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## Welfare bill hits 'legal' immigrants

The wave of anti-foreign feeling in the country has found a new target—legal immigrants in the United States. The House of Representatives recently voted 234-199 on a welfare reform bill which would deny access to federal health and social programs to most lawfully admitted immigrants.

The Personal Responsibility Act (PRA), if passed in the Senate, would deny access to most immigrants to five major federal programs: AFDC, Food Stamps, SSI, Medicaid, and Social Services Block Grants. Immigrants still eligible to receive aid from these programs include permanent-resident aliens over 75 years old who have been in the U.S. more than five years, persons admitted as refugees, and legal immigrant veterans.

PRA would also permit immigrants to bar certain permanent-resident aliens from their health care and general assistance programs. In addition, for all other means tested programs, the incomes of an immigrant's sponsor in the U.S. and the sponsor's spouse would be counted as income to the immigrant, regardless of actual circumstances.

Leigh Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "These safety-net programs are already closed to illegal immigrants. To cut off benefits for legal immigrants who have followed the rules is a disgrace. It is alarming to see our legislators pandering to the growing anti-immigrant fervor in this country."

Karen Narasaki, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, called the bill "an affront to American values of compassion and fairness."

"Anyone who voted for this bill should be ashamed. It treats legal permanent residents as subhuman and ignores the taxes they pay to support these programs for other Americans," said Narasaki.

Miyasato recommended JACL members contact their Senators and register their concern over the Parental Responsibility Act.

The legislation now moves to the Senate which has begun hearings and is expected to vote before the end of this year.

## Racist remarks —In court, in Congress

O.J. trial: Shapiro uses racial stereotype

Another day in the O.J. Simpson trial, another insensitive remark about Asian Americans. Only nine days after Sen. Alfonse D'Amato apologized for mocking Judge Lance Ito on a radio talkshow, Robert Shapiro, Simpson defense attorney, apologized for a comment linking criminalist Dennis Fung to fortune cookies.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Shapiro Apr. 14 handed out fortune cookies to two writers covering the trial and said, "These are from Hang Fung Restaurant." Fung, the criminalist who collected physical evidence in the slayings of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson, had been giving testimony the entire week.

Demanding an apology, Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, said, "Shapiro's comments demean all Asian Americans. He

should know better—he must apologize."

The national president noted that race has been a key issue in the highly publicized trial.

"In a trial where the defense raised the spectre of racism, it strains belief that one of the attorneys would engage in racial stereotyping," said Yasuhara.

Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans, added that lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran allegedly ridiculed Fung's name by going around the court halls saying, "We're having Fung."

"While seemingly harmless, Mr. Shapiro's and Mr. Cochran's actions are very troubling and downright racist. Humor based on ethnic names and stereotypes are the root of other more extreme and

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D'Amato apologizes for racist behavior

Apology accepted? JACL, responding to New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato's apology after his racially insensitive remarks about Judge Lance Ito, said the senator's earlier remarks hurt the Japanese American community.

The New York senator touched off a flurry of criticism after he mocked the O.J. Simpson trial judge on the Don Imus radio talkshow, calling Ito "little Judge Ito" and using a fake Japanese accent.

Speaking on the Senate floor April 6, D'Amato said, "As an Italian American, I have a special responsibility to be sensitive to ethnic stereotyping. I fully recognize the insensitivity of my remarks about Judge Ito. My remarks were totally wrong and inappropriate."

Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest

regional director, said, "D'Amato's remarks and behavior were damaging to the Japanese American community. The Senator has indicated that he is sincere in his apology and we can only hope that he is. It is clear that ethnic prejudice and insensitivity lie just beneath the surface, even for elected officials who ought to know better."

D'Amato also personally apologized to Rep. Norman Mineta, who had expressed outrage at the senator's remarks.

Mineta said he spoke with D'Amato and "was relieved that he understands how offensive his remarks were."

"This has been a very regrettable episode for Judge Ito, for Japanese Americans, for the United States and for Sen.

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### JACL meetings

Tri-district set for  
April 28-30 in Reno

JACL's current financial problems will be the subject of a special workshop at the CCDC-NCWNP-PSW tri-district in Reno, Nev. April 28-30. "JACL's financial crisis: An organization at crossroads," will be moderated by Dale Ikeda, Fresno Chapter. Participants include: John Hayashi, former NCWNP district governor; Ken Inouye, member, Budget Analysis Committee; Alan Nishi, NCWNP district governor; Trisha Murakawa, vice president of planning and development and Mae Takahashi, chair, Budget Analysis Committee.

Other workshop topics include: "Nisei to Sansei transition," "Hapa issues" and "Children of the Camps: Healing the Wounds of Internment." Keynote speaker Harry Kitano will address out-marriage and its effect on the Japanese American community.

Late registration is still available. Information: Lucy Kishiue, 818/794-6620; John Hayashi, 415/563-2234; or Fred Okimoto, 916/673-7084.

National Board to  
meet May 6-7 in S.F.

A JACL National Board meeting will be held May 6-7 at headquarters in San Francisco.

The first session is scheduled to be held Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Sunday session normally runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Information: 415/921-5225.

## Dissidents allege crime in bank signature card oversight; legal counsel says 'No harm, no foul'

The March 20 bank signature card fiasco involving JACL secretary-treasurer Jon Kaji caused more than just thousands of dollars of bounced checks.

It was also used by various JACL dissidents as another means to attack the Yasuhara administration. Following these moves, National Board members Terry Yamada and Travis Nishi called for an end to this kind of tactic.

*Pacific Citizen* obtained a copy of JACL legal counsel Tom Hara's response to a number of allegations that the signatures for JACL bank cards were not handled properly. In detailed memos to the board, Hara said that the banking episode was used by dissident board members to engage in "guerilla warfare to disrupt the corporation's finances."

The dissidents pointed fingers at JACL Vice President of General Operations Jim Miyazaki for failure to obtain board approval of the new signatures after the headquarters staff had left their positions on Feb. 10.



JON KAJI  
More bank problems



RANDY IMAI  
Talks of criminal acts

JACL National Board members Terry Yamada and Travis Nishi call for end to personal attacks and to move forward. Former board member Neal Taniguchi, however, continues on—page 10.

Hara responded in basketball parlance: "No harm, no foul."

It all began at the March 18 so-called "emergency meeting" in San Francisco called by Kaji, Trisha Murakawa, vice president for planning and development, Ruth Mizobe, PSW gov-

ernor, and Kimi Yoshino, National Youth Council representative.

At that event, Kaji pointedly announced that he had been removed from the bank signature cards by

Yasuhara. The president, however said that Kaji's name was not on the signature cards to begin with and that he had nothing to do with the incident.

Kaji, however, contacted the

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## Karyl Matsumoto named HQ office administrator

Karyl Matsumoto, president of the San Mateo Chapter, JACL, was hired April 17 as the JACL office administrator at national headquarters in San Francisco, said Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director temporarily in charge of staff.

Prior to her new position as JACL office administrator,

Matsumoto served JACL as national vice president of membership. She resigned April 17 from the national board to take up the position at national headquarters. Later, she will take a leave as San Mateo Chapter president.

Matsumoto has served as staff to public officials, a project manager with the consulting firm

Hayden J. Lee Associates and ran the district office of State Sen. Quentin Kopp. She will supervise headquarters staff and provide for the day-to-day operations at headquarters including business and financial management. Her duties will also include supervision over membership processing beginning in May.

Noting Matsumoto's work experience, Yoshino said, "Karyl brings experience and good judgment to her new position. . . I believe Karyl will do much to stabilize the situation at the headquarters by providing a daily presence to act on matters which affect our operations."

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

### Intermountain

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri-Sat, June 18-17—Joint IDC-

## 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.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Fri.-Sat., May 19-20—Asian Americans

PNWDC conference, Boise, Idaho, Sat. 8-noon, Separate DC sessions; 1:30-5:30, Joint sessions; evening banquet. More details to follow. Info: Ed Hirahara 208/939-2224, Seiichi Hayashida 208/466-7226.

### Pacific Northwest

#### PORTLAND

SUN. May 7—Annual Japanese American community graduates banquet, Shilo Inn at the Airport; tickets \$22 per person, Al Abe 503/639-5166; Sharon Takahashi 503/639-4061. NOTE—Five \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships are being awarded; Steve Hanamura, diversity motivation speaker who is vision-impaired, guest speaker.

#### SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun., April 21-23—Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, Seattle Center House and Pavilion; info: 206/993-3999.

### NorCal-WN-Pac

#### FRENCH CAMP

Sun. April 23—Community picnic, 11 a.m., Mickle Grove; info: 209/982-4680. SACRAMENTO

Sat. April 22—Tsubaki Dance Club Spring dance, 7:30 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., Sacramento, info: Tosh Matsumoto 916/429-8600, Don Iyeki 707/448-2563, Jeannie Matsumoto 209/368-8059; Nob Kurita 916/726-5521. NOTE—DJ Duncan Harden's music.

Mon-Sat. April 24-29—UC Davis annual Asian Pacific Cultural Week, lectures and cultural faire; special show on Fri, April 28, 7 p.m., Freeborn Hall; and Saturday Cultural Faire, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., UCD Campus Quad; info: Cultural Days 916/752-4936. NOTE—Tue. April 25, 11 a.m., MULL in Memorial Union: debate of Affirmative Action between UC Regent S. Stephen Nakashima and Henry Der; Thu. April 27, noon, MULL in Memorial Union: talk, "Yellow Power," by Yuri Kochiyama; Ang Lee film, *Eat Drink Man Woman*, 7 and 9 p.m., Chemistry 194

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. April 23—Cherry Blossom Festival grand parade, 1 p.m., from City Hall to Japantown, George Takei grand marshal; Senior Appreciation Lunch, Miyako Hotel.

Sat.-Sun. May 27-28—Nikkei Forum on Aging, San Francisco Miyako Hotel; info: Ich Nishida, NCJASC pres., 875 Elgin St, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. NOTE—Rep. Norman Mineta and Sandy Ouye Mori, speakers.

#### SAN JOSE

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

Sat. April 29—Scholarship luncheon.

### Central California

#### 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.

Sun. Sept. 10—Annual Shinzen Run and chapter picnic.

Sat. Nov. 4—Annual CCDC dinner.

### Pacific Southwest

#### ARIZONA

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.

#### DOWNTOWN L.A.

Sun. April 30—Women of the Year luncheon, 12:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel; RSVP by April 22, tickets \$25/person & info., Amy Tambara 213/722-3897, Lillian 310/822-3633, Sandi 818/284-7042. NOTE—'95 Honorees: Tokuyae Hanayagi, Yuri Kumai, Ryoko Shibata, Masako Seisui Tanaka; co-sponsors Nanka Nikkei Fujinkai.

#### MARINA / SCAN

Thu. May 4—"Psychic Fair," 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park, Rec Room at end of Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey. Bring dessert or snack for admission; Info: Irene Tokumoto 714/828-2375. NOTE—Meetings every first Thursday.

#### SAN DIEGO

Sun. June 25—Community picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., De Anza Cove, Mission Bay Park; info: Mas Hironaka 619/230-0314. NOTE—No fishing derby this year because of water pollution.

#### 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.

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## Small kid time



# The Pacific Citizen—Finances and Budget



## An open letter to PC readers

### Fund-raising Goal to Return PC to Weekly

Dear Pacific Citizen Reader:

If you're of my vintage you've been a PC fan for a long time—perhaps since the forties.

Remember when, from 1952 to 1982, veteran Pacific Citizen Editor Harry Honda cranked out those PC's almost singlehandedly, without benefit of computers and such, and rain or shine those PC's came to you in the mail each week.

Without much thought you accepted it, as I did, as part of our JACL membership.

One year there was a substantial hike in the second class postal rates, and as an emergency measure, Harry had to cut back in 1980 from the regular 52 issues a year to 45, skipping several issues in the summer months.

Although publication resumed a regular 50 week schedule what started out as an emergency measure soon became a way of life after Harry "retired," and subsequent editors from 1986 adopted the "summer schedule" publishing every other week for the months of July and August.

I guess no one complained.

When I served on the Pacific Citizen Board under the able chairmanship of Dr. Clifford Uyeda, the PC subscription part of the dues in 1980-84 was \$8 a year per member. In 1984, it was raised to \$10. The last increase was in 1988 to \$12 a year. If the pattern of \$2 increments had been stepped up each biennium it would have been \$14 in 1990, \$16 in 1992, and in 1994 it should have been \$18.

That sounds about right. The projected budget for 1995 prepared

by PC Business Manager (see table) confirms the need for an \$18 or greater allocation. If the PC is to return to a weekly schedule beginning in January 1996, and if membership decreases another 5% in a worst case scenario, then using rounded figures: 17,500 (member households) times \$12 equals the allocation of \$210,000; plus the shortfall of \$136,000 equals \$346,000 total, divided by 17,500 comes to \$19.77 per member that would be required to break even. This is in spite of more than doubling the advertising income.

However, on a more optimistic note, if membership in 1996 does not decrease from the projected 1995 level of approximately 18,500, then the amount needed to break even would be \$18.70 per member.

So here we are, still at \$12.

Now that little oversight really didn't hit home to the 1994 National Council delegates until after the convention, faced with the financial crisis through the entire national organization, there was no choice but to cut back to a monthly for the final quarter of 1994.

There were complaints then. But everyone seemed to understand—you can't feed and support your family in the manner you did six years ago when your expenses have risen and wages haven't increased a penny.

Because of the belt-tightening and trimming the PC staff from six full-time to 4 1/2 employees, the bottom line at the end of 1994 based on PC fiscal records was a \$5,000 surplus (see Income and Expense statement). Editor Rich-

ard Suenaga, Assistant Editor Gwen Muranaka, Business Manager Kerry Ting, and Frances Okuno of the Circulation Department have been doing a splendid job under the most difficult of circumstances.

Harry, who has been back on the job as Editor Emeritus for some time now, is an old hand at charting the PC through troubled waters. He raises additional financial concerns about potential postal increases and, on behalf of the PC, issues a call for PC support.

Yes, dear readers, if you've become weary of continually hearing about shortfalls and potential deficits—then let's get to the bottom line.

We can contribute to the PC with our membership renewals or the other choice is direct donations.

In terms of fund raising, if the past successes like Harry Kajihara and Mae Takahashi, who raised well over \$1 million for JACL/LEC's successful redress drive, and Grayce Uyehara, who spearheaded the \$4 million-plus Legacy Fund as well as the \$100,000 in Annual Giving, says anything about the kind of extraordinary generosity that JACLers can exhibit, then there's hope that such outpouring will again be demonstrated by the readers of the Pacific Citizen, like you and me.

Yours sincerely,

Cherry Kinoshita  
A PC Fan

## New postal rates threaten the P.C.

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

In late March, the United States Postal Service petitioned the independent Postal Rate Commission for new rates. The conventional media has paid no attention to the profound effect it will have on small national publications, such as the Pacific Citizen, especially with a weekly frequency. Praises be, the USPS said there would be no changes with first-class mail other than increasing the postcard rate from 19¢ to 20¢.

But, if the new rates are approved, the new scheme will increase the 2d-Class postage by at least 20% while discounting (subsidizing) the megabucks communications giants such as Time, Readers Digest, Hearst, etc. The big publishers will pay a rate lower

than current rates—as much as 25% by one calculation.

The P.C. and many other small national publications are struggling to provide information that's both useful and important to their specialized readership.

And postage is, by far, our biggest expense. Wages are second and paper a distant third. With the Jan. 1 postal rate increase, P.C.'s 2nd Class postage cost went up about 20% (double the rate for 1st Class: 29¢ to 32¢). Our 1994 average cost was \$3,150 per issue; for 1995, it increases 19.7% (\$620 additional) this year and a projected 20% (\$750 more) next year.

Another postal increase of this magnitude should be unthinkable, but it's actually a possibility in early 1996. As frustrating as it has been for the small national newspapers, we are literally cap-

tives of the USPS, which keeps raising 2nd Class rates.

As a consequence, and locked within the "no dues increase" mandate of the 1994 National Council, we are forced to rely on the goodwill and understanding of our JACLers to insure the P.C. is able to continue its public mission: at least the "temporary" 24 issues for 1995 and the "regular" 45 issues in 1996.

Looking at the PC budget for this biennium in brief, business manager Kerry Ting says we face a \$40,000 shortfall for 1995 and \$140,000 shortfall for 1996.

Combined, the PC Fund-raiser totals \$180,000—a modest goal when one considers if every JACLer gave \$20 or more. To be realistic about it, the amount in the "more" column makes us ever more grateful.

## Pacific Citizen

### 1994 STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

Revenues: 1/1/94-12/31/94

Advertising	\$70,605.26
Non-member subscriptions	45,776.95
Holiday Issue	74,336.74
JACL Subscriptions (@\$12)	232,610.00
Miscellaneous	2,515.95
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$425,844.90</b>

Expenses: 1/1/94-12/31/94

Editorial	\$6,560.13
Advertising	891.97
Production	53,475.53
Mailing	108,301.89
<b>PRODUCTION COSTS</b>	<b>\$169,229.52</b>
Salaries	\$149,257.81
Payroll Taxes	12,600.55
Health Insurance	11,386.14
Retirement & Fringe Benefits	9,203.55
Equipment Rent & Maintenance	6,659.90
Postage/Delivery	4,116.74
Office Supplies	2,429.30
Telephone/Fax	8,616.00
Meeting/Conference	4,863.69
Commissions	3,647.28
Rent & Utilities	32,999.99
Miscellaneous	5,824.01
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</b>	<b>\$251,604.96</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$420,834.48</b>

NET INCOME/(LOSS)

\$5,010.42

Based on actual PC accounting records, figures from national office have yet to be received.

### PROPOSED BUDGETS-CASH BASIS

REVENUES	1995 Semi-monthly	1996 Weekly
Advertising	\$44,039.71	\$91,229.85
Non-Member Sub	43,488.11	41,313.71
Holiday Issue	81,000.00	81,000.00
JACL Sub. (@\$12)	220,979.50	209,930.53
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$392,007.32</b>	<b>\$425,974.09</b>

### EXPENSES

Editorial	\$6,600.00	\$7,000.00
Advertising	925.00	1,000.00
Production	45,195.74	62,198.20
Mailing	100,986.38	195,492.98
<b>PRODUCTION COST</b>	<b>\$153,707.12</b>	<b>\$265,691.18</b>
Salaries	\$168,025.50	\$181,669.77
Payroll Taxes	14,181.35	15,332.92
Health Insurance	12,803.54	13,843.23
Retire/Fringe Ben.	10,350.37	11,190.85
Equip. Rent/Maint.	5,920.54	5,920.54
Postage/Delivery	5,500.00	6,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,500.00
Telephone/Fax	9,220.08	9,500.00
Meeting/Conf.	8,605.00	9,600.00
Commissions	3,000.00	3,500.00
Rent & Utilities	29,520.00	29,520.00
Miscellaneous	6,000.00	6,500.00
<b>ADMIN. COST</b>	<b>\$276,126.39</b>	<b>\$296,077.31</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$429,833.51</b>	<b>\$561,768.49</b>

NET INCOME/(LOSS) (\$37,826.19)

(\$135,794.40)

1995 salary includes past unpaid COLAs w/ 4 1/2 full-time employees.  
1996 includes 6 full-time employees.  
Legal settlement has not been included.

## THANK YOU!

Pacific Citizen appreciates and thanks the following individuals for their generous donations during January 1 - April 21, 1995.

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# Insight into D.C. politics highlights leadership conference

By LEIGH-ANN MIYASATO  
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According to those who attended, the second annual JACL/OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans) Leadership Conference was a great success. The event, held March 4-8, 1995, in Washington, D.C., drew 13 participants from JACL and 16 from OCA. The conference gave them important insights into how the governmental decision-making process works and how community and advocacy groups can have an impact on that process. The participants said that they were energized to start projects and to use what they learned here in their respective chapters.

National President Denny Yasuhara was able to attend the first two days of the conference.

The program was organized by OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok and Immigration Project Coordinator Vicki Shu and by Karen Narasaki before she left her position as JACL's Washington, D.C. Representative. Betty Wakiji also handled many administrative duties for the conference before she left the office. John Nakahata and Bill Kaneko served as coordinators for the conference and as moderators during the program. Participants acknowledged their good work.

For JACL participants, the program began with a tour of the internment exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

That evening, Patrick and Lily Okura of the Washington, D.C. Chapter hosted a dinner at their home for the JACL participants, Denny Yasuhara, and D.C. Chapter members.

On March 5, Yasuhara told how the redress campaign was achieved, and provided important lessons for JACL's lobbying efforts in the future. John Nakahata, a former member of Sen. Joseph Lieberman's staff, spoke about the redress campaign from an insider's viewpoint.

Paul Igasaki, former Washington, D.C. JACL representative and currently vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focused on employment discrimination and the need to protect the principle of affirmative action. He was followed by a panel discussion on "Advocacy Through Litigation" with Karen Narasaki, now executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and Francey Youngberg of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association in D.C.

Franklin Chow of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Matthew Finucane of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; Jeannette Lim of the U.S. Department of Education; and Shu of OCA then spoke on civil rights, education, immigration, and other



Paul Igasaki, vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, speaks with participants at the JACL Leadership Conference after his talk on employment discrimination.



Panelists discussing the topic of anti-immigration sentiment in the U.S. were, from left, Richard Foltin, American Jewish Congress; Cecilia Muñoz, La Raza, and Michael Hill, U.S. Catholic Conference.

issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Many participants said that these discussions were informative and engaging, and added that they enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and bring up issues affecting their own communities.

Another presentation was "Introduction to Congress" by Gerald Tani of the White House staff. Marie Blanco, legislative assistant to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, and Chris Strobel, legislative assistant to Congressman Norm Mineta, followed with remarks on "Lobbying Congress." They gave the participants insights into the inner workings of Congress.

Lena Sun, a reporter and editor

for the Washington Post, and Shari Macias, a reporter for WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., spoke about "Media Advocacy." Their comments about how an advocacy group can get coverage were very helpful to participants. Emily Tynes, vice president of the Communications Consortium Media Center, conducted a workshop and showed participants how to draft press releases and advisories, hold press conferences and other media events, and how to handle media interviews.

Another highlight was dinner with Congressman Mineta, who was only able to speak for a short while, since he had to return to the House floor to vote. Participants appreciated the chance to introduce themselves and ask him questions.

Another presentation was called "Working with Agencies" at the U.S. Department of Justice with Suzana Lorenzo-Guigere, an attorney with the Voting Rights Division of the Justice Department, and Byron Wong, deputy director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This was followed by Cecilia Muñoz of the National Council of La Raza; Richard Foltin, legislative director and counsel for the American Jewish Committee; and Mike Hill of U.S. Catholic Services, on "Working in Coalition-Immigration." Coalition efforts are especially important now in view of the increasing attacks on legal immigrants as well.

William (Mo) Marumoto, founder and chairman of The Interface Group, Ltd./Boyden and well-known political activist; Gloria Caoile of the American Fed-

eration of State, County and Municipal Employees; and Lon Hatamiya, administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and two-time candidate for the California legislature spoke on the "Electoral Impact of Asian Americans," and they encouraged the participants to get involved in the political process.

The next panel covered "Homophobia-Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Issues." The speakers were Joe Lucero, assistant director of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council; Nancy Otto, policy associate for the National Immigration Forum; and Alex Tang, an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission. Their willingness to share their personal experiences made a great impact on the participants.

Daphne Kwok of OCA and Michael Lieberman, associate director and counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, spoke on "Responding to Hate Crimes," and educated the participants about the seriousness of hate crimes, how to report them, and how to monitor the way in which the authorities handle them. That day ended with dinner with Congressman Robert Matsui, who shared some frank remarks about Asian Pacific American community issues.

On the last day of the conference participants took a short tour of the U.S. Capitol building and then met with Congressman Jay Kim of California and Sen. Daniel K. Akaka of Hawaii. (Congresswoman Patsy Mink of Hawaii had to cancel her meeting at the last minute.) Sen. Akaka was warm, friendly, and gracious. The participants enjoyed meeting all of these prominent figures.

The closing luncheon speaker was Bruce Yamashita, who talked about his discrimination case against the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. He gave an inspiring talk about persevering in the struggle for civil rights and fighting for the rights of others as well as oneself.

Finally, the JACL participants paid a visit to the Office of Redress Administration, where they met the ORA Administrator DeDe Greene, and many members of her staff. They received a briefing on the status of redress payments and the work remaining to be done. They also received copies of their relatives' internment records, which ORA staff members had pulled at their request.

After the conference, the participants said that they had learned a great deal and enjoyed the opportunity to make contacts and start friendships with other activists from JACL and OCA.

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You can reach Ms. Yamashiro at (415) 921-5225.

During the last month, requests for address changes, adding new members and reinstating renewed members onto the mailing list were sent directly to Pacific Citizen. With Ms. Yamashiro on board, JACL members and chapters should send any changes or updates to the national office.

We thank you for your patience and continued support to JACL and Pacific Citizen.

### JACL participants

Attending the JACL leadership conference were: Alex H. Fukui, APAN Chapter; Kathryn C. Ibata, Chicago Chapter; Lynn R. Nakagawa, Portland Chapter; Mark S. Nakamura, Mt. Olympus Chapter; Eileen Namba Otsuji, Florin Chapter; Marilyn Nagano Schlieff, Washington, D.C. Chapter; Karen-Liane Shiba, Selanoco Chapter; Hiromi Ueha Smith, PSW Youth/Student Representative; Kenta Takamori, Japan Chapter; Masako Tamura, New York Chapter; Robert Taniguchi, Livingston-Merced Chapter; Alicyn Hikida Tasaka, Honolulu Chapter; Patricia Tsai, CCDC Regional Director.

## Personally speaking

Health care consultant **Yoshi Honkawa** and his wife **May** have established a permanent endowment of \$252,000 to fund fellowships in the graduate program in health services administration at the University of Southern California's School of Public Administration. Recipients will be known as Honkawa Fellows.

In addition to assisting highly qualified students with educational costs, the fellowships will provide special opportunities for one-to-one relationships with research faculty members and professionals working in the field, according to program director Robert E. Tranquada, M.D.

Yoshi Honkawa is a consultant to the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in West Los Angeles and is active on the boards of directors of USC's Town and Gown and University Hospital Guild. From 1975 to 1978 he was director of finance for Cedars-Sinai and until his retirement from the medical center in December 1993, he was vice president in charge of the center's governmental and industrial relations. He also has served in health-care positions at the state and local levels.

Honkawa earned his bachelor's degree from USC's School of Business Administration in 1955. In 1963 he completed graduate-course work in health services administration at the USC School of Public Administration.

The Honkawas are residents of Los Angeles.



YOSHI AND MAY HONKAWA

**Togo W. Tanaka** of Los Angeles has been selected the first recipient of the "Spirit of The Wellness Community Award" to be presented May 18 at a gala black-tie optional evening at the Regent Beverly Hilton Hotel. The honor recognizes the individual whose life has demonstrated primary concern for "the well-being of others, who has acted without fail in a moral and ethical manner and whose leadership has inspired others to respond to the exigencies of life in a similar manner," award committee explained. The Wellness Community began in 1982 as a

free program of psychological support as an adjunct to conventional treatment for people with cancer. With nation-wide support of thousands of physicians, the Santa Monica-based organization has assisted over 25,000 in some 14 cities. Proceeds of the gala will be used to continue to provide free programs to cancer patients.

On the award committee are Mrs. Howard Ahmanson, Edward M. Carson, Robert F. Erburu and Harry J. Volk. Information: Diane E. Thomas, 2716 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405, 310/314-2555. Individual seats are \$350.

The **A-B-C Yamashiro** sisters, triplets who reached their 17th birthday March 1, are now juniors at Point Loma High School, San Diego. Cathy and Alicia are pitcher/catcher on the school's No. 10-ranked Pointers softball



**GOOD JOB**—Gregg Murakami (left) receives plaque from Luis Correa, National Conference Board member. Murakami was recently honored for his volunteer work at the organization's recognition dinner.

## Nikkei honored for work with teens

West Los Angeles resident Gregg Murakami was recently honored by the National Conference for his volunteer work in the organization's interracial Brotherhood/Sisterhood USA Camp for teens, the group's youth leadership and human relations training pro-

grams. The organization, formerly called the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a 68-year-old non-sectarian organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism.

Murakami received the conference's distinguished merit citation.

managing property. "Now, I make more money than the postmaster of Los Angeles," he said with a smile to a local reporter.

Japan America Society of Southern California announced the top officers for the 1995 board of directors: chairman Sheldon I. Ausman, senior vice president with Johnson & Higgins in Los Angeles; vice-chairman **Kazunori Amano** of Long Beach, president of Nippondenso, L.A.; Don Spetner, vice president of corporate communications for Nissan North America, Torrance.

**Jay Y. Fukushima** was elected March 14 as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business. The election was held at the Southern California Con-



JAY Y. FUKUSHIMA

ference in Los Angeles which was the first step toward the national conference scheduled in June in Washington, D.C. Fukushima is a member of the SELANOCO Chapter, JACL, and of CPA And Associates, Orange, Calif.

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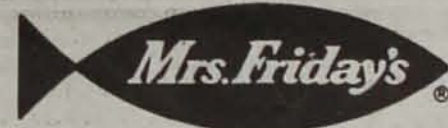
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## Clinton names Tashima U.S. appellate judge in L.A.

A. Wallace Tashima, a federal trial judge in Los Angeles, was nominated by President Clinton to a vacancy on the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. If confirmed, he would become the first Japanese American and only the third Asian American to serve on the 9th Court.

Tashima, 60, is a graduate of UCLA and Harvard Law School. He was appointed to the federal district bench in Los Angeles by

Jimmy Carter in 1980. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Tashima would become one of the 28 judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which hears cases from Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, the Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon and Washington.

"Increasing diversity on the bench is very important," Tashima said. "In spite of everything we

say and do, there are still many instances of discrimination in our society."

Tashima during his stint on the federal district bench has heard many high profile cases. In 1981, Tashima blocked the plans of the Los Angeles School District to end mandatory busing for integration. He said that irreparable harm could result if he did not order an immediate halt to the dismantling of the busing program.

## Legal counsel responds to variety of issues

In memos to the National Board, legal counsel Tom Hara addressed other issues surrounding the banking problems:

- Some \$30,000 in checks were issued before Kaji blocked the bank accounts, according to Hara. PC could not get an update from headquarters on the total figure for bounced checks. Bounced payroll checks, Hara said, are subject to penalties from the Employment Department and checks to any revenue authorities for payroll taxes.

- When Kaji removed all interim staff names from the bank signature cards and replaced it with his own, Hara commented: "We have a Secretary-Treasurer, who is usually out of the country, insisting on being the sole signer of the current account."

As of March 24, some \$6,000 in bounced checks were reported. Among them:

- A payroll check to the Washington D.C., representative;
- A premium for worker's compensation policy;
- A travel reimbursement for a board member to attend the March 18 meeting of the six dissident board members seeking to re-establish the former staff at headquarters.

Hara told the National Board that this was a "non-meeting" of the board, adding that "if there's no quorum, there's no meeting." He said: "I thought that the organizers made it clear that they would absorb their own costs of attendance."

When Kaji on March 22 requested a special meeting of the board to adopt new banking resolutions for the signature cards, Hara responded saying that this can be done by phone, fax or mail, avoiding a costly meeting.

Following a March 26 call from the *Hokubei Mainichi* to Jim Miyazaki, Hara asked National Board, "What's going on. Who's calling the *Hokubei*?"

## DISSIDENTS

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Union and Sumitomo Banks and ordered the removal of all signatures from the cards and replaced them with his own. He then ordered the banks to block check-writing by the organization. As of March 24, some \$6,000 in checks had bounced.

Meanwhile, the dissident memo-writing campaign began:

- On March 22, Kaji wrote to Hara, asking: "As to the matter of the inappropriate manner in which new signatories were substituted by Mr. Yasuhara and Mr. Miyazaki without authorization of the Board, I would ask for your legal opinion as to what actions might be taken by the corporation against these two individuals."

**Hara to Kaji, on March 24:** *I don't know that any 'actions' are appropriate. Maybe take away his golf clubs for a month!*

- Two days earlier, on March 22, Mizobe: "... I am hereby requesting a formal opinion as to the nature and extent of the violations of California Law and any remedies the corporation may seek against individuals."

- Then, on March 23, Murakawa: "As you know, potentially, individual members of our board, and possibly staff, have broken laws regarding the signature cards for our checking accounts ... Were, in fact, any federal or state tax and/or corporation laws broken relative to the authorization of the changes and/or the signing of the cards? ... Because

the decision was driven, I assume, by our president, are the individuals who signed the cards liable or eligible for prosecution as well? ..."

Perhaps the most interesting comment came from Randy Imai of the Sacramento Chapter, who along with fellow chapter members Michael Sawamura and Dick Fukushima have joined in the criticism of the Yasuhara administration.

Imai sent his message to Hara on March 20—even before the president was alerted to the signature problem.

Imai: "... I wanted to alert you to an alarming situation that was disclosed at the Emergency National Board Meeting and request that you launch an immediate investigation concerning possible criminal acts by a JACL National Board Officer. The membership at the Emergency National Board meeting was informed that the suspected officer may have violated laws by falsifying the bank signature cards and knowingly misrepresented his official position on the National Board. Compounding the problem, a JACL National Staff employee apparently tried to cover the mistake by leaving new signature cards with the lawfully designated National Board Officer in an envelope, apparently hoping that he would sign the cards. I happened to be standing next to the Sumitomo Bank manager during a break when the lawfully designated National Board Officer spoke with him. It was obvious that the bank manager was not aware of this possible criminal act. It is my un-

derstanding that these possible criminal acts may have also occurred at Union Bank."

Imai concludes his memo to Hara requesting an "immediate investigation" and that if "these allegations prove to be true, I hope that the proper law enforcement agencies are notified."

**Hara to the board on March 27:** *Yes, Jim Miyazaki should have cut a resolution for mail ballot to the Board, for a blanket adoption of all signature cards to be given to all banks in which we have funds. No, he didn't. But absent proof of a criminal intent, what, exactly, would the whiners in your midst have me do? Refer him to the FBI?*

More seriously, Hara summed it all up, saying: "There is one (or more) who is talking to the press and public for the apparent purpose of trying to characterize certain members of the Board as engaged in criminal activity in connection with this matter. I advise great caution in pursuing such a line."

"To those of you who are not attorneys, I advise you that the law does not exist to provide weapons for petty disputes for people who do not get their way in open debate or seek to change their votes later. That is a perversion of the law and of my profession, and you should not expect me to countenance that. That there may be lawyers who will act otherwise is a concern, but my experience is that they will ultimately fail. Certainly I will take any opportunity to seek out and confront such practitioners."

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## Agenda

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

# First-hand experiences highlight Florin event

By FRANK IRITANI

The recent March 11 Florin Time of Remembrance event was a multi-faceted occasion. The comprehensive program included various speakers, workshops on teaching about the Japanese American Internment experience, videos, exhibits of more than 100 photographs, oral histories and documents, and a replica of internment barrack at the entrance, involvement with the local state universities and school districts.

The most significant aspect of the program was the presence and personal testimony of the aging internees from 10 relocation centers. They provided vivid, first hand experiences of life in the "concentration" camps of more than 50 years ago.

The main speaker was educator-historian Chizu Iiyama (Topaz) from El Cerrito, Calif., who spoke on "Courage and Sacrifice" and extraordinary roles of the Japanese American women.

Iiyama, 73, highlighted significant experiences of three generations of women. She talked about the debt she is owes to her Issei parents, her struggles as Nisei internee at Topaz, Utah, and about what she would like to pass along to the children of subsequent generations.

The speaker related that the first Japanese who came in late 1800s and early 1900s were mostly male laborers—invariably exploited and discriminated against. The women later came over as "picture brides." Sometimes, misrepresentations surfaced when the two met for the first time at the boat docks of San Francisco or Seattle, Iiyama said.

The Issei and Nisei women shouldered big responsibilities before and during the war while in the camps as they looked after the children and elderly and held the family together. There were more than a few who had to look after babies and small children with the fathers incarcerated in another Department of Justice center hundreds of miles away.

Japanese and other Asian women had a more difficult time than, for example, non-Asian women living on vegetable farms, Iiyama said. In addition to the language and cultural handicap, these women worked in the fields in addition to taking care of household chores. Non-Asian women, on the other hand, never went out in the fields.

After the war ended, married with three children, Iiyama returned to the Bay Area. She worked 23 years in the Early Child-



Christine Umeda (right), program chair, present "temari" gift to Time of Remembrance speaker, Chizu Iiyama.



Mary Tsukamoto (right) and Elk Grove students pose by Japanese American historical photo and document exhibit.



Participating in the Time of Remembrance event were, from left, Jim Tanaka, Marion Kanemoto, Mary Tsukamoto, Janie Matsumoto Low, Cary Leek, John Cary Sims, Chizu Iiyama, and Ruth Seo.



Jim Tanaka, VFW Nisei Post member explaining 100/400 MIS to a young student.

Marion Kanemoto (left), oral history project chairperson, poses with Joanne Iritani, teacher's workshop coordinator, in front of exhibit showing Japanese American internment.



hood Education Program at Contra Costa Community College and retired in 1987. She organized the National Japanese American Historical Society award-winning exhibit in 1990, "Strength and Diversity, Japanese American Women" now touring the country.

The role and significance of oral histories was brought out in two ways. There was a workshop led by mentor teachers Edna Shoemaker of Grant High School and Ruth Seo of Brannan Middle School. They explained how oral histories could be very useful in getting to know another person better and improving human relations—even with one's parent or a relative. Marion Kanemoto (Minidoka) chairs the Florin JACL Oral History Project and coordinated

the presentation of the completed books to interviewees at the evening program.

A portrait exhibit of most the interviewees and all the oral history books were on display all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

The project was started in 1987 in collaboration with California State University Sacramento Library Archives. Currently, there are 45 oral histories completed and about 20 pending. Kanemoto also reports the University of California, Davis, plans to purchase the entire set.

Other workshops were "Internment through a Woman's Eyes," by Janie Matsumoto Low, associate professor, California State University, Sacramento, and a Korematsu Case and Constitutional Law

workshop led by Professor John Cary Sims of McGeorge School of Law.

After the bento lunch, two videos were shown: "A Personal Matter," about Gordon Hirabayashi and his court battles for his constitutional rights against the 9066 Evacuation Order and "Honor Bound" was a documentary of 442nd veteran Howard Hanamura's (Topaz and Alameda) account

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## PSWDC to publish quarterly newsletter

The PSWD Times, a new quarterly informational newsletter from the PSW-JACL office, will be distributed to PSW Chapter presidents for their general membership beginning May 21, according to Karen-Liane Shiba of the SELANOCO Chapter.

The newsletter will be strictly news items of interest to JACL members and of upcoming PSW chapter events. Editorials and opinion articles will not be published, Shiba said.

Chapter presidents are encouraged to submit chapter calendar of events, including as much information as possible (date, time, location, costs, etc.) to the PSW office by Thursday, May 4, for inclusion in the first issue of PSWD Times. Suggestions and articles may be also submitted for consideration. Submissions by mail or fax should be marked "For PSWD Times."

## Actor George Takei gives talk at Twin Cities

Speaker George Takei, who addressed the recent Twin Cities JACL Chrysanthemum Jan. 22 banquet and installation, "seemed to be in his element, gregarious and engaging," the *Asian American Press* in Twin Cities reported. The warmth he generates has made him a popular speaker for JACL and other Asian American group functions.

"This year we have three times as many people (attending) as last year," commented JACL board member Connie Fukuda. "I'm sure George Takei is largely responsible for that... In a way, his presence symbolized outreach for the Twin Cities JACL."

Takei said that there are still civil rights and issues of inclusion that face Asian Americans, but he hopes Asians will see the progress paved by groups like JACL, the reporter Thomas Morley noted.

"The most heartening thing is the emergence of the Asian American writers; before our stories were told for us by people who saw us from the outside," Takei pointed out. "Our voices were not our own, but now we have the emergence of playwrights like Philip Kan Gotanda or the Tony award-winning dramatist David Hwang and novelists like Amy Tan who are telling our stories in our voices and reaching the larger American public."

Takei has been member since 1968, headed the Wilshire Chapter from 1971-75 and served as National JACL cultural affairs committee chair. Currently, he is columnist for the magazine, *TransPacific*, has written a science fiction novel and now his autobiography, *To the Stars*. The same weekend, a *Star Trek* convention was going on, it was noted.

## Tule Lake reunion set for May 19-20

Tule Lake Reunion V, possibly the last gathering of former internees, is scheduled for May 19-20 at the Red Lion Hotel and Resort, Sacramento.

More than 500 have already made their reservations for the event, according to chair Tom Okubo. Registration package is \$80 per person, which includes Friday night mixer, Saturday night Sayonara banquet, Saturday afternoon symposium, hospitality room for both days, souvenir booklet and the memory booklet, with photos of all registered attendees. Also available are tours to Reno, local sights and a golf tournament.

Featured speakers will be retired judge Bill Marutani of Philadelphia at the Sayonara event and Irene Hirano of the Japanese American National Library in Los Angeles. Marutani was the sole Nikkei member of the commission which toured the United States to accept testimony which led the commission to recommend redress and reparations for 120,000 evacuees.

Information and registration packets: Tom Fujimoto, 916/427-6730, or write: Tule Lake Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 22877,

Sacramento, 95822. Deadline for names to appear in souvenir booklet is April 30.

The Sacramento Area Reunion IV has been set for Sunday, May 21, at the Red Lion Hotel, according to Toko Fujii, coordinator. The buffet lunch event is expected to draw more than 200 people.

Socializing begins at 11 a.m. with the buffet to begin at noon. An exhibit of pre-war Sacramento will also be featured.

Committee members include Gene Itogawa, Wayne Maeda and Kanji Nishijima.

The entertainment will be big band music.

Reservations are \$25 per person. Send them to Toko Fujii, 2356 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA, 95822. Information: 916/421-0328.

The JACL chapter's recent crab feed was a big success as more than 400 members and guests attended the event.

Co-chairs were Richard Sawamura and Mike Iwahiro. Assisting were the Boy Scouts troop 250 and the UC Students Club.

## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## It's wild in this Wonderland

Certain paragraphs in Bill Hosokawa's column in the April 7-20 issue were out of order. PC apologizes for the error and reprints the column correctly, in its entirety.

It was little Alice who, as I recall, found things "curiouser and curiouser" the further she got into her adventure in Wonderland when she followed the White Rabbit down his hole. There, in Lewis Carroll's fantasy, she met such strange characters as the Mad Hatter and the Cheshire Cat and learned that things are not always what they seem to be.

The ongoing effort to oust Denny Yasuhara as National JACL president has something of a Wonderland aura. In simplest terms, which is the way I understand problems best, this is the scenario:

Yasuhara was elected president at the national convention last summer on his pledge to restore JACL to fiscal health.

One year earlier JACL's secretary-treasurer, Jonathan T. Kaji, had announced in a well-publicized report that the organization faced a \$75,000 deficit. Not long afterward JACL's deficit for 1994 was projected at \$187,000. That was a figure to lift some

eyebrows.

As one step in eliminating red ink, a majority of Yasuhara's National Board voted to consolidate some jobs and reduce the number of employees at National Headquarters from five to three. Rather than accept a reduction in force, the headquarters staff quit.

Now a minority of the National Board wants to override the majority decision and reinstate the staff. And Kaji, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer and who now reports JACL will show a surplus of \$31,000 for 1994, has demanded that Yasuhara resign.

As Alice might say, it seems somewhat curious that a projected \$187,000 deficit should be transformed into a \$31,000 surplus, a swing of more than \$200,000, in just a few months.

Kaji assures one and all that Grant Thornton, an auditing firm with no connections to JACL, will confirm this surplus in May.

Curiouser and curiouser. There's already been a review of financial records by a firm called Professional Exchange Service whose president, Cynthia Campbell, and chief op-

erating officer, Helen McIntire spent March 15 and 16 at JACL headquarters inspecting JACL's records. What they found is not reassuring. Some excerpts from their report:

"JACL does not appear to have a system, manual or otherwise, for tracking accounts payable . . . Accounting controls, policies and procedures were conspicuously absent . . . Certain 1994 records which are essential for the conduct of an audit are not on the premises . . . The total absence of accounting controls in an organization with \$6 million in assets is inexcusable . . ."

Alice's eyes might open wide in surprise to read in the Professional Exchange Service report, in capital letters: "PROJECTIONS OF A \$31,000 SURPLUS IS PRE-MATURE," in the absence of specific and detailed supporting documentation.

The Professional Exchange Service report has a warning for JACL:

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



## East wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Nisei no Shin-chû-gun

AS A MATTER of curiosity, I've often wondered what view the Nipponjins held of Nisei who served in the *shin-chû-gun* (occupation forces) in Japan following the end of the Pacific War. I've not seen or heard of any chronicles on the subject. My own experience has been varied: almost invariably, children simply looked upon this Nikkei in U.S. Army uniform as "Amerika-jin!" Then there was the superintendent of a one-munitions factory in Osaka who was flabbergasted to meet a U.S. Army soldier who spoke *nihongo*—so much so that he wanted me to go home with him so that he could show his wife what he had come across. Like some kind of a freak. (No, I didn't go.) A few years ago, a Japanese media reporter matter-of-factly posed the question: "How could you serve against Japan?" My reply: "It was not a matter of serving *against* any nation; it was *for* my country." Several days later the media person commented, "I've been thinking over your answer, and I understand."

OVERALL, THE OCCUPATION of Japan was a benign one, devoid of incidents that are all too common when victorious forces occupy the defeated enemy's homeland. In turn, the Japanese populace ap-

peared to maintain self-discipline, and if they harbored any bitterness, they managed to keep it hidden. But where resentment festered, as I'm sure it did, I've wondered whether the emotions became especially raw upon seeing a person of the same bloodlines in the uniform of the conqueror.

I didn't lose any sleep over the matter, but I had wondered about it.

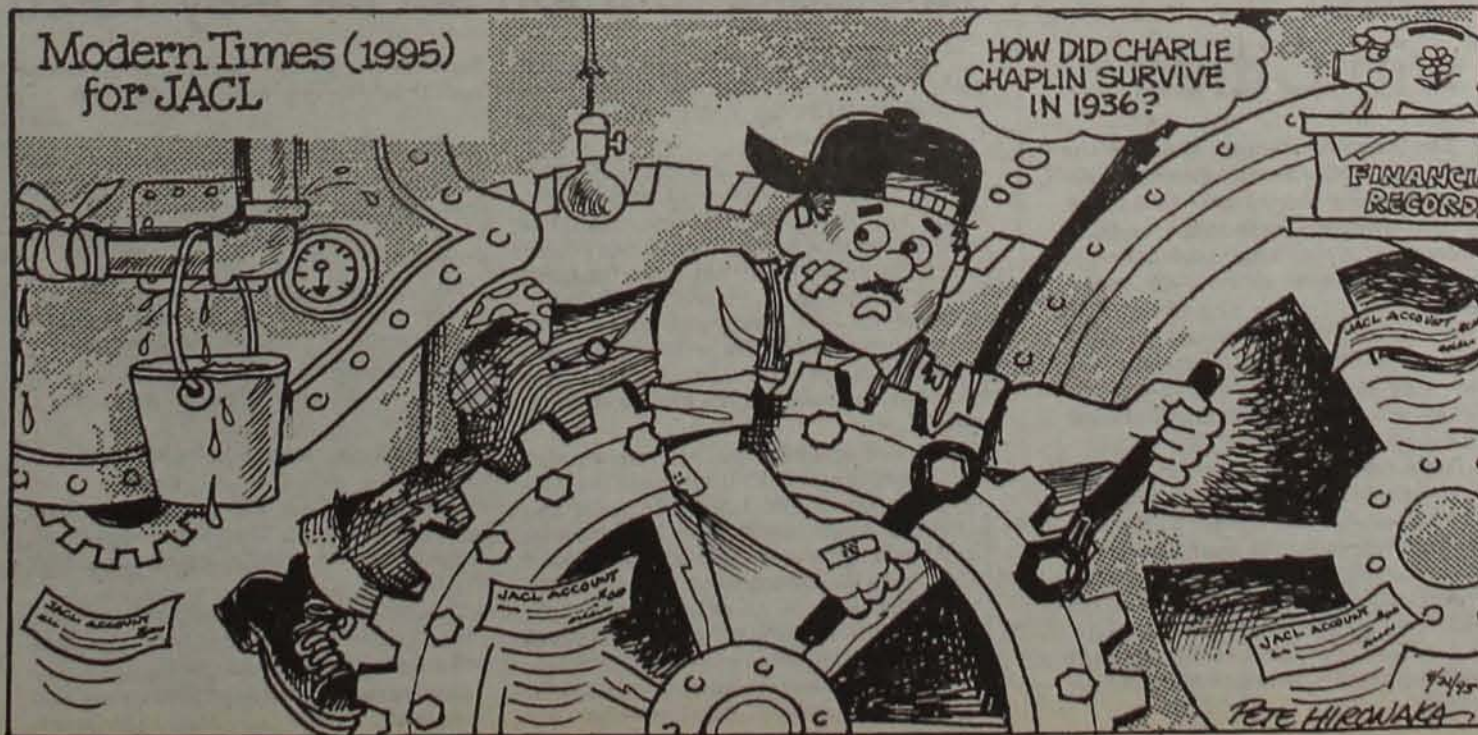
A COUPLE of Nisei soldiers left positive and lasting imprints upon segments of the Japanese populace. Peter K. Okada (Woodinville, Wash.) committed his time and energies to organizing touch "futto-bôru" among Japanese youngsters. Soon it ballooned into a league and flourishes to this day. In fact, not long ago, Peter was honored by those involved in Japan. Then up in Maizuru (Kyoto-fu) area there's the row of cherry trees which had been quietly contributed by an AJA sergeant from Hawaii, before he left for home. As the trees matured and reflected their glory over the park area, the townsfolk were curious as to the source of this endowment to the city's beauty. An inquiring news reporter began an investigation and ultimately tracked down former sergeant, Fujio "Wymo" Takaki of Mililani, Hawaii. Wymo and wife Cecilia were hosted in Maizuru and featured on

Japanese television. About a year ago, I enjoyed a reunion with Wymo in Hawaii. We hadn't seen each other for some 47 years.

IT TAKES a special kind of character to leave behind good works such as these fellows, Peter and Wymo. At the time, it may not have seemed to be much, but they went ahead and did what their spirit moved them to do. Looking back, I wish I had contributed something of significance. Combing memories of yesteryears, I only come up with a couple of insignificant, small episodes. The first one took place on the Ginza, where a G.I. was yanking on a cloth banner being carried by a vainly protesting Japanese. Walking through a small gathering crowd, I went up to the G.I. and directed him to let go and leave. He did. The other incident, also minor, involved a military railroad car which was off-limits to Japanese. Something about disease and sanitation. As usual, the cars were jam-packed except for the military car in which

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

Further, letters sent to other media are not published in *Pacific Citizen*.

## Letters

## Dissension prevents positive JACL actions

As a long time JACL member, I am very concerned about the dissension within the JACL as we try to deal with the problems of decreasing membership and increasing deficits.

At a time when we are facing huge problems in our country as a result of the last elections, we seem to be immobilized by charges and countercharges within our organization and threats of lawsuits. In California, and throughout our nation, there are efforts to undermine the gains made since the civil rights movement—and what is our response? Affirmative action which has helped many Asians as well as women and other minorities is on the political agenda.

We all have our differences with JACL—how can one organization meet all the expectations of our diverse membership? But one fact should be clear—it's the only national organization that we have. The JACL has an outstanding record in civil rights and is recognized in political and civic circles.

Whom do we call when we hear negative references to Japanese Americans over the media? Whom do we contact for help when we are victims of "hate crimes"? Who acts on our behalf before Congressional and local committees? It is imperative that JACL continues as a strong organization.

I urge that we stop the "blame" game and get to the problems which beset us. Within JACL we need to have a financial audit by a well respected firm so that we are clear about our fiscal situation. We should set up a practical budget, including realistic assessment of staff positions, possible mem-

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## By the board

By TERRY YAMADA

## It's time to move forward

Until recently, a majority of the information circulated to members and the general public regarding the JACL's reorganization plan adopted by the National Board in December has originated from those members of the National Board and others who are now dissatisfied with that decision. More recently, the national treasurer has called for the resignation of Denny Yasuhara as president of the JACL. Travis Nishi, the CCDC governor, in a memorandum (see below) to the National Board dated April 5, eloquently emphasizes his concern that the focus of the organization should be on moving forward and finding solutions to our financial and other problems and restoring JACL to fiscal and operational integrity.

Rather than moving forward and attempting to resolve the problems of the JACL, a great deal of volunteer energy has been burned instigating and necessarily responding to personal attacks and innuendo on a variety of topics. Personally, it is difficult for me to believe the effort and hours that must have been consumed over the bank signature card situation rather

than simply resolving the problem efficiently.

The Pacific Northwest District Council and the member chapters of the Pacific Northwest District believe that there is a great deal of support for Denny as has been recently evidenced in this publication. I speculate that there may be a great deal of support for Denny which is unspoken due to the natural human tendency not to become involved in a situation you are only observing and not personally included within.

The Pacific Northwest District Council and its member chapters join those chapters that support Denny, both spoken and unspoken, in opposing the treasurer's call for Denny's resignation as national president. While Denny has responded to the treasurer's call for resignation in the April 7 through 20 edition of the *Pacific Citizen*, the Pacific Northwest District and its member chapters oppose the treasurer's call for Denny's resignation for the following additional reasons:

1. It is difficult to understand why the national president who is elected by the

National Council on the mandate to reverse and correct the fiscal problems of the organization is personally attacked and asked to resign when the National Board (and not the national president) voted to: (a) select the specific alternative which has been in the process of implementation since the first of the year to downsize the national staff for economic reasons; and (b) continue the course of action when the subject was reconsidered in a telephone board meeting later in December.

2. As a national board member who represents member chapters and members within the Pacific Northwest District, I feel I have a fiduciary obligation to represent their interests (and only their interests) on the National Board. If action which is not temporary in nature was not taken in the presence of an undisputed, significant decline in the reserve fund (even assuming that there appears to be a \$31,252 surplus which will need to be verified), I do not believe I would be representing the best interests of the members and the member chapters within the Pacific Northwest District in a responsible and fiduciary manner.

3. Contrary to what others may believe, Denny does not "control" or even have a significant influence over how various members of the National Board analyze problems, review alternatives, and vote. Even coming from Denny's home district, Denny will be the first to tell you that he and I have disagreed many times over the years on a variety of issues.

4. Finally, it is my opinion that the use of personal attacks does not in and of itself make a statement more substantive but, in fact, only serves to exacerbate the conflict between members of the National Board and makes it more difficult to work together to resolve the situation.

I join Travis Nishi in urging that the National Board move forward on the National Board decision voted on (twice) in December in an attempt to correct the fiscal problems of the JACL and complete the mandate for which Denny was elected.

*Terry Yamada, an attorney and member of the Portland Chapter, JACL, is governor of the Pacific Northwest District Council.*

## By the board

By TRAVIS NISHI

## The financial crisis is real—let's deal with it

Since attending my first National Board meeting in December and beginning my term as district governor in January, we have witnessed the decline and disintegration of the public image of the JACL. While the finances of the organization are central to the problems we face, we also need to be concerned with the methods and manners we are displaying as we attempt to solve our problems. This affects our image and integrity more than the financial problems. Organizations have, and will, run into problems. It is how the organization works out of difficulties that establishes their character. So far, our behavior has been shameful.

I believe that the JACL must stop airing our laundry in public. If individuals insist on continuing a witch-hunt, blame-fixing or personal attacks, they should do so as private citizens without connection to the JACL. We should be more concerned with identifying the problems, finding solutions and restoring the JACL to health than finding someone to blame, asking for resignations and further damaging the public's perception of the JACL. We need to take

constructive actions, not destructive.

A case in point is the current fiasco concerning signature cards on the bank accounts. Rather than concentrate on what was done wrong in changing the signatories, let's do the right thing, get the mail ballots out and move on. Recently, ballots by mail and fax have become routine. This isn't a big thing, but we do need to act quickly so we can make good on the checks that have already bounced.

The CCDC held a special meeting on Thursday evening, March 30. The purpose was to adopt a stance on the press statement issued by Jon Kaji and some other National Board members calling for the removal of Denny Yasuhara as JACL national president. A motion was passed at our meeting to oppose this action. The reason is because we don't view this as a constructive action. We want the organization to concentrate on issues and problems, not on people. According to the statement issued, there is no financial crisis. JACL actually made \$31,252, during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1994.

The press statement calls for the conclu-

sion that the problem is a people problem, one person, the national president. We are unconvinced that this is the case when we know that we have depleted a reserve fund that stood at \$397,932 at the end of 1992. We consider the loss of \$366,680 (\$397,932 minus \$31,252) over a two-year period, a financial crisis. In no stretch of the imagination, can this be blamed on one person in such a short time, unless there has been a significant change in that person's lifestyle, especially since he wasn't in office until August, 1994. There are greater problems and we need to identify, address and solve them. Simply put, our accounting stinks. We, as board members, need to press for financial reporting and procedures that insure such losses do not occur again.

We CANNOT turn back the clock and undo what has happened or take back things that have been said. We CAN resolve to move forward, learn from our mistakes and rebuild bridges that have been burned. How can we move forward efficiently while trying to look backward? It is important to remember the past, but do not be focused on it. We do not drive a car looking out the rear

window. Rodney Dangerfield said, "Look out for Number One and be careful not to step in Number Two." Looking backward the way we have, we are stepping in, and splashing, a lot of Number Two.

Let us step up to the task of Leadership. A plan for recovery was adopted at the National Board meeting on Dec. 3-4. This was revisited during a telephone conference, Dec. 16, with no change. Being a democratic organization, with a Constitution and By-laws, we are now charged with enacting the will of the majority as counted by vote of the National Board. For the good of the organization, we of the CCDC, plead with all members to start moving forward with constructive resolutions and recommendations. Let's get to the task at hand, be committed to its enactment and have the courage to stay the course.

*Travis Nishi, a member of the Clovis Chapter, is governor of the Central California District Council.*



## Voices

By NEAL TANIGUCHI

## Blame Yasuhara, Liggett, Suenaga for JACL problems

Many of my colleagues and friends have asked me why I resigned as the vice president of membership for the national JACL. Our community need only look at the latest series of articles and incidents regarding the JACL National Board's financial condition, the firing of its staff, and related matters to find the reason for why I resigned.

I am part of a growing number of young leaders who are becoming disenchanted with the direction the JACL is taking with regard to its representation of this Japanese American community, and the Asian American community in general. Ms. Joy Morimoto, former JACL Northern California Regional Director, wrote quite succinctly in her commentary in the *Hokubei Mainichi* edition of March 10, "The JACL lacks the coherence, vision, and sophistication to be an effective voice in the Japanese American community." Her sentiments epitomize the growing feelings of many who believe that JACL has truly lost touch with the community it is intended to serve.

Ms. Morimoto, myself, and many others care about our community, and we wanted the JACL to reach out more to all sectors of our community, to better represent them in the political arena. Instead, a few of our members seem intent on promoting only

the narrow parochial interests of an elite membership within the JACL. This has been done at the expense of five of our most loyal and hardworking staff members.

Instead of making a financial decision that could have improved the JACL's ability to represent the needs of our community, and at the same time place the organization on sound financial footing, the JACL has decimated its core of experienced staff and crippled its ability to reach out to the community it is supposed to serve.

In the months since the JACL National Board's December decision to fire these five employees, the JACL's national leaders have made a mockery of its reputation as a nationally known civil rights organization. Allegations of sexual harassment, leveled at the National President, have surfaced in community newspapers and the *San Francisco Examiner*. These allegations have gone unresolved. National President Denny Yasuhara's legal counsel, Peggy Liggett, threatens to sue in court other members and chapters every time they question or disagree with her or Mr. Yasuhara. And, more recently, Mr. Yasuhara and Mr. Jim Miyazaki, Vice President for General Operations, were found to have improperly changed signature authority for disbursement of JACL funds, without corporate resolu-

tion or approval of the Secretary/Treasurer of the corporation.

More recently, the National Board is balking at giving the fired staff members any decent severance package, even though the organization promised a fair and equitable settlement. How can a national civil rights organization treat its employees in this manner?

In addition, the JACL employs an editor of the *Pacific Citizen* that knowingly plotted to discredit members of the National Board, and attempted to influence the organization's elections this past summer in Salt Lake City through incendiary articles in the PC. Richard Suenaga, the editor, pretty much admitted in the PC edition of March 3-16, 1995 that a memo exists and proves that such activities took place. How can the JACL's credibility stand when such activities are allowed to take place within this organization?

Ms. Liggett has admitted being the legal counsel for the so-called "ad hoc budget committee" and in effect gave hidden legal advice to the National Board in its deliberations on the budget. At best, that advice was short sighted, vindictive, and lacked the imagination to ensure that services to the community, as well as JACL's own members, would continue uninterrupted.

While this circus is performing within JACL, the world is proceeding without us. The organization has already lost out on the debate on affirmative action.

The JACL is fighting itself, while increasing polarity, racial and ethnic tension, is pulling apart the very fabric of our increasingly diverse communities. The National JACL is not doing what it is supposed to be doing; protecting the civil rights of all Americans.

The performance of the National JACL, to say the least, is a slap in the face of the Japanese American community. If people like Mr. Yasuhara, Ms. Liggett, and Mr. Suenaga, among others, continue to destroy what was once a credible national civil rights organization, the organization will continue to lose all of its bright, young, and resourceful leaders. The JACL will fail to attract the young, energetic, members it needs to survive. The JACL may never be able to again claim its representative place in the community it serves.

For the sake of the community, tell the JACL leadership what you think.

*Neal Taniguchi is former vice president of membership. He served as JACL vice president of general operations, 1992-1994.*



## Voices

BY HARRY KAJIHARA

## New numbers from Barrington Report

In the conclusion section of the BARRINGTON REPORT, Scott J. Seo's makes reference to three revenue-expense scenarios, a 0%, 5%, and 10% yearly revenue growth with a modest 5% yearly expenditure growth. Seo indicates that the analysis did not include the likelihood of the differing scenarios but rather JACL could choose and allocate resources accordingly to achieve their objective scenario.

Seo mentions that the 1996-1998 year scenarios are based on the 1995 Budget data available at the time his report was prepared. Using the JACL Revenue and Expense Report (Cash Basis) December 31, 1994 report dated February 13, 1995, 06:23PM, JACL 415 931 4671, I propose to further refine what revenue JACL can expect in 1995. It is based on actual cash received in 1994. In addition, this analysis will draw attention to specific revenue raising activities requiring special attention to obtain increased estimated 1995 revenue. Seo also mentions that JACL should have reserve funds to pay for unexpected expenses. Therefore, funds perhaps \$32,000 which equals 2.5% of expected revenue should be a planned set aside budget line item beginning in 1995.

## Membership dues trend:

From the JACL cash flow reports of 1989-1993, the membership dues revenues are \$838,423, \$857,423, \$812,524, \$885,537, \$842,552, respectively, and \$839,163 from the above cited February 13, 1995 report. So it seems reasonable to project \$815,000 (3% drop) for 1995.

## 1995 Projected Revenue:

The table at right gives the 1994 actual cash revenue from which the 1995 projected revenue is derived.

**COMMENTS:** \*\*Can JACL count on another \$50,000 on the annual giving campaign for the 1995 year. This needs further checking with Chairperson Grayce Uyehara. As of April, 1995, it is my understanding that the total is a little less than \$100,000 which results in about \$18,000 (\$82,000 used in 1994) available for 1995 thus far. \*Estimated revenues can be increased by having Districts commit to sponsoring a number of fund-raising dinners. If each dinner raises \$25,000 for National, four dinners will raise \$100,000. What Districts can commit to this method of fund-raising? Assuming 17,000 combination of family members and singles pay dues on a yearly basis, revenue increase of \$17,000 will result for each \$1.00 rise in mem-

bership dues. If the dues increase becomes too large, then there may be some membership dropouts and lowered revenue increase. The break-even point is difficult to predict.

**CONCLUSION:** The 1995 expenditures must be kept below \$1,300,000 (\$1,332,200 minus \$32,200 set aside to reserve account) to avoid deficit spending. The total JACL expenditures reached \$1,500,000 in 1993 as mentioned in the Barrington report (PC Apr 7-20) and also indicated by me in a prior PC article (Feb. 17-Mar. 2). This review based on actual 1994 revenue data gives specific data for backup of my previous article referenced above which estimated a need for \$200,000 "belt-tightening" in 1995. The total cash basis 1994 JACL expenditures is \$1,476,300 (very near \$1,500,000) according to the JACL issued report of Feb 13. If there is an annual 5% growth in expenditure referenced to 1995, the yearly revenues needed for 1996, 1997, and 1998 to avoid deficit spending are \$1,365,000, \$1,433,250, and \$1,504,913, respectively. So just in another three short years, a modest increase of 5% per year in expenditures result in a revenue need again of \$1,500,000. Also, the 1995 rev-

enue projection depends greatly on no drastic membership decline. So major attention is needed now on how JACL can raise the funds to remain a fiscally sound, viable

organization in the future!

Kajiara is president of the Ventura County Chapter, JACL, and a former national president.

REVENUE ITEM	1994 AMOUNT	1995 PROJECTION
MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	\$839,163	\$815,000
INVESTMENT INCOME:		
a. Legacy Fund	\$114,560	\$115,000
b. National Endowment	34,330	35,000
c. Life Membership	37,277	37,000
d. Other(What is included?)	13,122	13,000
Total investment income	\$199,289	\$200,000
FUNDRAISING REVENUES		
a. Dinners and other events	\$ 0	\$ 0*
b. Annual Giving Campaign	81,578	50,000**
c. Sweepstakes	13,652	0
d. Total fundraising income:	\$95,230	\$50,000
DONATIONS AND OTHERS:		
a. Donations	\$22,826	\$23,000
b. Revenue sharing	31,312	31,000
c. Other(What is included?)	17,400	17,000
Total donations and others	\$71,538	\$71,000
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Revenue:		
a. Advertising	\$143,553	\$144,000
b. Non-member subscriber	45,409	45,000
c. Other(What is included?)	7,249	7,200
Total revenue	\$196,211	\$196,200
TOTAL ESTIMATED 1995 REVENUE		\$1,332,200

## Whereabouts

**Yukio Kishi**, 8th Air Force—George Nicolau, best known for his baseball arbitration service, wants to get in touch with and meet Yukio Kishi, a Nisei who flew B-17 combat missions over Germany in 1944 as a radioman with the 388th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, then based in Thetford, England. Navigator Nicolau says Kishi hailed from Little Rock, Ark. Will he or his friends who know his whereabouts please write: Ted Tsukiyama (522nd/CBI), 2536 Sonoma Pl., Honolulu, HI 96822, who will put him in touch with Nicolau.

**Misao Pat Fujii** (formerly Mrs. Keiji Fujii), born and raised in Terminal Island, Calif. Last known residence was San Jose, Calif., where her sister Sachiko Sugimoto (husband Ben deceased) also resides. Ms. Fujii also has three sisters: Terry Okimoto (husband Tom), last known residence, Terminal Island; Ritsuko or Tiz Eder of Long Beach, Calif. Her husband a longtime employee of Van Camp Seafood of Terminal Island; Yaiko (?) Miyoshi.

Contact Richard Suenaga, 555 Warren Ave., Pocatello, ID, 83201

**Perry Saito/Sada Murayama**

of Little Theater, Tule Lake—Readers who have information and recollections of plays produced at the WWII internment camps, especially of Perry Saito and Sada Murayama, who were instrumental in organizing the Little Theater at Tule Lake, can respond to Robert Cooperman, 2968 Stillmeadow Dr., Dublin, OH 43017, a graduate student in English at Ohio State University. He further welcomes hearing from actors and audience members, their thoughts on why theater was important to them during their internment.

An active member of the camp theater group, Hiroshi Kashiwagi (4314 Pacheco, San Francisco, CA 94116, 415/664-7230), found these names in programs he had received from a woman in Palo Alto who attended the monthly shows from November 1942 - May 1943: Katsumi Abe, May Abe, Dorothy Aredas, Laura Fujiye, Roy Higashi, Miyuki Inouye, Marian Ishii, Lily Kamikawa, George Katagiri, Barney Kawada, Fumi Kondo (deceased), Tomi Kondo, Masa Koyama, Helen Mayeda, Yoichi Mitsuome, Dickie Moriyasu, Georgette Motomatsu, Henry Motomatsu, Kay Murata, Bonnie Nakamura, Oliver Noji, Rei Ota, Masami Sado, Suteko

Sakuma, Sam Sato, Lillian Shimasaki, Jiro Shimoda, Joni Shimoda, Yukio Shimoda (deceased), Jeannette Smoyer, Garrett Starmer, Andy Sugiyama, Alice Takahira, Harry Tanabe, Flora Terada, Alice Tokuno, Ted Tokuno, Kiku Tomita, Marcelline Uyeji, June Uyetake, Kay Yamada, Grace Yamadera, Keiko Yatsu. (Most of the women had their maiden names.) Kashiwagi would appreciate hearing from any of these persons, their relatives or anyone who remembers the Little Theater.

**Anaheim Union High, '41 Grads**—Vicki Loudon, 166 Mira Velero, San Clemente, CA 92673, is anxious to locate her Nisei classmates of 1941, Anaheim (Calif.) Union High School: Kay Ikeda, Isamu Matsumoto, Tom Nishimine, Ace Nishiyama, Kinuco Toke, James Wada.

**Nisei of Niland**—David Butler, 1019-E West Pine St, Upland, CA 91786, 909/981-2867, is anxious to contact any Japanese Americans who lived in Niland between 1931-1945: His father was the Southern Pacific Railroad agent and they lived in the depot. David, 65, attended Niland El-

ementary School, graduating in 1942.

**Jerry Hayase**—Shinsuke Asano of Japan, who visited Bill R. Cloud, 972 Duffin Dr., Hollister, CA 95023, last year remembers the postwar kindnesses of Jerry Hayase (probably an MIS veteran from Hawaii) and wants to thank him, wishing it could have been possible while he was visiting the U.S. Information will be appreciated, care of Mr. Cloud. They met by chance in 1965 when both worked at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo.

**Rosa Komatsuka, Grace Ikemura**, "Through Innocent Eyes"—University of Hawaii Curriculum Research and Development Group (Dr. Linda Merton or Dr. Eileen Tamura, 808/956-6719) wants permission to use two works in "Through Innocent Eyes," edited by Vincent Tajiri, by Rosa Komatsuka, 9th grader in 1943, and Grace Ikemura, Block 26-7-C, Poston.

**Stanley T. Ichiki, KIA**—Leroy O. Myers, 188 Beall Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236, seeks the parents or relatives of Stanley T. Ichiki, KIA, who was killed in ac-

tion in 1945, for the 76th Infantry Division military records.

**S/Sgt. Stanley S. Nakano Co. G, 442nd RCT**—Sumiko Kobayashi (Woolman Commons, 46-D Buttonwood St., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, 609/265-1725) would like to know, if deceased, heirs of Sgt. Nakano, previously of 3316 Hinano St., Honolulu, and who may have moved to the Mainland.

**Ruth Ueda Sugai**—Laddie J. Vacek (707 Bellevue Blvd. N, Bellevue, NE 68005) has some photos Ruth would probably like to have and/or renew friendship. "We were high school pen pals in '37-'38. The last address I have after she married was: Ruth Sugai, 2612 Broadway, New York City."

**Kay Shinobu Mano**—Mary Alice Van Buskirk (now Mrs. Moore, 730 W. 28th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405) kept in touch in the late '30s with Kay Mano of Corcoran, Calif., until the war and "I have been sorry since." Kay's family had a store. She went to Berkeley, while Mary Alice went on to UCLA.

## AGENDA

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of the Nisei defending the country that held their families prisoners.

The Time of Remembrance Educators' Workshop was chaired by Ruth Seo with the theme: "Justice is a Matter of Continuing Education."

For two weeks prior to the main Time of Remembrance Program at the Florin YBA Hall, two and three classes of 5th graders of Elk Grove Elementary Schools were bussed to the Elk Grove District Board Room. Here, Mary Tsukamoto (Jerome), Jim Tanaka (Gila River), Joanne Iritani (Poston), Vi Hatano (Poston) and others gave talks to the young students and teachers and answered questions about Japanese American history and internment.

The presentations were enhanced by exhibits of many historical and internment photos and documents as well as the replica of an internment barrack set up in a corner of the room. For most, it was the first time they heard about what happened to Japanese American families during WW II.

These class presentations have been held yearly since February, 1983, when the the Elk Grove Unified School Board first adopted a resolution recognizing Day of Remembrances and designated these two-week presentations as days of commemorative exhibition and learning Japanese American history. Teachers, whose students attend the exhibit, participate in an orientation workshop which focused on the internment, the Constitution and rights of American citizens.

At the YBA Hall were other booths such as literature tables offering the curriculum and resource guide, "The Japanese American Experience: A Lesson in American History," published by the National JACL Education Committee. Many other books on internment and Japanese American history were available. The arts and crafts display included woodwork, ceramics and needlework by internees.

The Florin Time of Remembrance program presented highlights of the history or Japanese America story in capsule form. Chaired by Christine Umeda (Tule Lake and Topaz), it was the result of evaluations at the end of each year's program, all-year planning, many committees working and involvement of many people.



## Winner

George Kiriya (right) celebrates his election to the District 7 Los Angeles Board of Education seat recently. With him is his wife Iku and his campaign manager, Joe Ahn. Kiriya is a principal in Gardena, Calif. He succeeds Warren Furutani.

Photo: JEM LEW

## HOSOKAWA

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"JACL Board members continue to demonstrate a total lack of understanding as to their fiduciary responsibilities and personal liability for fiscal mismanagement. Instead of pulling together to correct JACL's substantial financial and administrative problems, Board members are pursuing their own personal agendas at the expense of the organization.

"A house divided will fall and that is certainly where JACL's Board is headed. Instead of pulling together and rectifying JACL's severe fiscal and administrative problems, the JACL Board remains divided and embroiled in controversy... Reinstating staff members who perpetuated the problem for so many years won't restore accountability and trust between the JACL Board, the membership, and staff..."

If that advice isn't heeded, JACL is likely to be like the Cheshire Cat which Alice met. The cat had a big grin, and it had a way of disappearing, leaving only its grin hanging in the air.

## MARUTANI

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I was the sole occupant. Some women with babies strapped to their back were trying to maintain balance in a crowded vestibule. Army regs or not, I directed them into the military car.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I've been on the receiving end of an act of concern on the part of the Japanese. A small incident, which well could have resulted in serious injury or even death but for the act of a Japanese truck driver. One lazy afternoon in Kyushu, I was operating a jeep along a roadway bordering above a bay. Those of you who have travelled Japan's rural roads know that often there are no guardrails. That seaside highway to Sasebo along the bay was just such a road. The jeep was open with no roof, the warm sun was soothingly beaming down that day, and I was tired. Suddenly, there was this frantic "beep, beep, beep" of the truck behind me—and I bolted upright, startled. I had dozed off, and my jeep was headed for a disastrous plunge into the bay below. At that moment, I was more embarrassed than frightened.

I CONTINUE wondering whether some Japanese sociologist or historian ever chronicled the presence of Nikkei *shin-chugun's* in post-war Japan, and how the Nippon-jins regarded them. It could be interesting reading.

## D'AMATO

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D'Amato," said Mineta.

Bill Marutani, president of the Go For Broke National Veterans Association, criticized D'Amato's Ito comments and an earlier apology in which D'Amato said he apologized "if I offended anyone."

After the apology on the Senate floor, Marutani praised the senator's action. "I want you to know that as a fellow American who happens to be—proudly so—of Japanese ancestry, I, for one, commend you for your forthright renunciation. A few years ago I met one of your staff who was a Chinese American—concrete proof that at heart you view all people equally," said Marutani.

## SHAPIRO

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violent forms of racism, yet unfortunately, our society is desensitized to this type of racism."

Shapiro apologized in court Apr. 17 to Fung and the entire Asian American community.

"I privately apologized to Mr. Dennis Fung for some remarks that I made in the courtroom and I want to publicly apologize to him

and to all my friends in the Asian American community," said Shapiro. "My heart has been heavy all weekend if even one person has been offended."

In a letter sent to Shapiro's office, Leigh Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "Your distribution of fortune cookies in the courtroom and your comment that they were from the 'Hang Fung' restaurant were outrageous examples of demeaning ethnic stereotypes. It is the height of hypocrisy for you and other members of the O.J. Simpson defense team to accuse the police of racism and at the same time resort to racial stereotypes yourselves."

In his apology, Shapiro said that the remark was meant to be a pun on Fung's name.

"In hindsight, the remarks could have been misconstrued as something other than just in humor and being a pun," said Shapiro.

## LETTERS

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bership and moneys that can be raised.

We need to develop a goals statement which reflects the desires of the members. I recall that we had an intensive effort along that line in the past; has our membership changed so that our goals may be different today?

Our deficits are not that impossible in today's world. We can ask members for donations on a short term basis; we need to ask members to support an increase in yearly dues. We can increase membership by involving everyone - from Nisei to Sansei and Yonsei. In our Contra Costa chapter the Sansei are taking the leadership, and our program reflects their new ideas. We can put on significant fundraising activities with other JACL chapters.

We have had problems in JACL

before. I have disagreed with JACL on some political issues. But I remain committed to the general aims of JACL and urge everyone to participate in resolving this financial crisis.

Our energies should be directed to the deep problems we face in our country.

*Chizu Tiyama*

El Cerrito, Calif.

## JACL finances need fixing, he says

The attention of your readers should be called to the Campbell Report featured in the front page of your April 7-20 *Pacific Citizen*. If the report is based on fact, there should be no question that the fiscal records of National JACL are not in order. The most fundamental requisites of accounting procedures do not seem to have been followed. There seems to have been a total lack of accounting controls.

Randy Senzaki as National Executive Director, Jon Kaji as National Treasurer, and Patty Paganini as Business Manager do not seem to have exercised proper control to resolve the budget deficit problem. The choice of Kaji as National Treasurer does not seem to have been wise, among other things, because he resides in Tokyo and it would be difficult to carry out his duties as Treasurer because he is far from the scene of action. Proper procedures have not been followed. Proper records have not been kept. Periodic financial reports do not seem to have been made to the National Board. At the Denver convention of 1992, the Fresno JACL proposed a resolution demanding the publication of salaries paid to staff members and periodic reports made to the National Board. Even

at this late date, the compensation and benefits paid staff members under the old setup are not known to JACL Members. There has been talk of under-compensated and over-worked staff. These rumors should be put to rest by publishing the facts. We cannot over-emphasize the fact that we are public organization and members are entitled to know how their money is being spent. There is definite need for a third-party investigation of office procedures and any necessary revisions made to meet minimum standards of accountability.

*Fred Y. Hirasuna*

Fresno, Calif.

## Reader says: Shame on you Kaji

Jon Kaji, shame, shame, shame on you for doing such a mean-spirited thing by making the checks bounce. Not only were you trying to damage an organization, but you were harming individuals who have no idea of your petty bickering and egocentric behavior. The JA community is a small one and the only thing you have is your name, the name Bruce gave you.

In the JA community we believe in trust or "shinyo" and it looks like you don't measure up to its high standards. In addition, your attack and lies about Grayce Uyehara is unforgivable. To tell lies about Mrs. Uyehara, Mrs. Redress, the lady who worked so hard for the JA community and redress, a "Mother Teresa" is inconceivable. While you still have time it's best to apologize. I know many may forgive you, but very few will forget. The name "Jon Kaji" will be equivalent to bouncing checks when people say don't

do a "Jon Kaji" on me, people will understand.

*John M. Nishizaka*  
Granada Hills, Calif.

## CALENDAR

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Indianapolis. Nisei veterans in the Midwest invited to participate in opening ceremony. Their names and addresses requested by Charles Matsumoto, Hoosier JACL president, 849 Reda Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

## 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. Dop Nakanishi.

## Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sun. Aug. 27—Pre-WWII Nisei reunion of Thomas, Wash., School students and former neighbors; RSVP by April 30, information Momoko Morinaga Kido, 9733 - 51st Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98118, 206/722-6725. NOTE—Reunion \$25 registration includes bento box.

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## Obituaries

**Akashi, Vivian K** 89, San Francisco, Feb. 22; Isleton-born, survived by sons Mitsuru, Toshikazu (Jpn), Motomu, daughters Satsuki Morimoto, Tomoe Suzuki, Junko Wadama, gc & ggc.

**Akemoto, Sadao**, 95, Gardena, March 23; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Shigeko, daughters Yoshiye Hollingsworth, Sakae Mikawa, Margaret Yamana, Toshiko Ikeda, 10 gc., 10 ggc.

**Araki, Shizuko**, 81, Fresno, March 11; Dinuba-born, survived by husband Masao, brother Masato James Kunitake.

**Baba, George R. MD, 82**, Portola Valley, March 10; San Francisco-born physician, survived by wife Masako Akimoto -Baba MD, daughter Georgia C. Baba, 1 gc, brother Soshiro.

**Fujii, Tadashi**, 60, Thousand Oaks, March 16; Compton-born, survived by wife Yoko, son Dr. Bryan, daughter Lori, father Shigetoshi, brother Yuzuru, sister Aiko Muraoka (Chula Vista), mother-in-law Noriko Fujiwara (Gardena).

**Fujioka, George S. 72**, Walnut Creek, Feb. 27; Vashon Island, Wash.-born research chemist with Dow Chemical for 30 years, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi graduate and doctorate from Univ. of Washington; charter member and president ('85) of Diablo Valley JACL, member of Contra County County affirmative action committee, Conflict resolution panel, Economic opportunity council, Human relations commission; survived by wife of 42 years Mollie, son David (San Luis Obispo), daughter Donna (Oakland), 1 gc., brothers Tashio (Vashon), Yukio (Spokane), sisters Martha Nakamoto, Mary Fujioka, Susie Fujioka (all of Bainbridge Island). Memorials: JACL Scholarship Council, 135 Caminar Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

**Ike, Tsuchiko**, 70, Gardena, March 29; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughters Janet Kamiya, Irene, 1 gs, brothers and sisters in Japan.

**Ikkanda, Tomoko Miyake**, 78, Los Angeles, March 28; Venice-born, survived by husband David, daughter Jean Shimotsu, 3 gc., brothers Ocean, Yachi (Los Altos), Kuni, George, Perry Miyake, sisters Shiz Okura, Yuri Amamoto.

**Ishida, Ryohei**, 82, Anaheim, March 26; Kanagawa-born, survived by wife Ilean; brother-sisters in Jpn.

**Ishihara, Toichi**, 93, Newport Beach, March 29; Kagoshima-born, survived by daughters Setsuko Takata, Kayoko Fukumoto, Masako Takata, 7 gc., three sisters in Japan.

**Ito, Richard T. 72**, Carson, March 30; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Beatrice, sons Les, Wayne, daughter Annette Diaz, 3 gc., sisters Hachime Noguchi (Honolulu), Tomiko Ogata, Irene Pillon (both Maui), Mildred Colvard (Ventura), Hilda Carvalho (Maui).

**Iwanaga, Chiyo**, 105, Los Angeles, March 30; Fukushima-born, survived by son Dan, daughters Kiyu Umeda, Fumiko Mizuno, Haruko Sugino, 16 gc., 10 ggc., 2 ggc.

**Iwaoka, Takashi**, 70, North Hollywood, March 27; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Miyoko, sons Masaaki, Masaharu, Masahiro, 1 gc.

## JACL scholarship evaluations begin

**FRESNO**—Several hundred national JACL scholarship applications have been received by National JACL, with the required postmark on or before April 1. Chapters all across the country assisted the process by pre-screening local high school applicants and sending then top two candidates for consideration for the entering freshmen awards. These awards will be reviewed by an evaluation committee from the Mountain Plains District Council (MPDC).

Students already enrolled in undergraduate, graduate or law schools submitted their applications directly to National JACL. These applications will be reviewed by an Intermountain District Council (IDC) review committee.

Selection of award recipients should be announced in early June. For those interested in applying for next year's awards, applications should be available in late October. Contact your local regional office or National Headquarters. Written requests for applications should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

tor, opened first Japanese import store postwar in St. Louis, retired in '78, founder of St. Louis JACL and Japanese Botanic Gardens, survived by son Ken (Atherton, Calif.), Wataru (Tokyo), daughter Teruko Yagi (Tokyo), 2 gc.

**Masuhara, Isamu**, 75, Sacramento, Feb. 15; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Genevieve, daughter Sachiko Kawano, sisters Camille Matsui, Violent Ono.

**Mayekawa, Yoshiko**, 70, Arcadia, March 15; Gardena-born, survived by daughter Marlene Kerber, brother Takashi, 1 gc.

**McLaren, Dallas Carlton**, 92, Honolulu, March 4; Illinois-born high school principal at Poston Camp 2 during WWII, had taught in Hawaii since 1926 (Hilo, Kauai) principal at Waipahu HS at time of Pearl Harbor, returned to Illinois because of his first wife's illness who passed away '46, retired in '76 from Kawanakoa Intermediate School; survived by second wife Shiori, sons Dallas Jr, John, Jay, daughter Elaine McLaren-Anderson, 9 gc., 10 ggc.

**Michida, Molly**, 67, San Francisco, Feb. 11; Watsonville-born, survived by daughter Diane Inaga, son Donald, mother Toshiko Suyeyasu, 2 gc., sisters Minako Wada, Harumi Suyeyasu, brothers Bill, Makoto, Ted Sayeyusa.

**Miyakawa, Tsugi**, 90, Chicago, Feb. 18; Shiga-born, survived by sons Seichi, Jimmie, daughters Toshiko Ishima, Mariko Sakata, 13 gc., 10 ggc.

**Mochizuki, Hanako**, 80, Sacramento, March 2; San Diego-born, survived by husband Tom, sons Tak Nobuhata, Hito, Mas (Jpn), 5 gc., sisters Fumiko Yoshimura, Kimiko Okihara, Yoshiko Mizuhata (Jpn).

**Mukai, Kazumasa**, 84, Gilroy, March 3; San Benito County-born, survived by wife Fumie, sons Larry, Kenny.

**Naïto, Mary W. 82**, Los Angeles, April 2; Webster, Texas-born, survived by son Kenneth, daughter Barbara Calicchia, brothers Ken Watanabe (Dickinson, Tex.), Richard Watanabe (Houston), sisters Rola Saibara (Houston), Ella Nakamura (Los Gatos, Calif.), Alice Chikamori.

**Nakada, George**, 64, Pacoima, March 31; Palos Verdes-born, survived by wife Hisako, son James, four brothers and one sister all in Jpn.

**Nakahara, Arthur M. 76**, San Pedro, March 20; San Pedro-born, retired retail clerk employee, survived by wife Chiyo, son Eric, daughters Myra Graham, Della Copeland, Nora Tam, 9 gc., brothers Peter (San Jose), sister Mary Yuri Kochiyama (New York).

**Nakamura, Dyke**, 80, Tokyo, March 15; Portland, Ore.-born WWII MIS and Korean War veteran, stock broker with Yamakichi Securities Co. and JACL Japan member; survived by wife Ikuko, son Grange, daughter Elen Fukuda (Placentia, Calif.), 2 gc., brothers Tats (Oregon), Ben (Portland), George (Brazil), sisters Mary Tambara, Mitsue Sugahiro (both Oregon).

**Nakamura, Hisaye**, 89, Los Angeles, March 17; Wakayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen and widow of the late Gongoro, survived by son Dr. Robert M., daughter Mitsuko Sankey, son Rev. Hisahiro Nakatsumi, 10 gc., 3 ggc., sister-in-law Fusaye Ota.

**Nakamura, Migaki**, 71, Santa Ana, March 26; Selma-born, survived by wife Teruko, daughters Susan Caskey, Janet, sisters Kazue Yamada, Mitsue Kaihara, Sadako Yanagimoto, Keiko Marumoto.

**Nakata, Steve Tadashi**, 46, Van Nuys, March 30; Los Angeles-born SENSEI, survived by mother Eiko Nakata, brother Glenn.

**Nakano, Kiyoko**, 61, San Francisco, March 4; Nagasaki-born, survived by husband Tsuyoshi, daughters Barbara, Vivian Nakano, 1 gc.

**Negoro, Henry**, 74, Gardena, Oct. 6 ('94); survived by wife Clara, sisters Mary Yokoyama and Rose Sakai (both Chicago).

**Nicholson, Goldie**, 88, Medina, Ohio, March 31; Ohio-born prewar Baptist missionary in Japan and Sacramento, WWII Tule Lake School teacher, postwar social worker/housing director in Cleveland with International House; survived by brother Russell (Winterhaven, Fla.), gd Kay Guinto; predeceased by husband Dr. Ed Yasunaga ('90).

**Nishikawa, Masao**, 88, Los Angeles, March 17; Fresno-born, survived by son Gary, daughter Jane, 1 gc, brothers Minoru (Jpn), Hitoshi, sister Shizue Salto.

**Nishimoto, Masako**, 60, Alhambra, March 27; Gardena-born, survived by husband Manabu, son Mitchell, daughters Marlene Horowitz, Naomi Hiroto, Madoka, 4 gc., brothers Roy, Hiroshi, Lefty Kikkawa, mother-in-law Miyuki Nishimoto (Jpn).

**Nishimuta, Sumiyuki**, 57, Costa Mesa, April 2; Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Chimi, son Junichi, daughter Hitomi Kojima.

**Okamoto, Takashi R. 77**, Torrance, March 23; Glendale-born 442nd vet, survived by wife Dora, son David A, daughter Elaine Miwa, brothers Yukio, Hiroji, Iwao, Steve, Tom, sister Michiye Hayashi.

**Okumura, Yodomi**, 72, Thermal, March 20; San Marino-born, survived by wife Yoshie, sons Terrence, William, daughter Sonoko Hamasaki, 3 gc., brothers Takeshi (La Puente), Kawashi (Los Angeles), Tamotsu (Jpn).

**Oyakawa, Lily**, 71, Los Angeles, March 24; El Centro-born, survived by brothers Jim, Evan, sisters May Seta, Grace Mori.

**Sakai, Mitsuo R.**, Monterey Park, March 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, sons Robert, Wayne, daughter Elaine, 2 gc.

**Sakai, Shizuko**, 59, Los Angeles, March 30; Kochi-born, survived by husband Toshinori, sons Yoshikatsu, Kenji, daughters Amar Rivas, Tomoko, 6 gc.

**Sakata, Kiyoko**, 99, Hayward, March 1; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Tom, Hiroshi, daughter Mary Agawa, 9 gc., 3 ggc.

**Sakata, Kiyoko**, 91, Burbank, Feb. 27; founding member of Glendale Japanese Free Methodist Church, survived by sons Frank, George (Goose Creek, S.C.), 9 gc., 5 ggc.

**Schraudenbach, Chiyo Kawamura**, 73, Sun City, Calif., March 19; Fresno-born, survived by husband Fred, daughter Janice Kawamura, son Lawrence & Kenneth Kawamura, 2 gc., 2 ggc., brothers Minoru Ota, sisters Isami Kubota, Amy Asai, Aiko Kusaba.

**Sugita, Yuri**, 66, Fullerton, April 1; Whittier-born, survived by husband Choye, daughters Sherrie Henson, Susan Reed, Elyn Mori, son Craig, 5 gc, sister Yuki Horimoto.

**Suyeyoshi, Yoshiko**, 62, San Diego, April 2; Kagoshima-born, survived by husband Yoshinobu, sons Hitoshi, Koji, Hiroto, daughter Yumiko.

**Takaki, Minoru**, 79, Woodland, Feb. 109; Courtland-born, survived by wife Alyce, daughters Frances Ellis, Sandra Fujii (both Sunnyvale), 5 gc., 1 ggc., brother Shigeru, sister Hatsume Tokunaga (Jpn).

**Tanaka, Richard I.**, 59, Oceanside, March 13; US Army vet, survived by wife Claudia Hansow-Tanaka, sons Dana, Jeffrey, daughters Laura Boyer, Tracy, Terry Herzman, mother Kimiye Tanaka, brothers Frank, Jerry, Tad, sisters Merijane, Sally.

**Tanaka, Shigeichi**, 78 Acampo, March 7; Acampo-born, survived by son Edward, Randall, daughters Sharon Siegenthaler, Karlene Kawada, gc.

**Tanaka, Robert Yoshio**, 30, La Mirada, Feb. 22; Whittier-born, survived by parents George and Fujiko, sisters Dr. Katherine, Annette S. Moran.

**Tanaka, Yasuko Tsuji**, 69, Gardena, March 30; Tokyo-born, survived by husband Yukio, son George, daughter Grace Nakamaru, 3 gc., brothers and sisters in Jpn.

**Tanimoto, Kiyomi**, 79, Sanger, March 2; Hawaii-born, survived by sons George, Frank, daughters Betty Hishida, Joyce Tuck, Marilyn Oishi (Hawaii), 10 gc., 3 ggc., brother Kiyoshi (Jpn).

**Tsuchiyama, Kiyu Anna**, 96, Monterey Park, March 18; Ishikawa-born, survived by son Shigeru, daughter Grace Murase, 5 gc., 1 ggc.

**Uchida, George**, 74, Berkeley, March 4 in auto accident by out-of-control vehicle.

**Ujile, Rinji**, 94, Los Angeles, March 23; Fukushima-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, daughters Doris Harakuni, Elsie Leavesley (Seattle), Ethel Peschau (Honolulu), 7 gc., 5 ggc., brother Kikuji (Maui).

**Wakayama, Tomie**, 88, Penngrove, Feb. 23; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons George, Jimmy, daughter Mary Noguchi, 7 gc., 2 ggc.

**Watanabe, Sakaye**, 75, Gardena, March 3; Dinuba-born, survived by husband Sadao, daughters Edna, Patricia, Gall, sister June Takayama, brothers Minoru Oyama, George, Sam, Yoshi, Kiyoshi.

**Yamamoto, John Yelji**, 84, Dinuba, Feb. 14; survived by wife Lily, sons Francis, Marvin, Elden, Edwin, Juan.

**Yamamoto, Katsumi**, 50, San Mateo, March 4 of heart attack; Ishikawa-born survived by sons Bobby, Mark, sisters Fumiya Takamura, Aiko, Kimie, Yoshiko Imura (all Jpn).

**Yayata, Yuk**, 72, Richmond, Feb. 27; survived by wife Helen, daughters Stacie, Candace, Kristi Peralta.

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