind of surreal movie in slo-mo, born of a belated understanding of those events that took place outside my own small reality space then. What I know now from this distance, compels me to look upon the events of my history with some dark humor since, on the face of it, it escapes rationality.

The ironies! Consider, for example, that the government forced us into concentration camps as a danger to the national security, then drafted some of us out of those very camps to defend that security. In segregated units. And another: As if to assuage their consciences (more likely to check rebellion), they allowed, even encouraged, harmless recreation and entertainment in camp. They fed us meals that could be considered adequate under wartime strictures—meals that were often produced, and always prepared, by campmates, I might add. But get this: camp officials often had to defend themselves to disgruntled citizens on the outside against charges of "coddling" for this "entertainment" and for a diet that cost 36.8 cents a day per internee. You have to think, wait a

minute: regardless of the cost, isn't that the kind of charge you make against provisions made for convicted criminals? You see what I mean about surreal.

All of this and other information, including the machinations of the politico-economic machinery that drove us behind fences in the first place, came to me long after I left camp and had situated myself in middle America. I see now, as I scour old camp newspapers, that some of the information was there. In any case, I ignored it then, and for years, papered over whatever pain and humiliation I experienced. But since the late '60s, when I began taking possession of my history, that cover sluffed off layer by layer in an amazing, clarifying, radicalizing process.

As I see it now through the lens of memory, distorted by the mirage of time, I seem to have carried on at camp Amache as if enclosed in that desert place was a totally normal state. I marry, a child-bride at eighteen, and become a child-mother at nineteen. We go to the mess hall to eat, to the canteen for necessities, to the laundry room to wash diapers, to the latrine for ablutions. We mail order stuff from Sears. Shi builds a chest of drawers for the baby and a dressing table for me out of wood he has salvaged from an old outhouse. We sometimes go dancing at a converted mess hall or see a movie—of the likes of "Trail of the Vigilantes." Shi works as a warehouseman at the Coop, as an elementary school

teacher, then in and out of camp on short "leaves" to fill the wartime labor shortage on surrounding farms. I am in love with wifehood and motherhood of which I know precious little. We have no plans for the future.

This is our life, a cocoon. We can peer out through the silky envelope, our "home", at the progress of the war, the propaganda, the attitude of the folk in the neighboring towns and at the vituperating (as it turns out) *Denver Post*, but we rarely look. I think I am in a safe place and have found definition for myself in which "Japanese" need not occupy much space.

Then, a jolt: Shi, whom we think is probably suspect because of his extended visit to Japan along with his family five months before the war's outbreak, is drafted to serve in the Military Intelligence Service. Yes. He is assigned to the base at Fort Snelling, Minn. He soon finds a situation for me there in Minneapolis in which I am to housekeep and tend three children (never mind that I have neither kept house nor tended children before) in exchange for a room for my infant son and me. I get clearance, pack up our worldly goods in two cartons and a suitcase and board a train for Minnesota.

This episode remains with me with some clarity: Aboard the train, all at once I become searingly conscious of my Japanese face and the knowledge that I have just been released from a prison. I feel a large

red "J" emblazoned on my breast ala Hester Prynne, guilty, possessed with the face of the enemy. I huddle in the corner of a seat, the baby in my arms and pray, please, please, baby don't cry. He cries. I rock him vigorously, give him water and a cracker. But he will not be appeased. I am flushed with embarrassment and anxiety, feeling totally alone, wishing I were invisible. Understand, I do not know how to navigate: I have never ever taken a trip alone before.

I see from the corner of my eye a GI walking towards me down the aisle. I dread the moment he will tell me to shut the baby up so he can get some sleep. Suddenly, I feel his presence by my seat. He hesitates a moment, then gently pries the baby out of my lap and proceeds to walk up and down the aisle until the baby quiets and falls asleep on his shoulder.

It is truly a random act of kindness. And this soldier, who perhaps in the next months will sacrifice his life in the course of battling against people who have faces like my son's, cannot know how his large act fills my heart and shapes my thinking.

(Next: So What Does It Mean?)

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

Sawamura accuses PC editor of improper involvement in election

From Cherry Kinoshita,
Chair, Pacific Citizen Editorial Board

Allegations have been raised by Michael Sawamura and others of the Sacramento Chapter in a Feb. 10 memorandum that *Pacific Citizen* staff, namely Editor/General Manager Richard Suenaga, violated the provisions of the JACL Personnel Manual by engaging in the organization's electoral politics at a meeting held last June, prior to the National Convention in August.

The memo was addressed to both National and *Pacific Citizen* Boards with copies to the Sacramento JACL Board, NCWNP Executive Board and PC district representative, Florin JACL president, PSW District Office, and the *Pacific Citizen* "for publication."

As part of the personnel oversight process, a JACL staff member is entitled to a confidential review of such serious charges. The procedures outlined by the then-legal counsel for handling this issue as a personnel matter, following Personnel Manual guidelines, were in progress and are continuing in consultation with the present legal counsel. It is indeed unfortunate that the irresponsible distribution of this document to numerous groups has deprived the right of confidentiality to a staff member. In this case, Mr. Suenaga has voluntarily agreed to waive his right to confidentiality on this particular point in order to respond to the allegations in public.

The allegations stem from a document reportedly containing confidential reporter's notes which was stolen from the PC offices last summer and has been in circulation since the August convention. Portions of the Feb. 10 letter from Mr. Sawamura not related to allegations against the PC have been ex-

cised because of a concern that they are potentially defamatory to others. The relevant portion of Mr. Sawamura's letter is published below together with the *Pacific Citizen* editor's response.

Letter to the JACL National Board, Pacific Citizen Boards, Feb. 10, 1995, from Michael A. Sawamura

June 16, 1994 memorandum

"Attached for your records and review is a three (3) page memorandum entitled: 'CONFIDENTIAL —INFORMAL AGENDA; BRAINSTORMING SESSION' (See Exhibit 'A'). At the outset, we want to make it perfectly clear that we do not have any information to verify the truth and veracity of the information contained in this internal memorandum. We received a copy of this memorandum for the first time this week. Because of the serious nature of its contents, we wanted to bring this memorandum to your immediate attention.

"This memorandum is important because, if true, it clearly shows a conflict of interest of paid *Pacific Citizen* staff formulating strategy against our National Board and, arguably, against the JACL. If the contents of the attached memorandum is false, then a confused individual is attempting to ruin the reputation of our *Pacific Citizen* staff and prominent JACL leaders. This too would be clearly inappropriate. Whatever is the case, the circulation of this document must be stopped and each of you, as our

national leaders, must take immediate action.

"Among other things, this memorandum allegedly sets forth an agenda of a meeting with paid *Pacific Citizen* staff in attendance wherein different strategies were formulated for the National JACL convention by using *Pacific Citizen* editorials to effectuate their purpose. Additionally, this document sets forth the formulation of *Pacific Citizen* articles to discredit JACL national leadership. It also defames members of the national board and districts, as well as other JACL members, (according to legal counsel).

"We believe that it is imperative for the National Board and *Pacific Citizen* Board to be aware of this document and to immediately investigate the contents of the enclosed memorandum to verify the truth of these allegations.

"The existence and contents of this memorandum was apparently discovered by the past and current national board at the 1994 convention. Yet, no action was evidently taken to investigate this matter and it was suppressed. However, this memorandum has been continually circulated and we received a copy this week. We believe that it is in the best interests of the JACL to openly and honestly deal with this memorandum and to put it to rest once and for all."

Letter to JACL legal counsel Tom Hara, Feb. 15, 1995, from Michael Sawamura

"We again want to thank you for your previous response to our chapter's request

for information regarding the misconduct allegations of a National Board Member. Although we do have some problems with your reply, we will save them for a later time.

"As with your memorandum regarding the misconduct allegations, please provide us with a short memorandum as to the status of JACL's or your investigation of the *Pacific Citizen* staff with regard to the alleged meeting held on June 14, 1995 as described on this memorandum attached to our February 10, 1995 letter. A clear and legible copy of this memorandum can be obtained from National JACL Headquarters if you do not have a legible one.

"The basic information that our chapter hereby requests from you and/or the records in your possession are as follows:

"1. When did the National Board first become aware of the existence of this memorandum?

"2. When did the investigation with respect to this memorandum begin?

"3. When do you anticipate the investigation of this memorandum to be concluded?

"4. Did the JACL volunteers listed in that memorandum admit being in a meeting with the PC staff members described in the June 14, 1994?

"5. Did the JACL volunteers listed in that memorandum admit discussing the agenda items set forth therein in the presence of PC staff?

"6. Did any PC staff member implement any of the agenda items as set forth in this memorandum?

"7. When were you first aware of the existence of this memorandum in your capacity as National Legal Counsel."

PC editor, Paul Shinkawa respond to Sawamura's allegations

Response from Richard Suenaga

In a Feb. 10, 1995, memo to the JACL National and *Pacific Citizen* Boards, Michael Sawamura of the Sacramento Chapter made a number of statements which directly or indirectly imply charges of impropriety against a JACL national officer (See statement on page 1) and *Pacific Citizen*.

Sawamura also attempts to revisit a recent National Board decision. In the memo, he states that the Dec. 3-4, 1994, National Board decision to reduce the national staff in San Francisco to answer a huge deficit was improperly and hastily made.

Sawamura made three charges against PC. The first is that the newspaper has failed to publish chapter news and the second, that PC failed to publish news of the chapter's recent work to recall a racist cartoon. In the Feb. 17 issue, PC responded to the first charge by citing more than 200 chapter news stories that were published in 1993-1994, including several which covered the Sacramento Chapter's firebombing incident. As to the racist cartoon, the an-

swer was simple: the news story was received two days via fax after the Feb. 3 issue had been sent to the printer. The story was therefore published in the next issue, dated Feb. 17. PC has a computer log of faxes as proof of when Sawamura sent the story to PC.

The third charge is aimed directly at the PC editor. Sawamura refers to an "agenda" which I had written prior to the convention for discussion at a meeting with those who were concerned with a number of key issues affecting *Pacific Citizen*. In answer to inferences of improper involvement in a JACL election, here, then, is my explanation of that document.

On June 14, 1994, PC assistant editor Gwen Muranaka and I met with PC editorial advisor Bill Hosokawa at his home in a suburb of Denver. Our primary purpose was to avail ourselves of his professional advice and experience, specifically on an important financial story we were working on at the time. PC funds were not used for this trip.

I also apprised Peggy Liggett, a PC Board member at the time, of the discussion. She

said she was interested in participating in the informal session and, accordingly, paid her own way to Denver.

Paul M. Shinkawa, former PC Board chairman, was also scheduled to be in the area, attending a seminar at the University of Colorado in Boulder and participating in a family reunion in Englewood, Colo.

I did, in fact, also prepare an agenda which focused on JACL convention issues. This was essentially a compilation of notes and comments from sources who wished to remain anonymous, who in their discussions with me expressed grave concerns about the future of *Pacific Citizen*—specifically about attempts to control or restrict its editorial and business functions.

I wrote this document for purposes of discussion only with Muranaka, Liggett, Hosokawa and Shinkawa. At no time was this agenda intended for public dissemination.

As it turned out, this agenda was not addressed. Both Shinkawa and Hosokawa advised Muranaka and me that despite the concerns of members about PC's welfare and future, the editorial staff could not in

any way be involved in these matters. We were advised that only volunteers could do so. We agreed. The focus of the meeting, then, returned to the financial story which was eventually published in the July 22-Aug. 11, 1994, issue.

I made only five copies of this agenda—one each for the participants of this discussion. It has, however, been apparently distributed to certain people within the organization. This has occurred because the document was stolen from my office and copied and distributed to various JACL interested parties. I have proof that this is indeed the case.

The expression of member concerns in the agenda amounts to a reporter's confidential sources of information. Though this document has been distributed by apparently unknown parties, I could not and would not do so because it is protected as private journalistic sources.

Further, the fact remains that no discussion or action was taken on this agenda.

Response from Paul M. Shinkawa

In June of 1994, I was in Denver for a long-planned family vacation together with some professional business. As part of my trip, I met with Bill Hosokawa, Richard Suenaga, Gwen Muranaka, Peggy Liggett, and several members of the Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL.

The four of us spent several hours with Bill at his home generally talking about the past and future of JACL and Japanese Americans along with the future of Japan-U.S. relations (raised by the Emperor's visit).

At the beginning of the meeting, Richard showed us a typed agenda. It was identical or substantially identical to the one in circulation. Generally, the agenda was disregarded during the course of the meeting. The only topics from the agenda which I recall being discussed were the Lim Report, the JACL elections, and a working story on JACL finances.

The discussion of the Lim Report centered on bringing Bill Hosokawa up to date on it and discussing who should be warned about it so that it would not alienate too many convention attendees. Our concern was that it had the potential to divide the membership in anger.

The discussion on electoral politics was prefaced by a warning to Gwen and Richard that they should stay strictly out of anything that even appeared to be campaigning, that the PC needed to be scrupulous about maintaining its neutrality before and during the convention.

That evening the four of us (without Bill) met several members of the Mile-Hi JACL

at a local restaurant. Most of the members were old acquaintances of Richard's late father, who was a prominent member of the Denver community. We occupied several tables and as a result, I am unaware of what the other conversations involved.

In response to Sawamura's question in his Feb. 15 letter, here is what I am able to answer:

1. I do not know if any members of the National Board were ever aware of a memorandum, although I have heard that such a document was in wide circulation during the Salt Lake convention.

2. I do not know if an investigation ever took place, or why one would be appropriate since nothing illegal, improper or unfair occurred. The PC staff was receiving large amounts of unsolicited information related to JACL issues and candidates. They wanted advice on how to conduct themselves. They felt that they were not receiving this advice from the PC Board chair and so they sought, at their own expense, to acquire that counsel.

3. Not applicable.

4. As noted, those attending the meeting were: Bill Hosokawa, Peggy Liggett, Richard Suenaga, Gwen Muranaka and Paul M. Shinkawa.

5. The information or similar information related to the so-called "agenda" was related to us at Bill Hosokawa's home by Richard.

Richard described statements made by other volunteers in JACL to him, some of which were stated on the agenda. The statements generally related to displeasure with the state of JACL, particular displeasure with certain national officers, and calls for

change in either the organization or the individuals involved. At no time did he describe any of the information as being his own ideas or opinions. To the contrary, he expressed several times that these opinions were from calls or letters sent to the PC by members. Some of the opinions are ones which I have stated openly myself. I do not recall Richard every attributing the quotes to any particular individual although the statements themselves were listed on the agenda.

I urged Richard that, while he should carry out his journalistic responsibilities by listening and gathering information, the use of that information had to be very circumspect in order to avoid the appearance of partisanship or involvement by PC staff. Bill reiterated that certain actions were reserved solely for volunteers and that the PC must keep its distance from the elections.

Bill, Peggy and I discussed at length with Richard and Gwen the differences between a private newspaper and the PC and the absolute necessity for PC to preserve its objectivity by not becoming involved in electoral matters.

Richard pledged and Gwen agreed that fairness in reportage would be the basic bottom line in the PC's handling of any story. Richard and Gwen both stated that they understood clearly from previous conventions the requirements for staff non-involvement.

As part of that conversation, I related to Richard and Gwen that PC staff were bound by the same restrictions on involvement in the JACL political process that bound National staff. Peggy and I related several

examples of allegations raised against National staff's past improper involvement in the JACL election process and warned them not to make the same mistakes. I also recall responding to Bill's question that since he was not a JACL or PC staff member, he was not barred from participating in electoral politics.

6. It is obvious that no PC staff member ever acted on any of the statements or rumors listed in the memorandum. I think that a review of the PC issues between June 16 and August 5 will verify this. I also believe that the PC's coverage of the candidates shows very even-handed and fair reporting on an equitable basis.

The national officers who were alleged to have been targeted for opposition in the election actually ran unopposed and were reelected by substantial majorities.

7. Not applicable.

In closing, I would like to point out that during that time in June, 1994, Peggy Liggett was a bona fide member of the PC Board with every right to meet with PC staff. Bill Hosokawa also held and still holds a portfolio as advisor to the PC. I hold no office or any formal position with JACL, either with my Chapter, District or National at that time. As a member I believe that I had the right to meet with the PC staff and its volunteers. Even considering the circumstances of my former position as PC Board chair, I am not aware that PC staff were ever warned or prohibited from associating with me. Had such a ban been in existence, I certainly would not have

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done anything to get PC staff into trouble.

The problem with attempting to respond to these current allegations is that the information which is the basis of the charges consists of personal notes which were stolen and then circulated. Anyone's personal notebook will contain candid observations. Many of them will not even make sense or may have been written in a wholly different context than the one from which they are later read. Notes represent a short-hand rendition of ideas which the writer is being exposed to. Frequently, the writer does not even agree with or fully understand what is being written down. Particularly with news reporters, the notes may only reflect what the writer is hearing rather than what he is thinking. For that reason, Richard Suenaga should only be judged by what he has done rather than by what has been stolen from his notebook.

It was my belief before and during the visit to Bill Hosokawa's house that only Peggy, Bill and I would be discussing JACL electoral matters for the upcoming National Convention. Since Richard and Gwen had some questions regarding ethical concerns, I expected to and did discuss with them the rules insofar as they apply to staff. Peggy, Bill and I felt it very important that PC staff not cross the ethical line in JACL politics. From everything that I know, they did not do so.

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of combat zone. Yet the Japanese youngsters continue to enter it without being prepared to cope with the hazards. Until they are taught survival skills, the casualties will continue to mount.

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George Kodama's analysis of the Takahashi report is lengthy but I hope every member will study it carefully. No one understands JACL's budget as well as he, historically.

I sincerely hope readers will digest what these men have to say. Then they will understand some of the veiled problems and ask questions before joining in a blind chorus of support and approval. The readers will then see that scapegoating staff is not the answer, but a virtual paralysis of JACL. Other alternatives are possible.

As important as these issues (are), more important is that we need to nurture younger JACLers and cease labeling them as "ruthless" and "suspect." They have much talent and skills to offer. Let's capitalize on the positive.

Miki Himeno
Monterey Park, Calif.

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project being rotated to include prominent citizens with proven track records. Among the many groups contributing talent and resources are: Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, United Japanese Society, veterans including the 100th and 442nd, the kenjin-kai's (prefectural associations), plus many others. The 442nd Club, for example, provided monetary support in the six figures.

To those good folks of the JCCH: *O-mede-to.*

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Rumiko, sons John, Gene, Ronald, Sherman, (latter two Hawaii), daughters Dr. Ann Kunitake, Dr. Kazuko Sera, Joanne Kikue Hotta (Hawaii), 7 gc. Shiga, Yoshisada, 88, Torrance, Feb. 14; Ehime-born, survived by wife Ayako, son Fred, daughter Peggy Kushigemachi, 2 gc., sister Kazuyo Ueda (Jpn).

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JAPAN SPRING ADVENTURE (Takayama Festival, 10 days)	APR 12
SPAIN/PORTUGAL (15 days)	MAY 14
YELLOWSTONE/MT RUSHMORE (9 days)	JUN 3
CANADIAN ROCKIES/VICTORIA (8 days)	JUN 20
CRYSTAL'S NEW SYMPHONY SHIP - ALASKA CRUISE (11 days)	AUG 19
BRANSON/TENNESSEE/KENTUCKY (9 days)	SEP 9
GREEK TOUR & CRUISE (12 days)	SEP 29
EAST COAST/FALL FOLIAGE (Amish country, 11 days)	OCT 1
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (11 days)	OCT 9
GOLDEN CITIES OF CHINA (15 days)	OCT 19
KUMAMOTO KENJINKAI KYUSHU (10 days)	NOV 1
"AFFORDABLE" JAPAN ONSEN (9 days)	NOV 7

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Maui - Mt. Haleakala, Lahaina, Hana, Iao Valley, ferry ride from Molokai to Lahaina.	
CARIBBEAN HOLIDAY CRUISE	APR 14-22
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GREECE HOLIDAY TOUR	APR 18-29
Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Nauplia. Cruising to Mykonos, Crete, Santorini, Rhodes, Kusadasi, Patmos.	
SWITZERLAND-AUTRIA HOLIDAY TOUR	JUN 10-23
Zurich, St. Moritz, Zermatt, Geneva, Salzburg, Villach, Vienna, Innsbruck.	
YELLOWSTONE-MT. RUSHMORE HOLIDAY TOUR	JUL 6-14
Including Grand Tetons, Salt Lake City. TAUCK TOURS.	
ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE	AUG 21-28
Vancouver, Ketchikan, Skagway, Haines, Juneau, Sawyer Glacier, Inside Passage, NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE.	
CHINA HOLIDAY TOUR	SEP 7-19
Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Shanghai. JAPAN AIRLINES.	
CRYSTAL HARMONY MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE	SEP 15-29
Italy, Greece, Turkey.	
CRYSTAL SYMPHONY ORIENT CRUISE	OCT 4-19
Hong Kong, Manila, Taipei/Keelung, Naha/Okinawa, Shanghai, Dalian, Beijing.	
JAPAN AUTUMN HOLIDAY TOUR	OCT 21-29
Osaka, Bizen, Himeji Castle, Kurashiki, Seto Ohashi Bridge, Takamatsu, Kochi, Matsuyama, Seto Naikai, Tokuyama, Hiroshima.	
NEW ORLEANS-CAJUN COUNTRY HOLIDAY TOUR	NOV 11-18
New Orleans, Lafayette/Cajun Country, Natchez.	
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APR 06	ORIENT DELUXE - Hong Kong, Macau, Penang & Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangkok & Hua Hin, Thailand - 14 Days	\$3095
APR 23	PHILIPPINE & BALI DELUXE - Badian Island, Cebu & Manila, Philippines, Bali, Indonesia & Hong Kong - 14 Days	\$3195
MAY 16	SOUTH AMERICA DELUXE - Amazon, Sao Paulo, Iguassu Falls & Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Buenos Aires, Argentina - 13 Days	\$3195
MAY 30	BRANSON & THE OZARKS - 8 Days - ALMOST SOLD OUT	\$1395
JUN 6	NEW - 2ND BRANSON & OZARKS - SAME TOUR	\$1395
JUN 19	SUMMER JAPAN, HONG KONG & MACAU - 11 Days	\$2895
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JUL 17	BRITISH ISLES - Ireland, Scotland & England - 15 Days	\$3295
AUG 12	CANADIAN ROCKIES - Edmonton, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff Springs & Calgary - 8 Days	\$1750
AUG 26	WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE + SWITZERLAND & FRANCE 14 Days = 7-Day Cruise - Genoa, Naples, Palermo, Tunis, Ibiza, Palma de Mallorca & Barcelona. 7-Day Tour - Zermatt, Matterhorn & Montreaux, SW + French Chateaux Country & Paris, FR. Cabins offered in 6 categories.....Costs from - Inside \$3895 - Outside \$4195	
SEP 15	NEW TOUR - NIAGARA FALLS + MONTREAL & QUEBEC + NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE - 11 Days	\$1995
SEP 28	HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU VISTA - 11 Days	\$3495
OCT 09	URANIHON VISTA - 11 Days	\$3395
OCT 19	DISCOVER JAPAN - 11 Days	\$3395
NOV 01	FALL JAPAN CLASSIC - 11 Days	\$3295
NOV 09	OKINAWA, KYUSHU & SHIKOKU - 11 Days	\$3495
NOV 26	COPPER CANYON ADVENTURE - 10 Days	\$1850

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No.	TOUR	DATES	ESCORT	PRICE
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5.	New Orleans & EPCOT Tours	04/22 - 04/30	Gardena Group	
5a.	China/Hong Kong Tour	04/12 - 04/26		\$2,797
6.	Swiss Holidays	04/25 - 05/04	SST	\$2,309
7.	Spain, Portugal & Morocco	05/05 - 05/18	Yuki Sato	\$2,067
9.	Branson & Ozark Tour Show	05/12 - 05/19	Hidy Mochizuki	\$1,339
9a.	Greece Tour	05/12 - 05/21	Phyllis Murakawa	\$2,649
8.	New Orleans, Deep South	05/15 - 05/22	Bill Sakurai	\$1,289
11.	Spring in Japan	05/15 - 05/25	Michi Ishii	\$3,295
10.	Michigan Tulip Time	05/16 - 05/24	Toy Kanegai	*\$1,299
12.	Europe at Leisure	05/29 - 06/11	SST	\$2,803
13.	National Parks	06/05 - 06/17	Roy Takeda	\$1,929
14.	British Heritage Tour	06/15 - 06/29	Toy Kanegai	\$2,649
15.	Summer Tour of Japan (Option to Hiroshima)	06/26 - 07/05	Ray Ishii	\$2,895
16.	Hawaiian Islands Cruise	07/01 - 07/10	Toy Kanegai	from \$1,730
17.	Alaska Cruise	07/17 - 07/24	Michi Ishii	*\$2,549
18.	Best of Scandinavia	08/14 - 08/27	SST	\$2,970
20.	MIS Reunion - 50 Seattle	09/06 - 09/09	George Kanegai	
20a.	Canadian Rockies Tour from Seattle	09/10 - 09/18	George Kanegai	\$1,421
20b.	Japan Highlights from Seattle	09/10 - 09/22	George Kanegai	
21.	England, Scotland & Wales Heritage Tour	09/07 - 09/21	Bill Sakurai	\$2,549
22a.	Hokkaido/Tohoku Tour	09/17 - 09/28	Yuki Sato	\$3,395
23.	Nova Scotia, Cabot Trail, Prince Edward Is.	09/22 - 09/30	Roy Takeda	\$1,649
25.	Fall Foliage in Canada & New England	09/21 - 10/05	Galen Murakawa	*\$1,618
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28.	Arizona, Utah Canyon	10/06 - 10/13	Hidy Mochizuki	\$1,329
29.	Tennessee, Branson & Ozarks	10/07 - 10/16	Yuki Sato	\$1,599
22.	Discover South America	10/09 - 10/23	Toy Kanegai	\$3,419
30.	Japan October Basic Tour (Hiroshima Option)	10/16 - 10/30	Ray Ishii	\$2,995
19.	Australia & New Zealand	11/03 - 11/18	Yuki Sato	
32.	Copper Canyon Adventure	11/05 - 11/13	John Kobayashi	\$1,519
31.	Okinawa, Kyushu & Shikoku	11/08 - 11/18	Toy Kanegai	\$2,895
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