Matsui: New Asian American leaders must be developed

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

With the resignation of Norman Mineta from Congress, Rep. Robert Matsui, speaking Oct. 8, before a gathering of journalists and community leaders at the Union Church in Little Tokyo, said it was vital that Asian Americans develop new leadership.

"We need urgent new political leadership. It has to be done immediately. We've hit a crisis point," said Matsui.

In terms of Asian Pacific Americans, he added, "we need new leaders in the House and Senate. The word has got to go out immediately. We've hit a crisis point."

In the community, Matsui added, "we've got to know what has been done and how they are voting," said Matsui. "Ralph Reed of the community has to know who has been doing what. We in the Asian community have to come to grips with the fact that we are not going to be here for 20 years from now in the House and Senate."

"The representative sharply criticized the House and Senate."

The word has got to go out immediately. We've hit a crisis point, said Matsui. "What happened in the last 48 hours shows a clear-cut need for new Asian American leaders. It has to be done with respect for the institution and love for it. The folks who are coming in here now don't like government. And they don't like this place either."

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On his way out, Mineta critical of majority Republican leaders

After over twenty years in the House of Representatives, Norman Mineta left Congress Oct. 10 with some sharp words for the Republican majority, reported the San Jose Mercury News.

Speaking to the Mercury News, Mineta said, "We came here with the idea of reform—with changes that had to be made. But it was done with respect for the institution and love for it. The folks who are coming in here now don't like government. And they don't like this place either."

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On the upcoming election for his open seat, Mineta said that Republican State Sen. Tom Campbell, who is expected to be the Republican nominee, would only strengthen the conservative control of Congress.

"Tom (Campbell) always portrays himself as a very thoughtful, moderate person. He's very thoughtful—but no question about it. But when it comes to voting, he's still recovering from the riots. We're victims of double jeopardy. First we were victimized by the riot, then the City Council would not allow us to reopen our stores," said Kim, noting recent ordinances which restricted locations where liquor stores can be opened.

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"And had there been a high incidence of suicide and depression in the Korean community, the police could prepare," said Kim.

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"What concerns me is that a lot of white commentaries are blaming affirmative action and other race-based remedies.

"I think there is definitely a backlash. There were reports that some whites are taking it out on small whites in small ways..."

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WASHINGTON D.C.
SAT. Sept. 30—Annual national meeting, 13:00-4:30 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6001 H. St. N.W., Washington, D.C., M.I. Info: Lily Okura/310-635-1045.

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Sat. Nov. 5—Fall fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Euclid Central Middle School, Euclid. Info: 216-229-2049.

Dayton
Sat. Dec. 4—Installation dinner, 6:30 p.m., West Reading Restaurant, West Reading. Info: Salta Natasha/614-824-0443. NOTE—Don’t worry about no reservations.

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Dayton
Wed. Oct. 30—Teacher training workshop on Japanese Americans, all 4:30 p.m., Dayton Shinwasho, 9030 Brandst Pike, Huber Heights. Info: Dr. Mace Ishida, coordinator of workshops through November with Verema Randall, Kim O’Leary, Unice.

Dayton
Thu. Nov. 3—Japanese American United Church, 255 W. 7th Ave., New York; RSVP and to reserve the line please contact: Christing Murakami, 212/929-8566.

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JACL legal counsel comments on severance, improper conduct charges

For several months, two issues have dominated the national leadership and the membership. One is the severance settlement with former JACL staff. The other is the controversy over charges of improper conduct lodged by two female staff against a JACL national officer.

JACL legal counsel comments on severance charges under California law.

"Not counting the February pay rol, the foregoing items amounted to $3,374 (health care), $1,137 (sick leave only), and $1,042 (sick leave). As noted, these were amounts which the Corporation was obligated to pay, by law or consis with the personnel manual, and I do not see any reason why we were in any wise generous in this regard. I mention only because those components which were wage-rel ated became subject to payroll withholding and compensation. In addition, the Corporation, in the mediation, agreed that they would not render further services to the Corporation by the December 1994 reorganization plan. Even so, your Board—very appropriately, I think—determined that those employees who were not in the recast classified positions (or were not selected upon reclassification) should be terminated. Consequently, therefore became my duty to assist National Office staff and the Corporation to fulfill those obligations. 

"Miyazaki, chairman of the Implementation Committee, and Moun tain View office head, Kutsuna, chairwoman of the Personnel Committee, approved the settlement which is the formulation of an appropriate plan.

"As it happened, none of the five employees affected chose to reapply. Accordingly, the Implementation Committee decided that the need not render further services to JACL after February 10, 1995. In short, to meet their obligations, the Corporation agreed to hire three new employees for a period of one month. In so doing, through the December 1994 reorganization plan, the Corporation will provide a severance package for each of the five employees. This will include a monthly stipend for each of the five employees for a period of four years, or until they reach the age of 65.

"In order to arrive at the severance amounts for the five employees, the Corporation consulted with the Internal Revenue Service. With the approval of your Board, I propose that the following language be included in the severance agreement:

"The attorney for four of these employees is in the process of filing a complaint based upon one month's salary for each year of service. This would have a total of $60,000. In addition, employment of the Corporation to include an attorney to represent its interests.

"As of the settlement that your Board approved, I was notified on June 8 by San Jose attorney Bob Owings (whom I had retained to represent the Corporation in this mediation) that he had been retained by the Corporation to oppose counsel. In addition, the eligibility of two long-term employees. In essence, it proposed a one-week salary for each year (or part of a year) if the employee had less than four years total service, and to continue to 10 weeks for each year (or fraction) between five and 10 years, and to three weeks salary for each year of service. This would have added 20% (or $2,000) to your Board's adoption of the settlement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a reten tion of coverage at their own expense. Moreover, the Corporation, as part of its final payoff to these employees, paid accrued vacation and sick leave allowances, as it was obliged to do under California law.

"Matsui (Continued from page 1)

"That brings us to severance as such. Your Board's directive was to offer a fair plan, and I believe that the Implementation Committee did so. Of the five employees, three served for various periods of less than four years, and served for less than five years, and the most ser vice, about 15. After reviewing several corporate plans as models, the committee adopted a sliding scale for the benefits of the two long- tends to the Corporation for the latter and that is litigation. I do not comprehend the logic of conferring a non-obligatory 'pay cure' on the beneficiaries. On the other hand, the claim of improper conduct lodged by two female staff against a JACL national officer will be handled according to the National Office staff to incorporate the settlement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement. In the legal sense, absent any action by the Corporation, I instructed attorney Owings in accordance with federal law to a retention of coverage in the severance agreement.

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Lively speakers highlight Florin Women's Day Forum

By DOLLY UYENO

A capacity audience filled the Sacramento Marriott Harbor-
ner's Conference Room on Sat-
day to hear the 60th Anniver-
sary Florin, JACL, Women's Day Forum. According to speakers, the event provides an opportunity for members to share insights into Nikkei culture and history.

Topics and speakers were:


Chairing the forum were Carol Ouyang, Nisen and Sandi Cool, Florin, who commended thought and discussion on the impact of the interracial experience on the younger generations was informative. Discriminatory action was high on the agenda and Alm. Hisatomi and Patty Wada, Florin, who collin provoked thought and discussion about their work with the Japan-

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JACL Education Committee

By TERESA MAEBORI
JACL Education Committee/co-chair

Volunteers continue the task of spreading the word and work of the JACL Education Committee across the country.

Education questionnaire

Last April, national headquarters sent out a questionnaire to all JACL chapter presidents asking them to provide feedback on their use of the curriculum guide which was distributed two years ago. Out of the 116 questionnaires sent, 22 were returned, which is an approximate 19 percent return rate.

From this small sampling it was indicated that the committee and national headquarters need to do a better job of informing the organization of this project and how to use it. This will be one of the committee’s priorities for the remainder of the biennium.

In addition we will utilize the information from the questionnaire to help fashion a 1996 nation wide curriculum guide workshop in San Jose, Calif.

Here are some of the information that came out of the questionnaire:

• 16 of the 22 chapters had made use of the guide.
• 10 of the 22 had ordered more copies. 185 copies were listed as being purchased by the chapters.
• 10 chapters had plans or had already distributed copies of the guide to schools, libraries, boards of education, etc.
• 5 chapters had taken advantage of the video offer and had ordered videos.
• 12 chapters wrote some suggestions about support services.

Responding chapters

Here is a list of the responding chapters:

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ship, French Camp, Lodi, San Mateo
• Central Cal.: Fresno, Delano
• Pacific Southwest: San Diego, Pasadena, South Bay, Selanco, Las Vegas
• Mountain Plains: Arkansas Valley
• Midwest: Wisconsin, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnat, Arkansas Valley, Hoosier
• Intermountain: Boise Valley
• Eastern: Washington, D.C., Southeast, Philadelphia

The responses also included suggestions to support local JACL Education Committees. According to some comments, chapters can make relatively simple efforts to disseminate the guide. Some chapters have donated the guide to their local library, to the public high school, middle school, or elementary school, for instance. It was suggested that JACL parents, grandparents, or relatives donate the guide to their child’s school or discuss the curriculum with their child’s current teacher.

In another response, it was suggested that current JACL chapter boards go through a workshop on the lessons from the guide. One chapter has published sections of the historical overview in the newsletter to increase donations and educate the membership on the important events for Japanese Americans.

At the district level a speaker’s bureau could be developed. Chapters are urged to discuss all of these ideas at their board meetings.

Update: 3rd Edition

Education Committee members, Greg Marutani and Inumi Taniguchi, have been actively working on a third edition of the curriculum guide. Verifying factual information, updating photographs, adding lesson plans and books to the resource section, and adding information about the Japanese American internment experience are some of the items on this team has been working on. A proposal was presented at the October national board meeting for the third reprinting.

Kazuko Matsutsumi, JACL interim national director at headquarters, has also been investigating sources of funding to reprint this guide.

American Library Association

Greg Marutani has worked with American Library Association to identify sites which will host the Smithsonian exhibit, "A More Perfect Union." He has made a presentation to the ALA illustrating how the guide can enhance the exhibit. Some JACL chapters have been contacted to work with their local libraries to present a series of programs to disrupt the internment.

In the Philadelphia area, the Camden County (N.J.) library made a proposal to host the exhibit. Although it was not accepted as a site, the library nevertheless decided to go ahead with the educational program. On Oct. 10, Gracze Uehara presented a historical overview of the internment and redress. On Oct. 17, Ellen Nakamura and John Pipum were scheduled to speak of the Sea-brook, N.J., experience. And on Oct. 24, I am scheduled to give a workshop for elementary, middle and high school teachers on the lessons of the internment.

JACL may still have the opportunity to present such a program when the Smithsonian exhibit arrives at the Montgomery County library in Norristown, Pa. I have been asked as the education chairperson to give an educational workshop at the internment.

Educational Workshops

In August the Seattle Chapter, See EDUCATION/page 11

JACL Education Committee Questionnaire

JACL Chapter Date

JACL chapter president or education chairperson Address

To help the JACL Education Committee assess the uses of the curriculum and resource guide and to help us support the needs of the chapters we request that you take a few minutes and give us some feedback about your chapter’s educational activities.

1. Has your chapter made use of the guide, "The Japanese American Experience: A Lesson in History"?

YES NO

If YES, describe how your chapter has used the guide. (Use a separate paper)

2. Has your chapter ordered copies of the guide from Headquarters?

YES NO If YES, how many?

3. Does your chapter plan to disseminate the guide to schools and libraries in your area?

YES NO

4. Has your chapter ordered the videos that were offered for a limited time?

YES NO

5. What support services would your chapter suggest the education committee provide to make your task at disseminating the guide easier?

Thank you for your cooperation. We hope to share this information with all the chapters and to develop plans to help you. Please return the questionnaire by May 13, 1996 to Teresa Maebori, Education Committee, 2907 Modvale Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19129.
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By BARBARA NEKOA

As they gather now in the twilights of their years, it would be natural for a casual onlooker to suppose them to be an ordinary group of unassuming harmless old men. Only if you knew of their exploits would you realize that they are extraordinarily exceptional.

For these are Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the U.S. Army during World War II as members of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. Their stories, now chronicled by three recent books, aren’t just about the courage that rise8 in the men in tough times. They are stories about culture, family, honor and duty—and the strength that bound these men to these values.

There were many doublers who felt that the Unique Americans would never fight their “own” war. The Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines did not want them—so they volunteered to serve in the Army. Even so, Gen. Douglas MacArthur would not take them. Gen. Mark Clark, however, said that he would take anybody who would fight and would later recount, “These are some of the bravest men I have ever worked with.”

You will, the Army. If you have more, send them to me.” General Mamoru Shigemitsu, who was later sent to the United Nations, told the American governments, “We have some superb! That word correctly describes it—Superb! They had a fighting spirit. Not too much can be said of the performance of these battalions in Europe, and nobody wanted them.

And they were superb. Most of the world knows that now, but three authors have brought these men closer to our minds and hearts by making their stories not just war stories but human stories.

Honor By Fire: Japanese Americans in Europe and the Pacific, by Lyn Crost, President

HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN, was the official correspondent who covered the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team. Her book is a concise but powerful account of Japanese American military service during World War II, and is the first book to combine the exploits of the Japanese American soldiers who served in the Military Intelligence Service and the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Based on hundreds of interviews with Japanese American veterans, she recounts the Nisei’s experiences as they served in Europe and in every major campaign battle in the Pacific. She describes the efforts of the Nisei who fought in Burma with Merrill’s Marauders as they set out on reconnaissances to maneuver behind enemy lines to listen to conversations of Japanese soldiers and tap enemy telephone lines, and to learn Japanese plans and troop dispositions.

She writes of Richard Sakakida, an MIS interpreter who spent many months behind enemy lines to relay information back to American troops. Captured and tortured, he was nonetheless able to convince his Japanese captors that he was not a spy but a superb interpreter. He was eventually released and served as an interpreter to the Japanese military, where he was able to continue funneling information about enemy plans and troop dispositions.

She writes of the rescue of the Texas Last Battle—the costliest campaigns in the European Theater. The Nisei fought in the Vosges Mountains for six months behind enemy lines to listen to conversations of Japanese soldiers and tap enemy telephone lines, and to learn Japanese plans and troop dispositions.

On page 436: What I think we must admit is that responsive public officials, most of whom were publicly and privately extremely reluctant to take such a step, were persuaded by those “on the ground” and in that command of the broad range of evidence that the evacuation of the evacuees was without, if not essential, given the evidence, wise and prudent. And those officials involved, including the very decent, intelligent and humane individuals, maintained until their dying day that the decision to relocate was, if not in retrospect necessary, at least understandable and based on what was genuinely believed to be security considerations and not, in any substantial degree, on race. "Evacuation," "relocation," "evacuation center," were euphemisms deliberately crafted by government to hide "mass evacuation and detention," "detention camps," and "detention camp." The camps, called War Relocation Centers, were administered by the War Relocation Authority (WRA). In a telling example of the government’s self-deception, Edgar Bernhard, principal attorney, WRA, wrote in September 1943. That word "relocation" certainly does not refer to final relocation outside of a center. The evacuee who is detained for the duration of his history when a relocation center has also been "relocated" and is being "maintained." The phrase of relocation is a center. Smith is also unsure of Public Proclamations No. 8 (June 1942) and WD 4 (August 1942), issued respectively by the Western Defense Command and War Department. These two orders made the relocation process a mere relocation of internment camps. They invoked presidential Executive Order 9066 (February 1942) and explicitly prohibited Japanese Americans from leaving the camps for any reason, including those of fine and imprisonment. The authorities in charge of "reloca­ tion zones" were all that flowed from 9066. It was exclusion and destruction.

Smith’s "broadcast range of evidence" consists of these "facts"—illegal radio transmissions, shore-to-ship signaling, and a couple of burden. While Smith cites these, he fails to report that each "fact" was investigate and confirmed at the time by appropriate authorities and that, in the end, it was without merit. Another evidentiary item he cites is the Government’s opponent witness, anv­ neth Bingle, Office of Naval Intel­ lligence. Smith fails to re­ veal that Bingle, our government’s expert on the thrust posed by Japa­ nese-Americans, recommended a case-by-case approach to the prob­ lem of the Japanese, saying that the ONLY and FBI had ac­ cess to radio broadcast locations. The program began—and opposed indications. The frequency was based on race. Finally, Smith ig­ nores the findings on this matter in favorable to the Japanese. Smith’s book is a comprehensive study of Wartime Relocation and Intern­ ment of Civilians (1988) and an edifying by his hearing in 1943. The book is a comprehensive study of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (1988) and an edifying by his hearing in 1943.
because their role was kept secret largely unknown until recently. However, their exploits remained at risk not only from enemy air-dropped behind enemy lines, who sometimes mistook them for Japanese-which might belie, if his story did not bear witness, the great breadth of its history. According to Thelma Chang’s finely illustrated book, Ropaidng America: An Account of the 100th/442nd, who formed the MIS came from the Southwest Pacific, Pacific Ocean and Burma-India Theater. One of the most important, documents captured and translated was the Japanese Combined Fleet’s “E Plan.” This allowed the Americans to decimate the Japanese carrier force. The thousands of Japanese mainland-born soldiers who comprised entirely of Japanese Nisei officers who were Caucasian. They also tried to convince enemy soldiers and civilians to surrender rather than to fight. Air-dropped behind enemy lines, who sometimes mistook them for Japanese-American men from Hawaii. They were among the first to liberate the prisoners of Dachau. Official records do not document this fact, but in the direction of Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist who was almost surely Christian, he was both rational and responsible, according to the author. The more reserved, individualistic mainland-born soldier. But the more reserved, individualistic Nisei-born soldiers, who felt a natural cultural bonding with fellow Japanese-Americans who had many cultural similarities were shared, and the more reserved, individualistic mainlander-born soldiers. But both groups shared cultural values that emphasized allegiance, honor and obligation. Chang describes the period of rehabilitation and reintegration of the men from Hawaii and those of the same ancestry who struggled to survive and assimilate. The Japanese sentiment was very strong, particularly on the mainland. The third is “frud from the course of justice.” Though three-fourths of the 100th/442nd, led by Mrs. Chang, were Nisei, the remaining one-quarter were Issei. Mrs. Chang tells of Tadao Nakai who formed the MIS came from the Philippines, which Mrs. Chang according to the author. Prior to the war, there was only a handful of Caucasians who spoke or wrote Japanese. In the beginning, there was friction between the “Go For Broke” regiment and the American history. It earned seven presidential unit citations, 43 division commendations, 9,486 Purple Hearts, 18,143 individual awards and decorations. The MIS also received the Medal of Honor and 52 Distinct Unit Citations. If 1000 of the whole story, however, you might not at first recognize what happened. Wherever they went, the Japanese-Americans earned a reputation for discipline and composure. From this spirit. He calls the samurai sword “murderous,” flower as meaning “obscene,” and the Japanese therefore “exotic.” He views the Japanese as “the pawns of the Axis.” He views the war between the Allies, U.S. and Japan as intangible, petty and trivial. He views the war in Europe as the real war, and the war in the Pacific as not. The more reserved, individualistic mainland-born soldiers. But both groups shared cultural values that emphasized allegiance, honor and obligation. Chang describes the period of rehabilitation and reintegration of the men from Hawaii and those of the same ancestry who struggled to survive and assimilate. The Japanese sentiment was very strong, particularly on the mainland. The third is “frud from the course of justice.” Though three-fourths of the 100th/442nd, led by Mrs. Chang, were Nisei, the remaining one-quarter were Issei. Mrs. Chang tells of Tadao Nakai who formed the MIS came from the Philippines, which Mrs. Chang according to the author. Prior to the war, there was only a handful of Caucasians who spoke or wrote Japanese. In the beginning, there was friction between the “Go For Broke” regiment and the American history. It earned seven presidential unit citations, 43 division commendations, 9,486 Purple Hearts, 18,143 individual awards and decorations. The MIS also received the Medal of Honor and 52 Distinct Unit Citations. If 1000 of the whole story, however, you might not at first recognize what happened. Wherever they went, the Japanese-Americans earned a reputation for discipline and composure. From this spirit. He calls the samurai sword “murderous,” flower as meaning “obscene,” and the Japanese therefore “exotic.” He views the Japanese as “the pawns of the Axis.” He views the war between the Allies, U.S. and Japan as intangible, petty and trivial. He views the war in Europe as the real war, and the war in the Pacific as not.
A Nebraska homecoming for Nisei

BILL HOSOKAWA

That wasn’t easy to do. Many schools were conducting classified research for the military and declined to accept Nisei students. Others set up quotas which limited the number of Nisei on the campus. In still other cases hostile college administrators or hostile communities discouraged Nisei enrollment.

One shining exception was the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The commemorative booklet recalls: “Approximately 50 Nisei students were admitted to the University of Nebraska in the fall of 1942, thanks to the efforts of NU Chancellor Chauncey S. Boucher, registrar George Rosefield and members of the faculty and campus ministry. In its efforts to help Nisei students, NU went farther than many other colleges and universities in the United States, many of which allied themselves with the doubts and suspicions implicit in President Roosevelt’s Executive Order 9066.”

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That kid remembered seeing in the store a large sheet of paper on which Chinese characters (kanji) appeared in the blocks; after a week or so, some of the characters suddenly weren’t there, and for a moment I was shocked. Then I knew what was happening. I’d learned the Japanese language.

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By the board

BY DAVID HAYASHI
Explaining the American Express program

I wish to thank the members who recently commented (Pacific Citizen, October 6) on the American Express Financial Advisors (AEPF) proposal to 3AC for the American Express program to provide tax planning, estate planning, investment counseling, charitable giving, and financial services education, which is now before the National Board. I was somewhat surprised at the alarmism some of the letter-writing group. I appreciate their willingness to make their concerns known. I am concerned that they feel offended and/or threatened by this proposal. I wish to offer some background (only because my name was used in the letter) which I hope will address many of the concerns.

I have been a driving force in the development of this proposal for several years and have worked closely with the National Board in crafting the proposal and financial services education, which is now before the National Board. Several years ago I saw an opportunity to develop a relationship between the two organizations. On my own, I researched the possibilities and potential for success.

First, American Express Financial Advisors is not "trying to buy its way into our community" as was insinuated in the letter. Rather, I approached several key executives with the idea of the company building a relationship with JACL, working under a proposal to JACL for a charitable giving program (not to compete) and financial services education, which is now before the National Board. I believe this is as much a drive for the JA community.

I have had a long-standing commitment to the JA community, which is why I was given the opportunity by the National Board to develop this proposal. I believe it is the benefit of our membership and the JA community. You may recall, I have said in the past that American Express is a professional and successful. There are many who will benefit from learning more about their personal assets, estate planning, charitable giving, tax planning, and financial planning, etc. More than half of our membership is of retirement age, and we are striving to attract younger professionals to the organization.

A membership benefit of financial education seminars will not act only as a service to existing members, but also aid in JACL's membership recruitment efforts.

There were initially many concerns that needed to be addressed before moving ahead with this. I contacted many experts, both within the company and outside to learn about and become aware of any potential downside for either party, as well as benefits to our membership.

My internal mentor on this project is Steve Kuwana, senior vice president, field business and management systems and a local Sansei JACL chapter member (Wisconsin). I formed an internal team of volunteers to help me research the project in 1990. During the course of the project, and 95, I polled many experts in both the community outside to learn about and become aware of any potential downside for either party, as well as benefits to our membership.

Here is a partial list of those concerns which were addressed and the consensus of the JA community.

1. The Japanese American market is very sensitive and relationship driven. Under the proposal, the company has no intention of "buying our way in." They would like to build a long-term relationship with our membership. Indeed, the benefit of our membership and the JA community.

2. Professionals from our community with expertise in the financial services industry, estate planning, etc., will be encouraged to participate in the program.

3. Financial advisors will be provided educational seminars to employees of our institutional retirement program as well as to members with names of many reputable national firms. I cannot name any of our clients here.

4. Presentations will be tailored so that best takes place.

5. The negative ending balances for many in the Japanese American market is usually reported net of cost. For cases where there was no net of cost. (Pacific Citizen, October 6).

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7. If you are interested in learning more about American Express Financial Advisors services, JACL will be an individual choice.

8. There will be no "selling of mailing lists or contacts." Any related mailings must be specifically stated in writing. We require approval from each chapter board involved in the program. This program will be presented to the membership board of our female organ to deprive her of her ability to function as a woman.

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David Hayash is chairman of the Mid-West District, JACL.


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LETTERS
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The National Board's financial statement, as recently released, is a disappointment.

Her message, "Beyond the Board," instead of more perspective, was brief, even worse. Her column appears monthly in Pacific Citizen.

Let it be noted that the latest inflation rate of the year is up to 5.2%.

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BY MEI NAKANO

Beijing Journal II: The Conference

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Personaly speaking

Trustees and executives
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The Seattle Chapter sponsored a day-long workshop, geared for teachers, on the topic of the Japanese American Experience. The chapter’s goal is to get JACL’s curriculum guide out to teachers and help them teach it effectively.

The initial goal was to attract around 30 teachers, hoping that they would spread the word to their colleagues. The workshop, instead, attracted almost 60 individuals—not only teachers, but students and other interested parties.

The highlight of the day was the appearance of Gordon Hirabayashi, a member of the group about his experiences in his internment camp. This lesson was geared for secondary teachers.

Teresa Masoe, National JACL Education Committee chair, welcomed the following audience, following lunch, author Ken Matsuda, son of Allen and Helen Masoe, followed the reading with Baseball Saved Us. This lesson was geared for secondary teachers.

Attendees, in their written evaluation, praised the content, speakers and classroom materials. They especially said they appreciated the presentations by Hirabayashi, Morioka, Kinoshita and Masoe.

San Francisco scholar
Kimmy Jong, third from left, recently grounded from the San Francisco Chapter, JACL. Members of the Scholarship Committee are Gail Idoe, left, Kay Gemma, second from left, Sheryl Ishizaki, third from right, Susan Okada, second from right, and Greg Morita, right.

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contract at any time. It is a win-win situation.

8. American Express has donated more than $30,000 to Asian American organizations in the last few years, just within the Twin Cities, Minn., area. I do not know the nation-wide figures, but I know the company supported many organizations, including JACL, works with closely. I have been instru-
mental in obtaining nearly $20,000 in support from AFEA for JACL at the national, district, and local club levels.

Finally, I am employed by Amer-
ican Express Financial Advisors as a manager in the Corporate Ac-
counting Operations area of the "Finance and Ac-
tualities, I am not a marketing person. I do not earn any com-
missions, nor will I receive any benefit from this agreement should JACL pro-
ceed with it. I do agree that be-
cause of the "perceived" conflict of interest, I will abstain from vot-
ing on any resolutions which come before the JACL National Board in regard to this matter.

I am convinced that American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., can work with national organizations with offices in all major cities, many rural ar-
eas, Hawaii and Alaska, is a prime vehicle to carry forward this concept with our geographically di-
verse membership in an organized, up-to-date and consistent manner. I will continue to dis- 
play a professional attitude and demonstration against beauty contests.

Does that sound familiar, or what?

Next time China and anal-

KOKUSAI-PACIFIC 1995 TOURS

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