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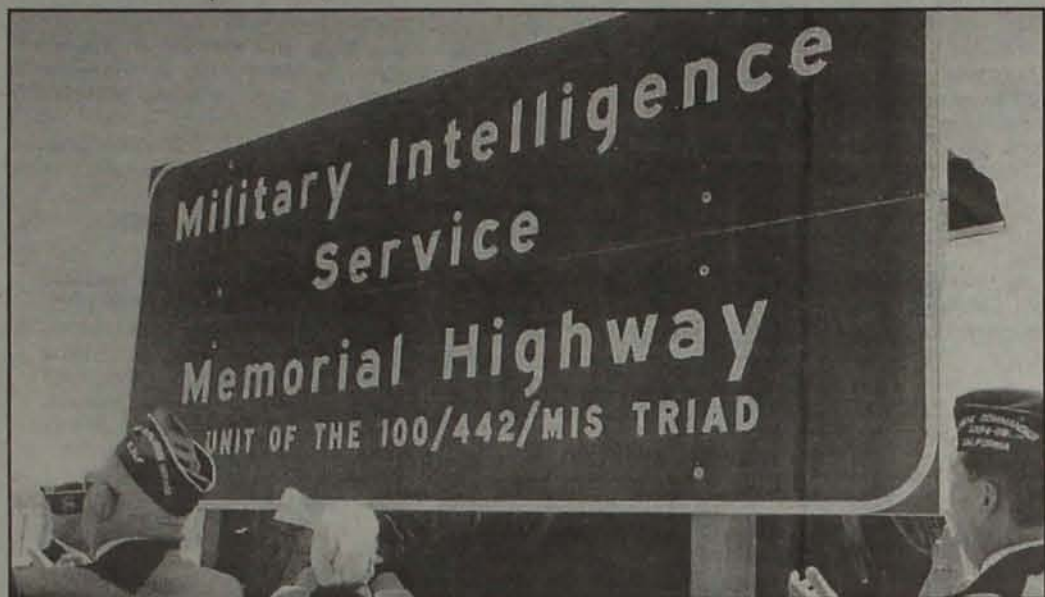
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SIGN OF THE TIMES—Nikkei veterans gather to dedicate the MIS memorial highway at the

junction of California State Highways 23 and 188 in Simi Valley in ceremonies held June 10.

Simi Valley, Calif., highway dedicated June 10 to MIS

Simply put, some 200 veterans, dignitaries and friends called it a beautiful and moving ceremony. They were all participating in the June 10 Military Intelligence Service (MIS) memorial highway dedication ceremony at the intersection of California State Highways 23 and 118 in Simi Valley, Calif. This was the first of the three highway signs being posted by CalTrans this summer in memory of Japanese Americans who fought during World War II in the MIS, 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Among the MIS dignitaries were Harry

Fukuhara and Nobu Yoshimura of MIS Nor-Cal, Dr. Frank Nishio of Fresno, Jim Mita and Henry Kuwabara, MIS-Southern Cal. Also speaking were Col. Young O. Kim, 100th/442nd; and Assemblywoman Cathy Wright

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of Simi Valley, and Assemblyman Nao Takasugi of Oxnard, principal co-author of ACR 62 which designated the three sections of state highways. Funds for these special highway signs were all raised by the Nisei veterans. George Kanegai, West L.A. MIS leader, was program chair.

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Affirmative action programs limited by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court June 12 sharply restricted federal affirmative action programs for racial minorities, deciding a politically explosive issue by a one-vote majority.

The 5-4 ruling was a setback for President Clinton—who had ordered only a cautious review of existing affirmative action programs, which are dear to liberal Democrats—by ordering tough new standards to be met before the government can pursue preferences for blacks and other minorities.

Responding to the news, Leigh-Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C., representative, said: "A color-blind and race-neutral society may be the constitutional ideal, but it is far from the reality. The court was wrong to give such short shrift to the fact that racism pervades our society. Efforts to remedy discrimination are not the same as the discrimination itself. As Justice Stevens so aptly put it in his dissenting opinion, 'There is no moral or constitutional equivalence between a policy that is designed to perpetuate a caste system and one that seeks to eradicate racial subordination.'"

"While the court did leave open the possibility that some affirmative action programs will survive the 'strict scrutiny' test established in Adarand, all lawyers know that the test has been virtually impossible to meet in past cases. Minorities, women, and the dis-

abled will now face attacks on every affirmative action program administered by the government. The years before us pose difficult challenges.

"I find it ironic that the conservative justices who claim to support deference to legislative bodies have no qualms about striking down congressional measures designed to level the playing field for minorities. Judicial activism, it seems, is warranted when it serves to protect the interests of those who hold the upper hand in our society."

Writing for the court majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said federal programs can survive only if they serve "a compelling governmental interest" and are "narrowly tailored."

And Clarence Thomas, the court's only black but also one of its most conservative members, described unfettered affirmative action as "a racial paternalism exception to the (constitutional) principle of equal protection."

The case that produced the decision involved a government program setting aside construction contracts for minority businesses. But it appeared that the ruling in principle could affect a wide range of other programs including the awarding of broadcast licenses and possibly minority hiring.

The court also decided another important civil rights case by a 5-4 vote, ruling that a federal judge had exceeded

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Boise Valley hosts IDC-PNW conference

Boise Valley Chapter, JACL, and the Intermountain District are sponsoring the fourth Intermountain-Pacific Northwest bi-district meeting July 8-9 at the Red Lion Downtowner in Boise, Idaho.

According to Ed Hirahara, Boise Valley Chapter member, separate district meetings will be held Saturday morning and the afternoon session will be a joint bi-district session. The districts are also planning a workshop and discussion on how to increase membership in JACL.

Keynote speaker at the dinner on Saturday night is scheduled to be Marilyn Shuler of the Idaho Human Relations Commission.

Information: Seiichi Hayashida, conference coordinator, 208/466-7226; Ed Hirahara, 208/939-2224.

JACL opposes cuts in number of legal immigrants allowed

JACL and other Asian American groups have strongly criticized recommendations from a bipartisan federal commission calling for cuts in the number of immigrants legally allowed into the United States each year.

Chaired by former Rep. Barbara Jordan, the nine-member U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform recommended that Congress pass legislation decreasing the number of immigrants allowed to legally enter the U.S. by one-third over the next several years from 800,000 in 1994 to 550,000.

Other commission recommendations:

- The deletion of visa preference status for extended family members who wish to emigrate including brothers, sisters and adult children of U.S. citizens.
- Speeding up admission of immediate family members such as parents, children and spouses.
- Reducing the number of visas granted on the basis of job skills from the current 140,000 to 100,000.
- Eliminating visas for unskilled laborers.

JACL worried about Feinstein

JACL expressed its concern that recent votes by California Sen. Dianne Feinstein indicate that her position is anti-immigration.

During a June 7 meeting of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee to vote on Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson's Immigration and Financial Responsibility Act, Feinstein voted to allow employers to demand whatever proof of work authorization they desire. Accord-

ing to JACL, the Justice Department provided evidence that some employers deny jobs to U.S. citizens who are Asian or Latino because they cannot produce green card.

Feinstein also voted against an amendment to Simpson's bill which would have reduced the minimum 10-year limitation on benefits for each quarter an immigrant has worked and paid

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- A transitional period in which the immigration limit would be 700,000 to allow for the large number of spouses and small children currently waiting to emigrate to the United States.

The commission was formed in 1990 by Congress to review immigration issues. A final report is expected by the end of the year.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, said, "These pro-

posals will have a devastating effect on the Asian Pacific American community. The extended family plays an important role in our traditions and culture."

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Jordan said, "Immigrants admitted through a well-regulated system strengthen the United States. We recognize however, that there are costs as well as benefits

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MINETA

Group protests agency targeting of Asian immigrants

Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus members recently protested recommendations targeting Asian immigration by the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform.

Caucus Chair Norman Mineta said, "Unfortunately, the Commission's recommendations for eliminating categories of family immigration are targeted precisely at the categories in which most Asians apply."

According to the caucus, categories targeted for elimination

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Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thu-Sun., July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Albuquerque, N.M., Marriott Hotel. (See below: NEW MEXICO).

SOUTHEAST

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

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thu-Sun., July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Albuquerque, N.M., Marriott Hotel. (See below: NEW MEXICO).

Mountain-Plains

NEW MEXICO

Thu-Sun., July 20-23—"A World of Diversity," EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana NE, Albuquerque. Workshops on finance and quality management for chapters, JACL and JA Community issues. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258, 505/294-3274. REGISTRATION—"JACL Tri-District Conference," c/o Moss & Jean Kishiyama, 7624 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505/294-3274. Advance by June 28, \$100 member, \$125 non-member; after June 28 - \$125, \$150 respectively.

Intermountain

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat-Sun. July 8-9 (New Dates)—Joint IDC-PNWDC conference, Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, Idaho. Sat. 8-noon, separate DC sessions; 1:30-5 p.m. joint sessions; 7 p.m. banquet. Info: Ed Hirahara 208/939-2224, Selichi Haya-shida 208/466-7226. NOTE—Co-hosted by Boise Valley JACL.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat-Sun. July 8-9 (New Dates)—Joint IDC-PNWDC conference, Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, Idaho. (See above: Intermountain).

NorCal-WN-Pac

CONTRA COSTA

Sun. June 25—Tri-Chapter family picnic, Pleasant Hill Park. Info: Jim Oshima 510/237-0323.

Sun. July 16—Family Bowling, 10 a.m.-noon, info: Robert Fukushima 510/235-8359.

FRENCH CAMP

Sat. July 8—Annual bazaar, teriyaki chicken, 4-10 p.m., Japanese Community Hall; info: Fumiko Asano 209/982-4680.

SACRAMENTO

Sat. June 17—Night golf tournament, 6 p.m. teeoff, dinner between front and back nine, Bradshaw Ranch GC, 7350 Bradshaw Rd.; info: Gary Kikumoto 916/391-0481, JACL Office 916/447-0231.

SAN JOSE

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

SAN MATEO

Tue. June 27—JACL Community Center excursion to San Francisco's Flower Market and Calif. Academy of Culinary Arts and Japantown. RSVP \$45, Roz Enomoto 415/343-2793. NOTE—Fare includes transportation and lunch.

Central California

FRESNO

Sat-Sun. June 24-25—Chartered bus trip to Disneyland & Japanese American National Museum; info: Deborah Ikeda 209/434-1264. NOTE—Bus leaves 6 p.m. Friday for Anaheim.

Sat. July 29—100th Infantry Bn. Highway Dedication dinner, 6 p.m., Tornino's on Blackstone north of Shaw, RSVP by July 22, \$35, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, 738 E. Tenaya Way, Fresno 93710, 209/439-8769. NOTE—Speakers: Eric Saul, Cressey Nakagawa.

Sun. Sept. 10—10th annual Shinzen Run and chapter picnic, at Woodward Park. Info: Deborah Ikeda 209/434-1264.

Sat. Nov. 4—Annual CCDC dinner; info: Patricia Tsai 209/237-4406.

Pacific Southwest

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri-Sun., Sept. 1-3—7th National JACL Singles Convention / Come Alive in '95, Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa. Registration deadline Aug. 26, c/o Irene Kubo, 927 Folkstone Ave., Hacienda Hts, CA 91745; Info: Grace Masuda, 23802 Bluehill Bay, Monarch Beach, CA 92629, 714/496-7779.

RIVERSIDE

Sun. June 25—JACL community picnic, 11 a.m., Sylvan Park, Redlands. NOTE—Potluck lunch contacts: Lorna Nakamura 909/781-0612, Meiko Inaba 909/682-8116.

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

Sat. Aug. 26—Scholarship benefit steak bake, Early Bird bingo, 4 p.m., Sawtelle Gakuen, 2110 Corinth, info: George Kanegai 310/820-5250.

Community calendar

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East Coast

NEW YORK CITY

Through July 16—"The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-1945," Queen's Museum of Art, Flushing Meadow, info: 718/592-5555.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND—See Reunion, page 6.

SEATTLE

Tue. June 20 through Sat., July 1—Daruma no Gakko, White River Buddhist Temple, 3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn, info: Rev. Jay Shinseki, June Nakano, 206/833-1442. NOTE: Open to students entering first grade through eighth grade.

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

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Fri. July 28—Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Opening: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," 5 p.m., UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum 702/382-4443. NOTE—Exhibit dates: July 22-Oct. 2.

Sat. Aug. 12—Buddhist Sangha's Obon festival, 12-5 p.m., Zelsah Shiner's Hall, 2222 W Mesquite Ave., Pre-order bento (\$6) by phone 702/362-3742 or write

6341 OBannon Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

California

SOLANO COUNTY

Sat. July 22—JACL/Fairfield Senior Center's first annual Japanese Summer Festival, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield, 707/428-7741.

STOCKTON

Fri. Aug. 4—442nd RCT Hwy Marker dedication, 6 p.m., Hotel Hilton; RSVP by July 10: Barry Saiki 2937 Wagner Hts, Stockton, CA 95209, 209/477-7565. NOTE—Col. Chris Keegan, keynote speaker.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. July 2—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268; Yuri Moriwaki 510/482-3280.

SAN JOSE

Sat. Aug. 26-Sat. Sept. 2—Yu-Ai Kai/JAC Senior Center 8-day trip for Mt. Rushmore, Badlands, Yellowstone, Grand Teton; RSVP, info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sat. July 22—Oxnard Obon Festival, 2-9 p.m., Buddhist Church 250 S. H St.; NOTE—Los Angeles Kinnara Taiko group at 5 and 7 p.m.

LOS ANGELES

Through Aug. 27—"Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers, Japanese American and Jewish American GIs," witnesses to liberation of the Nazi death camps in 1945; JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414.

Fri-Sat only to Sept. 2—Jude Narita's one-woman play, "Stories Waiting to be Told," Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sat 2 p.m., Los Angeles Theater Center, 514 S. Spring

St., Box office 213/466-1767.

Sat. June 17—"Manzanar Remembers: the Guayule Project," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Sun. June 18—Lecture: "Wrestling Tigers," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP required, 213/625-0414. NOTE—Poet Chi-Wai Au and playwright-poet-essayist Velina Hasu Houston, speakers.

Mon. June 19 (New Date)—Japan America Society annual dinner, Biltmore Hotel, RSVP & info: 213/627-6217 x17. NOTE—Honorees: Walter F. Beran and Takashi "Tachi" Kiuchi.

Sat. June 24—Manzanar mini-reunion and Panel: "Manzanar Remembers: the Children's Village," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Sun. June 25—Lecture: "Hawai'i Japanese Americans' Redress Story," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP required, 213/625-0414. NOTE—Pam Funai, Jennifer Mikami, speakers.

Sun. July 2—Traditional and Japanese pop music by Rose Vocal Club, 2 p.m., James R. Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance; tickets: 310/781-7171.

Tue. July 5 through July 25—Enrichment Program for the Buddhist Child, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., West Covina Higashi Honganji, ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, info: Georgiann 818/286-1604, Susan 909/594-4868.

Sat. July 8—EO 9066 Commemoration Events, Kayoko Wakita, koto, and Dan Kwong performance art, JACCC, info: 213/628-2725.

Sun. July 23—Okinawan Dance recital by Miyagi-Ryu Toyomu-kai, 1 and 6

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Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Tri-District at Albuquerque, July 20-23

Focus on diversity

"A World of Diversity" is the theme for the 1995 Tri-District Conference of the JACL Mountain Plains, Midwest and Eastern District Councils, set for July 20-23, 1995, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Randolph Shibata, conference chair, said the theme reflects the diversity not only in the three districts but also in the conference site.

New Mexico is a blend of multiple cultures—Native American, Hispanic, Caucasian, African American and Asian.

This conference will explore the diversity that exists not only in the overall community in which JACLers live, but inside the Japanese American community as well. Therefore, many of the workshops will explore areas such as multicultural persons and families in JACL and interethnic conflict.

Diversity also extends to viewpoints on certain issues. JACLers cover the political spectrum from liberal to conservative. Workshops presenting viewpoints on nuclear weapons and disarmament and gun control will take place at the tri-district meeting.

Shibata said that the workshops consist of three types. The first type is designed to train chapter officers. Workshops on Chapter Finance, Total Quality Manage-

ment and Grant Writing will be presented.

The second type of workshop discusses issues relevant to the JACL community. These are "The Second Amendment and Japanese-Americans"; "Interethnic Conflict: Multi-cultural Persons and Families in JACL" and "The Future of JACL."

The final workshop class is of general interest. Fifty years ago, the first Atomic Bomb was developed in New Mexico. In commemoration of this event, a workshop entitled "The Atomic Bomb...50 Years Later... What have we learned?" will be held. This workshop will feature a tour of the National Atomic Museum followed by discussions with local activists.

Forty years ago, the Japanese-American community could be said to be a relatively homogenous community. The classical characteristic was that the members were of pure Japanese ancestry. In many cases, persons then marrying outside of the community were excluded from the community.

JACL as an institution within that community had to reflect the value system of that community. The characteristics of JACL were those of exclusive Japanese ancestry, typically American born,

and concerned about the issues and events leading up to and resulting from the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II.

Today the community has changed, but JACL has been slow to change.

Statistics indicate that 50% to 70% of Japanese Americans are marrying someone who is not of Japanese ancestry. While JACL remains concerned about issues resulting from the internment and civil rights, this concern is not necessarily shared by all.

It would appear that if JACL is to survive into the next millennium, the interests of multi-cultural persons and families must be served.

But to do this, JACL must identify the needs of this newly diverse Japanese American Community. In addition, JACL must understand the cultural baggage that it must discard in order to serve the needs of the new culturally diverse Japanese American Community.

The 1995 tri-district event will feature members of the National Board and testimony by persons from multicultural backgrounds and families. The testimony will focus on the direction JACL must travel if it wishes to attract these families and perhaps by doing so ensure its own survival.

How to get there, what to do for fun . . .

Registration

Advanced registration (Postmarked by June 28, 1995) \$100/members; \$125/non-members. Late registration (postmarked after June 28, 1995), \$125/members; \$150/non members.

Substitutions may be made at any time up to the day before the conference. Registration fee includes all conference materials, refreshment breaks, Friday luncheon and Saturday night banquet.

Location

Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87110. Phone: 505/881-6800. Marriott rates: \$79 per night single or double. Contact Marriott Hotel Reservations by June 28, 1995, for the guaranteed rate. When making reservations, state that you are with the JACL conference.

Air travel

Albuquerque is served by most of the major airlines, including United, American, Northwest, Southwest, Delta, Continental, TWA, and America West.

Local travel

The Marriott is about 20 minutes (7 miles) away from the Albuquerque International Airport. Checker shuttle service is available between

the airport and the Marriott. Shuttle fare is about \$12 plus tip one-way. All major car rental agencies are represented at the Albuquerque International Airport. Taxi fare is about \$12 to \$15. New Mexico JACLers will pick up our out-of-town guests if they call in advance. Parking at the Marriott Hotel is free.

Cancellations

Registration cancellation must be made not later than July 15, 1995. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date.

Booster activities

■ **Santa Fe Tour**, July 20, 1995: Up the Turquoise Trail with a leg stretch in Madrid, New Mexico, and then on to old Santa Fe. Once in Santa Fe, a walking tour of the Plaza and visit to the Chapel of Loretto. Time will be provided for lunch and shopping. Cost: \$40. A minimum of 20 persons is needed for this tour. The cost of lunch is not included in this tour.

Tri-District Golf Tournament

July 20, 1995: Held at the University of New Mexico Championship Golf Course, the site of three NCAA Division I Golf Championships and several other collegiate and professional tournaments and other tour activities. Tournament fees are \$70.

Tour of Albuquerque, July 21

and 22: This four-hour tour includes a tour of historical sites and a walking tour of Old Town, founded in 1706. Cost of this tour is \$40. At least 20 persons are needed for each tour. One tour will be scheduled for each day.

Sandia Peak Tram, July 21

and 22: A ride up Sandia Peak Tram, the longest tram in North America. Time to relax and reflect on the top of the world. Elevation 10,200 feet. Cost per person including tram ticket is \$40. A minimum of 20 persons is needed for this trip. One tour will be scheduled for each day. This is a four-hour tour.

■ **Other Activities:** There is time for numerous other activities. The Marriott is within easy walking distance of the state's two largest shopping malls. Las Vegas-style casino gambling is just a 20-minute drive away at Sandia Pueblo or Isleta Pueblo.

Deadlines

- Advance registration: June 28, 1995.
- Hotel reservations: Not later than June 28, 1995, for the guaranteed rate.
- Refund for cancellation: July 15, 1995.

Conference schedule: workshops, recreation, meetings

Thursday July 20, 1995

7:30-10:00—Registration
9:00—Pickup for Santa Fe Tour
9:00—Pickup for Tri-District Golf Tournament
11:00—Tee off for Tri-District Golf Tournament
6:00—Bienvenidos/Welcome Reception

Friday July 21, 1995

All Day—Registration
8:00—Greetings and introductions, address by National President
8:00-12:00—Booster Activity: Albuquerque Tour
9:00 Workshop—Chapter Management Training—Total Quality Management for Chapters
10:00 Workshop—Chapter Management Training—Grant Writing
11:00 Workshop—Chapter Man-

agement Training—Financial Management for Chapters
12:00-2:00—Luncheon: Keynote Speaker, Glenda Joe, 1994 Awardee of the JACL Edison Uno Award
2:00-6:00—Booster Activity: Tram Ride and Tour
2:00-6:00—District Meetings
2:00-6:00—Workshop: General Interest—"The Atomic Bomb 50 Years Later... What have we learned?"
Dinner on your own

Saturday July 22, 1995

All Day—Registration
8:00-10:00—District Meetings
8:00-12:00—Booster Activity: Tram Ride and Tour
10:00-11:30—Workshop: Issue—Inter Ethnic Conflict
11:30-1:00—Lunch on your own

1:00-2:00—Workshop: Issue—Japanese Americans and the Second Amendment
1:00-5:00—Booster Activity: Tour of Albuquerque
2:00-3:30—Workshop: Issue—Multicultural Persons and Families in JACL
3:30-5:00—Workshop: Issue—The Future of JACL
5:30-6:30—No-Host Social Hour
6:30-10:00—Sayonara Banquet
Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Steven Schiff (R-N.M.), member of the United States House of Representatives, "The Republican Contract With America and Cultural Diversity."

Sunday July 23, 1995

8:00-Noon—Tri-District Meeting
Noon—Adjourn



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Poston monument kiosk completed

By FRANK IRITANI
Florin Chapter, Poston Memorial Monument/Kiosk Committee

An informational kiosk at the old Poston Relocation Center was completed adjacent to the memorial monument. It is 11 feet tall with a 6 foot square body, all resting on a 10 foot square base. The entire structure is of white, aggregate concrete which matches the main 30-foot monument.

An all-volunteer crew of eleven from Sacramento worked two weeks—May 15 to May 31. The men all worked previously on the main monument project which was built and dedicated October, 1992. The Kiosk crew consisted of Ted Kobata, general contractor, Jim and Betty Kobata, Sid and Jean Arase, Jim Namba, Duke Takeuchi, Sus Satow and Jun Sunahara. They were joined by Larry and Emi Nakashima of Orange County.

The men commented that they had "better meals this time" which were prepared by Jean and Betty whereas, the men did the cooking three years ago. Also, "the weather was much better and not so hot as last time". They all emphatically stated "the work was just as ardu-



GOING UP—Construction workers erect frame for kiosk at Poston Relocation Center campsite. An all-volunteer group from Sacramento completed the task.



FINISHED—Kiosk, monument and landscaping give Poston monument (at right) complete look.

ous, if not more so", because they are a couple years older now than when they put up the larger monument with a crew of fifteen. "When pouring concrete mix (twenty eight yards for the kiosk) all must work fast, especially on a hot, dry day", said Contractor Ted Kobata.

The crew left Sacramento in two motorhomes and a van for the eleven-hour, non-stop drive to the

camp site early in the morning. Each vehicle pulled a trailer loaded with concrete moulds, lumber and the necessary tools. Kobata stated that the Colorado River Indian Tribes were very helpful by making available a huge crane (to lift the moulds) and other cleanup equipment.

The four panels of the kiosk, yet to be made and installed will con-

sist of engraved, historical photos, daily activities depicting camp life, information concerning Colorado River Indian Tribes (on whose property the camps are located) and a general Poston Center leaflet dispenser. The Pilgrimage/Dedication Program is set for November 7, 1995 with Camps I, II and III participating.

The Poston monument, kiosk,

automated irrigation system and drinking fountain complex is probably not found at any of the other nine WWII relocation sites.

Contributions for the Kiosk Expense and Monument Maintenance Fund are welcome. Please send to: Poston Memorial Monument Trust, c/o Union Bank, P. O. Box 1167, Sacramento, CA 95806.

Central California highway to honor 100/442nd, MIS

By BARRY SAIKI
JACL vice president of public affairs

The last of the three state highway sections to be named in honor of three Japanese American military units which fought during World War II will be headlined with a commemorative banquet on Aug. 4, at the Stockton Hilton.

Co-sponsoring the funding and the inaugural event are VFW Post 8985 and affiliated posts, Military Intelligence Service of Northern California and various JACL chapters of the NCWNP District.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team Highway markers will be placed on Highway 99, from Manteca to Salida, approximately a 10-mile stretch. The sign will also carry the words "A unit of the 100/442/MIS Triad" as the bottom

line for all three highway markers.

The first highway marker to be dedicated was at the intersection of California Highways 23 and 118 in Simi Valley, which honored the MIS. (See story page 1).

The 100th Infantry markers are being installed on Highway 99 between Fresno and Madera and will be celebrated with a commemorative dinner scheduled for July 29, under the sponsorship of Central California JACL district, Fresno Chapter, JACL, VFW Post 8499 (Sierra) and Hanford Liberty VFW Post. Scheduled speakers will be Eric Saul and Cressey Nakagawa, former president of national JACL.

For the Stockton event, registration and hospitality support are being provided by VFW 8985 and

local JACL members. A hospitality room will be open in the afternoon for the benefit of out-of-towners at Hotel Hilton.

The no-host cocktails will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The highway sign will be unveiled at the dinner during a program arranged by a committee, coordinated by Sus Satow of

Sacramento and chaired by Barry Saiki of Stockton. The featured speaker will be retired Col. Chris Keegan of San Diego, company commander of 442nd during World War II.

Assemblymen Tom Umberg (Irvine) and Dean Andal (Stockton), co-authors of ACR 62, which was passed last November, have

been invited, as well as representatives of the 442nd, MIS NorCal and supporting JACL chapters.

Banquet reservation requests with checks for \$20 per person (choice of beef or chicken), payable to 442nd RCT Highway Fund, should be sent to Barry Saiki, 2937 Wagner Hts., Stockton, CA 95209 by July 10.



ABOVE—Nisei Veterans pose underneath MIS highway sign in Simi Valley.



AT RIGHT—Jim Mita, president of MIS Southern California, receives plaque from Assemblywoman Cathy Wright.

Photos: JEM LEW

DEDICATION

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The large green and white sign, temporarily posted beside the speakers' platform for the unveiling, is being moved by CalTrans to the Simi Valley site of MIS Highway and the other will be posted as one enters State 23 from US 101 at Thousand Oaks.

The renaming of the highway memorializes the more than 6,000 linguist-intelligence specialists of the U.S. Army Military Intelli-

gence Service (MIS), most of them Japanese Americans, who participated in every major amphibious landing and land battle in the Pacific and Far East, beginning in the fall of 1942, to recapture the vast territories and taken by the enemy in the first months of the Pacific War.

Nisei MIS personnel served in U.S. Army combat units, the Marine Corps and Navy, and hundreds also were loaned to Allied units and headquarters of Great Britain, China, Australia and New Zealand.

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Sgt. John Matsumoto

Quiet saga of WWII

Nisei aerial gunner

After 50 years in obscurity, the story of another Nisei WWII aerial gunner has surfaced.

John H. Matsumoto was a 12th Air Force gunner on an A-20 attack bomber with the 97th Squadron of the 47th Bomb Group based on the Island of Corsica.

A story about Sgt. Matsumoto did appear on the front page of the *Pacific Citizen* Sept. 2, 1944. Fifty years later, he recalled his experiences with the Air Corps in the Mediterranean area at a recent Downtown AARP lunch meeting in Little Tokyo.

Matsumoto, who had played ball with the Sebastopol Sakuras in the '30s, was drafted Dec. 1, 1941, enlisted in the Air Corps, was shipped to Keesler Field in Biloxi, Miss., for basic training, and then to the armament school at Lowry Field in Denver. He was stationed at Hill Field near Ogden, prior to sailing from Fort Dix, N.J., to Scotland on the Queen Mary with 20,000 other GIs.

He spent three months south of Liverpool, then was transferred to Oran Air Force Base in Algeria where he volunteered for gunnery training, "replacing gunners killed in various actions over Europe," he said. After two months of training, Matsumoto was assigned to the A-20. Others in his class sat in B-25s, B-17s and B-24s.

The 97th Squadron's main mission was "to harass and raise havoc by bombing and strafing enemy installations, including those at Cassino and the Anzio beachhead, and supply trains," he said. His first 33 combat missions were by day and last 17 by night.

"I never encountered any enemy fighters, but their M-88 anti-aircraft guns put some big holes in our plane—one close behind where I sat," he remembered. After 50 combat missions and two



SGT. JOHN MATSUMOTO
In uniform during World War II

years overseas, he was rotated back to the States, to Biloxi, Lowry, Rockford, Ill., and finally discharged in August 1945 from Fort Logan near Denver. (GIs were usually discharged near their homes; in his case, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matsumoto, were interned in Colorado at Amache with other Sonoma

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County Japanese Americans.)

Of his wartime service in the Air Corps, he declared, "I was

never mistreated or discriminated against. They knew I was Japanese but they treated me like 'one of the bunch.' The public thought I was everything from Chinese to an American Indian.

"One lady lawyer said I couldn't be Japanese, because I didn't wear horn-rimmed glasses and didn't have buck teeth.

"The only person who discriminated against me was a Japanese waitress in Denver. I waited and waited to be served, but she kept ignoring me. Finally, I said, 'What do I have

to do to get served?' Then she came over and asked me what I wanted. I said: 'Since I haven't had *butadofu* in a long time, I'll have that!'

"Her eyes opened wide—'Are you a Nisei? I thought you were Chinese!' From that day, whenever I went there to eat, I was treated with respect."

Born in Penngrove, Calif., Matsumoto attended Anahy High where he made varsity in football and basketball. He dropped out after two years to help support his family, working alongside his father 10-12 hours a day.

After the war, he said, he tried commercial tuna fishing out of San Diego until the industry was flooded with tuna from Japan. He has since lived in the Pasadena/Altadena area. He and his wife Akie have three children, Terry, Sharon and Janet, and seven grandchildren. He retired as a gardener last December.

The Nisei seniors present at the AARP meeting remember well the heroics of Sgt. Ben Kuroki, formerly acclaimed the only Nisei in the air corps during WWII. "To this day, I have not met him," he admitted. (Kuroki, a retired Ventura County newspaperman, now lives near Ojai.)

Clinton endorses immigration cutbacks

President Clinton June 7 endorsed findings of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, placing him at odds with JACL and other Asian American civil rights groups.

In a *Los Angeles Times* report, Clinton said that the findings calling for steep cuts in immigration is "consistent with my own views, the commission's recommendations are pro-family, pro-work, pro-naturalization."

Yasuhara, reacting to the Clinton endorsement, said, "The Commission's proposals would prevent our families from reuniting. We are very disappointed that the President endorsed the proposals, and we cannot understand how he could call them 'pro-family.'"

Leigh-Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "We hope the President will take another look and jump off the anti-immigrant bandwagon."

The Washington representative noted that the commission recommendation would prevent the immigration of more than a million Asian applicants who are currently on waiting lists to be admitted to the country.

"It is unfair for the government to change the rules for applicants who have waited so long to be reunited with their families," said Miyasato.

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC), Organization of Chinese Americans and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance released a joint statement criticizing Clinton's position.

"The impact on Asian Americans will be devastating," said Karen Narasaki, NAPALC executive director. "It is bitterly disappointing that the President failed to understand that the commission is recommending that 1.3 million Asian siblings and adult children be prevented from joining their families. How can he say that this is pro-family?"

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that Clinton's endorsement of the commission's findings could alienate Latino voters and other pro-immigrant rights groups—traditional Democratic supporters. Last year California voters overwhelmingly supported Proposition 187, which denies public benefits such as health care and public school education to illegal immigrants.

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to legal immigration."

Condemning the proposals, Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans, said, "The Commission's recommendations are extremely ill-willed and short-sighted. They only serve to damage the United States' commitments to strengthen American families and American businesses."

Karen Narasaki, executive director, National Asian Pacific Legal Consortium, denounced the commission, saying, "The Commission seems more intent on making news and pandering to the xenophobes in Congress than on fulfilling its legislative mandate to make a careful study and well reasoned recommendations."

"How else could they come to the conclusion that U.S. citizens should not be able to reunite with their children, parents or brothers and sisters? I cannot believe that Barbara Jordan and other Commission members have so little love of their own family members that they would think nothing of leaving them behind to face political repression and hardship."

According to JACL, a State De-

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Short takes



SOKLY NY

Cambodian teen documentary honored

Sokly Ny, a Cambodian American teenager in San Francisco, tells his own camcorder story in "a.k.a. Don Bonus," 1995 Golden Gate Award for Best Documentary winner at the San Francisco International Film Festival. Conceived by Bay Area filmmaker Wayne Wang in 1991, who left two years later to complete "The Joy Luck Club," the documentary was finished by Spencer Nakasako as co-producer with Ny. The film was funded by National Asian American Telecommunications Association.

Union, Bank of California announce merger

SAN FRANCISCO—Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi Bank have announced a basic understanding concerning the merger of their respective subsidiary banks, Union Bank and The Bank of California, with a target date set for April 1, 1996. Kanetaka Yoshida, Union Bank president and chief executive officer, will be the new institution's president and CEO, and Hiroo Nozawa of The California Bank will be deputy chairman and chief operation officer. The combined bank, based in San Francisco, is to be named Union Bank of California.



YOSHIDA



NOZAWA

East Asian language educators gets boost

University of California, Irvine's East Asian Languages and Literature Department has received a \$10,000 gift for instructional material from the Japanese Business Association of Southern California.

Sadao Kita, JBA executive director, notes the gift will help UCI purchase video equipment and tapes. Department chair Steven Carter says, "As state contributions dwindle, academia is more appreciative than ever of private donations."

The 700-member JBA is said to be the largest Japanese business-related organization in America.

Singles convention set for Sept. 1-3

COSTA MESA, Calif.—Attendees at the 7th biennial National JACL Singles Convention expect to "come alive in '95" over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3, at the Westin South Coast Plaza.

The program opens with well-known actress Nobu McCarthy giving pointers on "First Impression Lasting Impressions." Computer match-ups, golf tournament, social activities and a gala dinner-dance are part of the fun-filled program. For details: write the JACL Singles Convention, 23802 Bluehill Bay, Monarch Beach, CA 92629, 714/496-7779.

Democratic Party elevates Rep. Matsui

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) has elevated Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) from treasurer to deputy chair, it was announced May 17 by national chair Don Fowler. Matsui will be involved "in a wider range of party affairs, bringing his formidable political skills and experience," Fowler said.

Responding to the appointment, Matsui said that the country is at a crossroads and people are asking if our political party system can respond. "I embrace the opportunity to talk with people across the country and reinforce for them the idea that the Democratic Party is dedicated to making the lives of working Americans better," he said.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the full DNC at its August meeting in New Or-

leans.

New loan rates announced

The Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union approved new loan rates, effective March 10, for new cars (36-month 6.5%, 48-month 6.75%, 60-month 7.5%); used cars (36-month 9.25%); home improvement, business and professional equipment 8.75%; and for loans secured by credit union shares, passbook savings, certificates of deposit, stock, bonds or life insurance 8.75%.

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Diablo Valley JACL helps school district

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District of California has received support of the Diablo Valley JACL in its recruitment of Asian American teachers and staff, according to chapter member Mike Hamachi.

The district covers the communities of Concord, Clayton, Pleasant Hill, Pacheco, Bay Point, Clyde and parts of Lafayette, Martinez and Walnut Creek.

Ethnic breakdown of the district's 34,000 student body shows 72.6% White, 12.1% Hispanic, 10.7% Asian-Pacific, 4.3% Black and .3% Others.

The teachers are 92.6% White, 3.3% Hispanic, 2.6% Asian-Pacific, 1.1% Black and .4% Others.

The administrators are 87.5% White, 5.8% Hispanic, 2.2% Asian-Pacific, 4.4% Black and .07% Others.

The classifieds are 85.9% White, 10.6% Hispanic, 2.1% Asian-Pacific, 2.8% Black and 1.1% Others.

For employment information, contact Janet Gatti, director of personnel, 510/682-8000 x 4142, or Jack Nakashima 510/934-9658.

University of Utah to offer Japanese major

University of Utah's board of trustees has recently approved a Japanese major.

The university said that the major is being offered to help Utah students compete in the global market.

There are scheduled to be three full-time faculty members for the major. Currently the school offers Japanese as a minor with a consistent enrollment of 150 to 200 students.

Reunions and Mini-Reunions

WWII Camps

CAMP NEWSPAPERS—Sat., Sept. 23—Two-part panel discussion, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., accompanying JANM's exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps," RSVP required, info: JANM 213/625-0414. **NOTE**—Camp newspaper editors will share their experiences.

MINIDOKA—Sat. July 29—"Minidoka Remembers" mini-reunion at L.A., 1 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 2 p.m. Panel discussion, RSVP-info: Bette Endo 310/321-5279; contact: Toshi Ito, 1824 Leaning Pine Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765, 909/861-9676. **NOTE**—Panelists will share their memories of life in camp.

POSTON—(a) Sat. Aug. 26—Poston Reunion at Los Angeles, 1 p.m., JANM; 2 p.m. Book party, "Inside an American Concentration Camp: Japanese American Resistance at Poston, Ariz." by Lane Hirabayashi, a book on Richard Nishimoto, an Issei who wrote voluminously while at Poston, 1942-45, and Nishimoto's unpublished material of popular resistance carried out in the course of day-to-day life. Poston I, II and III inmates will also share their experiences. (b) Tue. Nov. 7—Poston Kiosk dedication; info: Babe Karasawa 310/947-1146. Details to be announced.

TOPAZ—(a) Sat.-Sun., Aug. 19-20—Mini-reunion for Class of '45, Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; info: Fumi Hayashi 510/524-1048; Chuck Kubokawa 415/

494-7862, Daisy Satoda 415/821-0164, Bob Utsumi 510/531-4384. (b) Sat.-Sun. Sept. 2-3—"Remembering Topaz in L.A.," Los Angeles Miyako Inn / JANM; info: Ron Yoshida 818/363-5198, Daisy Satoda 415/821-0164. **NOTE**—"Topaz Musical Jam Session," 3:30-5 p.m., Sunday with Toru Saito and former Topaz musicians.

TULE LAKE—Fri.-Sun., Oct. 13-15—Tri-State (Tule Lake) High School '45 Graduates reunion, Marina del Rey Marriott Hotel; info: Mary Kawano Fong 916/446-5423, Tsutomu T. Ota 916/428-5310, Tom Masuda 408/453-7967, Aiko Ota Kusaba 310/391-3890. **NOTE**—Four-day cruise, Catalina and Ensenada, precedes Oct 9.

Community

FLORIN, Calif.—Fri., Sept. 15—Greater Florin Area Japanese Community mini-reunion, Red Lion Inn, Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way; Cost: \$30, info: James Abe 916/363-1520.

GREATER PORTLAND, Ore.—Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland II Reunion, Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn, registration forms: P.O. Box 133731, Portland, OR 97213; pre-reunion Alaska cruise Aug. 1 from Vancouver, BC, info: Cruises by Azumano, 503/294-1718, 800/395-5578. **NOTE**—Haru Ninomiya, George Katagiri, co-chair; mixer; tours, Saturday banquet.

SAN BENITO COUNTY—Sun. Sept.

17—Former San Benito County Residents reunion at Los Angeles, noon-5 p.m., Kanda Japanese Buffet Restaurant, 22305 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance; RSVP Aug. 1, info: Edward T. Matsumoto 310/835-4454.

THOMAS, Wash.—Sun. Aug. 27—Pre-WWII Nisei reunion of Thomas (Wash.) School students and former neighbors; info: Momoko Morinaga Kido, 9733 - 51st Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98118, 206/722-6725. **NOTE**—\$25 fee includes bento.

Veterans

NATIONAL MIS—Thu.-Sun. Sept. 7-10—Reunion theme: "MIS Past-Present-Future," Doubletree Suites, Tukwila, south of Seattle; regis info & forms. RSVP by July 3, MIS Northwest Assn. Reunion, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118. **NOTE**—Sponsored by MIS Northwest Assn., Kenichi Sato (pres.) Thu - sightseeing, golf tournament, Fri - informal sitdown dinner or Native American salmon bake at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center (limited to first 300), Sat - three panel discussions: (a) "MIS Past," (b) "MIS Post-war and MISLS," (c) "MIS Present and Future," banquet with DLI command historian James C. McNaughton, Ph.D., speaker; MIS group rate up to three days prior & post-reunion on space availability at Doubletree Hotels 206/575-8220, 800/222-TREE.

Personally speaking

Kinoshita honored by Emperor of Japan

Longtime Seattle Chapter and national leader Cherry Kinoshita was recently awarded a prestigious honor from the Emperor of Japan. In ceremonies at the residence of Seattle Consul General on April 29, Kinoshita received *The Order of the Precious Crown, Apricot* in recognition of her "outstanding contribution to the promotion of the status and the welfare of the Japanese Americans."

As a former JACL national vice president for public affairs, PNW District vice governor and Seattle chapter president, Kinoshita's leadership on major issues of concern to Japanese Americans has been significant. She has received many awards from the JACL and other organizations including: JACler of the Biennium (co-awardee), the American Civil Liberties Union William O. Douglas Award and the U.S. Department of Justice Award for Public Service.

Her most recent role as chair of the *Pacific Citizen* Editorial

Board during one of the most tumultuous times ever experienced by the national publication resulted in stabilization and assurances of a solid future as JACL's official organ.

Kinoshita's efforts as vice chair, JACL Legislative Educational Committee operations, were central to the outcome of the campaign for redress. "Cherry was a powerful, if not indispensable, force behind redress," said Grant Ujifusa, Legislative Strategy Chair for the LEC. Kinoshita was also a major fundraiser for the LEC.

In 1994 she was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board of Directors. The nine-member board will be respon-



Consul General Masaki Saito present Cherry Kinoshita with award from Emperor of Japan.

sible for distributing grants for research and public education activities focused on the internment experience of Japanese Americans. Her nomination awaits confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

ogy from June, 1995, through August, 2001. Acclaimed a devoted teacher, she brings her own subspecialty of pediatric urology and devotion as a clinician, said medical school dean Dr. Eugene Bauer.

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1985, Shortcliffe graduated from Stanford School of Medicine in 1975 and completed her residency in urology there in 1980-81. She earned her tenure as associate professor in 1988 and as full professor in 1993. She has served as chief of pediatric urology since 1991 at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

"Epitaph for a Peach," by David Mas Masumoto was recently released by Harper San Francisco. An intimate glimpse into saving a peach, a farm, a family and a way of life, the book has won plaudits from *Los Angeles Times* columnist Peter King, who observed: "Masumoto uses his farm as

Thoreau did his Walden pond," and from T.L. Getting in *New Farm* magazine: "Masumoto's sensitive and realistic view of enlightened farming in the 1990s is an inspiration to farmers and a must-read for anyone who ever plans to eat another peach." And the peach season is upon us.

George Washington University, celebrating its eighth annual "Dream in Action" convocation in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., presented Rep. Norman Y. Mineta and others with Martin Luther King Jr. Medals for Outstanding Professional Service in Civil and Human Rights. The

event took place Jan. 18 on the university campus. "I can think of few people whose life and work have brought about such a profound change in American society... as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.," Mineta said upon being cited for his fight for passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Passage of the act "would not have been possible without the voice and example of Dr. King," he said.

For his lifetime of achievement in the neurosciences and research in the functioning of the brain systems, Nagoya-born Masao Ito, M.D., D.M.S., was accorded an honorary degree from the University of Southern California May 12. Ito heads the Science Council of Japan and has done frontier research set up by the Japanese Science and Technology Agency since 1988. Most recently, Ito, 47, has advanced a theory of what he calls "thought control by the cerebellum," according to USC neurobiological program directors Richard Thompson and Larry S. Swanson.

"Urban Piece Circle," a 10-foot tall bronze sculpture weighing 1,000 pounds, was designed by Gerard Tsutakawa, one of the most respected modernist sculptor in the region and son of artist George Tsutakawa, for the Seattle nonprofit group, Stop the Violence. It was dedicated last September at the I-90 Lid Park as it intersects with Martin Luther

King Way.

The memorial, in memory of children killed or wounded by gunfire, has serrated edges symbolizing violence. In the center is a symbol of healing, a smooth luminous bronze gathering around an opening, to see past turmoil into a better future, the Sansei sculptor explained. The group had at first envisioned melting down some guns and crushing others to create a statue, but Tsutakawa pointed out that the metals and plastics used in gun manufacture were not suitable sculpture material.

"Smoky Mountain, Manila, Philippines" by watercolorist Lewis Suzuki, 74, of Berkeley, Calif., has been accepted for the National Watercolor USA exhibit at Springfield, Mo., Art Museum June 3-July 30. His impressionistic piece is regarded as "a revival of humanism in art." The Los Angeles-born graphic artist studied in Japan, at Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, Art Students League of New York and at the Oakland College of Arts and Crafts.



ELAINE HOSUZAWA NAGANO



DAVID M. MIYOSHI

An Orange County, Calif., resident and onetime writer-producer at a Los Angeles news radio station, Elaine Hosozawa-Nagano is the Sansei author of *Chopsticks from America*, introducing bits of Japanese culture to Nikkei children through the eyes of two Yonsei who move to Japan for their father's job. The story is illustrated with Japan artist Masayuki Miyata's "kiri-e" and published by Polychrome of Chicago. Information: 312/478-4455.

British-based International Biographical Center, Cambridge, announced attorney David Masao Miyoshi of Palos Verdes, Calif., as its 1995 international man of the year for his work in international business and law. A USC graduate with a law degree from Hastings in 1973, he an MBA at Harvard Graduate School of Business and completed studies in law and business at Kyoto University and Waseda while working in Japan. As a Marine Corps captain in Vietnam he received a Naval Commendation Medal for exemplary service.

Stanford School of Medicine has appointed Dr. Linda Dairiki Shortcliffe, Sansei daughter of the Setsuo Dairiki's of Atherton, as chair of the Department of Urol-

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Another U.S.-Japan imbalance

Takakazu Kuriyama, the Japanese ambassador in Washington, sends letters occasionally to a select list of American friends with timely comments on U.S.-Japanese relations. His latest letter addresses the disturbing imbalance between the number of Japanese graduate and undergraduate students in the United States, and the number of Americans studying in Japan.

The figures cited by Ambassador Kuriyama show 42,840 Japanese studying for academic credit in the U.S. while only 1,627 Americans are studying for academic credit in Japan. Furthermore, while 260,670 students from Asia were studying in the U.S., only 4,198 Americans were studying in all of Asia. By contrast, more than 58,000 Americans were studying in Europe.

There are good reasons for American academic interest in Europe. But in view of recent history—the U.S. has fought three wars in the Far East in a half century, U.S. trade with the Far East exceeds that with Europe and the gap is growing—the lack of interest in Asian education is hard to justify.

Ambassador Kuriyama notes that Ambassador Mike Mansfield characterized Ja-

pan-U.S. ties as the world's most important bilateral relationship. Then Ambassador Kuriyama writes:

"What are then the implications of such one-sided flows of international educational exchanges? I think these statistics reveal a surprising gap between America's knowledge and understanding of Asia including Japan, on the one hand, and its strategic, political and economic interests in the region on the other. The gap bodes ill for the future of our bilateral relationship as well as for America's future role in Asia. . . .

"Today, the U.S. is showing for the first time in its history a serious interest in becoming a Pacific power in peacetime, lured by the great economic opportunities the Asia-Pacific region offers. . . . We all know that the more we interact, as we do in today's information age, the greater the need for better international understanding. Yet, sound bites and fragmentary images to which we are exposed by television do very little to improve our abilities to understand each other. Ignorance breeds stereotypical misperceptions, prejudices, distrust and eventually leads us to estrangement. In our trans-Pacific relations, the barriers of ignorance still remain high on

both sides. . . ."

So do cultural differences that discourage American students from going to Japan—language, lifestyle, cost, anxiety about the unfamiliar.

In academia it is well-known that Japan's scientific research is concentrated in the laboratories of private industry with universities in a minor role, whereas in the United States splendidly equipped university labs are on the cutting edge of research. A leading American academician told me recently that Japanese universities, particularly government-funded universities, will have to improve their facilities if they expect to attract top-ranking U.S. graduate students.

But sciences like electronics, chemistry and medicine are not the only fields for meaningful exchange. We have much to learn about Japanese literature, philosophy, sociology, history, psychology, economics, management and the like. And these are the areas which hold the foundations of international understanding.

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

Letters

Thoughts on trade between U.S.-Japan

Going down I-5 on my way to work, to my left is a Toyota Camry and to my right a Nissan Pathfinder. Reach the parking lot and there are the Accords, Civics, and Sentras. Sure there are many Rangers, Camaros, and Escorts; but the fact is that there are more Japanese cars on our freeways and in our garages now than before.

Travel across the Pacific for a business trip to Tokyo and you get the feeling that you're arrived at the real Hollywood. Faces of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kevin Costner, and Jodie Foster flood the streets of Ginza and Shinjuku. Walk into Tower Records and immediately you're greeted with Madonna and Michael Jackson CDs; interestingly, the local Japanese CDs occupy only a small lonely corner within a floor.

It's been no secret that Japan has been known for its cars and electronics world wide. You hardly come across a Japanese made car that's pulled off a road with the hood up and smoking. They are reliable, fuel-efficient, and of high quality, priced at a level affordable to a regular "Joe Shmoe" across the street. The same can be said of Sony Walkmans, Panasonic TVs and Mitsubishi VCRs.

On the other hand, American movies, music, and "pop culture," have always held a commanding market share in Japan. When Madonna tours Japan for a concert, tickets—priced at an average of \$80 to \$120—sell out well in advance, all dying to get a glimpse of the "Material Girl." In a local school gym, the shoes that screech the floors of the basketball and volleyball courts all seem to have the "swoosh" mark, patented by none other than Nike. After a rigorous practice, they sit down and have a sip of the Real Thing—Coke.

Fact is, markets are not "closed" and the products that meet the consumers' need, quality, and price, sells, period. When it comes down to signing the check or paying the cash, consumers are not interested in whether something was made in the USA or Japan, or Saudi Arabia for that matter. People want good quality products that are reliable and meet their needs.

Before finalizing the trade sanctions against Japanese auto makers, the Big Three auto makers should rethink this adage of free trade and start manufacturing products that meet the taste of Japanese consumers; maybe by starting with shifting the handle to the right side—as is the standard in Japan. If BMW and Mercedes Benz can succeed there, so can Ford and GM. It's not about Japan and America, so President Clinton, please stay out of it. It's about products, what's good to be sold in a different country and what isn't.

Go Yoshida
Glendale, Calif.

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East wind

BILL MARUTANI

Carmen: Where are you?

THE MAGIC of music transcends time to vividly bring back nostalgic memories of yesteryears. Some tunes and songs can revive memories of a very specific event or place or person; sometimes joyful, some bittersweet, but all just plain nostalgic. Just about any Glenn Miller rendition can trigger any one of a number of spells. For the Nisei, whose average age in the early 40's is said to have been in the 18-19 year range, a goodly bulk of them were exposed to what is called "the Big Band sound." The PBS television station every so often will feature an evening of memorable 40's arrangements and beats.

Ah-h-h. Great Stuff.

AMONG MUSICIANS of the nostalgic 40's was a piano player par excellence who played soft jazz. Not "Fats" Waller, great as he was; nor Mel Torme with his distinct deft playing. A few years back, Torme came out with a CD rendition of 40's melodies including "Lovely Way to Spend an Evening." When I first heard it on the car radio, I was absolutely struck by the melodic mastery of the singer. With age the "Velvet Fog" has become even better.

Oh yes, The piano player.

HIS NAME was Carmen Cavallero. With his mastery of the keyboards, he made the music sparkle and joyful. Ray Charles is spirited; John Tesh is fun to watch; Yanni is dramatic in his billowing white shirt. But Cavallero's distinct lilting, bright interpretations were distinct and incomparable. I'm puzzled that radio stations or the TV programs don't feature this artist. Whenever I'm in a music shop I look for a Cavallero recording with no luck thus far. We still have some of those 78 rpm platters, as well as a stack of 45's—remember them?—but nary a Cavallero among them.

Carmen: Where are you?

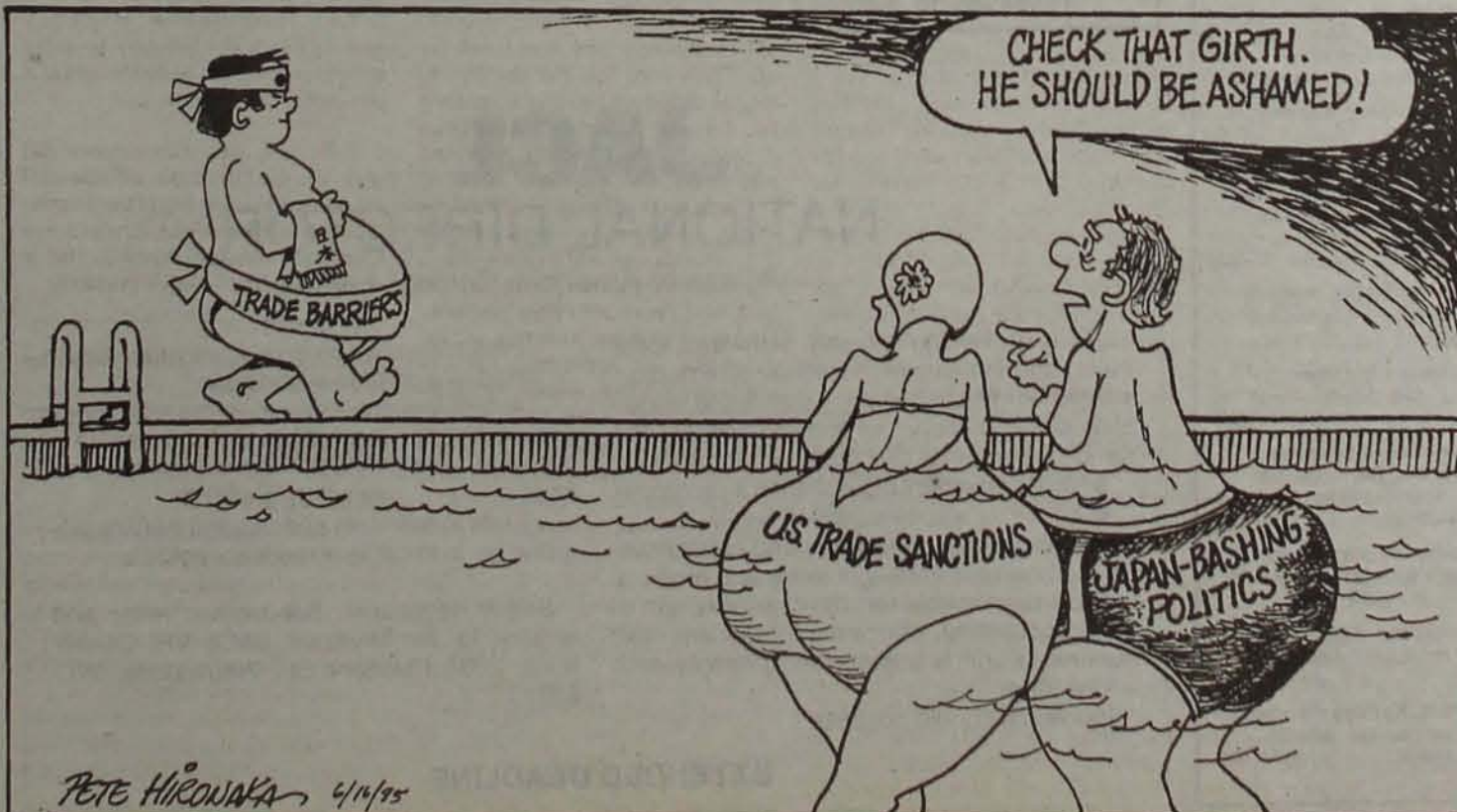
I DON'T CLAIM to be a music buff. Working on the farm left little time for listening to the radio or the *chi-kon-ki* (record player). The Issei generation often looked upon listening to songs as time-wasting, especially when there was academic homework to complete. But somewhere along the way, most of us, in varying degrees, were exposed to the sounds of the big bands whose tunes are preserved in our memories. At times, some of that memory

is muddled while others are broad in scope and sharp on details. For example, in an earlier column I connected Rita Hayworth to Harry James, when in fact, trumpet-player James was married to Betty Grable (the G.I. pin-up girl). A reader also reminded me that Dizzie Gillespie played with the up-turned horn of his trumpet, not Louise "Satchmo" Armstrong (who often held a white handkerchief as he gripped his trumpet).

IN MY YOUTH, very few Nikkei families had a piano in the house. I recall that the Kadoyama's (Kent, WA) had an organ, one of those pumped by foot. Come to think of it, I recall it was a "player-piano," one of those that played tunes from a perforated roll of music. In junior high and high school, there were orchestra courses and students played in the band. I don't recall any Nikkei students who played in the

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



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Viewpoint

A-bomb apology needed

By MEI NAKANO

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

Most of the blunders that have marred the history of our nation over the past half-century were the outgrowth of secret decisions made by presidents and by unelected national security wizards. To recite the names of these blunders—Hiroshima, Nagasaki, the Bay of Pigs, Vietnam, Watergate and Iran-Contra—is to underscore lessons of history the next generations of Americans should never forget.—Stewart Udall, *Myths of August* (N.Y. Pantheon Books 1994)

Hiroshima, August 6, 1945. "Oh, look, a B-29," said Shigeko Sasamori to her girl friend on that clear and beautiful Sunday. Then she saw "something white" drop from the plane. In the next instant, the world as she knew it vanished with a horrifying explosion.

Sasamori was critically burned (she subsequently underwent 25 plastic surgeries) but felt numb, beyond physical pain. All around, it looked like the inside of a furnace, she said, "all red with fire." After a time, everything became dark and eerily quiet. But when the air cleared enough, she could see hordes of the injured moving toward the river outside the city to escape the burning rubble and their own burning pain. "They were black with ashes and their clothes were torn and they were bleeding. Many of them had skin

hanging from their bodies where it had been almost torn off." Some moaned and cried out, but most people walked along silently, Sasamori recalls, "like ghosts from hell."

Can you imagine this scene on the six o'clock news and not being horrified, outraged? We felt it with the Vietnam War and more recently, the Oklahoma bombing. The impact of the visual image was immediate, powerful, staying.

We had no such impact for the A-bombing of Japan. All we got was G.I. (government issue) and much of what they issued were lies (What Udall calls "myths") and distortions. We only know that now, after the release of secret documents.

It's worthwhile revisiting (again) the subject of the atomic bombing of Japan. Perhaps no other event in modern American history calls into question so keenly the moral authority of the U.S. than this act which dealt death and destruction to over 250,000 civilians—without justification, according to recent research. Yet we Americans have great difficulty condemning the bombing outright. Thus, the U.S. remains firmly set against apologizing for the suffering and carnage the bomb inflicted. And an apology is critical to laying the ground for successfully championing the cause of a nuclear-free world. It won't happen unless we citizens arm ourselves with moral conviction and facts to insist on it. Here are some facts.*

Fact: Only a few high-level officials in Washington made decisions about the bomb and plans for its deployment. Ap-



propriations to build the bomb secretly extracted from the congressional budget, congress none the wiser.

Fact: The U.S. had initially developed the bomb to be used on Germany but war in Europe had all but ended before the bomb was ready. U.S. meanwhile contending with Russia for influence in forming the new governments of Poland and the Balkan States and wanted to show off this powerful weapon to gain leverage. Also, U.S. spent more than \$2 billion on the bomb project and would be hard put to explain afterward why they had not used it.

Fact: The bombs need not have been dropped to win the war: by the end of 1944, major cities like Tokyo and Yokohama decimated by firebombs; Secretary of War Stimson writes in his diary, "I was a little fearful that before we could get ready (to drop the bomb) the air force might have Japan so thoroughly bombed out that the new weapon would not have a fair background to show its strength"; Iwo Jima and Okinawa captured in early 1945; most major industries and fifty-nine cities wiped out by B-29 bombing; Japa-

nese aircraft and steel production severely curtailed, oil production nil; U.S. Third Fleet knocked most Japanese ships out of action in June and July, all but ending the war.

Fact: Potsdam Declaration laid down terms of surrender in July. While saying at first it would ignore the agreement, Japan had been attempting, at the same time, to negotiate peace by acting through the Soviet Union. They, and the world knew, that it would be only a matter of time before they would surrender. In any case, there would have been little need for a massive invasion of Japan in November for which the U.S. projected a loss of 500,000 lives, a grossly inflated figure to justify the A-bombing.

We received other kinds of "information" from high places, notably President Truman who justified the bombing thus: "When you have to deal with a beast you have to treat him as a beast." And before the news cameras he thanked God that the bomb had "come to us and not to our enemies" and expressed the wish that "He may guide us to use it in His ways and for His purposes." (Honest, he actually said that. Check it out in the documentary "The Atomic Cafe.")

The dearth of information, the twisting of facts and the propaganda staples remained in force during the long years of our arms race with the Soviet Union. The atom bomb, we were told in fifteen different ways, established and sustained our hegemony over the world. That created what I call a pervasive superpower culture in this country in which we became invested. In a sense that forced us

into a moral and psychological corner. How could we regret something that granted us power, prestige and comfort? I submit that is the reason many Americans have such difficulty coming to terms with the atomic bombing even today.

But we must make that leap of moral conviction. Killing unarmed, unprepared civilians is wrong, simply.

Die-hard opponents of an apology nearly always cite Japan's own considerable list of human rights offenses during the war, I think that's a separate issue. But, for the record, Japan is now carrying on a lively debate in the Diet about its wartime transgressions, and a resolution is now on the table. The bone of contention is the language used in the document, words such as "apology," "colonial rule" and "war of aggression" which the right-wing members oppose. However, Prime Minister Murayama remains determined to retain the language. If he succeeds, maybe, just maybe, the U.S. will show its maturity by issuing its own apology. It's time.

*Check Udall's work (see above); Barton Bernstein's "The Atomic Bombings Reconsidered," in *Foreign Affairs* Jan./Feb., 1995; Gar Alperovitz' *Atomic Diplomacy*, Greg Mitchell in the *Progressive*, August 1944. (Thanks to Gwen Muranaka, Alan Taniguchi and George Yasukochi for some of the sources used here and other kind readers for their helpful comments.)

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



Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Another identity box for the Census

The open question & answer periods for President Clinton after a major address are probably unreported except by the reporter (in this case, an editor attending the recent American Society of Newspaper Editors convention in Dallas) who suggested the next census form (year 2000) ought to include a box for a "bi-racial" or "mixed-ethnic" individual. The president was asked for his opinion and Mr. Clinton said unhesitatingly, "That's a new one!" adding it was a good proposal. Meaning that one of his aides there has it in his notes to pass along to the Census Bureau.

Now, I must acknowledge C-SPAN coverage for this incident

as well the live-coverage of the spectacular scenes the same week of Japanese cherry blossoms in brilliant hue around the Tidal Basin, which they aired between breaks of their "Washington Journal" commentators in the mornings—4-7 a.m. Pacific time. (Yup, we're often up at 4 o'clock but then we're asleep in the big chair before the 9 p.m. news.)

It's a Census box whose time has come. The "happa / hapa" issue has been swirling with greater frequency in recent years, and you see it as themes in theater, literature and society. It seems only natural that the Census Bureau will favorably act on this proposal, but there may be more than a single "multi-ethnic" or "bi-racial"

box.

Consider the elaborate census medley proposed in 1990 for Asian Pacific Islanders: (1) Asian Indian*, (2) Cambodian, (3) Chinese**, (4) Filipino, (5) Hmong, (6) Indonesian, (7) Japanese, (8) Korean, (9) Laotian, (10) Okinawan, (11) Pakistani, (12) Thai, (13) Vietnamese; (14) Hawaiian, (15) Samoan, (16) Tongan, (17) Tahitian/Polynesians, (18) Guamanian, (19) Palauans/Micronesian, (20) Fijian/Melanesian, (21) Other Unspecified Asians and (22) Other Unspecified Pacific Islanders; (* includes Sri Lanka, India, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Burma; ** includes Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau).

peace. The firebombs took many children's lives unintentionally, but the tragic result was that they perished.

Speaking of tragedy, hundreds of Okinawan school children went to the bottom of the sea with a sinking ship in 1944. They were evacuating to the mainland of Japan as the war in the Pacific was getting worse. The ship was torpedoed by an American submarine. These children suffered a fate similar to that of the innocent bystanders caught by the crossfire

The five check-offs on the American "portrait" started with White, Black/Negro, Indian (Amer.) and space to list the name of the enrolled or principal tribe, Eskimo and Aleut. The Census Bureau said the computer had names of approximately 200 American Indian tribes on file. For the Black/Negro category, it was prepared for African American, Haitians, Jamaican, West Indian, Nigerian and so on.

If you were of Spanish/Hispanic origin, there were check-offs for (a) Mexican, Mexican-Am., Chicano; (b) Puerto Rican, (c) Cuban, and space for other Spanish/Hispanic groups to write in, for example, (d) Argentine, (e) Colombian, (f) Dominican, (g) Hai-

tian, (h) Nicaraguan, (i) Salvadoran. The choices include any 35 member-nations in the Organization of American States, or 13 in the Caribbean Community (including nine in the OAS).

The Information Highway should be wide enough to tally people in greater detail, short of a computer traffic jam.

P.S.: Oh, yes, the papers did pick up on Clinton's off-the-cuff response on dropping of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima. It was there the next morning, April 1, and it wasn't an April Fool's gesture.

Harry K. Honda is editor emeritus of *Pacific Citizen*.

LETTERS

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Reader has praise for Clinton, Mondale

The Clinton administration was criticized for an attempt to rename "VJ Day" to "End of Pacific War Day." I wonder if critics have considered the other side of the coin, or globe. VE Day refers to victory in Europe. Europe is an anomaly. It stretches from France

to the former Soviet Union, including many countries that were not hostile to the allies. VE Day is essentially VG&I Day. After all, Germany and Italy were the only two countries that were hostile to the allies, if I'm not mistaken. If VE Day is tolerable, so is End of Pacific War Day. Ambassador Mondale was criticized for his apology for the firebombings of Japan during WWII. His apology refers to the principle that the United States would not harm innocent people whether in war or

of the street gangfights. In my opinion, President Clinton and Ambassador Mondale are trying to balance international scale with a sense of fairness and spirit of brotherhood. Instead of criticizing them, I respect them for their human qualities based on the song, "America, the Beautiful." I salute them for their courage, mercy and spirit of brotherhood.

Dick C. Gima
Columbia, Mo.

No apology to draft resisters

As JACLers and Easy Company 100th Bn/442nd RCT survivors, we found the action of the JACL to apologize to the Nisei wartime draft resisters was wrong and ill-advised. The action was improper for the following reasons.

1. When the draft resisters made their case at the JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City, no

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Nisei war veterans

50th anniversary

Tracing the Jewish-Nisei connection

Inouye, vets reunited with Dachau survivors

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

Speaking as a soldier and a senator, Daniel Inouye traced the bond between the Jewish and Nisei people that is rooted in one major historic event—the liberation of the Dachau concentration in World War II.

Sen. Inouye (D-Hawaii), keynoted the memorial program at the 522nd Field Artillery reunion April 28-30 in Little Tokyo in Los Angeles.

The senator was introduced as "a true friend of the Jews who has visited Israel many times and who encouraged free trade between the U.S. and Israel." Yet in his pre-war years in Hawaii, Inouye recalled, he had never met a Jew, and when he was in the Army hospital recovering from wounds he thought the Jewish GI alongside was "wacko" when he described the Nazi concentration camps. (He had often recalled his first encounter with an American concentration camp, barbed wire and guard-towers, when he visited Rohwer, Arkansas.)

Of their first encounter in Dachau, he said, the differences were obvious: the men inside wore filthy blue-striped prison garb while the men outside were in their Army combat gear. Not so obvious was that the men outside believed in Jesus Christ and Lord Buddha while those inside followed Abraham and Moses. "Their crime was of being a Jew, and our crime of being a 'Jap,'" the senator noted in citing a connection.

Nisei troops of the 522nd Field Artillery, detached from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team after the rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion in October, 1944, and rumbling through southern Germany with the U.S. 7th Army, had liberated one of the 54 subcamps of the Dachau "labor" camp with thousands of inmates in the final days of hostilities in Europe. "It was still war and we had to keep moving on," then Service Battery first sergeant Tak Susuki of West Los Angeles explained.

One Holocaust survivor recounted their rescue by the 522nd. Janina Cywinska (Tupelman) of San Francisco, a Polish Catholic whose father was caught aiding the captives of the Warsaw ghetto, related her long trip to Dachau and the grim life inside the camp.



PAUSING—From left, Hershey Miyamura, Gallup, N.M., Col. Lewis Millett, Idyllwild, Calif., and Tak Susuki, West Los Angeles, take a break during 50th anniversary event.



SEN. DANIEL INOUE

Two Congressional Medal of Honor winners spoke at the event, Hershey Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., who proudly recounted his 442nd days, the gala return from Italy, the march down Constitution Ave. and review by President Truman. Col. Lewis Millett (Ret.) of Idyllwild, Calif., spoke of meeting

his first Japanese American while with the 1st Armored's 27th Field Artillery in Italy. Both, who earned their CMH in the Korean Conflict, did not speak of their own heroics. Millett presented the special Department of Defense "End of WWII" 50th anniversary banner.

Joseph Wilson Jr., a 187th Airborne RCT veteran, read President Clinton's message. A flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on April 26, 1995, was accepted from Rep. Lucille Roybal Allard for the 522nd by reunion co-chair George Ishihara.

At the Saturday sayonara dinner, Pamela Wiggdahl of Colorado spoke on behalf of her father, Lt. Chester Girard, C Battery commander, who passed away in September, 1944. She donated \$1,000 to the 522nd in his memory.

Attendees recognized reunion co-chair Tadd Tokuda, dinner emcees Tak Susuki, Fred Yasukochi, photo exhibit by Mark Susuki of the Sons and Daughters of Southern California and the committee of veterans and women who assisted.

The Japanese American National Museum and American Jewish Committee sponsored the memorial program, along with the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, The Martyrs' Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History and the Pacific Rim Institute of the AJC.

Dachau survivors embrace 522nd vets

"I was re-born on May 2, 1945," declared Dachau survivor Larry Lubetski.

That was the day he and his brother, Roman, were liberated from Dachau concentration camp by the men of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion.

The Lubetski brothers met their liberators again after 50 years, at the 522nd's first all-battalion reunion April 28-30 in Little Tokyo.

The brothers and their father, from Lithuania, were on a forced death march with thousands of others from their Dachau subcamp southward, presumably toward Switzerland, Larry, 70, recounted in his testimonial before some 800 people at the Japanese American National Museum/American Jewish Committee memorial in Little Tokyo.

"That morning, when I climbed out of the ravine where we were ordered to spend the night, it was eerie," he recalled. "There were no Nazi guards or their dogs. (They had fled during the night in advance of the U.S. troops—the 7th Army including the 522nd.)" He was at first confused to see Japanese Americans, but when they heard him speak some English, "then and there, I volunteered to join them. They had restored my dignity as a human being. Till then, we were like corpses on vacation," he said.

Alameda JACler and "C" Battery veteran Jug Takeshita said Lubetski was



LARRY LUBETSKI

outfitted in a GI uniform and interpreted for the battalion officers during the final week of hostilities and the subsequent months of the surrender and occupation. He eventually served in the Israeli forces.

Larry, now of Mexico City, and his brother, of San Antonio, Texas, were located by Salt Lake JACler and 522nd "C" Battery veteran Nelson Akagi. Akagi perused the computer at the Holocaust Museum in Washington last year to discover Larry's name with the hope of inviting him to the 522nd reunion.

MIS reunion

MIS-Northwest reunion celebrates 50th anniversary

SEATTLE—The Military Intelligence Service (MIS)-Northwest reunion at the Doubletree Suite and Inn in Tukwila, south of Seattle, is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II the weekend of Sept. 7-9.

Dr. James C. McNaughton, command historian of the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, will be keynote speaker at the Sept. 9 reunion banquet, George Koshi, reunion chair announced.

McNaughton has been assigned by the U.S. Army to develop a history of the Military Intelligence Service—MIS.

Ken Sato, MIS-NW president, says, "For one reason or another, the critical role of the MIS during World War II has not been fully publicized and documented." Because of this fragmented or little-known story of the contribution of MIS personnel, an overwhelming majority being Japanese Ameri-

cans, the Asian American congressional caucus had requested that "the Department of the Army commission a history of the Military Intelligence Service—MIS."

The MIS story will be unfolded in three panel discussions Saturday:

Panel A on the "Past," moderated by Peter Okada, covers the WACs by Yaye Furutani Herman; non-Nikkei in MIS by John A. Rappin; non-combat MIS by Col. (ret.) Sunao Ishio; MIS aboard the USS Missouri during the Japanese surrender by Col. (ret.) Tom Sakamoto; and MIS at the war crimes trial by Ken Aiba.

Panel B on the "Postwar and MISLS," moderated by Kazuo Watanabe, delves into Occupation by Col. (ret.) Harry Fukuhara; the native Japanese by Col. (ret.) Spady Koyama; in Korea by Paul Honda; history of MISLS by Shigeya Kihara; and Defense Language Institute by Dr. McNaughton.

Panel C on "Present and Future," moderated by Roy Inui, will consist of MIS group reports from Dr. Howard Furumoto, Hawaii; George Kanegai, Southern California; Gene Uratsu, Northern California; Harvey Watanabe, Northwest; Nobuo Furuiye, Rocky Mountain; Allen Meyer, non-Nikkei; Bud Nakasone, Minneapolis, and Henry Wakabayashi, Washington, D.C.

Members of caucus who wrote to Secretary of the Army Togo West requesting that "the Department of the Army commission a history of the Military Intelligence Service—MIS" were Sens. Daniel Inouye and David Akaka of Hawaii, Representatives Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California, Patsy Mink and Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii and Territorial Delegates Eni Faleoma-vaega of American Samoa and Robert Underwood of Guam.

The request was favorably received, and

McNaughton, command historian of the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, was assigned the task.

Other events include a salmon bake and entertainment at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, golf, sightseeing and post-reunion tours.

Registration forms are available from MIS-NW Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA, 98118, fax 206/328-0587. Basic fee: \$35 per person with added costs for optional meals, sightseeing and recreation. Reservation at Doubletree should be made by calling 800/222-8733 and indicating you are an MIS Reunion participant. Post-reunion tour on the MS Statendam on a seven-day Inside Passage cruise to Alaska departs Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 12.

Attendance is not limited to MIS personnel. Information: 800/501-6099.

Obituaries

"DEATH NOTICES," which appear in a more timely manner, are requested by the family who wish to be billed. The copy from either the family or the funeral director is reworded as necessary. The rate is \$15 per column inch. The following appear on a "space-available basis."

Arima, Frank M., 77, Auburn, Wash., April 21; Christopher, Wash.-born lifetime Seattle NVC veteran, survived by wife Memie, sons Scott, Robert, brothers Fred (Bremerton), George, sister Ruth Miyaki (Olympia).

Baba, Harry J., 86, Lafayette, April 21; Osaka-born, survived by son Ken, daughters Shirley Rodda, Dr. Emi Baba-Yamamoto, 5 gc.

Endo, Haru, 95, Maui, May 10; Fukushima-born school teacher, naturalized U.S. citizen, taught prewar at Paia, postwar at Makawao, Kahului since '59, principal '65-'75, decorated Order of Sacred Treasure 6th class ('79), survived by son Robert, daughters Grace Endo, Florence Yanaga, 6 gc., 7 ggc., brothers Toshizo and Shuji Tamate, sister Chie Sato.

Fujimoto, Masao Bill, 62, Altadena, May 11; survived by wife Ruth, sons Steven, Craig, daughter Ellen, mother Nami, brothers Tosh, Paul, Donald, Ed, sisters Michiko, Tsuneko, Shigeko, Cheiko Hirai.

Haruki, Sachiko, 67, Los Angeles, May 7; Shizuoka-born, survived by husband James, sons Michael, Steven, daughters Judy, Margaret, brothers and sisters in Japan.

Horiuchi, Kura, 94, Los Angeles, May 10; Issei-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Tad (Lomita), Harvey (Huntington Beach), 4 gc., 4 ggc, sister-in-law May Watanabe (Salt Lake City).

Kamimoto, Helen Hatsue, 61, Carson, May 9; Maui-born Sansei, survived by husband Herb Y., daughter Avis Honda (San Diego), mother Edna Fujita (Hawaii), brother Thomas (Hawaii), sisters Lily Oba, Grace Oumi (Hawaii).

Katayama, Akira, 74, Spokane, Wash., April 4; Stockton-born railroad worker, survived by one aunt, Sadako Yamamoto.

Kazumura, Hajime Jimmie, 65, Los Angeles, May 3; Hawaii-born, survived by brothers Takeshi (Seattle), Mitsuru (Hawaii), sisters Tomiko Shimazu, Sueko Arakawa, Shizuko Yonekura (all Hawaii).

Kishaba, Kiyoko, 69, Los Angeles, May 2; Tucson-born, survived by husband Susumu, sons Bruce, Charles, 2 gc., mother Sumi Miyagi, brothers Ken, Genji, sister Masako Higa.

Maekawa, Yasuko, 70, Monterey Park, May 12; Okinawa-born, survived by husband Kosuke, sons Koken, Kosei, Takao, daughters Michiko, Takako Sasaki, 7 gc., brother Sadao Nakama, sister Hideko Nishime.

Matsumura, Clarence, 74, Yorba Linda, May 13; Green River, Wyo.-born WWII 522nd and Korean Conflict veteran, retired in '85 after 32 years with Bell Systems, survived by wife Joon, daughter Darice Mori.

Minata, Haruko, 96, Seattle, March 16; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, former resident of Bonners Ferry,

Idaho to '42, postwar Spokane, survived by son George (Spokane), daughter Grace Kayahara (San Leandro, Calif.), 4 gc., 1 ggc., predeceased by husband George ('50), and daughter Marie ('78).

Murakami, Sumiko, 90, Los Angeles, May 3; Wakayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons John, Paul, Sam, Roy, Harry, Joe, Fred, Bob, David, Tom, daughters Mary Wakita (Everett, Wash.), Nancy Takeuchi, Susy Tanaka, 33gc, 19 ggc., 1 gggc, in-laws John Nakabayashi (San Francisco), Fumie Furukawa (Marietta, Ga.)

Muramoto, Sumiye, Riverside, April 25; survived by husband Kazuo of 54 years, son Frank (El Cajon), daughters Joan Fujii (Claremont), Betty Shizue Muramoto (Los Angeles), 5 gc.

Muraoka, Carol S., 63, Mission Hills, May 8; Hawaii-born Sansei, 35 years teaching for L.A. Unified School District, survived by husband Victor, sons David, Alan (New York), daughter Kathy Funakura, 5 gc., parents Stanley and Alice Inouye.

Nishida, Alice S., 72, French Camp, April 21; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Fumio, son Michael, daughters Jenny Takahashi, Esther Solis, Dr. Bonner Chaykousky, 6 gc., sisters Dr. Catherine Hata, Margaret Ota, Florence Webb.

Odama, Kikuye, 86, Carson, May 5; Fresno-born, survived by husband Joseph, sons Hitoshi (San Jose), Ron (Hawaii), daughters Michi Nozaki, Shigeko Murashige, 12 gc., 2 ggc., brother Takeo Arata (Fresno), sisters Asano Kataoka (Florida), Mitsuye Sakata (Fresno), Chiyeiko Yamamoto, Setsuko Yaotani (Japan).

Ogawa, Hideko, Riverside, May 6; survived by husband of 52 years Mitsuru, son Wayne (Indianapolis), daughter Linda Oleszko (Warren, Mich.), 2 gc., sister June Haru Nakamura (Moreno Valley), brothers Chuck (Costa Mesa), Etsuo.

Okabayashi, Kensuke, 66, Burbank, April 30; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Mitzie, sons Jeffrey, Clay, 1 gc., brothers Seiro, Shigeru, sister Kimiko Kitaoka, stepmother Fusami Okabayashi.

Okamoto, Hisaka George, Seattle (April), survived by wife Aiko, son John D., Dr. James K. (Tulsa), daughter Jean Kasumi, 3 gc., predeceased by brother Takayoshi.

Okazaki, Tom, 72, Foster City, May 9; retired 6th Army colonel (res.), survived by wife Alice, sons David, Mark (Rodeo), Steven (Redwood City), Timothy (Rancho Santa Margarita), Kenneth (Santa Clara), 1 gc, brothers George, Sam, Yoshiro, Leo, sister Shizuko (San Jose).

Okimoto, Hatsuye, 90, Los Angeles, May 6; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Keiji, daughters Misao Park, Miyona Nishikubo, 5gc., 4 ggc.

Steinfeld, Joanne Yasuko, 55, Los Angeles, May 8; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughter Leslie Kiku (Illinois), parents Katsuo and Yone Endo, brother James (June Lake).

Takagaki, Mary C., 73, Los Angeles, May 4; Ogden-born, survived by husband Yo, son Richard, daughters Judi, Cathy Yee (New York), 4 gc., brother Ted Nakayama, in-laws Kei and Minoru Takagaki, Takewo Takekoshi, Al Takata (Lodi), Shiz Takagaki.

Takeuchi, Harry T., 74, Fresno, April 22; Reedley-born, survived by sons Wayne, Norman, daughters Aileen Parmeter, Diane Eskelsen, 2gc., sisters

Emiko Mikuni, Erma Aoki, brothers Kenneth, Dan, Floyd, Leo, Victor.

Takimura, Yoshiharu, 76, Brighton, Mich., May 19; survivors include Shirley C.

Terao, Kakuo K., 78, Los Angeles, April 8, Irwindale-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Michiko, daughter Barbara Uyeda, 1 gc.

Ushijima, Yoshihiko, 65, San Francisco, April 21; Stockton-born, survived by wife Tokiko, daughter Soko, sister Emiko Terasawa.

Wada, Mari, 68, Los Angeles, May 13.

Yamamoto, Mary, 67, Sacramento, April 17; survived by husband Charles, sons Richard, John, daughter Judy Louie, 3gc., mother Yuka Matoba, brothers, Hank, Akio, George, Katsuki, sisters Haru Hamamoto, Ann Bradley, Twinkle Yagi, Vicki Matoba.

Yamasaki, Yukiko, 92, San Francisco, April 14; Shizuoka-born, survived by son Keijiro, daughter-in-law Helen Yamasaki, 5 gc.

Yoneda, Hatsuye, 75, Altadena, April 16; Fresno-born, survived by husband Narumi, son John, 2 gc., brother Kenji Osaki, sisters Sumi Kaneichi, Kiyoko Yonesawa, Shizu Matoba, Mary Shinkawa, Alice Hamamoto.

Yoshida, Jiro, 86, Santa Monica, April 23; Maui-born, survived by sons Min, Teiji, 3 gc., brother Hiroshi.

Yugawa, Harry N., 80, Santa Monica, April 25; Newcastle-born, survived by sons Jun, Kagesada, daughters Yasuyo Spencer, Cathy Marshall, 4 gc., 1 ggc., brother Yoshiaki.

CALENDAR

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p.m., James R. Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance; tickets: 310/781-7171.

Sat. July 29—"Show Time 95" AADAP/JACCC benefit concert and post-concert dessert bar, 7:30 p.m., JACCC. info: 213/628-2725, box office, 213/680-3700.

Sat. Aug. 5—"A Memorial of Tears," Interfaith commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, JACCC Plaza; info: Chris Aihara 213/628-2725.

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 12-20—55th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival; activities include coronation ball, taiko festival, grand parade and carnival/street fair; JACCC info: 213/628-2725; Nisei Week Info: 213/687-7193.

Sat. Aug. 26—Chilivision IX / Pioneer-ing Visions, JACCC Plaza; info: 213/680-4462.

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DEATH NOTICE

TAIRA FUJIMOTO

Taira Fujimoto, 84, passed away on May 27 in Westminster, CA. Born in Watsonville, CA, he is survived by wife Yaeko; sons James and Don; daughter Joann and six grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE KAHEI YOSHIZAWA

George Kahei Yoshizawa, 96, passed away on Dec. 1, 1994, in Kagoshima, Japan. Formerly of Oakland, Martinez, Salinas. Survived by Grandson Paul Kimoto of Ithaca, New York.

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LETTERS

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verifiable evidence or documents were presented to support their claim that the JACL organization had maliciously maligned, slandered or defamed the draft resisters. No JACL chapter, JACL staff member, or JACL elected officer was charged with taking any wrongful action or had exceeded their free speech prerogative, or violated the civil rights of anyone.

Cressey Nakagawa, the JACL spokesman, acknowledged that the JACL supported the establishment of the 442nd, and encouraged Nisei to volunteer knowing the dangers to be expected in a front line combat unit. When draft reclassification of Nisei occurred in early 1944, the JACL supported compliance to draft orders. Mr. Nakagawa stated that the efforts to dissuade draft resisters was open and proper, and successful with no exceptions in our thinking.

2. The draft resisters made their own choice, free and clear with no coercion, at least from JACL, and some believe their choice was admirable under the circumstances. This was during WWII and the outcome of the war was not certain. The draft resisters knew their action would provide the ammunition to the anti-Japanese American news media. Congressional leaders and public groups needed to subject more harsh treatment for the interned community. Not very community-minded in our thinking.

We 442nd volunteers and draftees made our decision also at that time. We knew that the 442nd was a dangerous frontline combat infantry unit, and our survival without injury or death was problematic, in fact statistically low. But, we also knew that our action would help destroy military dictatorships in Germany and Japan. And most important, it would be a positive action against the anti-Issei-Nisei detractors throughout the United States. Even with family and friends in concentration camps, those internees placed their lives and loyalty with the United States.

If there is an apology, the Nisei draft resisters and their advocates should be the ones to apologize to the Nisei volunteers and draftees who were sometimes harassed and intimidated for serving in the armed forces of their country. The harassment was so aggressive that some volunteers for the 442nd were not given a public send-off ceremony when they left for training, and many of their families were subjected to continuing name-calling and intimidation.

We, veterans who served honorably during WWII, feel that the JACL would be better served if they showed an appreciation for those Nikkei who gave their lives serving their country, and community rather than appease a controversial group. The grief and agony of those families who lost loved ones in war is immeasurable and remains to this day.

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Joseph Heco Society pleading for support

I visited the gravesite of Joseph Heco in the Gaijin Bochi of Aoyama Cemetery in Tokyo during my recent trip to Japan where I had participated in a symposium of the "Dawn of Broadcasting in Post-war Japan." It was April and the famed cherry trees were in full bloom.

A 13-year-old shipwrecked sailor, Heco (Hikoza Hamada) was saved by an American ship and brought to San Francisco and under sponsorship of the San Francisco collector of customs, he shook hands with three U.S. presidents (including Lincoln). He was naturalized in 1858, the first true Japanese American, who returned to Japan as an interpreter for the American consulate and the U.S. Navy. After resigning the civil service job, he stayed in Japan and founded the first newspaper in Japan, the *Kaigai Shimbun* in Yokohama.

The president of the Joseph Heco Society in Japan, Haruyoshi Chikamori, took me to Chinatown where a monument stands on the site of "First Newspaper Published in Japan." The 80-year-old gentleman also took me over to the cemetery to pay my respects at Heco's grave. There is an annual \$20 cemetery fee which must be paid to the City of Tokyo. After he goes, he hopes there will be benefactors in the U.S. who can continue to pay for the maintenance. Write for further details.

Frank Shozo Baba
8714 Rayburn Rd.,
Bethesda, MD 20817
A Washington, D.C. JACL pioneer, Mr. Baba worked with the Voice of America and is the American chair of the Joseph Heco Society.

President corrects comment on fund-raiser

I just read in the *Pacific Citizen* dated June 2-15 related to me making a statement regarding the PSW fundraising. When I was asked by Gwen Muranaka whether I ever made a statement to that effect, I responded that I didn't recall doing so. I construed her question to me as being made in December or January. At that time the money was needed, because cash flow problems. By the tri-district meeting in late April, the need was not as acute. It probably was in that context that the statement attributed to me was made. At any rate, I do not wish the impression to be left that Phyllis Murakawa was misinforming the readers of the PC. Her memory is probably better than mine and I apologize to her. She would not have made the statement had it not been true.

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taxes. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy, would also have provided an exception for special cases such as when the immigrant was an abused spouse and her abuser was the sponsor.

Leigh Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "Asian Pacific Americans and Hispanic Americans who live in California need to know their Senator has wholeheartedly embraced the anti-immigrant cause. It is disturbing to see her turn her back on communities that contributed to her victory in the 1994 Senate race. I urge Californians to write the Senator and express their dismay."

Feinstein, the Democrat incumbent, won a narrow victory over Republican challenger Michael Huffington during the November '94 California elections.

IMMIGRATION

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partment report estimated that over 55% of the family immigrants eliminated will be members of Asian Pacific American families if the recommendations go into effect.

A joint coalition of OCA, NAPALC and the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO reported that Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Tex.), chair, House Subcommittee on Immigration, is expected to introduce a bill that will propose either a minimum 25% cut or a moratorium on legal immigration. The Asian American groups said that they were joined in protest by a wide range of ethnic, religious,

legal, business, labor and conservative organizations.

CAUCUS

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by the commission encompass 93% of all pending immigration applications from the Philippines and Taiwan, 88% of applications from India, 85% of applications from China, 82% of applications from Hong Kong and 80% of applications from South Korea.

"The Jordan proposal feeds on incipient prejudice rather than affirm a policy that squarely stands on diversity and family reunification. I urge President Clinton to reject it. It is not a fair and equitable roadmap—it is a retreat," said Rep. Patsy Mink.

Rep. Robert Matsui said he was concerned that any changes to the U.S. immigration policy not affect those who have already applied for entrance.

"There are more than a million Asians who have filed applications to enter the United States. They have played by rules, done what they should, and they have waited for approval to move to this country. Those requests must be addressed before we change the system," said Matsui, who was recently elevated to vice chair of the Democratic National Committee, pending final confirmation.

LIMITS

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his authority in a Kansas City, Missouri, school desegregation battle when he ordered major new desegregation steps because black students' test scores had not risen enough.

The two decisions underscored

the skepticism of today's court, dominated by conservative justices named by Republican Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, toward programs mandating government remedies for racial discrimination.

Affirmative action has become one of the nation's most contentious social issues. Blacks and other minority groups generally have defended the programs as a way to make up for the history of past discrimination, while critics including some white males attack them as an illegal form of "reverse discrimination."

O'Connor said the tough scrutiny the Supreme Court adopted in 1989 for state and local affirmative action programs now must be applied to federal efforts.

The decision overturns key parts of high court rulings in 1980 and 1990 that upheld government programs for minorities.

MARUTANI

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band or were even enrolled in the orchestra class. It was somewhat unlikely that our Issei parents considered a diversion of (limited) monetary resources to a musical instrument as a priority, or that allocating (limited) time to huffing on a trumpet, as leading to economic well-being.

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