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Confirmation delays signal trouble for Education Fund

Senate confirmation of a governing board to administer \$5 million designated for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund is in jeopardy, as is the retention of the money itself, Congressman Robert T. Matsui said March 9.

"I've been told the idea of rescinding the \$5 million slated for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund is being discussed by Republicans in the Senate," said Matsui, a Democrat from California.

"I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to ensure all members of the House and the Senate understand the need to educate all Americans about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II," said Matsui. "Only through education and awareness can we ensure this sad chapter of American history is not repeated."

Matsui said he is concerned about questions being raised by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, where confirmation hearings of the board nominees will be held. Preliminary discussions with committee staff indicate doubt about the need for the education program.

"Arguments and issues that we thought had been appropriately addressed are being raised again by the new majority in Congress," Matsui said.

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund was established by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 to sponsor research and public educational activities on the internment and relocation of Japanese Americans. A total of \$5 million has been appropriated for the fund but cannot be disbursed until the board is in place to oversee operations and establish grant criteria.

"Every additional delay we see in the confirmation process for board nominees has a negative impact on our ability to see this board appointed and the money

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ORA set for more redress payments

The Office of Redress Administration was scheduled March 17 to make redress payments to approximately 50 individuals. To date the program has granted redress payments of \$20,000 to 79,515 individuals.

ORA is planning a trip to Arizona and California during the week of April 10-15. Those who are scheduled to attend include DeDe Greene, ORA administrator; Tink Cooper, ORA legal counsel; and Bob Bratt, counselor to the administrator.

At that time, ORA will be meeting with the Japanese American community to address general concerns and to give an update on the ORA's progress in completing redress payments.

Campuses in turmoil

Racist fliers hit Berkeley Law School for 2nd time

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

A citadel of higher learning, known as a voice for intellectual, social and political liberalism, may be losing some of its lustre, tarnished by recent racist events.

The seemingly timeless climate of social change, challenge, and openness at the University of California at Berkeley in the sixties now seems just a memory to some. Replacing that are the rattled nerves and restlessness of students of color who feel a creeping sense of intolerance invading the campus.

Two incidents of racial hate mail have recently unnerved the university's prestigious Boalt School of Law. At issue are not only the incidents themselves but whether or not the school's administration acted quickly and forthrightly in handling them. Here's what happened:

● In early December of 1994, a flier was distributed in the mail boxes of first-year law students of color at Boalt Hall on the day of their first exams. It showed a monkey together with a likeness of Jocelyn Elders. The flier said: "Clinton and (university Chancellor) Tien agree, Monkeys belong in the jungle. Sayonara, Hasta Luego . . . Affirmative Action Sucks!"

Boalt Law School Dean Herma Hill Kay issued a Dec. 13, 1994, memo denouncing the incident, but some students said the response was weak because not all students were notified or aware of the incident since the dean had ordered the fliers to be shredded.

● On Feb. 11, another unsigned hate mail flier was placed in the mail boxes of first-year students of color, just before grades were posted. The message was contained in a single, ungrammatical paragraph: "Rejoice you cry baby Niggers it's affirmative action month. A town hall meeting will not save you the wetbacks or the chinks. Your failures are hereditary and can't be corrected by these liberals . . . When I see you in class it bugs the hell out of me because your taking the seat of someone qualified. You belong at Coolie High Law don't you forget!"

Both letters were apparently designed to scare beginning law

students of color from continuing their courses at the school.

Anne T. Omura told *Pacific Citizen* that she did not receive either of the letters because she is a second-year student. "They were all distributed in a certain place," Omura said. "The mail boxes are coded according to various organizations so if you know the color codes you can place letters in any of the open cubbyholes."

Omura believes the acts were accomplished by a student or students since only a student would know the mail box system and the timing of grade postings and exams. "The first letter was more derogatory," she said. "It was so offensive I cried. It targeted Japanese Americans as well, with the word 'sayonara.'"

It is not known how many students of color received the letters. Initially, only 14 copies were reported. First-year law students



ANNE T. OMURA
Stronger stand needed

Nazi symbols stir San Mateo college

Racist fliers attacking immigrants and minorities, apparently authored by Nazi sympathizers, have been distributed on the campus of the College of San Mateo (CSM), according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The message on the fliers is that all foreign-born students on campus should be removed, all student clubs be discontinued and all minority instructors dismissed. Swastikas and other symbols are reproduced on the fliers which were distributed in last January in faculty and staff mail boxes, the *Chronicle* reported.

The title on a flier was titled "Die Endlosung," which means

"final solution" in German. It also referred to CSM President Peter Landsberger as "kommandant" and ordered all students to take an oath of loyalty to him.

Landsberger, the *Chronicle* said, denounced the fliers and asked students to speak out against racism and assist in identifying the culprits.

Students on the CSM campus are concerned enough to have arranged for a Feb. 28 forum to discuss racial issues, as well as performing a skit on racism.

Some 50 percent of the population at CSM are students of color, the *Chronicle* said.

number approximately 270, of which 40 percent are students of color.

At this point, Berkeley campus police is investigating the incident but no progress has been reported.

Following the Feb. 11 incident, U.C., Berkeley, Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien personally denounced the racist hate mail before a campus rally on Feb. 15. At that event, law school Dean Kay issued the official school response, saying, in part, that "This despicable conduct poisons the atmosphere for the entire Boalt community. The author of these hateful words seems to believe that people of color do not belong at Boalt. The author is wrong. It is the author that does not be-

long here."

In the statement, Hill also said that she intends "to meet with students, student group leaders, faculty, staff, and the campus administration to formulate an effective plan to end this indefensible attack on members of the Boalt community and to support those who have been victimized."

Josefina Alvarado, another second-year law student and co-chairperson of the La Raza organization on campus, said that these statements came only after students had pressured the administration to take strong action.

Omura said that when a similar incident occurred at Hastings See FLIERS/page 11

Berkeley Chapter asks for action by law school

When Anne T. Omura, a second-year law student at U.C., Berkeley's Boalt School of Law, received a copy of the Feb. 11 racist hate mail, she contacted the Berkeley Chapter, JACL.

When it learned of the racist hate mail at UC, Berkeley, the Berkeley Chapter, JACL, sent a Feb. 16 letter to Boalt School of Law Dean Herma Hill Kay to express its concerns.

"The Chapter is writing to express its concern for the safety and welfare of all faculty, staff and students, regardless of ethnic or cultural background," wrote Ann S. Yabusaki and K. Ken Yabusaki, co-chairs of the chapter's Civil/Human Rights Committee.

Fearing that the hate mail incidents could

escalate into violence, the Berkeley Chapter officials suggested these actions:

● Issue a clear and definitive policy statement, both verbally and written, that all racially derogatory literature, hate messages, and physically threatening messages will not be tolerated. Include a set of sanctions for any person found violating this policy.

● Include this policy in the orientation of the first-year law students, the school catalogue, and circulate this policy among current students, faculty and staff in the School of Law.

Omura and her parents Mas and Claire Omura are members of the San Jose Chapter, JACL. Her uncle, Carl Fujita, is president.

Racists' message is genetic inferiority, says student

Are racist messages becoming more and more commonplace? Do they signify a larger, more pervasive problem?

The Feb. 11 Berkeley law school incident was the second in two months. Similar racist fliers have been reported at Hastings Law School in San Francisco, the University of Santa Clara, and at the College of San Mateo (see story above). In its March 3-16 issue, *Pacific Citizen* reported an anti-minority flier which attacked minorities, women and gays in the San Jose Police Department.

The recent U.C., Berkeley, hate mail prompted Duane R. Valz, a second-year student at Boalt Hall and a member of Law Students of African Descent, to write an editorial in the Feb. 16 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. In the article, Valz points to an alarming social and political climate which may foster further acts of anti-minority sentiment.

The student cited the Republican control of politics at state and federal levels and the passage of Proposition 187—the initiative which denies educa-

tional and social services to illegal immigrants—as signs of diminishing concerns for social programs.

"Generally, America as a whole appears to be seriously reconsidering its relationship with people of color, whose numbers in our population are rapidly increasing."

In his opinion piece, Valz acknowledges the legitimate concern by Americans for public policies but questions the motivations behind the desires for social change. "The blatantly genetic supremacist aspects of the

messages distributed at Boalt Hall reflect what appears to be an increasingly more acceptable method of reasoning about social inequities," Valz wrote.

The incident, he points out, is a resurrection of the notion that minorities are genetically inferior.

"While the individual or individuals responsible for distributing hate mail at Boalt Hall may represent a political extreme, the determinist ideas informing their bigoted outcry are becoming increasingly more palatable in our society."

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JACL calendar

Eastern

SOUTHEAST

Sat. April 29—EDC Session, 9 a.m.-noon, info: Mike Furukawa 404/850-0540; followed by annual chapter picnic, 2-6 p.m., Murphey Candler Park.

Sat. May 6—Asian Pacific American Council Heritage dinner, 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta.

Sun. June 11—Japanese cooking demonstration, 3-5 p.m., Benihana in downtown Atlanta, info: Glenn Nomura.

NOTE—2 p.m. board meeting precedes.

Sun. Aug. 13—'Japanese American Heroism During WWII,' video and speakers, 3-5 p.m., Georgia Power Bldg. Auditorium, downtown Atlanta; Info: Dave Furukawa, 404/6232-8008.

NOTE—2 p.m. board meeting precedes.

October—Mixed Race/Cultural Identity Forum, co-sponsored with local university, time and date TBA. Info: Bill Sakamoto White.

Sun. Dec. 3—Annual Holiday-Installation Dinner, 7-9 p.m., Kamon Restaurant, (all you can eat sushi and more); info: Randy Miyahara. NOTE—6 p.m. board meeting precedes.

Midwest

HOOSIER

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

Mountain-Plains

NEW MEXICO

July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops: Total quality management for chapters; Finance and accounting for chapters, Grant-writing; Multicultural persons and families in JACL, Interethnic conflict: Latino and African Americans in the Japanese American community; Second Amend-

ment and Asian Americans; Is JACL dying?; The atomic bomb 50 years later; what have we learned? Booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258.

NorCal-WN-P

CONTRA COSTA

Sun. Mar. 26—Scholarship Awards and Senior Appreciation Dinner, 5 p.m., Maple Hall, Church Lane & San Pablo Ave., San Pablo; info: Natsuko Irie, 510/237-8730. NOTE—Michiya Hanayagi dancers to entertain.

RENO

Sun. April 2—Potluck lunch, general meeting, p.m., Senior Center, 9th and Suto Sts.; info: J. Onitsuka 702/747-0762.

Fri.-Sun. April 28-30—NCWNP-CC-PSWDC Tri-District Conference, Reno Hilton, 2500 E. 2nd St. (courtesy shuttle from Reno Airport); theme: "Eye on the Future;" regis before April 10: \$50, \$25 youth-students, \$22 for Awards luncheon only; regis after April 10, \$55, \$30, \$25 respectively; payable NCWNP-JACL, Fred Okimoto, 1580 Franquette Dr, Yuba City, CA 95991. Hotel accommodations by Mar 29 for conf \$80 rate, 800/648-5080; info: 916/673-7084, John Hayashi 415/563-2234, Lucy Kishiue 818/794-6620. NOTE—Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, conference speaker; Fri. registration and welcome 7-9 p.m.; Sat. Workshops 10:15 a.m.-11:15: noon, 3-3:45 p.m.; topics—Nisei to Sansei Transition, Hapa Issues, Children of the Camps-Healing the Wounds of Internment, Political Wisdom-Communication and Cooperation Strategies, JACL on Line, Membership 101, Back to Basics-Starting a Youth/Student Program, Planning for the Future, A Family Member Dies-What Do I Do Next?; Sat. panel 4-5 p.m.; Sunday dialogue with National Board, 9-11 a.m., separate DC sessions, 11:15-2 p.m.

Sun. May 21—Barbecue, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. NOTE—Honoring our charter members.

SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; '96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays; info: 408/295-1250.

Sun. March 26—Bowl-a-ton fund raiser,

3 p.m., 4th Street Bowl, 1441 N. 4th St.; info: 408/295-1250.

Sat. April 29—Scholarship luncheon.

Central Cal

FRESNO

Sat. May 20—Fresno JACL scholarship luncheon/workshop; info: Pam Yoshikawa, Judi Brown 209/222-5000 (w)

Sat.-Sun. June 24-25—Chartered bus trip to Disneyland & Japanese American National Museum, details TBA.

Sat. July 29—100th Infantry Bn. Highway Dedication dinner.

Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 17-19—Gila River Camp reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn-Crowne Plaza Hotel, Phoenix; info: Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835. NOTE—Registration closed, over 1,100 registered as of Feb. 28.

Sun. April 2—Keiro-kai Bento, 4 p.m., JACL Hall. RSVP by Mar. 29, Joyce Shiota 602/934-5858 eve, Masako Takiguchi 602/934-9637.

Sun. April 23—34th annual Chapter-Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards and Graduates banquet, Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix. RSVP by April 17, Peggy Matsuishi 602/934-3340, Marilyn Inoshita-Tang 602/861-2638, info: Joe Allman 602/942-2832. NOTE—Denny Yasuhara, Nat'l JACL president, speaker.

MARINA / SCAN

Thu. April 6—Monthly meetings, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, Rec Room at end of Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey. Info: Isaac Hirano 310/822-3568. NOTE—Meetings every first Thursday.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sat. April 1—Kanojo's Spring-Haru fashion premiere, noon-4 p.m., Oxnard Community Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard. Free admission; info: Ellen Matsuo 805/987-1470.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Sun. June 4—Auxiliary's "Spring Elegance II" fashion show-luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Loew's Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave., S.M.; RSVP Mitzi Kurashita 310/827-3414. NOTE—Entertainment and boutique.

Community calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK CITY

May 11-July 16—"The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-1945," Queen's Museum of Arts.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Ends March 19—Smithsonian traveling exhibit, 'Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990,' Field Museum, 312/922-9410; info: Mary Doi 708/869-1350.

INDIANAPOLIS

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South

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.

Thu.-Sun. June 15-19—Hattiesburg Homecoming, 100th/442nd, MIS Co. S, 171st Inf Bn monument dedication;

Camp Shelby land tour info: Corliss Tours, 800/456-5717; 818/359-5358.

Rocky Mountains

UTAH

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

WYOMING

Fri.-Sun. May 19-21—Northwest College Symposium: "After 50 Years - The Heart Mountain Experience," info: Steve Thulin, history instructor, P.O. Box 781, Powell, WY 82435, 307/754-6038 or 754-6111. NOTE—\$50 registration will be accepted through start of symposium, on-campus housing and meals available at \$22-28 per day, tour of camp art/photograph exhibit at Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody. Among Nikkei speakers are Bacon Sakatani, Sam Fujishin (first camp draftee/442nd vet), Dr. Frank Inouye (Univ. of Hawaii), UCLA's Dr. Don Nakanishi.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat. March 18—NVC installation banquet, 7 p.m. dinner, Rainier Golf & Country Club, 1856 S. 112th St.

Sun. Aug. 27—Pre-WWII Nisei reunion of Thomas, Wash., Thomas School stu-

dents and former neighbors; information Momoko Morinaga Kido, 9733 - 51st Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98118, 206/722-6725. NOTE—Budget reunion \$25 registration fee includes bento box.

Thu.-Sun. Sept. 7-10—MIS Nat'l Reunion/Seattle, Doubletree Suites, Southcenter Shopping Mall; Regis info & forms. RSVP by July 3, MIS Northwest Assn. Reunion, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118. NOTE—MIS group rate up to three days prior & post-reunion on space availability: Doubletree Hotels 206/575-8220, 800/222-TREE; Thu - sightseeing, golf tournament, Fri - informal sitdown dinner or Native American salmon bake at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center (limited to first 300), Sat - panel discussion: "MIS Past-Present-Future," reunion banquet with DLI command historian James C. McNaughton, Ph.D., speaker.

Thu.-Sun., Sept. 21-24—'95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle Art Museum; info Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msgs.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

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

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Small kid time

Gwen Muranaka



JACL district news

NCWNP supports honoring of JA vets

The Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District at its Feb. 5 meeting voted to support state highway markers honoring Japanese American World War II veterans.

Military Intelligence Service, 100th Infantry and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be honored with three separate highways in California.

Barry Saiki, national vice president public affairs, reported that the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Veterans Highway Project is scheduled to be dedicated in the summer. Each section of highway will need approximately \$2,000-\$4,000 to cover the cost of new signs and pay for any future vandalism.

While the district unanimously voted to support the project, a resolution for the district to donate \$500 to the project was defeated 13 no, 10 yes and 1 abstention.

Highway dedication schedule:
● 100th Infantry—July 22, Highway 99—20 miles from Fresno to Madera.

● MIS—Mid June, Highway 23—10 miles from Thousand Oaks to Simi Valley.

● 442nd RCT—Aug. 4—Highway 99, from Manteca to Salida.

Other news:
● Tom Shigemasa, San Jose Chapter, JACL, reported that the theme for the next national convention is "Kodomo no Tame," (For sake of the children). The event will be held Aug. 6-11, 1996 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

● Hoping to increase district communication, NCWNP decided to create a district newsletter which would inform members of district news and events.

● A panel discussion on the National Board decision to restructure staff and JACL finances was held with Neal Taniguchi, former national vice president of membership, Saiki, Karyl Matsumoto, presidential select budget committee member, and Ted Tsukahara, presidential select budget committee member. Shigemasa presided over the 30 minute discussion.

PSW issues apology to draft resisters

The Pacific Southwest District at its Feb. 5 meeting voted 12 yes, 6 no, and 3 abstentions to grant an apology to World War II draft resisters after a long and heated debate, reported the *Rafu Shimpo*.

The resolution said that PSW "regrets and apologizes for any pain or bitterness caused by its failure to recognize this group of patriotic Americans and that by this recognition the PSW-JACL strives to continue to actively promote and nurture the healing process of an issue that has divided our community."

Voting in favor of the resolution were APAN, Arizona, East Los Angeles, Greater Pasadena, High Desert, Marina, SCAN, Pasadena, Progressive Westside, San Diego, San Gabriel Valley and SELANOCO.

Voting against the resolution were Venice-Culver, West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, Greater L.A. Singles, Ventura County and Wilshire.

Earlier, the PSW executive committee unanimously approved the apology to the draft resisters.

Frank Emi, a member of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, was on hand for the vote.

Emi said, "I didn't realize that it was going to be such a divisive issue. First of all, the Fair Play Committee never really asked for an apology. This all came internally from some members of JACL—especially the younger members."

The district presented a framed formal apology Feb. 19 to a group of Heart Mountain resisters in a

ceremony at Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Other news:
● PSW voted to support the creation and ratification by the National Board of the Lambda Chapter. If approved by the National Board, the chapter would become the first gay and lesbian chapter in JACL.

● Phyllis Murakawa, chairwoman, 65th anniversary dinner, reported that the Dec. 2 dinner netted \$50,000 and that they were still collecting money. Half of the proceeds from the fundraiser were scheduled to go to National JACL to help alleviate the deficit.

MDC reaffirms JACL commitment

By DAVID K. HAYASHI
Midwest District Governor

The Midwest District meeting, held March 11-12 in Chicago, was well attended with all nine MDC chapters represented. Also in attendance were two former National presidents, Henry Tanaka and Shig Wakamatsu, the current national vice president of general operations, Jim Miyazaki, national legal counsel (and former MDC governor) Tom Hara and, acting National Director and Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino. There were between 25 and 30 people in attendance for all of the sessions.

These delegates expressed their leadership and the commitment to JACL. Attending members said they thought it was a very positive and productive meeting.

Here are some of the major discussions and resolutions passed at the meeting:

National staff reorganization:

● Discussion included background information of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee (Takahashi) report, proceedings of the Dec. 3-4 national board meeting, the subsequent Dec. 16 national board teleconference, the Jeff Adachi summary of the Feb. 18 San Francisco meeting, the role of the implementation and personnel committees, and legal opinions were offered. Midwest had performed its own analysis in the fall of 1994 of the 1989 actual through October 1994 projected balance sheets and income statements.

● The council passed two motions regarding the Dec. 3 National Board meeting to reorganize staff. (See story on page 5)

Committee on Organizational Restructure:

● Discussion included background and overview of the committee's report which was tabled at the National Convention last August. Merits of the report, as well as roadblocks, were discussed and explored. It was decided separate the report recommendations into individual proposals, prioritize them in terms of those most pertinent and of greatest impact.

● A motion was passed (unanimous) to "endorse the spirit of the proposed amendment to the JACL Constitution creating the position of vice president for fund development."

● A motion was passed (unanimous) "that MDC endorse the spirit of the proposed amendment to the JACL Constitution changing the composition and process of the Nominations Committee."

● It was further resolved on both of the above resolutions that MDC submit the proposed amendments for further consideration and revision at the upcoming tri-district conference this July.

Other:

● The council discussed and passed (unanimous) a resolution introduced by the Chicago chapter stating that "The Midwest District Council encourages and supports initiation, maintenance, and growth of Asian American

Studies in higher education in particular and in the U.S. educational system in general, and be it further resolved that the JACL at all levels be urged to do the same, and that each chapter seek local endorsement and support.

● It was mentioned that the MDC did surpass its goal of a 10% increase in membership for 1994, (and to the best of our knowledge, the only district which increased in total members last year).

● A discussion of how the district can give support to the national office during this period of transition also took place. Bill Yoshino gave an overview of what is taking place and some general timelines and what to expect for the coming months, to the best of his knowledge.

IDC shows support for JACL president

By YAS TOKITA
IDC PC Editorial Board member

The Intermountain District Council held its meeting at the Little America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City on Saturday, March 11, in conjunction with the annual banquet of the National JACL Credit Union. Two notable items of discussion in the meeting were:

● A motion to purchase an ad to support JACL President Denny Yasuhara in an upcoming issue of the *Pacific Citizen*.

● A resolution to support the upholding of Troy Shiozaki's civil rights in a criminal prosecution case against him in Pocatello, Id. The sensational case has been characterized as the "O.J. Simpson case of Pocatello." The local JACL chapter has been concerned about the notoriety that this case has received in the local media and the abnormally high bail that has been set.

The next meeting of the IDC will be a bi-district meeting with the PNWDC to be held in Boise, Idaho on Saturday, June 17. The individual districts will meet from 8-noon with the bi-district meeting to be held between 1:30-5:30 p.m. A banquet dinner will be held that evening. Depending on other activities to be scheduled such as a golf tournament, a day trip to Jackpot, Nevada and a shopping tour of a well-known local mall, the day before and the day after are being considered as part of the total program.

Information: Ed Hirahara 208/939-2224 and Seiichi Hayashida 208/466-7226.

Nikkei war vets directory planned

A Nikkei veterans personnel directory is being prepared by a group in the Los Angeles and Orange County area, according to spokesman Robert Wada.

All Korean and Vietnam War Nikkei vets are invited to be included in the listing, along with those who served in World War II.

The directory is not restricted to veterans who served in combat zones but is open to all Nikkei who served in the various branches of the military during these periods of conflict, regardless of their assignments.

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Judge orders California to enforce motor voter law

LOS ANGELES—The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) applauded U.S. District Judge James Ware's order to Gov. Pete Wilson to enforce the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), a federal law which allows voters to register when applying for social services or a driver's license.

Judge Ware ruled that the new law is constitutional and gave California 10 days to develop an implementation plan. NAPALC, through its founding members Asian Pacific American Legal Center and Asian Law Caucus, and other voting rights and minority groups, represented the voting rights coalition in the suit against Wilson.

The NVRA was passed by Congress in 1993 to address the problem that 37% of the country's citizens eligible to vote—more than 70 million persons—are unregistered. According to Attorney General Janet Reno, full implementation of the NVRA would increase voter registration to 95% of the eligible citizenry.

The lawsuit, *Voting Rights Coalition v. Wilson*, charges that

Wilson's refusal to implement the NVRA defies federal law and hurts poor and minority citizens, including Asian Pacific Americans, who would benefit from the new legislation. The NVRA was passed to close the gap between minority and white voter registration rates. Voter registration is key to political empowerment, as 90% of citizens registered to vote do vote in elections.

Since the NVRA has been in effect, dramatic increases in registration rates have occurred in states where the law has been implemented, including more than 100,000 in Florida, more than 50,000 in Georgia, and nearly 39,000 in New York.

Wilson refused to implement the NVRA, popularly known as the "motor voter law," contending that the law violates state rights. He has argued that the state should not enforce the plan until the federal government provides the funding, which he estimated to be \$18 million a year. Other officials estimate the cost to be about \$5 million or less. The Wilson Administration plans to appeal the judge's decision.

MGM pulls racist WWII Bugs Bunny video cartoon

An MGM official has announced that a Bugs Bunny cartoon will be pulled from redistribution in response to Sacramento Chapter, JACL, concerns that it was racist.

Anne Corley, MGM vice president of corporate communications, sent a Feb. 24 letter to Michael A. Sawamura, board member of the chapter, saying that the World War II cartoon, "Bugs Bunny Nips the Nip," said that the company "respects the concerns of the Japanese American Citizens League and its supporters regarding the re-release if the Looney Tunes

episode . . ."

Corley noted, however, that "While the episode is distasteful today, it was included in the series because it is typical of the animation of its time, when Hollywood played a major role in America's war effort. MGM/UA Home Entertainment believed consumers would understand the historical background and view the tape in that context."

The MGM executive concluded the letter by apologizing for the cartoon's offensive nature.

Service to honor JA role in Dachau liberation of WWII

Remembering the liberation of Dachau and the role of Japanese American and Jewish American soldiers during World War II is the subject of a memorial service April 30 at the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo.

Sen. Daniel Inouye is scheduled to be keynote speaker at the service which coincides with the exhibit, "Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers—Japanese American and Jewish American GIs." The exhibition will include the memories of Jewish American and Japanese American soldiers who came

to Dachau almost 50 years ago. Historic photographs will accompany this exhibit which is co-sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum and the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

The program is being held in conjunction with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion National Reunion. Other speakers scheduled include Janina Cywinska, a survivor of Dachau, who was rescued by a member of the 522nd; and Edward Ichiyama, a member of the 522nd and part of the U.S. liberation forces.

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March 17-18 scheduled 'emergency' National Board meeting—6 go, 10 don't

Six members of the JACL National Board were scheduled to conduct a March 17-18 "emergency meeting" in San Francisco in spite of the fact that none of the other 10 board members said they would attend or send delegates.

In an effort to revisit JACL's financial situation and the decision to reduce the number of headquarters staff, five National Board members called for the meeting. These issues, they believe, could not wait for the regularly scheduled May 6-7 board meeting.

The five members are Trisha Murakawa, vice president, planning and development; Ruth Mizobe, PSW governor; Alan Nishi, NCWNP governor; Kim Nakahara, National Youth Council chair; and Kimi Yoshino, National Youth Council representative. Only one other national officer, Jonathan Kaji, JACL treasurer, responded to the call.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, who is not attending, said, "Since the purpose of the meeting seems only to be one more attempt to reverse the board's action of Dec. 3-4, 1994, in beginning a staff reorganization, I personally see no point to it."

"I will not set a precedent by calling the requested meeting in the absence of any showing that a majority of the full board is interested in revisiting the matter of the reorganization," said Yasuhara.

The national board voted Dec. 3-4 for staff reorganization. An effort to overturn the decision failed during a Dec. 16 teleconference. Since then, Central California, Eastern, Pacific Northwest, Intermountain and Midwest Districts have all recently passed resolutions in support of JACL Yasuhara and the National Board decision to reorganize staff. PSW and NCWNP at their district meetings did not pass resolutions on the National Board decision.

The national president said that Tom Hara, national legal counsel, had rendered an opinion that while three people can request a meeting, only the national president can call a meeting. "National legal counsel informs me of a 'glitch' in the bylaws; although the required three board members (five, in this case) have made a legitimate request for a special meeting, it apparently requires a call to be issued by the president, which I decline to do."

"On the one hand, this provision is intended to protect a minority, by affording them access to a proper session," Yasuhara said. "On the other hand, the majority cannot be held captive—nor the corporation made liable for the expense—every time that three people want a meeting."

In a Feb. 25 letter to other National Board members, Murakawa called for a "face-to-face" meeting for yet another review of JACL finances and the Dec. 3-4, 1994, board decision to downsize the staff.

Explaining the rationale for the emergency board meeting, Murakawa said the main concern of chapters at the Feb. 18 meeting was "that chapters did not have any opportunities to participate



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or even offer suggestions regarding JACL's financial situation."

The March 17-18 meeting was scheduled to be held at the Miyako Hotel near the headquarters building. On meeting expenses, the memo said that unless a motion is made at the beginning of the meeting, National Board members would cover their own expenses.

Many of those not attending the meeting believed that such a meeting was unnecessary and even counterproductive.

Travis Nishi, governor, Central California District, said that his district felt that it was time for JACL to begin moving forward, rather than reexamining old issues.

"The feeling from our district is that what's done is done. There was a financial problem and there is still going to be financial difficulties. The longer we keep dwelling on this, the worse off the organization is," said Nishi. "Sooner or later we're going to have to begin rebuilding the organization."

CCDC at its Feb. 18 district meeting voted 13-1 to support the National Board's decision and recognize the work of the budget committee chaired by Mae Takahashi.

Jeff Itami, governor, Intermountain District, said, "This is not sanctioned, nothing is going to be done at the meeting. If they want to call a National Council meeting that's okay, we can arrange it and set it up properly. But this little piece meal stuff is not worth it. This is not progressive, it's regressive."

According to Yasuhara's memo to the National Board, final payroll payments to the staff affected by reorganization were issued March 10. The Implementation and Personnel Committees have been in the process of working on new job descriptions and proposals for severance as delineated in the National Board's decision. Bill Yoshino, interim national director, and the remainder of staff have met to ensure that membership services are continued through the transition process.

At its March 11-12 meeting in Chicago, the Midwest District voted 8-1 to support the National Board decision to reorganize staff. The district also voted unanimously to "insist that, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, any subsequent motions to rescind the Dec. 3rd, 1994 motion not be entertained by the National Board."

The reason cited by the district was that a motion to rescind the National Board's decision had already failed at the Dec. 16 teleconference. At the same time the district qualified their position stating that "This shall not be interpreted to restrict the power

of the Board to settle bona fide disputes in the future."

David Hayashi, Midwest district governor and governor's caucus chair, said that there is strong support in the Midwest for the board's decision.

"As a district, Tom Hara, legal counsel, Jim Miyazaki (vice president of general operations) and Bill Yoshino (interim national director) are from the Midwest and are three key people in the transition process," said Hayashi.

The governor said that the district spent a great deal of time discussing the transition and asking questions about the decisions that were made of the national board members from the Midwest.

Hayashi also said that there was concern that some would be reluctant to attend the meeting at district expense if the meeting would not produce a quorum in which to conduct business.

Addressing the National Board, Yasuhara asked that the board work together to move the organization forward. "It is not for me, as national president, to tell you how to proceed; I understand that all of you have constituencies to which you are answerable and for which you have responsibilities. However, I do urge you to consider the realities of the situation as it has evolved."

"A majority of the board has consistently supported implementation of the reorganization since Dec. 4, as outlined above, and I take this to mean that a majority of the board comprehends that our reorganization, as painful as it may be in individual cases, is the only appropriate action to take on behalf of the future fiscal integrity of JACL," said Yasuhara.

One of the principal issues the March 17-18 meeting was scheduled to address was the JACL deficit, Murakawa said. JACL's financial problems, which some believed spun out of control in the 1992-94 administration, prompted Yasuhara and the 1994-96 board to consolidate five staff positions into three as an answer to that problem.

Of the six National Board members scheduled to attend the March 17-18 meeting, five are from the 1992-94 administration—Kaji, Murakawa, Nishi, Mizobe and Nakahara.

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Fri.-Sat., May 19-20—Tule Lake Reunion V, Fri. mixer, Sat. aft. symposium, "Past Is Prologue: the Japanese American Legacy," Sat. eve banquet, Red Lion Hotel-Resort; Info: Tom Okubo, gen. chair, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento, CA 95822. NOTE—Side events: golf tournament, Reno trip, Discount Malls shopping.

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Education news

JACL Education Committee members make presentation to national group

JACL Education Committee members Sharon Ishii-Jordan of the Omaha Chapter and Teresa Maebori from the Philadelphia Chapter presented a Feb. 16 workshop on the Japanese American Internment at the conference on the National Association of Multicultural Educators (NAME) in Washington, D.C. NAME's annual conference drew more than a 1,000 participants from across the nation. It provided a forum for presentation of the lessons of racism, discrimination, and denial of constitutional rights learned from the internment.

The workshop and proposal presented by Ishii-Jordan and Maebori were accepted among thousands that were submitted at the conference. About 60 people participated in the interactive workshop.

Among those attending the event were educators and admin-



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istrators from Maine, Wisconsin, California, Florida, Virginia, and Vermont. A group of junior high students also attended from Saipan and the Marianas in Micronesia. They said that they attended the event because it was one of the few focused on Asian Pacific Islander American issues. Participants enjoy the experience of discussing ideas with students.

One of the Education Committee's prime objectives was to present the lessons from the JACL's Curriculum and Resource Guide. These materials have been developed and now need to be disseminated so that teachers

have this resource and are able to use it.

The JACL committee goal is to present workshops at national education conferences at least twice a year. Several curriculum guides were sold at the conference and order blanks for more guides were distributed among participants.

The JACL presentation seemed to be well received, as many participants asked Ishii-Jordan and Maebori for more information. Two publishers left their business cards as contacts for publishing some of the lessons.

Ishii-Jordan and Maebori were also able to meet with Mace Ishida, the Midwest District Council educator liaison who first alerted the committee to the NAME conference. Ishida said that he was planning to present workshops on the internment to educators throughout Ohio in March, 1995.

Also in attendance at the conference was Florence Hongo of San Mateo from the Japanese American Curriculum Project who was exhibiting her many resources and books on the Asian American experience.

Internment experience subject of California Social Studies conference

The National JACL Education Committee presented a session titled "The Constitution: More than Just a Piece of Paper" at the California Council for Social Studies conference, held in Fresno, Calif., March 2-4. The event was coordinated by Education Committee member Greg Marutani of the San Francisco Chapter, JACL.

The caption in the conference program booklet read: "for Americans of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II, the constitution was just a piece of paper." The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 represents the strength of democracy and importance of education in protecting all Americans. The presenters of the session were Elisa Kamimoto, education specialist of the Japanese American National Museum; Dr. Franklin Ng, professor of Asian American Studies and Anthropology of California State University, Fresno; and Dr. Izumi Taniguchi of the National JACL Education Committee.

In opening the session, Taniguchi said that the U.S. Constitution was "just a piece of paper" when the 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were ordered to

evacuate their homes, with only the personal belongings they could carry with them to temporary assembly centers in the spring of 1942.

He further explained that although the government justified the mass evacuation on the grounds of military necessity, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians determined that the internment was a product of race prejudice, war hysteria and failure of political leadership. The commission then urged Congress to pass legislation which recognized the grave injustice, offered the nation's apologies, and compensated each surviving person with \$20,000.

Ng gave a concise historical overview of how race prejudice against Asians evolved in the United States. He told about the immigration of the Chinese, their participation in the California gold rush and the building of the nation's railroads, and then investing their savings into businesses and farms, which meant competition for white businesses.

Competition in selected industries and in the labor market

translated into increasing anti-Chinese sentiment culminating in the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

Then came the immigration of the Japanese as laborers to Hawaii and to the mainland. Ng described the origin of the term "Yellow Peril" and its use to describe the rapid increase in Japanese immigration into the United States. He described the shock that many Americans felt when Japan defeated Russia in war and how it fueled the fear and anti-Japanese sentiment that was building.

This was followed by the segregation of Japanese children along with other Asian children in the San Francisco schools, the Gentlemen's Agreement, the California Alien Land Law and the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924. Throughout his story, Prof. Ng interspersed sad (but funny because sometimes they bordered on the ridiculous) vignettes of how the Chinese and other Asians were treated. He told of how the Chinese were not permitted to testify in courts against white people because they were considered below human. He also cited several court

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Lessons of internment scheduled for March 25 Albany, Calif. conference

"Teaching About the Internment of Japanese Americans," a one-day conference on Saturday, March 25 in Albany, Calif., will provide educators with the knowledge and techniques to use the lessons of internment as positive learning experiences for elementary and secondary school students.

"I've always felt the internment should be taught in the classroom," said Lucy Hamai, a librarian and a former internee who is organizing the conference. "This workshop allows teachers to hear first hand about what happened and get guidance from top-notch teachers who have already successfully integrated the subject into their classroom studies."

The conference is the third sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR), a national civil rights organization.

The California State Board of Educator's History-Social Science Framework for California Public

Schools—the state's guide to history and social science curricula—specifies teaching about the internment of Japanese Americans, as well as using the issues related to internment to teach topics such as immigration and constitutional rights.

Although the state is urging teachers to educate students about the internment, state-approved curriculum materials often times lack in-depth coverage of this topic, Hamai said. Conference organizers hope that the peer advice, the sample lessons, and introduction to resources and materials available at the conference will help educators meet the goals and intent of the state's framework.

ment of Japanese Americans" will start with a talk by Sox Kitashima, who was incarcerated in Topaz internment camp during World War II.

At elementary and secondary teacher workshops, conference participants will learn more about

the Japanese American internment experience and how to integrate it into class lessons.

Carole Chin, a fourth-grade teacher at Malcolm X School in Berkeley and an instructor at the Bay Area Writing Project, and Chiyomi Masuda, a sixth-grade teacher at Albany Middle School and a member of the state's Curriculum Commission, will discuss ways to teach about the Japanese American experience at the elementary school level.

Paul DeWitt, a social studies teacher at Newark Memorial High School, will discuss how to integrate the subject of internment at the secondary level.

An afternoon panel discussion will feature Fred Korematsu, one of three Japanese Americans who challenged the constitutionality of the internment all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court; Mits Koshiyama, a former internee at Heart Mountain, Wyo., who re-

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All aboard

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

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bers **Reiko Farinacci**, **Susan Thompson** and **Yoshiko Solomon**; **Michiko McKnight**, hospitality; and **Tomiye Yonemoto**, publicity. Not present were **Harry Baba**, 3rd vice president; **Art Tomura**, board member; **Sue Fujii**, historian; **Kazuko Mitsuoka**, board member; **Irene Murashige**, 1st vice president; and board members **Marie Doizaki**, **Cheryl Funada**, **Mary Funada**, **Kikuo Shimizu**, and **Joy Yamauchi**. The group installation was held Jan. 21.

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

The deficit: A leadership that let us down

After reading Peggy Liggett's devastating indictment of JACL's leadership in last week's *Pacific Citizen*, I know not whether to laugh or weep.

In effect, Liggett charges that a year and a half ago—in September of 1993—JACL's leaders, both elected volunteers and hired staff, were notified at a National Board meeting that the organization was running up a serious deficit.

Not one among those who heard the dire news at the meeting, she says, asked why. No one demanded to know what was being done to balance spending with income. The warning was reported in *Pacific Citizen*. The deficit turned out to be \$75,000, which also was reported in *Pacific Citizen*, but the membership was never told what had caused it and what (it turned out to be nothing) was being done about it.

Some months later the leadership learned the deficit was likely to climb by another \$187,000 in 1994. Again no questions by the leadership, no demand for an explanation as to how the unbudgeted money was spent, and no proposals for repairing the

situation.

But there was muttering in the ranks fed by *Pacific Citizen's* publication of the facts. Liggett reported accurately that Denny Yasuhara was elected national president last August on a platform "to get the JACL back on track and solve the financial crisis." One of his first moves was to appoint a special budget analysis committee chaired by the respected Mae Takahashi of Clovis, Calif.

Liggett reports the committee's efforts were frustrated by "staff delays and inaccurate data." Some records were missing, she said, or "not available at this time." It is not clear whether the committee received all the information it needed for a thorough study. Over the last five years, Liggett declared, staff salaries rose from 40 percent of the budget to more than 90 percent of the budget. Liggett was unable to learn who, other than the employees themselves, approves pay increases. Nor does anyone other than the employees know how much they are paid. The membership, whose dues

pay staff salaries, by its indifference has allowed that to become top secret information. There is a saying for that kind of foolishness: Leaving the fox in charge of the henhouse. Alas, there is more. If you still have the March 3 *Pacific Citizen*, please dig it out and read Liggett's article again. It is devastating. Should we be angry about what has happened to JACL? Yes, but the anger should be directed at no one but ourselves. By our lack of concern, we let others nearly destroy an important organization. Denny Yasuhara, who could be enjoying his retirement fishing or whatever it is he likes to do, ran for president because he cares about JACL and is taking a lot of unwarranted abuse as he tries to save it. At the very least he is entitled to our thanks and support.

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

Notice: PC to limit editorial opinions

In recent issues, *Pacific Citizen* has not adhered to its policy of limiting the publication of editorial opinion and letters.

Realizing that members and readers have opinions and concerns about serious issues, *Pacific Citizen* nonetheless must focus and concentrate its efforts on the presentation of news.

Editorial opinions, then, must be limited to approximately 750 words.

Letters should be brief. They will begin on the "Opinions" page. Only one other page will be devoted to editorials and other letters. The exception will be the presentation of "Viewpoint," which will provide in-depth editorial views from a variety of sources at the request of the PC staff.

Letters

Former staff member defends her colleagues

Joy Morimoto was a JACL national staff member from 1990-1992, serving as the NCWNP regional director and later as the public information officer.

I once believed in the JACL and its mission, but I can no longer support an organization that would treat its employees and members with such callous disrespect and disregard. I refer to the recent elimination of staff positions and the manner in which this was done. I am truly ashamed to be a member of the JACL.

Ultimately you as members, have the responsibility to define the JACL. At its core is it a conservative, exclusive social club, or a dynamic, national civil rights organization? If it is the former, then address only "safe" issues (or none at all), continue publishing a pseudo-newspaper regardless of cost, and acknowledge that the primary reason people join the JACL is for the health insurance. If it is the latter, recommit the organization to broader civil and human rights issues, market a contemporary and scholarly journal/magazine, and focus on recruiting Yonsei, Gosei and Asian Pacifics (forget my generation, the Sansei. It is much too late). As it is, the league has already lost a generation of imaginative and resourceful people because of its inability to cultivate and retain younger members.

The organization need only look within to see why it languishes. Its insularity and lack of long-term vision remain problematic. Additionally, every district can list scores of people who simply got tired, turned off, burnt out and disgusted with the infighting and ego massaging that seems to permeate the JACL. Let's face it, the JACL has always had more than its fair share of egomaniacs and "power" seekers. For the sake of those members who give of their

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East wind

BILL MARUTANI

Kô-den

HAVING RESIDED on the East Coast for over four decades, generally we've become adjusted to life without a number of those amenities enjoyed by our brethren who make their home in metropolitan areas which have Nihon-machi's, "amenities," translated: ready access to Japanese foods, movies, television programs and community publications. For many of us, the principal pipeline of what is happening elsewhere in our land had been the *Pacific Citizen*. And now that weekly source has been cut back to a bi-weekly schedule. To ameliorate the squeeze, some of us have been receiving news clippings, sent by friends residing on the West Coast, principally clippings from the *Hokubei Mainichi* and the *Rafu Shimpô*.

A RECENT Fourth Estate c.a.r.e. clipping was an item from the *Hokubei* (Dec. 29, 1994) on the subject of "kô-den," the Nikkei practice of making an offering (usually money) to the family of a departed friend. This custom has by no means fallen into disuse in the Nikkei community on the East Coast. Having seen our Issei parents engaging in the practice, by simple osmosis their progeny—at least the Nikkei generation—observe the custom. Well, in a manner of speaking; for upon reading the ar-

ticle from the *Hokubei* there appears to be a number of protocols that perhaps some of us may be overlooking.

FIRST, THE MEANING of the term "kô-den." Comprised of two kanji characters, *kô* (incense, fragrance) and *den* (ceremony, etiquette, condolence, gift), it is reported that the source of the term is incense used in Buddhist services. As mentioned, the offering is usually monetary—which promptly poses the question of how much is appropriate. Closer the relationship, the larger the amount. Too, there can be a factor of whether the contributor's family itself had previously been a *kô-den* recipient from the now-deceased or his/her family. It can get a bit complicated. The newspaper item reported of one person who keeps a record of who-gave-what-to-whom so that the chances of oversight are eliminated. Perhaps a number of you maintain such a record for the Christmas Season to avoid slip-ups of failing to send *okaeshi*.

SPEAKING OF "OKAESHI," there is said to be such in the *kô-den* custom, to convey a thank-you to the sender. It is reported that in pre-war Japan the *okaeshi* medium was a can of green tea but that post-war prices of tea being so high, the shift was to a can of coffee. But when coffee

prices also became prohibitive, the medium of acknowledgment changed to postage stamps—ideal, since stamps are not bulky and easily fit into an envelope.

SPEAKING OF ENVELOPES, there are special envelopes which are available in stationery stores carrying Japanese items. But here again, one must distinguish the kind of envelope (s) he selects, for according to a person versed in Japanese custom, those envelopes bear different wording for different occasions: *goshin-zen* (offering to a god), *ohana-ryo* (donation for flowers), *gorei-zen* (offering to the spirit of the departed). To avoid all this, some families opt for a "private funeral" with any contributions to some worthy charity—such as the American Cancer Fund (particularly if the decedent died from cancer), or to the departed's favorite charity, be it Salvation Army, the Keiro Home, etc.

It'll be interesting to see whether *kô-den* the custom survives within the Sansei generation. After the hereafter, I might make a return trip just to see.

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

JACL CAMP DUST-STORM



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Viewpoint

Financial challenges facing the PC

Viewpoint is a Pacific Citizen forum for in-depth analyses of key issues affecting the JACL or the Japanese American community in general. Opposing views are welcome.

In this Viewpoint, Cherry Kinoshita, chairwoman of the PC Editorial Board, addresses the continuing and difficult financial problems affecting the newspaper.

By CHERRY KINOSHITA
Chairwoman, PC Editorial Board

There were many hundreds who contributed in their own significant way during those years from the early seventies to that day in August when victory with the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 became a reality. One of those unsung and unrecognized individuals was Floyd Shimomura, past National JACL President. When JACL was split by controversy over whether to focus on block grants, a position favored by the National JACL Redress Committee, or on individual payments, promoted by the Seattle Evacuation Redress Committee as the keystone of its initial legislative concept of the early 70's, Floyd Shimomura navigated the ship well as he presided over a crucial National Board meeting that was to come down in a vote for individual payments. To further support that official JACL position which the organization was to pursue successfully, Floyd

used his legal expertise to prepare and submit a document setting out legal precedent for individual payments, a document which historians to this day can consult when they research the redress story.

To the 79,515 of you who received a \$20,000 check, give Floyd a hearty pat on the back for holding fast and not letting redress get derailed into block grants which would have benefited relatively few and those primarily in the urban areas.

Floyd, as you can see, is a pretty astute fellow, who presently serves I believe as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California. The reason I write of him now is that he sent a letter to the Editor which appeared in the Jan. 20 issue of the PC, in which he expresses alarm by the decision to reduce PC from a weekly to a semi-monthly publication and reminds us that the PC is the only tangible JACL benefit which our membership receives on a regular basis. "Even during 'slow news' period, it is a comforting reminder that the JACL is always there—just in case," says Floyd. He suggests that less visible cuts be made elsewhere or increase the PC rate from \$12 to \$15.

To that vast readership of three who glanced over my article in the PC Holiday Issue, they may remember that I had made a comparison of the 3 Seattle Asian American vernaculars; a weekly which charges \$14.50 for a year's subscription, a semi-monthly for \$18, and a monthly at \$15. At the lowest rate, the Northwest Asian Weekly which I mentioned as a bargain, has come to the realization that they can't make it without raising their rates and beginning

this month their subscriptions will go to \$17.50 a year.

The JACL National Council in 1996 may have to think in terms of raising \$12 to \$18 if the PC is not to be faced with another catch-up in rates a couple of years down the line.

The good news as to the financial picture for the PC, which will correct the disparaging remarks made against the PC in a recent Viewpoint article, is that 1994 ended not only with no deficit but a net income of approximately \$5,000 in the black, due to reduced staff and the cutback to a monthly for the final quarter of 1994. A statement of income and expense with the \$12 allocation based on actual membership figures, still being processed, and the actual advertising revenue should be ready for publication in the next issue of April 7.

For the next issue also, updated budgets for 1995 will be published showing just how much more will be needed to avoid a deficit based on projected membership and reduced ad revenue on a semi-monthly publication, and how much in additional funding will be required to return the PC to a weekly schedule.

Although there was an understanding with the promoters of the Annual Giving campaign conducted at the end of last year, and presumably by the donors, that the PC would share in a portion of the funds raised, that possibility appears moot since almost all the \$95,000 raised has already been expended to lower the national deficit for 1994. In the absence of any prospective additional funding from national, other than the \$12 allocation per household, either in the way of sharing in the investment income from the three endowment funds or in

proactive fund-raising the PC must concern itself with helping to defray any potential deficit for 1995.

So, how to raise these funds? In a letter in the last issue, Dr. Frank Sakamoto appealed to all JACLers to contribute \$20 toward having more issues published, and he then put his "money where his mouth is" by enclosing \$100, saying he had heard there was a PC Fund started. On page 4 you will note that other individuals have out of the goodness of their hearts sent in checks to support the PC.

Actually there has been no formal Fund except an old "PC Reserve Fund" (which headquarters requested to be remitted to them sometime back) to supplement the PC operations. So why not, as several have suggested, go gung-ho with a "Help PC fund". And let's call it something more significant and appealing—how about the "Larry Tajiri Fund" suggests Editor Emeritus Harry Honda. Larry Tajiri, as you old-timers know, is the venerable editor who kept the Pacific Citizen going during the war years out of Salt Lake City—and did a mighty fine job of it.

How about you readers—can you think of other suggestions for a PC Reserve Fund name? The winning name selected will receive a prize of a one-year free subscription for the submitter or to give as a gift to any individual, group, library, or whatever of the winner's choice. This is not only a "mini" but a "quickie" contest—entries must be in to the PC office, by deadline of April 1, winner to be announced in the April 7 issue of the PC.

More about the PC Fund, budget figures, and about Larry Tajiri, if that becomes the selected name.

Come-on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

Apology to draft resisters demeans JACL

Whatever one may wish to think about JACL's war time role (circa 1940-52) the bottom-line is clear. JACL was the motivating force behind public policy on the Japanese American community. Though many rumors and innuendoes were generated as a result of this role, an honest and factual analysis would conclude that the League earned a high grade and generated a positive image for the Nikkei in Japan for decades to follow.

JACL is not perfect. It never claimed to be; but during the WWII years, JACL was faced with a very complex and critical crisis. Its leadership did what it believed to be in the best interest of the JA community overall.

"The JACL attitude did not reflect, as many have since charged, either naivete or a narrow opportunism. On the contrary, it rested on a highly conscious and calculated assessment of group interests. Most JACLers believed that resistance was not only futile, but in light of the precarious status of the Japanese in war-frenzied America, downright reckless. This practical view, combined with a sincere belief that the trials of evacuation might provide a chance for ultimate vindication of Nisei "Americanism," led the JACL to conclude

that compliance was not merely the best alternative, but the only alternative" (Douglas W. Nelson, *Heart Mountain: The History of an American Concentration Camp*, Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1976, pp. 93).

Today in the League however, there is an element to "attack and destroy." Attack the foundations of the League, and destroy its history and its most memorable moments of social change and progress for Nikkei in Japan. A case in point is the PSWDC's resolution to apologize to the resisters for JACL's leadership role during the evacuation years.

For some, this debate may be considered as an argument in semantics, for others, it is far greater, and one based upon principle and integrity. While the perspectives may vary, the clash is real.

In the PSWDC Executive Committee paper demanding the "apology," Governor Ruth Mizobe cites excerpts from the "Lim Report" as her initial premise. The Executive Committee contends that the actions of Saburo Kido and Mike Masaoka were discriminatory against the resisters, and as recognized JACL leaders, this is proof that the League was biased and wrong.

Beyond Heart Mountain, as a part of a

greater collective group, the resisters not only challenged the government's actions but also were an inherent part of the movement to violently and physically attack JACL.

History is clear that the resisters movement, was responsible for physical assaults in a great number of the camps. We know that the resister's movement exercised violence and aggressive action against JACL and its leadership. The beating of Saburo Kido is well known, and the murder of an internee at Tule Lake is part of the record.

JACL was driving public policy on a very threatening highway. The resisters, attempted to grab the wheel; injury and death occurred. Should JACL now apologize for its efforts to drive public policy?

This mean spirited attack on the JACL wartime leadership cannot go unanswered. The proponents for a sweeping apology must be stopped; they lack the empathy of the situation and propose a death-wish on the proud legacy of the League. None of these contemporary youthful leaders can find in their hearts empathy for the documented expressions of sadness of the Nisei on the front-line and those who attempted to persuade the Heart Mountain

draft resisters to change their position. None give credence to the long held silence of the Veterans that their efforts to carry the community banner was being undermined. Rather, Mizobe, Murakawa and Tokeshi condemn the JACL's position, attack its wartime leadership and demand an apology "...for the misdeeds of the wartime leaders—Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, Ken Matsumoto, Bill Hosokawa, Joe Grant Masaoka, Min Yasui, to name a few..." They demand a public apology. (Rafu Shimpo, February 21, 1995) BUNK!

Come-On Sense: JACL is an educational organization dedicated to promoting the welfare of Japanese Americans. Attacking the proud history of the Nisei during the painful evacuation years does nothing to promote its welfare. It only seeks to destroy the path of glory of one of America's greatest minority groups.

As an educational organization, have we forgotten to educate ourselves and our posterity...?

Karl K. Nobuyuki is a Sansei, and a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL.

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time, effort, and money simply because they believe in the JACL's goals and objectives, I hope the organization can rebound from this crisis.

While volunteers are the heart of any non-profit organization, the staff is nothing less than its soul. Much of what is positive about the JACL can be credited to the dedication of those on staff who have represented the organization with utmost professionalism on a daily basis. In particular I think of Carole Hayashino, former associate national director, who graced the JACL with her talents and expertise for well over a decade.

She alone did more to engender positive public relations for the JACL than anyone else in memory. Clay Harada, Joyce Nakamura, Janelle Sasaki and Patti Paganini gave years of service and are hard-working, conscientious and well-respected individuals. Each of them was an asset to the JACL. Many of you have absolutely no idea what you have lost in these individuals, or what it takes to be on staff.

You have to have superhuman qualities to want to work for the JACL. Why? Because praise from members is rare, the workload overwhelming, the pay range below-average, and criticism of the organization incessant. Working for the JACL means bearing the

heavy brunt of the history and baggage of the organization. I accepted the job as regional director (at a salary of \$21,700), however, because of my passion for civil rights and respect for our community. I wanted to make a difference. I know other staff people felt the same.

If you are committed to seeing the organization through this turning point, hold the leadership accountable and voice your opinions. Whether you are a longtime JACLer or a new member, ask questions, understand how the JACL is structured and how decisions are made. It is equally important to recognize that not everyone joins the JACL for noble and selfless reasons. Hidden agen-

das and politics exist more than you may care to know, but ignorance is not bliss.

Sadly, the JACL I embraced is no longer and may never be again. Perhaps there will come a time when lost and disillusioned members like myself will rejoin the fold. I do not know. But I do know that the JACL will never be what it can be as long as apathy and arrogance prevail.

Joy Morimoto

Lafayette, Ind.

Questions about JACL's future directions

In my previous letter, I expressed serious concerns about the decision-making process. I wish

to express our concerns about the long-term affect on JACL as a whole. These are our personal comments and do not represent anyone else.

Is there a plan to return to a perceived direction for JACL? Are we going to far progressive for some or many? Just who is the mainstream and what do they really wish for this organization? Is the Pacific Citizen going for the ride objectively or subjectively? Controversy can be constructive and progressive if full disclosure and discussion occurs and decisions made by many not a few.

We stand to lose personnel who have a decade of knowledge and

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Agenda

Agenda is PC feature presenting news from JACL chapters and other organizations.

Chicago Chapter to hold health insurance meeting

Six months after participation commenced with the JACL Group Health Insurance Program, the Chicago Chapter JACL will hold a subscriber service meeting on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 10 a.m., at the chapter office, 5415 North Clark St., Chicago.

Frances Morioka, group administrator, JACL Group Health Trust (San Francisco) and Russell Anderson, account executive, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, will be present to discuss questions and/or problems pertaining to service and delivery of the covered health insurance benefits.

Additional enrollment into this comprehensive program will be accepted during this meeting. Persons interested in learning about the plan as well as those wishing to enroll should attend. As before, JACL membership is a requirement for participation. Non-members wishing to enroll in the plan may also enroll for Chapter membership during this meeting.

Educator presents JA talk to Dayton Chapter

Dr. Mace Ishida, special projects coordinator for the School Study Council of Ohio and Dayton Chapter, JACL member, presented a talk Feb. 26 on "The Japanese American Experience: A lesson in American history."

The lecture was a preview of a day-long seminar Dr. Ishida has scheduled for March 23. The goals of the seminar are: (1) share background information about the Japanese American experience; (2) demonstrate lessons prepared by the JACL National Education Committee, to show how JACL's lesson plans support Ohio's Model Social Studies Curriculum and to share resources that can enhance instruction of lessons.

Fremont celebrates 60th anniversary

By CHRISTINE NISHIHARA
Chapter member

Fremont Chapter, JACL recently marked its 60th anniversary with an evening of festivities at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in Union City, Calif.

Not only was this party to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the chapter, but also to thank the many dedicated individuals who have supported the chapter over the years. These are individuals who are always there when needed, whether it's for a chapter event, baking goodies or other functions. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the chapter.

Kaz Kawaguchi, a veteran JACLer, was our master of ceremonies, and he did a wonderful job introducing Phil Holmes, a retired educator and historian of Washington Township, who reminisced about the early settlers of our area. Incoming co-presidents Frank Nakasako and Ted Inouye

were on hand to greet the guests.

The most heartwarming part of the evening was reminiscing about the "old days" of the Fremont Chapter. Available for all the sentimental JACLers were volumes of chapter history going back to the early '50s, kept up by very efficient historians and photographers.

The Fremont Chapter's 60th anniversary party will be remembered for a long time. It was an enjoyable event mixed with food and fellowship.

Lodi Chapter helps Kobe quake victims

By F. JAMESON
Chapter member

Helping victims of the Jan. 17 Kobe earthquake was the goal of the Feb. 25 Lodi Chapter annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. The highest ever return at the annual event was achieved with net proceeds of \$4,219 forwarded to the Kobe/Osaka Relief Fund, in care of National JACL office in San Francisco.

Part of the proceeds included direct donations to the quake fund, but 95% of the total resulted from the sales of the dinner.

The generous support of the Lodi community aided and backed up by volunteer JACL members and friends, made this fundraising effort a success. Toshi Yoshioka headed the volunteer group.

Sacramento holds Day of Remembrance

By TOKO FUJII
Chapter member

Sacramento Chapter, JACL, held its combined Day of Remembrance and Senior Appreciation Night Feb. 25 at the Sacramento Japanese Methodist Church.

Emcee Alan Kobayashi introduced chapter president Dick Fukushima who extended greetings to the crowd of 250. Rev. Ed Iwamoto of SJUMC gave the invocation and Day of Remembrance message, followed by a potluck style spread of Japanese food.

Jerry Enomoto, two-term National JACL president and head of the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) for many years, remarked on his experiences in pushing for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1988. A 15-minute slide show was presented by Andy Noguchi and Twila Tomita. The show was entitled, "Redress: Before and After." It was a panorama of the Japanese American experience from pre-war days, through war years and bringing to date the racial hate crimes of recent months.

The evening came to a close with the entertainment segment, chaired by Tom Fujimoto. In addition to a 30-minute presentation by well known deejays Henry Mizushima and Peter Shima, the following karaoke singers participated: Bob Fukushima, Masaaki Tadamaru, Tak Saruwatari, Kiyoshi Mizuno, John Iida, Mutsuko Tokunaga, Chiyoko Wilson, Nobuko Yahiro and Seiko Tateishi.

A gift was given to all attendees 75 years

of age and over. The committee members were: coordinator, Toko Fujii; entertainment, Tom Fujimoto; food, Nancy Akabori and Yoshi Nishi; facilities, Akira Yokomichi, Tom Nishizaki and Rev. Ed Iwamoto; gifts, Lori Fujimoto, Miko Sawamura, Amie Fujimoto, Alan Kobayashi, Gary Kikumoto and Mika Furukawa.

San Mateo, Sequoia hold installation

The installation dinner for the two peninsula area JACL chapters, San Mateo and Sequoia, was held Feb. 4 at the Airport Hilton with Steve Okamoto as master of ceremonies.

Prior to the installation of officers, Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-14th Dist.) presented certificates of special congressional recognition to Roz Enomoto and Grayce Kato for their work at the San Mateo Japanese Community Center and the JACL. Kato was also recognized by the chapter for her 25 years on the board.

Rep. Eshoo administered the oath of office to Karyl Matsumoto, re-elected San Mateo JACL president, Sequoia president Mike Kaku and their respective officers.

Tom Schiltgen, district director, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, spoke on the challenges of his office and what has to be done and what they intend to do. U.S. Attorney Michael Yamaguchi for the Northern District of California spoke on his office's efforts to support the INS, the work to be done on hate crimes, civil rights and safeguards rights of citizens and fair housing.

Allen Sakamoto chaired the dinner committee. Assisting were Margaret Abe, George Ikuta, Mary Jo Kubota, K. Matsumoto, S. Okamoto, Ernie Takahashi, Ted Yamagishi and Bo Yoshimura.

The community center board has been renamed the Community Center Advisory Board; Richard Arimoto was introduced as the continuing president.

The third annual Yosh Kojimoto memorial golf tournament will be held at San Mateo Muni golf course on Sunday, July 30, with proceeds going to the San Mateo scholarship fund.

Las Vegas preparing for JA women's exhibit

In a brief meeting before the annual installation dinner, preparations being taken by the Las Vegas JACL were revealed for the Smithsonian Institution's travel exhibit, "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," coming to UNLV's Marjorie Barrick Museum from July 22 to Oct. 1.

Consisting of photographs and oral history of Japanese American women experiences in the U.S. since they first immigrated as pioneers to territorial Hawaii and the U.S. Mainland in the 1880s, the exhibit is a unique, personal and collective story of these Issei to Yonsei women, Ed Wakayama explained.

The chapter has been soliciting grants and matching funds from various community organizations, interviewing local

Nikkei women to augment the oral history project and collecting artifacts for the Nevada story. Local members Nanyu Tomiyasu, Paul Bannai and Rhea Fujimoto are soliciting corporate funding, it was added.

"This project should unite the JACL members in an effort to educate government officials and the public-at-large about the importance of our ethnic contributions to American society," Wakayama said. "I fully expect some positive outcomes to emerge."

Andy Russell, oral history project chair, was to travel to Salt Lake City to research the story of Nevada Japanese Americans who resettled in Utah.

A traveling suitcase exhibit to show school children, K-12, statewide and community organizations after the Smithsonian exhibit departs Las Vegas is also being planned. On the committee are a number of Nikkei educators and school people, including Jeanette Matsuura, subcommittee chair; Nori Sugita, office manager at Disken Elementary School, Lois Okubo, Joanne Okushi Ho, Kristin Sakahara Cummings, Sadie Tanaka.

More 100 members attended the 1995 Las Vegas JACL installation dinner held Jan. 15 at the Cathay House, where Judge Christensen, retired, swore in Ed Wakayama, Ph.D., president, and his cabinet members. Wayne Tanaka was emcee.

West L.A. Auxiliary's 'Spring Elegance' set

By FUMIE YAHIRO
Chapter member

"Spring Elegance II," the chapter's auxiliary's fashion show-boutique, will be held on Sunday, June 4, at Loew's Hotel in Santa Monica with luncheon at 12:30. Fashions from a number of designers, including Satori, Renko and Kanojo, and entertainment coordinated by Lorene Miyake with choreography by Bonnie Oda Homsey and music by High Resolution will be featured. Co-chairs are Jean Ushijima and Eiko Iwata. The clothes being modeled, high fashion jewelry and unique items will be featured at the boutique. Tickets at \$45 will be available on a first paid-first served basis from Mitzi Kurashita (310/827-3414).

Reno preparing for tri-district conference

By JEANIE ONITSUKA
Chapter member

Local activities for Reno JACLers this spring began with the annual scholarship teriyaki dinner March 12 at senior center. A potluck lunch, general meeting and surprise activity is slated on Sunday, April 2, at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St.

The Reno chapter and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council are co-hosting the Tri-District conference April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton. The conference theme is "Eye on the Future" (see Feb. 17 PC).

The spring season ends with a May 21 barbecue at noon honoring the chapter pioneers and charter members at the Knights of Pythias Hall.

Personally speaking

"Strawberry Fields," a 90-minute feature that centers on a Japanese American girl coming of age in Chicago in 1973, has been in production since October, 1994, under direction of award-winning documentary director Rea Tajiri of Chicago. She and Canadian short story writer Kerri Sakamoto spent two-and-a-half years on the script for the '95 Sundance Film Festival and possible theatrical distribution, according to Screen Magazine writer Patrick O'Toole. Lead actors for the film are Broadway stage actor Peter Yoshida, Suzy Nakamura from Second City's National Touring Company and Natsuko Ohama of the summer thriller, "Speed." A TV version for PBS is also being pushed for April 1996. The daughter of the late Vince/Rose Tajiri of Van Nuys, Calif., and graduate of California Institute for the Arts, Rea won the 1991 Distinguished Achievement award from the International Documentarians Association for her autobiographical film, "His-

tory and Memory," which also received recognition at the festivals in San Francisco and Atlanta. In a search for her roots, "History and Memory" documents the years her family were interned at Poston, Ariz., while her father was in the Army and fought with the 442nd in Europe.

Suzy Nakamura appeared at the Chicago Ivanhoe Theater in the January staging of playwright Lanford Wilson's "Redwood Curtain," a play set in 1990 in the redwood forests of northwestern California where Suzy plays the daughter of a Vietnamese woman and an American GI during the Vietnam War in search of her father and who also suspects a homeless vet is her father.

Grayce Uyebara, former



UYEHARA



MAEBORI

Washington JACL-LEC director, and Teresa Maebori, Eastern District Council governor, were guest speakers at the James A. Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, Pa., in conjunction with the museum's exhibit of 21 paintings of daily life in the camps through the eyes of Kenjiro Nomura (1896-1956), who resided in pre-war Seattle and painted for the Public Works of Art Project. He was evacuated to Puyallup Assembly Center. The exhibit was in memory of the late Mari

Sabusawa Michener (1920-1994), who was interned at Amache, Colo. Uyebara and Maebori were to speak on "Justice Denied: Exploring the Evacuation and Internment of Japanese Americans," the final day of the exhibit March 19.

Three Eagle Scouts were honored at the BSA Troop 719 court of

honor held March 11 at Gardena's Nakaoka Memorial Community Center. They were Arden Minami, son of Dan and Meddie Minami; Eric Kato, son of Ralph and Karen Kato, and William Igarashi, son of Toru and Kimiko Igarashi. Troop is sponsored by the North Gardena United Methodist Church.



Thanks

Rev. Alfred Tsuyuki (left), Konkō Church, Los Angeles, presents a \$7,000 to Bruce Gustafson, American Red Cross, for the Northridge earthquake relief fund. The church has also sent funds to Kobe.

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Law School in San Francisco, the dean reacted immediately and effectively by personally visiting every class and telling students that racism would not be tolerated.

For some, the incidents are signs of a more pervasive intolerance toward students of color.

One thing seems evident: the mood among some law students of color is one of uneasiness and frustration. The events have brought a kind of corrosive element to the school term, with agitation on the rise with the formation of a coalition group that is threatening action if the school does not take a stronger posture against bigotry.

The concern is that the incidents go beyond fringe group fanaticism and smack of a kind of institutionalized form of racism.

The racist message is clear: minorities do not belong at Boalt Hall.

"It's pervasive," Omura said. "That's the feeling among many students. We feel the administration has dealt with these incidents very poorly. The coalition is angry at how this has been handled."

Omura said that the shredding of the hate mail in December showed that the administration was trying to downplay the incident. Further, she points out that the town hall meeting held in early February to address campus racism was too long after the December incident. "Nothing substantive was done," she said. "Now, with this second incident, there is tension here."

Alvarado told *Pacific Citizen* that "there's this feeling that persons of color are less qualified. That's what's bad. We're working twice as hard. No one gave us a pass. It's racist (thinking) that says we're less qualified, undeserving."

Second-year student Shannon Pitcher, a member of both the executive board of the Law Students of African Descent (LSAD) and La Raza, agrees. "Part of the problem with minority students on campus is the presumption that because of affirmative action we didn't really make the grade—that we don't have the grades or the LSAT scores. That's totally wrong. I personally graduated from (the University of) Michigan with a 3.8 (grade point average) and that falls in the median of most Boalt Hall students."

Some of this pervasive attitude comes from fellow students, Pitcher says, but adds that it's really a broader, more subtle kind of racism that is a reflection of society today. The Boalt administration, she adds, contributes to it in part by their inaction.

"In the first incident," she said, "the administration said it wasn't that bad and that the message to students of color was to grow thicker skins."

This mounting apprehension is based on other disturbing and visible signs that tell minorities they are unwelcome on campus. Graffiti, seen around the campus, are reminders to all students that minorities are to be disparaged and discouraged.

Alvarado said that students of color had recently created a display which showed silhouettes designed to represent how many persons of color had been rejected for faculty positions. "Someone had defaced it," she said. "Part of the display showed the scales of justice. Someone had written on one of the scales 'white—intelligence' and on the other, 'color—excuses.'"

Omura said that on the school's Diversity Day, fliers were posted around the campus. "I saw one of them on a board and someone had written remarks about Asian Americans, how the Japanese are buying up land and are money-grubbing. I personally took it down."

"This is frustrating. These are scary times. The focus must be on institutional change. The problem runs much deeper."

As it stands, the coalition, comprised of Asian American, African American, Latino, gay and lesbian, women, Native Americans and possibly other groups, is making its demands to the law school administration. The faculty is not included in their criticism of the handling of these problems, Omura said.

The group's focus is on the creation of a new position at the school—a dean of institutional diversity who would handle recruiting of minority students and faculty and other issues pertaining to minorities.

Omura said Dean Kay at first reacted positively but then told the group that the position would not be pursued as suggested.

Assistant Dean Lujana Treadwell told *Pacific Citizen* that the new position as recommended by the students was not appropriate at the "level of a dean." She reported that Dean Kay "is looking into the possibility of a new administrative position that would include many of the responsibilities listed by the students."

Treadwell also disagrees that the incidents point to pervasive racism. "There's been an outpouring from students, faculty and staff that they (students of color) do belong here. We do value them. We always had a diverse student body here for many years. I don't think this is typical."

Treadwell noted that at least three students did not believe that a pervasive racism existed on campus. Pitcher agreed that a few within the LSAD did feel that way but that predominantly, students of color were concerned about the state of affairs at Boalt.

The coalition has sent an open letter to Boalt Hall officials expressing their frustration and the need for the new position. Omura says that the group hopes for more students to sign on to the letter in hopes of "chipping away" at the institution's reluctance to deal with the growing frustrations of minorities.

One of the visible signs of the ongoing frustration is the constant reminder of racism in the form of racial epithets in the Boalt Hall Library. Pitcher says that the words "nigger, spics, and chinks" are carved in the walls and have not been removed by school officials for months now despite repeated requests.

If the school does not respond favorably to the requests of the students of color, Omura says that a sit-in or strike may occur. "We've got to show (the school) that students are very serious," she said.

In the meantime, minority law school students continue with classes, amid an atmosphere of uneasiness and tension.

Students of color are seeking resolve and reassurance from school officials, they say. But for now, others, like Alvarado, believe that U.C., Berkeley is not cracked up to be what it once was. "It's a misconception. Everyone thinks of it as so liberal. In reality, it's the most conservative, in spite of the fact that 40 percent of students here are students of color."

"A lot of issues are not being recognized by the school. They don't seem to have a way to deal with them. Issues of diversity should be important to every student here."

Pitcher has also begun doubting her choice of law schools. "I had a choice between the University of Michigan and I chose Boalt because of its reputation for diversity and that it's one of the top 10 schools. (Racist) attacks happen all the time in Michigan. I thought I'd escape all that here."

Pitcher says that some of the first-year black students have talked about leaving but that others persuaded them to stay. So far, she says, none have left to her knowledge.

Omura empathizes. "If I were a first-year student, this would be hard to take," she said. "My first year was hard enough. If this would have happened to me then I'm not sure what I would have

done. It might have just totally pushed me out of here. But then, I guess that's what they want us to do."

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cases which discriminated against Asians. Ng reminded the audience that at times court decisions and legislation are based on public perceptions, which are not always right, and that majority opinions sometimes run roughshod over minority rights.

Taniguchi then explained how the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was passed with support from veteran's organizations, the National Council for Japanese American Redress, the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and other groups, as well as favorable outcomes from the writ of error coram nobis cases of Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi.

Taniguchi said that redress restored faith in the Constitution among internees, but that it will not become complete until the Public Education Fund is established.

He added that the education and documentation of what really happened is just beginning, and that many are still unaware of what really happened. Most are still under the belief that the Japanese internment was a military necessity and that no constitutional violation took place.

One reason for this misperception is that history books until very recently made only casual mention of the internment as a military necessity.

To answer this problem, the JACL National Education Committee has put together a curriculum and resource guide of the Japanese American experience. The contents of the curriculum guide was described and the audience was told that copies could be purchased by contacting the JACL national headquarters. Six available copies were quickly sold after the session.

Elisa Kamimoto gave the final presentation, explaining the re-

sources available at the Japanese American National Museum. She described and made available the various brochures of the museum. She also described the workshops about the Japanese American experience that she has presented in Hawaii and San Jose in her outreach program. A workshop is planned for April 25 in Fresno in the auditorium of the Fresno County Schools offices.

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experience and no specific plan for continuity. Is that wise? Prudent? Or necessary? Is it too much to ask the remaining staff persons to expanded duties with reduced pay? What is the projected deficit for 1995 and 1996? What is the cost savings for 1995 and 1996? What happened to Neil Taniguchi's plans and program for membership retention and recruitment? Why was the current scenario not projected? Where is the source of funds to repair the problem? How about some new discussions of solutions rather than just support for recent actions?

Should we sell the National headquarters? Move headquarters to Washington, D.C.? Reduce regional staff? I ask the current leadership for some meaningful answers.

Yoshio Nakashima
San Francisco

CONFERENCE

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fused to serve in the U.S. military while his family was interned; and Rudy Tokiwa, a U.S. veteran who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated unit during World War II.

"We hope to provide teachers with a well-rounded background on the internment experience," said Hamai.

Representatives from Shen's Books, which specializes in book dealing with Asian American his-

tory and issues, will also be on hand with their wide selection of books appropriate for all grade levels.

"Teaching About the Internment of Japanese Americans" will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St., Albany. Educators, administrators, parents, and other interested individuals are welcome to attend.

The registration fee is \$25. The price includes a Japanese box lunch and raffle ticket. Books, photo aids, posters, gift certificates, and other valuable prizes will be awarded at the afternoon raffle. Registration is limited and must be received by March 10. Information: Lucy Hamai, 510/559-6680 (day) or 510/524-2093 (evenings).

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appropriated," Matsui said.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Rod Hsiao, legislative assistant to Rep. Matsui, said that time is growing short for the implementation of the education fund, which has only been funded for 1995.

"The fiscal year ends in September. Logistically, to get nominees confirmed and begin setting up proposals, we are already very short on time. Some (applicants for fund grants) have already written up proposals anticipating that this would happen a year or two ago," said Hsiao.

The board nominees are: the Rev. Robert F. Drinan of Washington, D.C.; Susan Hayase of San Jose; Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle; Elsa Kudo of Hawaii; Yeiichi Kuwayama of Washington, D.C.; Dale Minami of San Francisco; and Prof. Don Nakanishi of Los Angeles.

Matsui urged those concerned about the potential demise of the fund to write their members of congress, as well as the members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The committee is chaired by Sen. William Roth (R-De.) and Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) is the ranking minority member.

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Obituaries

Arikawa, Minoru, 85, San Francisco, Jan. 28; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Chizuko, sons Thomas, Edward, daughters Jane Ikeda, Doris Sasaki, 7 gc. **Gyse, Lillian, 66**, Chicago, Dec. 26; Sacramento-born, daughter of the late Rev. Kiichi Hijikata, survived by daughters Victoria, Alisa (North Hollywood), mother Kimiko, sister Ruth Tsuchiyama (Montebello), brother Frank (Cockeysville, Md.), 1 gc. **Hada, John Mamoru, 79**, Hillsboro, Ore., Nov. 17; Ft. Lupton-born, Texas resident, Portland JACL president ('61-'62), self-employed chick sexer of 49 years; survived by wife Mae Usuda, sons Ronald (Bloomington, Ohio), Victor K. (Forest Grove), daughters Judith A. Elliott (Newburg), Laura Tamura (Eugene), 7 gc., brothers Sam, Susumu, sister June Sugimoto;

Hashimoto, Tomiko, 78, Denver, Jan. 31 (sv); survived by daughters Irene, Shirley Bauder (Albuquerque), son Irvin (Walla Walla), 4 gc., sister Mitzi Nagano (Los Angeles). **Hirami, Kimiko, 76**, Richmond, Feb. 11; Kobe-born, survived by daughters Yoko Sato, Yoshiko Ando, gc. **Hiratsuka, Robert S., 86**, Libertyville, Ill., Jan. 25; California-born retired school custodian, survived by wife Toshiko, daughters Linda, Janet, son Alan, 1 gc. **Imada, Ann Yoshiko, 69**, Martinez, Calif., Jan. 31; Sacramento-born, survived by daughters Judy Petsas, Diane Yokoi, Connie Lum, sons Bruce, Dave, 11 gc., 3 ggc., sisters Mary Yoshiyama, Grace Sato, brother Hideo Hori.

Kasamatsu, Joe Y., 76, Sacramento, Feb. 7; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Nancy, stepson Otto Yoshida, 1 gc, brothers Yukio, Teruo, Kimio, sister Sue Kaizawa.

Kashiwagi George, 74, Sacramento, Feb. 7; Hayward-born, survived by wife Kay, brothers Robert, Tom, sister June Yokote, in-law Lila Kashiwagi.

Kato, Tsujio, DDS, 56, Oxnard, Feb. 20 of heart attack; Oxnard-born, former mayor, councilman, president of Oxnard Buddhist Temple, Noontimers Lions, Ventura County JACL, founder-chair Calif. Strawberry Festival, survived by wife Sumiko, daughter Denise Bang, sons Tsujio Dean, Kenji, brothers Ron, Dr. Victor, Eiki, sister Loraine Lieppman.

Kobayashi, Isamu, 71, Chicago, Jan. 29; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Ellen.

Kokame, Michiko, 61, San Francisco, Jan. 28 following a car accident; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Terukuni, son Hiroshi, daughter Mika.

Koyanagi, Edith, 79, Chicago, Feb. 14 (sv); survived by husband Heichiro, sons Paul, Alvin, daughters Jean, Karen.

Kubo, Gene Seigo, 75, Brooklyn, Feb. 17; Tacoma-born, survived by wife Sue Yasu, 4 sons Kenneth, Kerry, Kelvin, Karson, 1 gc, brother Gerald, sister Alice.

Masuhara, Isamu, 75, Sacramento, Feb. 15; survived by wife Chieko, daughter Sachiko Kawano, sisters Camille Matsui, Violet Ono.

Masui, Yoshi, 94, Lodi, Jan. 28; Yamaguchi-born, survived by son Ray, daughters Kiyomi Ozaki, Mary Shimosaki, Setsuko Akba, in-law Kiyoko Masui.

Michida, Molly, 67, San Francisco, Feb. 11; survived by daughter Diana Inaba, son Donald, 2 gc., mother Toshiko Suyeyasu, brothers Bill, Makoto, Ted, sisters Shinako Wada, Marumi.

Natsuhara, Mildred K., 68, Stockton, Feb. 14; survived by husband Jack, sons Dr. Kenneth, Lt. Comm. Roger, daughter Elaine Watanabe, gc., brothers Toshiharu, Floyd and Jim Yamauchi, sisters Lorraine Hayashi, Nancy Natsuhara.

Ninomiya, Roy N., 91, San Jose, Feb. 2; Odawara-born, survived by wife Hasuyo, daughters Teruyo, Misako Ogi, Junko, 2 gc.

Nosaka, Jack Shoji, 76, San Francisco, Feb. 13; Idaho-born, survived by wife Mary, daughters Hatsumi Sandural, Naomi, Midori, 1 gc., brothers Saburo (Jpn), Fred, sister Hatsune Koizaku (Jpn).

Okubo, Mabel, 78, Stockton, Feb. 6; Walnut Grove-born, Stockton JACL president ('75-'76), survived by daughter June, sons Edward, Raymond, David, gc., brother Minoru Inaba, sister Tomiko Sanui, in-laws Rieko and Misao Inaba.

Ono, Chiyo Christine, 95, Buffalo, Wyo., Jan. 15; Okayama-born pioneer Wyoming Issei, U.S. residents since 1917, survived by daughters May Murata (Brighton, Colo.), Mary Yamamoto (Scottsbluff, Neb.), son George (Santa Maria, Calif.).

Sakai, Roy, 82, El Cerrito, Jan. 29; Longtime Richmond rose grower, survived by wife Shigeo, daughters Margery Nakamura, Eiko Kanzaki (Castro Valley), son Perry (Vientiane, Laos), 6 gc., brothers Tetsuma

(Hayward), Sam (Richmond), sister Ruby Hayashi (Monterey Park). **Suehiro, Rev. James Eiji, 89**, Los Angeles, Jan. 20; Yamaguchi-born Holiness Church minister, survived by son Jonathan, daughters Aiko Kawamoto, Eiko Kusumi, Mitsuko Noda, 9 gc., 12 ggc.

Shimada, Kiwa, 91, Richmond, Calif., Feb. 10; survived by 4 sons Yoshio, Shigeo, Masao, Kazuo, 5 daughters Hatsue Kawahata, Chiyoko Otsuji, Yukiko Takei, Sumie Handa, Fumiko Lim, 24 gc., 21 ggc.

Shimada, Yoshiko, 90, Woodland, Jan. 30; survived by sons James, Dave, daughters Hatsue Kawamura, Toshiko Sakata, 11 gc., 4 ggc.

Shiromoto, Nobuo, 79, Seaside, Jan. 28; Kyoto-born, survived by wife Hanae, son Frank, sisters Teruko Kajiyama (Riverside), Shizue Yabu (Sacramento), brother Toshio (Gardena).

Suehiro, Rev. James Eiji, 89, Los Angeles, Jan. 20; Yamaguchi-born Holiness Church minister, survived by son Jonathan, daughters Aiko Kawamoto, Eiko Kusumi, Mitsuko Noda, 9 gc., 12 ggc.

Sugimoto, Kiyoshi, 77, Gardena, Jan. 9; San Bernardino-born, survived by wife Faye, daughters Carole, brothers Hisashi and Hideo, sister Sayeko.

Tabuchi, Tome, 93, Morgan Hill, Jan. 27; survived by daughters Satsuki Fujita, Shizuka Nishimura, Shinobu Sakasegawa, son Kunisuke.

Taira, Kenmyo, 84, San Francisco, Feb. 2; Hiroshima-born Nichiren Buddhist minister, taught Japanese to U.S. military during WWII at New Haven, Conn., survived by wife Nobu, sons Keiji, Tim, daughter Judy Morioka, 4 gc.

Takaki, Dr. Harry H., 84, Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 2; lone, Colo.-born retired dentist, survived by sons in the dental profession, Melvin, Allen, Duane, 9 gc.

Takamine, Julie Ann Tatsui, 47, Huntington Beach, Feb. 11; Oceanside-born Sansei, survived by son Marc, daughter Jennifer, parents Clarence and Helen Nishizu (Fullerton), sisters Jean Shikata, Carol Matsuoka, Deborah Miller, Katherine Tanaka, brother Glenn.

Takehara, Pauline A., Chicago, Jan. 30 (sv), survived by husband Dr. Joe, daughters Suzanne, Ann, son Michael, 1 gc.

Takei, Yoshiko, 79; Pinole, Feb. 12; survived by sisters Toshiko Kaniye (Berkeley), H. Deki Seto (Sacramento), predeceased by husband Sus and brother Hid Nakazawa.

Tamashiro, Kizun, 94, South San Gabriel, Feb. 6; Okinawa-born, survived by sons Jack, Albert, Richard (Hawaii), daughter Susan Everly (Pa.), in-laws Helen Fumi and Ueko Tamashiro, 11 gc., 17 ggc., 1 gggc.

Tanaka, Paul A. MD, 84, Destin, Fla., Jan. 9; San Francisco-born physician, Creighton University Medical School, '35, practiced in Phoenix, Ariz., through 1942, WWII field surgeon with 53rd Field Hosp. in Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes, resumed practice through 1984 in Santa Barbara, co-founder of Goleta Valley Community Hospital, survived by wife Isabelle (Kurita of El Paso), sons Dr. Paul K., Peter (Montgomery, Ala.), daughters Judy (Simi Valley), Joyce Cross (Shalimar, Fla.), sisters Margaret Mary and June (both Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo).

Tange, Machiko, 92, Fresno, Nov. 17; Japan-born naturalized U.S. citizen, pre-war Florin resident, survived by sons Roy (Los Angeles), Cecil, Tom, Tony, Ted (Lemoore), daughters Agnes Kishi (San Diego), Anna, 10 gc., 13 ggc.

Tsubota, Henry H., 84, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 12; Kent, Wash.-born farmer until '57; retired as electrician with Ore-Ida Frozen Foods in '76; survived by wife Peggy, son Ron, daughters Mary Ann, Carlene, Nomura (Portland), Beverly Tsubaki, 2 gc.

Tsuchida, George, 70; Chicago, Jan. 27; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Hiroko, daughters Jane, Donna, brother Tom, sisters Ayako Yamada, Kiyoko Nojiri.

Tsuji, Toshiko, 79, Diamond Bar, Calif., Jan. 27; Hawaii-born, survived by son Shigeo, daughter Sanae Hamada, in-law Reiko Tsuji, 11 gc., 5 ggc., 4 brothers, 2 sisters.

Uragami, Bob M., 73, Los Angeles, Jan. 12; L.A.-born, survived by wife Miye, daughters Sharyn Okamura, Kristine Tanaka, 2 gc., sisters Mitsuko Satogiwa, Eiko Seko, Seiko Sugino, Takako Kataoka.

Wada, Fujiye, 94, Hawthorne, Jan. 19; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Jack, Bob, daughter Jean Tabata, 5gc., 8 ggc.

Washizaki, Matsuyo, 71, Los Angeles, Jan. 26; survived by aunt Tsuno Miyahara, in-laws Bob Kitagawa, Millie and Kazume Washizaki.

Yamaguchi, Carole C., 41, San Francisco, Feb. 7; S.F.-born, survived by parents John and LaVerne Yamaguchi, sister Naomi, fiancé Eric Shifrin.

Yamaguchi, Yoshinori, 59, Los Angeles, Jan. 20; Korean Conflict veteran, survived by wife Cheryl, daughters Kristine, Kathy, mother Hatsuye, brothers Takanori, Masanori, sister Atsuko Kowta, parents-in-law Minoru and Akiko Inagi.

Yamamoto, George Akira, 79, Campbell, Feb. 4; survived by wife Bettie, sons Stanley, Gary, daughters Linda Nelson, Joyce, 5 gc.

Yano, Steve Minoru, 74, Norwalk, Jan. 24; Los Angeles-born WWII Co. E 442 veteran, survived by wife Stella Asawa, sons Steven, Richard, brothers Fred (Cleveland), Ben.

Yao, Yoshio, 83, San Francisco, Feb. 6; Okayama-born, survived by wife Yutaka, son Shinji, daughter Ayako Nishimoto, 5 gc.

Yokomi, Sunayo, 98, Fresno, Feb. 14; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Akira, daughters Takako Asanuma, Nobue Doizaki, Akemi Sakazaki, son-in-law George Takeda, 15 gc., 11 ggc., 1 gggc.

Yokooji, Donald R., 69, Aurora, Colo., Jan. 2; Anaheim-born, survived by brothers Frank, Seizo (Ft. Lupton), Kiyo.

Yokota, Ei, 97, Downey, Feb. 9; Kagawa-born, survived by sons Paul, Samuel, daughter Eunice Kurisu, 21 gc., 19 gc., 1 gggc.

Yokota, Paul Hiromu, Northglenn, Colo., Feb. 17 (sv); survived by wife Mary, daughters Jane, Alice Stromo, Linda, brother Joe, sister Margaret Matsunaga.

Yokoyama, Fred Seizo, 73, Temecula, Jan. 28; El Monte-born Kibei WWII veteran, survived by wife Katherine, daughters Christine Hughes, Aileen Hamamoto, Jeri Evans, 3 gc., brother Masami, sister Midori Nakanishi.

Yonemura, Umeko, 83, Monterey Park, Feb. 10; Gilroy-born, survived by sons Sho, Mitsugi, Susumu, Kiyoshi, 5 gc., sisters Tomiko Oshimo, Aiko Masumiya, Suzuko Alves.

Yoshimura, Yoshio H., 84, Riverside, Dec. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Shizue, daughters Mariko Gotori, Yoshie Butler, Michiko, Sumie Thompson, Masako Henley, 7 gc., 6 ggc., brother George.

Yoshimura, May Uyenami, 81, Boise, Idaho, Jan. 21; Seattle-born, survived by daughter Barbara Haren (The Dalles), 2 gc., sister Aurora Meadows (Seattle).

Yuge, Henry Takejiro, 92, La Crescenta, Jan. 30; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Albert, daughters Reiko Gamponia, Yoko Nakaoka, 7 gc., 4 ggc.

Yukawa, Chieko, 75, San Francisco, Jan. 3; Woodland-born, survived by husband Masashi, sons Tadashi, Alan, 2 gc., sisters Hatsuko Matsuda, Yoshiko Kiyota, Karen Toizumi, Helen Okumura.

Death Notice

ESAMU SAM GOTO

Esamu Sam Goto, 74, passed away March 4, 1995 at home in Encinitas, CA. Born in Watsonville, CA, a decorated Veteran of W.W.II: 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Sergeant, Squad leader, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Citation. Commercial Fisherman for 16 years, landscape gardener for 27 years. Beloved husband of Helen Goto. Loving Father of Albert Goto and Colleen Harvey. Two grandchildren. Loving Brother of Tom and Bee Goto. Cremation is planned with private inurnment. Funeral Services were held Thursday, March 9, in San Diego.

EDWARD S. MOCHIZUKI

Edward S. Mochizuki, 93, died Feb. 21, in Santa Barbara after a short illness. He was born in Hiroshima on August 29, 1901. In his late teens, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Los Angeles, attended high school and then received his Bachelor of art in Architecture from the University of Southern California, married Lillian, his wife, and then lived in Madera, CA until 1942 and the relocation of Japanese Americans. He relocated from camp to New York City, where he worked in architecture. He returned with his family to Madera to work in a family business and then went into vineyard farming. After retiring, he moved to Santa Barbara. Survived by his daughter, Joyce Ucci of Syracuse, New York; Granddaughters: Emilia and Selina Mochizuki of Hermosa Beach and Santa Barbara; several nieces and nephews in Japan and the United States. Memorial services were held on Feb. 26 at Bethany Congregational Church, Santa Barbara. Donations in his memory may be made to Bethany Congregational Church or the American Red Cross. Arrangements by McDermott-Crockett Mortuary of Santa Barbara.