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EDC meeting, Nov. 4, 1995



DISTRICT BUSINESS—From left, Lillian Kimura, Ron Uba and Tom Kometani discuss EDC agenda.



TAKING NOTE—Emily Murase, left, and Grayce Uyehara listen to proceedings.

Seabrook deals with racial slur incident

Stories and photos: GWEN MURANAKA

Seabrook Chapter:

John Fuyume reported that the chapter has received media attention after a local school superintendent used a racial slur.

The *Bridgeton, N.J., Journal* reported Donald D'Amico said Oct. 20 during a teachers meeting at the Indian Avenue School that the "Japs are taking over everything."

Ayako Loder, who attended the meeting and heard the slur, said that the remark was offensive. When she asked for an apology, Fuyume said that D'Amico brushed her off and walked away.

In response to the incident the Seabrook Chapter did not ask the Princeton School board to fire D'Amico. They sent

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District reviews JACL budget

The Eastern District Council meeting in New York Nov. 4 discussed JACL finances and the upcoming 1996 budget which is scheduled to be sent to chapters for their approval.

Tom Kometani, governor, Eastern District, said, "The proposed 1996 budget is really bare bones." Noting the line item in the '96 budget which makes individual National Board members

responsible for raising \$2,000, Kometani said, "There is a commitment by each board member to be responsible for finances. It's one-time only to show the need to be responsible, so the board can later pitch for a dues increase," he explained.

At the EDC-MDC-MPDC tridistrict in Albuquerque, EDC had passed a resolution supporting the concept of raising JACL membership dues to help offset rising costs.

The district dis-

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Chinese American stabbed in alleged California hate crime

Admitted white supremacist charged; Marin Chapter, JACL, monitors situation

Staff reports

A Chinese American male is in serious condition after a Nov. 8 stabbing attack by an alleged white supremacist in Novato, Calif., a city just north of San Francisco.

According to local police, Robert Antone Page, 23, was arrested and charged with a hate crime in the attack which allegedly occurred at a downtown supermarket parking lot.

Dennis Sato, president of the Marin Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), has been involved in the case from the beginning, according to Karyl Matsumoto, JACL interim national director.

Sato, who is a member of the Novato Police Advisory Board and the Marin County Human Rights Commission, has been in contact with police officials conducting the investigation.

"We, along with other minority groups, are staying on top of this in order to ensure that the incident is fully investigated," Sato said.

At this point in the case, Sato

said police believe that the attacker espoused hatred for minority groups but acted alone in the incident.

Page allegedly approached the victim, whose identity is being withheld, in the parking lot and without apparent provocation stabbed him repeatedly in the chest. Supermarket employees came to the victim's rescue and apprehended the suspect.

According to Novato Police Capt. Gary Varner, Page is an admitted white supremacist but has not been connected to any group activity. "He acted alone, and this was an isolated incident in our view," Varner said in the *Hokubei Mainichi*. "But we are continuing the investigation until all aspects of the incident are resolved."

Page has been charged with a hate crime. His bail has been set at \$500,000.

Varner noted that eight hate crimes have occurred in Novato in the past two years. "None were as severe as this one," he said in the *Hokubei*. "There were physical attacks and epithets written on cars. This is the first one involving an Asian."

Asian American groups oppose cuts to family immigration

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) announced its opposition to legislation introduced Nov. 3 by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) that would drastically lower the number of legal immigrants to the United States.

The bill, S.1394 would reduce the total number of legal immigrants by at least 20 percent, eliminate the preferences for siblings and adult children of U.S. citizens, make it much more difficult for parents of U.S. citizens to enter the country and reduce the

number of visas available for spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents.

Joining APALA in opposing the measure were JACL, Organization of Chinese Americans, and the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

"We urge all those who believe in family immigration to immediately contact their senators and urge them to vote against S. 1394," said Matthew Finucane, executive director, APALA.



Tribute

JACL President Denny Yasuhara (left) and Tom Kometani, EDC governor, honor the memory of Chiune Sugihara, known as the "Japanese Schindler." Seated is Sugihara's widow, Yukiko.

JACL National Board meeting, Oct. 21-22, 1995

Board seeks further study on placing JACL on World Wide Web system

Staff reports

The JACL National Board voted unanimously Oct. 21 to further study the concept of placing JACL on the World Wide Web and other options of the Internet. The board voted on a motion made by Randy Shibata, national vice president for planning and development, after Gwen Muranaka, assistant editor, *Pacific Citizen* (PC), explained the various options available to JACL and *Pacific Citizen* for going on-line.

The *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board (PCEB) had already unanimously voted to support the concept of placing JACL and *Pacific Citizen* on-line.

Mae Takahashi, PCEB chair,

explained that PC's main purpose is communication and that staff had researched on-line on its own time to present its findings to the National Board. Takahashi said that PC wants to create an on-line system for the benefit of JACL and that PC intends to fund-raise and seek grants rather than ask for money from the National Board to fund the project.

Muranaka explained the differences between electronic mail, Bulletin Board System and the World Wide Web. Of the three options, she said that electronic mail (e-mail) and the World Wide Web—because it is a part of the worldwide computer network, Internet—would allow JACL to

communicate with members and potential members worldwide. The assistant editor said that an on-line service would allow *Pacific Citizen* to provide on-line access to news and its historical archives which have been maintained by PC Editor Emeritus Harry Honda. Muranaka also presented a mock-up of what a JACL/*Pacific Citizen* Web page might look like.

Some National Board members raised concerns over cost and the impact such a program would have on staff time. In the motion passed by the National Board, it stipulated that no money is to be expended on the project until a report is presented to the National

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JACL to pattern civil rights network after Redress model

Upon the recommendation of Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, the National Board approved the creation of a JACL civil rights network patterned after JACL's redress network.

The redress network was key to getting redress passed and that a similar network would help facilitate JACL's civil rights efforts, Yasuhara said. "If you don't have a network, you won't have meaningful lobbying." The president said a network would help coordinate such efforts as affirmative action support in different dis-

tricts. "We need to gather the names of coordinators before the convention," he added.

Randy Shibata, JACL national vice president of planning and development, raised concerns about cost and the lack of a clear consensus on many issues facing Japanese Americans today.

"I see issues as being localized, such as what happened in Sacramento and what is continuing in Beaumont, Texas. What you're going to have is little firefights which are basically up to that little chapter,"

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JACL calendar

Eastern

WASHINGTON D.C.

Sun. Dec. 10—Mochitsuki, 2-5 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.; info: Lily Okura 301/530-0945.

Sat. Jan. 20—50th anniversary celebration; NOTE—Pat Okura, planning committee, 301/530-0945.

SOUTHEAST

Sun. Dec. 3—Holiday dinner, Kamon Restaurant, 5 p.m. All you can eat sushi, entree, cash bar, \$20, including tax and tip. Reservations strongly recommended. Call Glenn Nomura, 404/378-6642.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun. Dec. 10—JACL Youth Christmas party, 2-5 p.m., Euclid Square Mall. Info: Hazel Asamoto 216/921-2976.

DAYTON

Jan. 4-Feb. 14—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union," Dayton Public Library, 3rd and St. Clair Sts. NOTE—A series of afternoon program at 2 p.m. for six Sundays starts Jan. 7; focus on WWII American history and lessons of justice, correcting past errors and the Constitution. Co-sponsored by Dayton JACL, Dayton-Montgomery County Library and the National Conference (formerly, NCCJ).

ST. LOUIS

Sat. March 2—JACL 50th Anniversary party, Sheraton Tower, Westport (near the Airport); info: George Sakaguchi, 314/842-3128.

TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded

IMPORTANT

All JACL and Community calendar items must include the following information: what, where, when (date, time), phone number(s) and contact person.

by potluck dinner; open to any visitor; info Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

Sun. Dec. 3—Annual Holiday Party for Kids, 2-4 p.m., Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy, St. Paul; RSVP Nov. 27, Chris Murakami Noonan 612/486-9150. NOTE—A juggling magician, refreshments, visit from Santa and donate a new, unwrapped toy for local nonprofit organization.

WISCONSIN

Sun. Dec. 3—Annual Christmas Potluck, 12n., Mitchell Park Pavilion, RSVP by Nov. 26, Lynn Lueck 414/421-0992, Linda Pfaller 414/774-5687.

Sun. Jan. 21—Installation dinner (non-football weekend), Meyer's Family Restaurant, Milwaukee; info: Renee Murakami, 414/228-6683.

Mountain-Plains

NEW MEXICO

Sat. Dec. 9—Children's Christmas party, 3-7 p.m., place to be announced; info: Darrell Yonemoto, pres., 505/888-4167.

NorCal-WN-Pacific

CONTRA COSTA

Sat. Jan. 20—Chapter's 60th anniversary celebration, installation dinner. Details to be announced.

JAPAN-TOKYO

Chapter Board on the 1st Tuesday every month (unless it falls on the 1st or the 2nd day), Union Church, info: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431.

Tue. Nov. 28—Election meeting, Union Church, info: Ted Shigeno.

LODI-STOCKTON

Fri. Jan. 19—Joint installation dinner, 6 p.m., Stockton Inn; info to come.

SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., National JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

Sat., Dec. 2—Annual JACL crab & spaghetti feed, Christ United Presbyterian Church, info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

SAN JOSE

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

STOCKTON

Sat., Dec. 16—Community/JACL Christmas potluck dinner, 4 p.m., Stockton Buddhist Church social hall.

STOCKTON-LODI

Fri. Jan. 19—Joint installation dinner, 6 p.m., Stockton Inn, info to come.

WEST VALLEY

Sat. Nov. 18—General meeting, elections, pizza, 6 p.m., Chapter Clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Drive, San Jose info: Mary Ann Ouye 408/739-6404.

Sat. Dec. 2—Mochitsuki, all day, Chapter Clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr., San Jose; info: JACL, 408/253-0458.

Sat. Jan. 20—Installation dinner, Villa Felice, Los Gatos, info: JACL, 408/253-

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Community calendar

Midwest

CHICAGO

Thu. Nov. 30—Doc Films: Akira Kurosawa's 1955 "I Live in Fear," Max Palevsky Cinema at University of Chicago, 1212 E. 59th St., 312/702-8574.

Thu. Dec. 7—Doc Films: Nagisa Oshima's 1968 "Death by Hanging," Max Palevsky Cinema at University of Chicago, 1212 E. 59th St., 312/702-8574.

California

BERKELEY

Ending Dec. 23—Philip Kan Gotada's "Ballad of Yachyo," Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., 510/204-8901. NOTE—Curtain 8 p.m. Tue-Sat; 2 and 7 p.m., Sun.

LOS ANGELES

Sat. Nov. 25—Omote Senke Domonkai's 25th anniversary celebration, 1 p.m., JACCC Theatre, all seats reserved, tickets: 213/680-3700. NOTE—Presentations by Grandmaster Sen Sosa XIV, hereditary head of Omote Senke School of Tea, Master Soya

For the record

—In the Nov. 3-16, 1995, Pacific Citizen obituary notice on Emily Ishida, her brother William was incorrectly identified as predeceased. He is alive and well.

—In the page 1 story on the National Board meeting, Central California Gov. Travis Nishi was omitted from the list of attendees. Also: National staff members were improperly identified: Amy Yamashiro is membership administrator; Stephanie Roh is administrative assistant/program coordinator; and Clyde Izumi is business manager.

Hisada, curator Dr. Money Hickman, Boston Museum of Fine Arts. (Tea ceremony performed only by headmasters of a tea school at temples or shrine are rarely seen by the general public.) Silver Anniversary banquet Nov. 26, 5 p.m., Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel, 1401 S. Oak Knoll, Pasadena. Info: 213/723-5912.

Fri. Dec. 1—"Kaleidoscope: Reflections from Asian Pacific Artists on HIV and AIDS," 7:30 - 9 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414; free but RSVP required.

Sat. Dec. 2—Lecture by Univ. of Missouri Prof. Lawrence Okamura, "Creating Ethnicity: the Use and Abuse of History," 2-4 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414; RSVP required. NOTE—Comparing WWII Nisei war experience and assimilation of peoples into the Roman Empire through military service.

Sat. Dec. 2—Nikkei Family Counseling-Little Tokyo Service Center Retirement Fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., JACCC, 2d flr, 244 S. San Pedro St.; info Ayumi Kawata or Yasuko Sakamoto 213/680-3729. NOTE—\$15 workshop fee includes bento.

Thu. Dec. 7-10—"Jivebomber's Christmas," Thu-Fri 7:30 p.m., Sat-Sun 2 p.m., performance written and directed by Saachiko and Dom Magwili, RSVP, JANM, 213/625-0414.

Sun. Dec. 10—Finding Family Stories workshop on traditional bookbinding and family albums, 10 a.m.-12n., JANM, RSVP by Dec. 4: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Karen Kimura, instructor.

Thu. Dec. 14—Readings: "Wrestling Tigers," 7-8 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414. NOTE—Exploring Asian American desires with readings by Geraldine Kudaka, James Sakamura, Joel B Tan, Judy Weng.

Sat. Dec. 16—Orange County Sansei Singles "Holiday Affair" dinner-dance, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Sequoia Club, 7530 Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park; RSVP

Dec 8, Janice Nii 213/881-9628, Colleen Ikeuye 818/441-4114, Gene Endo 310/862-5529.

Sun. Dec. 17—Book party on cookbook for children, "The Hungry Volcano" by Wendy Imatani, JANM, 213/625-0414; RSVP required.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Dec. 10—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Tets Ihara 415/221-4568, Sam Uchiyumi 510/524-0489.

SAN JOSE

Sat. Nov. 18—Japanese American Resource Center (JARC) Winter Crafts Boutique, San Jose Buddhist Church; info: 408/294-3138.

Fri. Dec. 1—Tribute dinner for Congressman Norman Mineta, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 dinner, San Jose McEnery Convention Center, RSVP \$45, Joyce Iwasaki 408/984-NORM.

NOTE—Co-sponsored by Sup. Michael Honda, Mayor Susan Hammer, Yosh Uchida, Michael Fox Sr., Hon. Don Edwards.

Sat. Dec. 2—Yu-Ai Kai Bonenkai, 1-3 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church. Luncheon RSVP 408/294-2505.

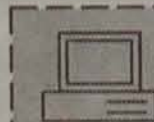
SAN MATEO

Sun. Nov. 19—Peninsula Widowed Group meeting, 2 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St., 415/343-2793. NOTE—Frank Lalle speaks on "Planning for Long Term Care."

Mon. Nov. 24—Jackie Speier Senior Conference, Airport Hilton; info: JACL 415/343-2793.

Hawaii

Through Dec. 3—JANM exhibit, "The Kona Coffee Story," King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, Kona; info: 800/367-2111; Dec. 1995 - May 12, 1996, Bishop Museum, 808/847-3511.



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Small kid time

Gwen Muranaka





From the national director

By KARYL MATSUMOTO

How far we've come

As the year comes to an end and as this will in all probability be my last article, I wanted to give you an overview and status report of the operations at national.

When I arrived on April 17th, Amy Yamashiro (Membership Administrator), Eunice Kaneko (Bookkeeper), Emily Nishi (Administrative Assistant), and Emily Ishida (Part-time Receptionist) were on board. When Ms. Nishi left in June to teach English in Japan, Stephanie Roh was hired to replace her. Clyde Izumi (Business Manager) joined us in mid-July.

What had been a complement of nine experienced employees was now a reduced staff of six, four of whom had no prior JACL experience. In order to compensate for the paucity of staff, a volunteer/intern program was implemented which to-date has included a pool of 20 individuals. With the team in place, we were ready to rock and roll.

The following is a partial list of targeted objectives that have been completed:

- Rebuilt centralized membership database.
- Entered all backlogged data.
- Distributed 1994 Third and Fourth Quarter Chapter Rebates.
- Distributed 1995 First Quarter Chapter Rebates (Second and Third Quarters will be issued by month's end).
- Redesigned membership forms and procedures to enhance integrity of the program and prevent abuse.
- 1994 Legacy Fund distributions made to district governors.

- 1995 Legacy Fund grant checks issued.

- Majority of bulk mailings are now done in-house rather than by a paid outside mail house.

- Administered the 1995 Annual Giving Campaign.

- Revamped Scholarship Program: updated procedures manual, redesigned brochure and applications and brought 1995 program in on time, including timely publishing of recipients in *Pacific Citizen*.

- Mike Masaoka Fellowship Program and Min Yasui Oratorical Competition have been updated and procedural manuals have been written.

- Business operations automated (checks, general ledger, investment portfolio, etc., are computerized).

- Established cost centers for JACL programs.

- All bank signature cards are current.

- Three-bid policy for all purchases exceeding \$500 established.

- No time sheet, no paycheck policy established (some staff time sheets were a year in arrears).

- Accounting books are closed on a monthly basis.

- E-Mail set up.

- Operating budget published quarterly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

- Summary of Motions from National Board Meetings and board members' voting records published in the *Pacific Citizen*.

- Monthly column from National Director published in the *Pacific Citizen*.

What we attempted to achieve in this short window of time was to stabilize the JACL operational

and financial foundation. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of staff and volunteers, this has been done!

Special thanks to the regional directors who carried out business as usual so we at headquarters could concentrate on rebuilding.

Now that the hemorrhaging has been stopped and internal controls, policies and procedures have been established, the JACL is ready to move forward with its programs and advocacy work.

All of us have undergone a very serious period of upheaval, and I hope we are the stronger for it. National President Denny Yasuhara said that we are at the crossroads and that it is we, the membership, who will determine our destiny.

The doors of the JACL have been opened to membership so that they and only they are responsible for holding the board and staff accountable for managing our organization.

On a personal note: I put my career on hold and am looking forward to returning to a forgotten tranquil environment. I do, however, want you to know how appreciative I am of the encouragement and support many of you have given us here at headquarters. I have met some wonderful people and now understand why the Japanese American legacy and JACL must endure.

Karyl Matsumoto, JACL interim national director, leaves office in December. She is a member of the San Mateo Chapter.

Matsui critical of 'English-only' legislation

As "English-only" legislation makes its way through Congress, Rep. Robert Matsui warned that eliminating multilingual education would have a negative impact on the nation's economy.

In a letter to other members of Congress, Matsui and Rep. Bill Richardson, chief deputy whip, said, "In today's multilingual and multicultural markets, developing the communications skills necessary



ROBERT MATSUI
Law would be bad for business

to do business effectively is imperative. Because the future of the American economy relies so greatly on international business and trade, English-only bills will put our companies at an unnecessary disadvantage."

According to Matsui, proposals

to make English the official language of the United States and eliminate multilingual education programs has gained momentum because of endorsements from several Republican candidates.

Matsui and Richardson noting the increasing importance of global trade and said that language skills would help Americans compete worldwide.

"We ought to be doing more to encourage the staffing of our companies with bilingual employees. English-only legislation could result in a lack of linguistic competence in our work places that would prove fatal to American economic growth," said Matsui and Richardson.

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How to conduct a meeting

National JACL offers this series of informational tips to help chapters and districts in facilitating meetings. In this outing:

Privileged motions

Call for the Orders of the Day

A Call for the Orders of the Day is a privileged motion by which a member can require the assembly to conform to its agenda, program, or order of business, or to take up a general or special order that is due to come up at the time, unless two-thirds of those voting wish to do otherwise.

Taking up business in the prescribed order is of substantial importance, especially in conven-

tions—which must follow a closely regulated schedule with much of the underlying work taking place off the convention floor in conferences and committees. For business to receive proper consideration, officers, committee members, and the delegates who are principally involved in major questions must be able to know the approximate times at which subjects will come up.

A privileged motion does not need to be seconded or debated, nor does it require an amendment. Usually, no vote is taken; the chair decides.

Source: Robert's Rules of Order, 9th Edition, 1990

EDC meeting

SLUR

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a letter to the school board asking them to consider D'Amico's qualifications. The school board voted 4-4 to terminate D'Amico's contract. Because of the tie vote, he retained his position.

Fuyume asked for the district board's advice in dealing with the situation. He said that he was concerned that, because D'Amico is Italian American, the incident could make relations between Italian Americans and Japanese Americans worse.

"I'm also concerned that as an educator D'Amico's attitude may flow over to other situations," said Fuyume.

D'Amico later gave a conditional apology, still contesting whether he had used the racial slur.

Fuyume said that he felt spurned by some at a recent Rotary Club meeting.

"The first time I felt that feeling was after December 7. I felt the coolness I felt in 1942," said Fuyume.

Tom Kometani, governor, EDC, said that D'Amico needs to realize that what he said was offensive.

"Most of these apologies aren't apologies. He needs to be aware that this is an offensive remark and that we are offended," said Kometani.

Many EDC members said that it is important to educate the school superintendent.

Emily Murase, Washington, D.C. Chapter, said, "Is it possible to create a forum, give D'Amico a chance to offer the fig leaf and meet with JACL."

Teresa Maebo, Philadelphia Chapter, said, "Have someone on the board invite him to the museum. It will show that he is willing to learn something."

Citing Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, Ron Uba said that since D'Amato apologized for remarks about Judge Lance Ito he has become a strong supporter.

"He has taken a 180 degree turn.

He is sponsoring the Sugihara exhibit on Nov. 14. When I wrote to D'Amato he sent a very conciliatory letter in response," said Uba.

More EDC chapter reports

Washington, D.C.

Emily Murase, Washington, D.C., Chapter, encouraged district representatives to join the D.C. Chapter as it celebrates its 50th anniversary Jan. 20.

The event will feature past chapter presidents sharing their memories, and a souvenir booklet with greetings from the President and Vice President of the United States. Ads for the souvenir booklet are available for \$25 for a quarter page. EDC will also be holding its district meeting in Washington.

New York

Ron Uba, New York Chapter president, said that the chapter held a very successful forum Sept. 22 on gay and lesbian issues. "A part of the family: Asian American gays and lesbians," was attended by 60 people. John Torak, New York Chapter member, coordinated the event and Haruko Brown served as moderator.

Describing some of the discussion, Uba said of one of the speak-

ers, "She really took the time to articulate the feelings of a family with a gay-lesbian child. We plan to do a follow up."

Other New York Chapter events include the Aki Matsuri festival; a visit to the Sho-Fu-Den, a house donated in 1904 by the Tokyo government; and events honoring Yukiko and Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul who saved 6,000 Lithuanian Jews during World War II.

Southeast

Sam Sears, past president, Southeast Chapter, said that the chapter is made up of young professionals who bring a lot of enthusiasm to the local JACL activities.

The Southeast Chapter recently held a workshop on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which was well attended. Sears said that she is also trying to bring young members in to the chapter, noting that Laura Furukawa, 15, has been working as a stringer on the chapter newsletter.

"We have to get them involved. So we give them specific small assignments," said Sears.

The chapter has also begun a Chrysanthemum Club which is like JACL's Legacy Fund, with 25% of the proceeds going to National JACL. Southeast has also decided to take out ads in the Holiday Issue and the Washington, D.C., 50th anniversary sou-

venir booklet.

"We're optimistic and enthusiastic. We love what we're doing," said Sears.

Philadelphia

Hiro Ueyehara, Philadelphia Chapter, said that the chapter held a Senior Appreciation Day for local seniors. The videos *American Sons* and *Honor Bound* were shown.

Currently the chapter is in need of a newsletter to keep the members informed of upcoming events.



ONLOOKERS—Listening to meeting were Margaret Iwatsu, left, and Kasumi Yamashita.

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cussed ways to raise the \$2,000 National Board line item. Lillian Kimura, New York Chapter, said, "There is a danger in each board member soliciting corporations separately. If they coordinate their efforts they could be able to raise more money."

Teresa Maebo, Philadelphia Chapter, said the National Board's efforts should not interfere with the Annual Giving program.

"Grayce [Ueyehara, chair, Annual Giving] is trying to do Annual Giving. We need to think about how else to raise the money," said Maebo.

Sumi Koide, New York Chapter, agreed saying, "It's tapping into the same population. If you give \$50, then you're not going to donate again."

Ueyehara said, "I think this board fundraiser should not go to the members, even if we have to go to our own treasury. We should try to find some other ways."

1994 audit

In other financial issues, Kometani discussed the 1994 Grant Thornton audit and gave a copy to EDC treasurer George Higuchi for his review.

"We accepted the Grant Thornton report," said Kometani. "It shows an accounting of our

financial situation for 1994. It showed that good accounting practices were not followed." He said that the board voted to accept but did not approve its findings.

Ueyehara said that it is important that chapters receive a copy of the management letter listing problems with JACL's finances. Kimura, former JACL national president, noted that the National Board did not receive a copy of the management letter during her term.

"The management report is not that long. Every chapter should have a copy so that they know what went wrong," said Ueyehara.

Convention discussion

The district discussed the process of running JACL national conventions. The Philadelphia Chapter is scheduled to host the 1998 convention. Many of the EDC members said it is important that the convention avoid losing money and be run efficiently.

Ueyehara, Philadelphia Chapter, said, "If there's a loss, then National pays; if there's a profit, then it's split with the chapter. There needs to be a limit."

Sam Sears, Southeast Chapter, said, "The convention should be

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LISTENING—From left, EDC members Janet Kometani, Teresa Maebo, Hiroshi Ueyehara and Sumi Koide hear agenda reports at Nov. meeting.

More National Board coverage

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Board for approval before it is implemented. The board also appointed two National Board members, Kimi Yoshino, national youth representative, and Karen Liane Shiba, interim governor, Pacific Southwest District, as representatives on the PC's committee to study the proposal.

In other PC business, Takahashi, presenting a third quarter report on *Pacific Citizen*, said that because the changes to the constitution at the 1994 national convention, the National Board has to take responsibility and be accountable for PC's finances.

She presented a list of PC goals, questions and issues to be resolved including whether PC's advertising and subscription revenue is considered taxable business income and fund-raising guidelines and restrictions to be developed for PC.

Takahashi recommended that the National Board budget funds to hire outside legal counsel because many issues that PC and JACL face require specialized knowledge and need to be dealt with in a timely manner. She also recommended that PC and National JACL's accounting systems be integrated to decrease duplication of each other's work.

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said Shibata. But Terry Yamada, governor, Pacific Northwest District, said, "I think of it as a network to use locally. Intermountain (District) asked for support recently from PNW on an issue."

Kimi Yoshino said that the network could be similar to a phone tree, which could be quickly implemented.

Other board discussions

● **Redress**—On redress the National Board voted to recommend to the Office of Redress Administration that they continue to look for potential redress recipients through the Japanese vernaculars. The board also voted to suggest to the ORA that they use the money from the public education fund to pay the remaining redress claimants.

With the decisions handed down in the Ishida and Consolo cases, the children of voluntary evacuees are now eligible for redress, greatly increasing the number of individuals who have not received redress.

Yasuhara said, "There is roughly \$3.5 million left. ORA has already paid 79,000 people. There is only enough remaining to pay slightly over 80,000."

Karyl Matsumoto said that getting additional appropriations through the new Congress will be difficult. "With the large turnover in Congress, those who understand redress are not there," she said.

● **Youth/Student**—Kim Nakahara, national youth/student council chair, reported on the upcoming youth/student council conference scheduled for Feb. 23-24 at the Miyako Hotel, San Francisco.

Workshop topics the group is considering include using the Internet to network Asian American student groups; race relations

after the O.J. Simpson verdict; Hapa Issues Forum; media issues, a workshop developed with the assistance of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association; and affirmative action beyond the college years.

The National Board voted that the districts will pay for expenses for district youth representatives to attend the conference. Nakahara said that the youth/student council still does not have complete representation from all eight JACL districts. Representatives are needed for Central California, Intermountain, Mountain Plains and Eastern Districts.

● **A Magazine**—The National Board voted to add *A Magazine*, the Asian American bi-monthly publication, to the list of optional JACL membership benefits. Other optional benefits include JACL Blue Shield, JACL Credit Union, and Sumitomo Bank credit card. Members will be able to purchase a subscription to *A Magazine* for a reduced rate.

● **Convention**—Tom Shigemasa, chair, 1996 San Jose national convention committee, said preparations for next year's convention are well under way, with the San Jose Chapter seeking corporate sponsorship for the event.

Both Shigemasa and members of the National Board expressed concerns about convention costs. Yasuhara said that the last two conventions ran at a \$45,000 deficit for national. Shigemasa said that the San Jose Chapter is hoping to make a profit from the convention, but that any loss would be paid by National.

"Clearly, if there is a profit it is split 50-50. If there's a loss National takes the loss, not the com-

mittee," said Shigemasa.

Shigemasa distributed corporate partnership forms to the National Board and asked for its help in finding corporate donors. He said that they have not yet raised any funds, but have begun a campaign seeking sponsorship of various convention events.

Emilie Kutsuma, district governor, Mountain Plains, and chair of the 1992 national convention in Denver, questioned various line items in the San Jose budget and suggested a committee of past convention chairs to advise the current convention committee.

"Conventions have been a big expense and a big loss for National, it always has been that way... There has to be a subcommittee of past convention chairs that have done this before so we don't run into a deficit every single time," said Kutsuma.

Shigemasa said that because of the San Jose convention committee's concern over cost, the San Jose Chapter loaned the convention \$5,000 as a contingency and also wants to keep the option of hiring a convention coordinator available.

"I need to be frank here. We still have some anxiety. That's why we have the \$5,000 and the convention coordinator. My job is to move forward," said Shigemasa.

● **Other convention news**—Shigemasa announced that there will be five National Council sessions and that business sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. Referring to the late night session at the 1994 national convention, he said, "We did not want any overruns. We did not want meetings after the Sayonara Banquet."

—Workshops: Jim Miyazaki

presented various suggestions for workshop topics for the convention. National JACL will sponsor four workshops. The topics are: Nisei issues, JACL on-line, education and U.S.-Japan relations.

—Booster events: Among the other events scheduled during the convention are: youth rap, an intergenerational dialogue; "Welcome Hawaiian luau and mixer"; "Wing Ding"; bridge tournament; golf tournament; tennis tournament; youth dance; Min Yasui National Oratorical Contest; and designer fashion show featuring fashions from Kanojo and Anne Namba Designs.

The 1996 JACL National Convention is scheduled Aug. 6-11, 1996, at the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose.

Randy Shibata named v.p. of planning and development

The JACL National Board approved the nomination of Randy Shibata of the New Mexico Chapter as vice president, planning and development.

Shibata, who has served on the board in the past, succeeds Trisha Murakawa, APAN Chapter, who recently resigned her position.

Among Shibata's assignments is to create a five-year financial plan for the organization, according to Denny Yasuhara, JACL president.

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Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA

Sun., April 21—JACL Scholarship Awards luncheon, 1 p.m., Crown Sterling Suites, 2630 Camelback Rd., Phoenix; info: Mrs. Kathy Inoshita, scholarship committee sec., 5332 W. Golden Lane, Glendale, AZ 85302, 602/937-5434. NOTE—Applications due March 1, 1996.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Sat. Dec. 9—14th annual Installation/Christmas dinner-dance, 6 p.m., Sequoia Conference Center, 7530

Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park (north of Hwy. 91 off at Beach Blvd.); RSVP by Nov. 30, info: GLA Sgls, 4030 Skelton Circle, Culver City, CA 90232, 310/839-1194. NOTE—DJ music of Jackie Kane.

LAS VEGAS

Sun. Dec. 17—Mochitsuki; info: Lillian Morizono 702/734-0508.

SELANOCO

Sat. Dec. 9—Mochitsuki, 8 a.m., Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview St., Garden Grove; info: Clarence Nishizu 714/526-4667; Jun Fukushima 714/865-5039; Charles Ida 714/974-1076.

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Mon. Nov. 27—Election meeting, 7:30 p.m., General Aviation Center meeting room, Torrance Municipal Airport, info: Midori Kamei, pres., 310/541-6698.



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run like a business. It's unfathomable to me that (national) doesn't have a budget."

Maebori, who served prior to Kometani as district governor, said that in the past there has been frustration between the local chapter and national.

"The local chapter is pretty organized, they know where the money is; but at National it was hard to tell where the money is and where it's going. The local chapter felt that they weren't getting the straight scoop," said Maebori.

Kimura said, "National should be running the convention; that way they can keep it under control."

Kimura said that the local chapter could handle publicity. The former national president explained that the reduced burden on the local chapter would decrease the friction between the host chapter and National and make hosting a national convention more appealing.

Kometani said that one of the concerns at the National Board is that there should be a handbook on running national conventions.

Sears said, "What there should be is an infrastructure. Don't make the locals reinvent the wheel everytime. Consider long term planning. There should be a post mortem between this year's convention and next year's."

Other business

National Director

Kometani announced Herbert Yamanishi's appointment as JACL national director.

"We ratified the appointment of Herb Yamanishi. He's a well-qualified person with a tremendous

amount of experience. Everybody is quite pleased," said Kometani.

The EDC governor also had kind words for Karyl Matsumoto, interim national director.

"She's really done a terrific job organizing the staff and volunteers. The meeting went very well because of her," said Kometani.

'American Sons'

EDC voted to purchase six copies of the Steven Okazaki film, "American Sons." The San Francisco Chapter used a Legacy Fund grant to help sponsor the film.

Uyehara explained that the work, which features four Asian American men talking about their life experiences, was the result of interviews with 100 Asian American men.

She said that the film provides important insights and would be valuable to show at group functions.

Membership contest

With news that membership is down from the previous year, Kometani announced that New York is currently ahead in a district-wide membership contest.

He passed out copies of current EDC membership renewals provided by Amy Yamashiro, JACL membership administrator, noting that there may be some discrepancies.

JACL online

Kometani reported on the status of JACL online. He said that Gwen Muranaka, *Pacific Citizen* assistant editor, made a report at the National Board meeting about the various options for placing JACL and *Pacific Citizen* online.

Sears passed out a copy of a report on JACL online. Mike Furukawa, president, Southeast Chapter, has been coordinating district online efforts.

Sears said that she had conducted some searches on the

Internet and found no JACL presence.

Muranaka was also on hand to pass out copies of her report and present recommendations for further implementation of an online program.

Bone marrow donor program

A bone marrow donor drive ran concurrently with the EDC meeting. Cammy Lee, a survivor of leukemia and other life-threatening illnesses, addressed the district and explained that it is vital for Asian Americans to sign up to become marrow donors.

Lee, who has been featured in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, said that a bone marrow donation from Canada saved her life.

"The best match for Asian Pacific Islanders is Asian Pacific Islanders. Currently only 5% of the registry is Asian Pacific Islander. The Cammy Lee Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to increasing the number of donors," said Lee.

Sandra Leong, Lee's sister, said, "It's a frightening experience and we don't want any other family to have to go through this."

Oral history project

Tom Nishisaka and Kaki Bernard of Facing History and Ourselves asked for volunteers who would be willing to share their internment experiences with students. Facing History is a non-profit group devoted to preserving oral history.

Nishisaka and Bernard explained that the nationwide organization started primarily focusing on the Holocaust, but has branched out to include examination of other forms of racism and prejudice.

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Funds distributed to eight JACL districts

By GRAYCE UYEHARA
Chair, Legacy Fund Campaign

As the chairperson of the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign initiated in October, 1990, I appreciate the chapter leadership, along with the contributors to the Legacy Fund, for their patience while the organization was working through its financial problems and learning to live within its means. We did not have staff to assist us with the Legacy Fund report. The headquarters staff is much smaller now, so the *Pacific Citizen* is being utilized to update the chapters on the Legacy Fund status.

At the October National Board meeting the eight district governors each received a check which represents the district's total earnings from the 1994 distribution. The district treasurer disburses the chapter's share based on the amount of contributions made to the Legacy Fund from chapter members and supporters. Any contribution which is not assigned to the chapter is assigned to the district.

At the Salt Lake City National Council, the distribution formula was revised to 60% national, 20% chapters and districts, 10% program grants, and 10% return to principal for growth. The Legacy Fund Endowment earnings for 1994 were \$199,933. The distributions were \$114,560 to National, \$38,187 to chapters/districts, \$19,093 to grants awarded to chapters/districts for programs and \$19,093 to endowment for growth.

On 9/30/95 the endowment total was \$4,604,186.50.

Since the Legacy Fund is a perpetual endowment, the chapters and districts will continue to receive their share annually. The active campaign has ended, but the Legacy Fund will remain open to new contributions from individuals and families. Therefore, the chapter's assigned share can increase.

The five chapters who head the list with the top amounts from the distribution of earnings are Seattle, \$2,451; Chicago, \$1,643; San Francisco, \$1,495; Sacramento, \$998; and Philadelphia, \$876. The Legacy Fund campaign for the Seattle chapter was a well-

planned campaign under the leadership of Cherry Kinoshita.

Recently, I was able to view Steven Okazaki's new film, *American Sons!* The San Francisco Chapter had applied for the Legacy Fund

grant and thus JACL's Legacy Fund was among some notable foundations and funds which provided support for this film.

This film focuses on growing up with racism and stereotypes. For this reason I recommend *American Sons!* to JACL chapters when educational institutions and the wider community ask for assistance on Japanese Americans or Asian Americans.

I ask that chapters who have received grants during the past three years let JACL know whether the projects for which they received the grants have been completed.

JACL is reminded as we approach Thanksgiving Day that we are thankful for the thousands of generous contributors who believe in JACL. Without the support of members, supporters, and the chapters who decided to make additional contributions from their treasury, the Board would be hard put to move forward.

Some of us will be around to remind the Board that much more of the budget will have to be assigned to programs which National Council voted for as JACL's biennial Program for Action. I continue to recommend that the Board review the Program for Action and assess the progress. Without such action, no report will be forthcoming at the next National Council. Is the National Council only to elect officers or does it set directions for JACL?

There is a message for JACL from Israel's *Song for Peace*:

Just sing therefore a song to peace

Don't whisper a prayer!

Don't say a day will come
Go bring that day...

JACL needs peace to move forward on our mission. Time is marching on and there is much to be done during this period when many may be disenfranchised.



With less air time, news anchor gets PSW help

The JACL Pacific Southwest District recently joined other Asian American groups expressing concern to KCBS-TV in Los Angeles over the decreased visibility of Asian Americans both in the news and newsroom.

In particular, KCBS-TV anchor Tritia Toyota, who has been a news anchor on Channel 2 since 1985 and active in the Japanese American community, has seen her role at the station diminished.

David Kawamoto, district governor, PSW, in a letter to Bill Applegate, KCBS-TV general manager, said, "To see her diminished role at the station can only injure the relationship that she has developed with the Asian American community. With so few Asian Americans represented at your station, and other medium, I

feel it is essential that the established representatives be given increased exposure, not a diminished role."

Toyota currently anchors the station's noon broadcast and does reporting for 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. broadcasts. JACL and other groups have raised concerns that Toyota, who is the only Asian American news anchor at KCBS-TV, is being gradually phased out.

Kawamoto said, "I know most of the members of our organization watch your news because of Ms. Toyota. I'm certain her commitment to the community is a primary reason for that following. I am saddened and concerned by Ms. Toyota's decreased visibility. She is a vital member of our community and you should give her ample consideration for that fact."

KCBS-TV spokesperson Cybil McDonald said that the current schedule is not permanent.

"We have not made any adjustments to the schedule right now. We are experimenting with different configurations of news anchors. This is the new assignment we have for Tritia at this time," said McDonald.

John Saito, East Los Angeles Chapter, attended a community meeting Nov. 7 to discuss concerns about KCBS-TV. Stewart Kwoh, executive director, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, who chaired the meeting, met with Applegate, Larry Perret, news director and Bob Navarro, editorial director. Others who attended the meeting included: Dan Mayeda, Media Action Network for Asian Americans and Lorain Wong, Asian Pacific American Corporate Alliance.

In a letter to Applegate, Kwoh noted that Asians represent only 7 percent of the KCBS workforce.

"We have also noticed less coverage of issues and people relevant to Asian Americans on your news and public affairs programming," said Kwoh.

Mineta tribute to be held in San Jose

The San Jose community will honor former Rep. Norman Mineta Dec. 1 at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, 408 Almaden Ave., San Jose. The reception is scheduled to start 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Event co-hosts include: Santa Clara County Supervisor Michael Honda, San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer, Yosh Uchida, Michael Fox, Sr., and Don Edwards.

Proceeds will be donated to a designated community service in Mineta's name. Mineta retired from Congress this year after 21 years of service to become CEO of the Transportation and Services Division of Lockheed Martin Corp. in Washington, D.C.

Tickets: \$45. Sponsorship tables of 10 are also available at different levels.

Checks should be made out and sent to Norman Y. Mineta Tribute Dinner Committee, 1245 South Winchester, Suite 314, San Jose, CA 95128. Information: 408/984-6045.



Advocates

Mei Nakano, Sonoma Chapter, JACL, and Ken Inouye, SELANOCO Chapter, JACL, were among those honored by the California Association of Human Rights Organizations (CAHRO) at their 22nd annual banquet held Oct. 14 in San Francisco. Nakano is a commissioner of the Sonoma County Human Relations Commission and Inouye is the chairman of the Orange County Human Relations Commission, as well as treasurer of the CAHRO State Board of Directors. The organization promotes collaboration among human relations organizations to eliminate prejudice, intolerance and discrimination and build understanding among the diverse residents of California.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

History, off the beaten path

One sunny Sunday on a recent trip to Japan we took a slow train out of Tokyo and headed for Shimoda, a little fishing town at the southern tip of the Izu peninsula.

Not many Americans know of Shimoda nor, for that matter, do the Japanese, but it holds considerable historic significance for both peoples. Here is where an American flag flew on Japanese territory for the first time. The year was 1856 and the place was a little temple where Townsend Harris, the first United States consular official to be stationed in Japan, had his office.

Harris was sent to Japan as a consequence of the visit two years earlier of Commodore Perry's menacing fleet of warships. Shimoda commemorates Perry's arrival with what's called the Black Ship festival, and the natives told me that some American naval personnel and their families usually come down from their base in Yokosuka for the fun and food.

Back in 1856 when Harris arrived the Japanese didn't know quite what to do with him. They put him up at Shimoda, a considerable distance from Tokyo in those days, so the big wheels in the capital didn't have

to deal with him.

Harris wrote in his journal: "I shall be the first recognized agent from a civilized power to reside in Japan... This forms an epoch in my life and may be the beginning of a new order of things in Japan. I hope I may so conduct myself that I may have honorable mention in the histories which will be written on Japan and its future destiny."

On the temple grounds is an ancient cemetery where lie the remains of five young Americans who died in Japanese waters while serving in Perry's fleet. Their names—John D. Storm, Alexander Doonan, Rob Williams, G.W. Parish, James Hamilton—are barely discernable in the original tombstones. Most of them were in their twenties when they died and were buried so far from home.

The temple has been spruced up a bit since I first visited Shimoda several decades ago. There is a small museum on the grounds with some photos and Harris era artifacts. The faded photographs show Harris as a portly man looking somewhat like William Howard Taft.

It is likely he had a robust appetite. On

the temple grounds is a sign that reads: "This monument erected in 1931 by the butchers of Tokyo marks the spot where the first cow in Japan was slaughtered for human consumption. (Eaten by Harris and Heusken.)" Heusken, as I recall, was a Dutchman who was Harris' interpreter and assistant. I also seem to recall that on an earlier visit I saw a somewhat larger sign dedicated to the several hundred head of cattle which had given their lives to satisfy Harris' appetite, but this time I could not find it.

It was a moving experience to visit this bit of U.S.-Japanese history and it saddened me that this spot is so little known by Americans and Japanese. The temple does not appear on an illustrated walking map handed out to visitors at the railroad station, and new buildings all but conceal it. Perhaps restoration of the site, and a better museum might be worthy of consideration for a JACL project.

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

Letters

Reader suggests stories on Kibei

Good to know that P.C. is on-line. I'm retired and wondering how many of us are on-line. Incidentally, as a matter of interest, thousands of Kibei returned to the U.S. mainland and Hawaii and were initially shunned by Nisei society... However, after the Korean conflict, many Kibei either matriculated in higher education on their GI bill and became professionals or applied their bilingual skills effectively and climbed the ladder of success in business, especially in Japanese companies as the companies required persons with language and technical skills. From the mid-'60s the Kibei were gradually assimilating with the general Japanese American community. Have you ever explored this subject? Just a thought.

Hiroshi Matsumoto

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(P.C. has one coming up on the MIS linguists, many of whom were Kibei—Ed.)

New JACL member wants to help out

Hello. My name is Michael Cibenko and I'm a relatively new JACL member. Currently, I'm a senior at the University of Montana (major in literature/minor in Japanese). Japanese related courses this semester for me include Japanese (language) 201 and a course on Japanese fiction.

I'm writing today in an attempt to become more involved with JACL. Living in Montana, it's difficult to maintain contact with other members. Perhaps the information superhighway will provide better opportunities for people like me and I'm glad that you're now online. I'd like to take this chance to make a few inquiries if I may.

I'm wondering if there is any work that I might be able to do for JACL from my home. Also, as a member of The University of Montana's Japan Club, I have many contacts amongst the Japanese foreign exchange students and faculty members. Perhaps I could be instrumental in helping to shape some ties between the Japanese community here and JACL. Please get back to me regarding this matter.

Lastly, it is my goal to travel to Japan after graduation in May '96. I'm currently applying for various work opportunities both through my college's Japanese department and the JET organization. Any information you could provide that might be useful would be greatly appreciated.

I thank you for your time and this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I hope that I'll be able to take further advantage of this means of communication in the future.

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Sidebar

BY MEI NAKANO

Beyond Beijing

Mei Nakano, author, Pacific Citizen columnist and member of the Sonoma County Chapter, JACL, journeyed to Beijing, China, as a Non-Government Organizations Forum attendee of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women, Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. As a representative of the Women's Concerns Committee of JACL, Nakano wrote a journal of her experiences there. This is the final installment.

Home. And, yes, there's no place like it. But, of course, that doesn't at all diminish what I experienced at the NGO Forum on Women in China.

Like me, most conferees appear startled by the wide interest shown by our communities in that event. We've been called upon numerous times for "reportbacks" and interviews by a wide variety of organizations—some for fund-raisers—and the media.

The most-often asked questions for me are: Did you see Hillary? Why China? And how was it? What impact will the Conference have on women's lives in the future? Not necessarily in that order.

No, I did not see Hillary Rodham Clinton. I was on a plane that day for a visit to

southern China. The answers to the other questions are a lot more complex and open to opinion.

Why China? I imagine this: the U.N. looked into a crystal ball and

saw one of its members there, a dragon, looming forth, large, energetic, spouting fire. But then the dragon writhes, wriggles out of its old skin. "Come to my house," it says to the group in its new skin, smiling. The U.N., in its wisdom, obligingly accepts.

Okay, a fairy tale. But the fact is that an unprecedented number of women responded to the invitation. And, while most of us had gone to connect with other women around the world, we also wanted see for ourselves that enigmatic country, China, a fascinating, looming giant poised to become major player in the global community. I went to China expecting hostility or, at least, resentment, having been pruned beforehand



Conference logo

with headlines like "China Puts Great Wall Around U.N. Meeting," and "Unofficial Group (meaning NGOs) Facing Barriers to U.N. Parley." Imagine my surprise on arriving in Beijing to find colorful welcoming banners strung high across the streets of the city, people lining the streets, smiling and waving as they watched our caravan of buses snaking towards Huairou.

Then, here at home, scanning back issues of newspapers, I am astonished at the negative spin on their stories like: "delegates... feel caged by tight security that they fear will get in the way of a successful conference," and China "generally treated this convocation of women's advocacy groups as a hostile force invading China." What rot. Common sense should have told the media that China would not have actively pursued hosting the conference had they viewed us as a "hostile... invading" force. And give them a break. China has better sense than to show a suspicious and

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Nakano is author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations." Her column appears monthly in the Pacific Citizen.



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Nikkei vets from WWII, Korea, Vietnam honored

Dignitaries, actors, singers lead salute by Japanese American National Museum at Nov. 8-11 event

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

LOS ANGELES—The loud, four-beat martial airs of the Navy Band from San Diego must have reinvigorated the experiences of Nisei and Sansei in World War II, the Korean or Vietnam wars during the Nov. 8-11 "National Salute to Japanese American Veterans" at the Convention Center here. Their small talk kept ringing. Some hadn't seen each other since they were discharged 50 or 25 years ago.

With a sold-out, lively crowd of 2,500 opening the Wednesday, Nov. 8 fund-raising dinner for the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) that was emceed by Norman Mineta, and an estimated 5,000 absorbing a fast-paced program in the adjacent hall co-hosted by actor Mike Farrell from "M.A.S.H." and George Takei of "Star Trek," the most overheard comment was: "Fantastic. We'll never see another like it." The sponsors don't figure to repeat either, one JANM volunteer ventured.

Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr. (his grandfather had the same first name in honor of the Japanese admiral), Secretary of Veteran Affairs Jesse Brown and Gen. John W. Vessey, Jr., former chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (who was a World War II 2nd lieutenant with the 34th "Red Bull" Division that supported the 100/442 Regimental Combat Team) headlined the speakers from Washington, D.C., plus a three-minute video of the Commander-in-Chief Bill Clinton.

Their messages were welcome in praise of the Nisei accomplishments in the military. "The unique contribution of Japanese Americans to the war ef-

fort was a stark contrast to the now well-documented indignities that a well-meaning but blindly prejudicial government brought to their mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters," Brown declared. "All of their liberties, rights and responsibilities of citizenship were suspended or placed beyond reach. All, that is, except one—military service."

Clinton emphasized: "It is fitting that we express our gratitude to those Japanese American veterans who risked their lives to defend our freedom."

The Washington, D.C.-based Japanese American Veterans Association, (Col. Hank Wakabayashi, president) which had earlier approached the Department of Veterans Affairs, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the End of World War II, then asked JANM to assist in the celebration. With collaboration of the Department of Defense, it was the kickoff for the year-long exhibit, "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's War."



Secretary Jesse Brown of Veteran Affairs pays tribute to Japanese American WWII veterans at the "National Salute" Nov. 8 staged by the Japanese American National Museum, in conjunction with opening of its year-long exhibit, "Fighting for Tomorrow."

"Our nation will long remember and be reminded of your patriotism," West declared.

National VFW Commander-in-Chief Paul Spera, Lt. Gen. Allen Ono of Hawaii, Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama of Chicago also spoke at the dinner.

Entertaining at the event were Sue Okabe (who was a soprano singing in the Denver area USO 50 years ago); Art Linkletter's one-liners from the kids he had on his TV shows since the 1980s (but who remembers visiting his San Francisco friends interned at Tanforan); the Sanko Trio (a la the Andrew Sisters) featuring Kimiko Gelman, Keiko Kashiwagi, Mitsuko Yamane and accompanied by Craig Hara, Scott Nagatani and David Cheung; and Pat Suzuki (of *Flower Drum Song* fame) with Warren Meyers at the piano.

Special guest Noriyuki Pat Morita said he "stood tall" as he remembered the men of the 100/442 and MIS. He was a teenager afflicted with spinal TB at the time.



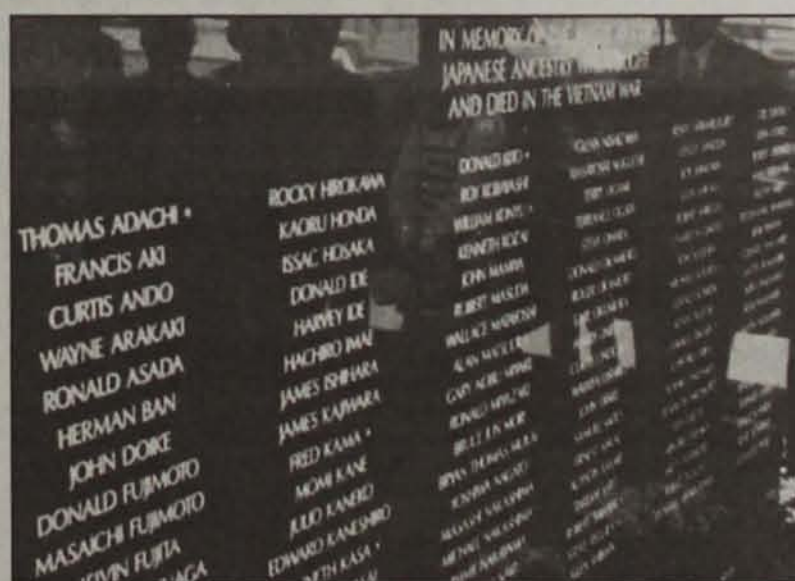
Medal of Honor winner from the Korean War, Hershey Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., addresses a Friday morning gathering of 250 at the Little Tokyo site where the proposed Japanese American World War II Veterans Monument is contemplated.



Col. Young Oak Kim, 100th Battalion veteran of San Pedro, Calif., spreads dirt to the four corners, symbolic rite of a Japanese ground dedication. The monument will bear names of 15,000 WWII Nikkei who served overseas, despite the U.S. government's suspicions after Pearl Harbor that led to wholesale internment of 120,000 mainland Japanese, two-thirds of whom were U.S.-born citizens.



Opening day visitors carefully peruse the photographs and graphic displays that cover the Nikkei in military service from the Spanish American War through the Persian Gulf-Desert Storm.



MEMORIAL—Vietnam veteran and Green Beret platoon leader Vince Okamoto (above) speaks at dedication of J.A. Vietnam Veterans War Monument (at left) bearing the names of those killed and missing in action.

Nikkei Vietnam War dedicated in Los Angeles

Formal dedication of the three-panel granite Vietnam memorial wall honoring Nikkei veterans from that war was held Nov. 11 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center plaza, in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

The Japanese American version of the famous Vietnam Memorial in Washington features the names of 114 Japanese Americans who were killed or are missing in action.

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oppressive face in that fishbowl of a world happening. China, bear in mind, is speedily transitioning from a collective economy to a market economy, anxious to be a part of the world community. They need good public relations to continue selling their goods abroad and to attract foreign businesses. The release of Harry Wu along with the promise not to sell nuclear tech to Iran seems ample evidence of that. China also realizes that feeding their 1.2 billion people must be coupled with sales of manufactured goods and stringent policies on population growth in order to lift millions out of pov-

erty. So, if only out of self-interest, they had to show well.

They did, in my opinion. Among other things, they provided vast meeting facilities for the conference, surprisingly good transportation services to and from the conference site, and 100,000 volunteers all told. And while security was a tad edgy and rigid by Western tastes at the start, by the third day, it had relaxed. We moved about freely, taking advantage of the ubiquitous guides, eager to practice their English, eager to help.

But because China is changing so rapidly, it's hard to get a fix on it. Right now, I see it as an emerging hologram, shifting and three dimensional, more than as a Com-

munist monolith, rigid and oppressive, as we've been led to believe.

The question of China's policy on reproductive issues speaks to that. We've been told that the Chinese kill unwanted babies and force women to have abortions. Not so, say Chinese women. Rather, they say, they are given incentives to curb population growth: free contraceptives, free abortions (for which they get time off from work) and lifetime benefits for the first child, but not the second. Many say they feel compelled to cooperate with the one family/one child mandate because 14 million people are being added annually to their already bloated population. Their food-producing

capacity cannot sustain this growth because they already feed nearly 25% of the world's population while holding only 7% of its arable land.

So, which is true? I don't know. But I'm inclined to favor the women's report over what we've been fed by the media. In any case, I believe Chinese women will do what they believe to be, not only in their interest, but in the interest of the country as a whole.

That gets to the heart of what the conference was all about. Conference-goers may have been talking about improving the lot of women and children, but ultimately, their goal was to elevate the condition of all the people. Whether it was women from Af-

rica, India, Latin America and the Philippines talking about their work of improving health care and education for women and girls, Japanese women calling for a halt to nuclear testing, or the Western countries calling for better family policies, achieving those goals would mean the betterment of the lives of everyone, they believed.

Here, the rise of virulent conservatism might make us lose heart. But you can bet that the growing momentum of this worldwide women's movement will give women, and enlightened men, inspiration and hope.

For me, the ringing anthem "Keep on moving forward," sung at the open

Short takes

Health forum on JA women opens

A four-year study on the health of Japanese American women and other ethnic groups in the 40-55 age bracket has commenced at UCLA-SWAN (Study of Women's Health Across the Nation) at centers in San Francisco, Chicago, Ann Arbor, Mich., Newark, N.J., Pittsburgh and Boston. The research is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

Random selection from a computer-generated list will be used instead of active solicitation of volunteers, especially in the South Bay area of Los Angeles, it was indicated by Yuko Kawanishi, Ph.D., associate project director. For information: Lyra Ng 310/794-8584.

First Chinese elected in N.Y.

Doris Ling-Cohan is the first known Chinese American public official to be elected in the lower Manhattan district which comprises the Chinatown area of New York City.

Ling-Cohan, a board member of the Organization of Chinese Americans, New York Chapter, won the civil court judge seat in the Nov. 7 election local general elections.

Her experience includes serving as administrative law judge for New York City. She also served as a managing attorney and senior attorney for MFY Legal Services, and a New York state assistant attorney general for the Bureau of Consumer Frauds.

She has also taught law at the City University of New York School of Law and New York University.

Ling-Cohan is a founding member and board member of the New York Asian Women's Center.

Jerseyites learn more WWII history

Thanks to Seabrook, N.J., and Philadelphia JACLers, the WWII history of Japanese Americans in the military and internment camps was being explored during the month of October as part of the Camden, N.J., County Library program at Voorhees.

Grayce Uyebara spoke Oct. 10 on the social conditions that led to evacuation and internment. Ellen Nakamura and John Fuyume, a week later, related the Seabrook changes from a farming community to an educational and cultural center. Teresa Maebori, chair of JACL's education committee which has prepared a teacher's manual relating to this unique

history, spoke Oct. 24. "Color of Honor," a video documentary produced by Loni Ding about the Nisei who served in the 442nd and military intelligence, was shown Oct. 31.

Kona coffee topic of museum exhibit

A six-week run of "The Kona Coffee Story," spanning over a century and touching on the lives of every immigrant group that settled in Hawaii, opened Oct. 15 at King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel in Honolulu.

Plans are to have the exhibit travel to Bishop Museum for four months and then to Maui and perhaps Kauai, according to project director Ed Kaneko, a Kona coffee grower in Holualoa. He said there are a few fourth-generation Japanese families in Kona who still grow coffee.

Sculpture honors Sakamotos

A 12-foot sculptured and partly polished basalt stone monument symbolizing Jimmie and Misao Sakamoto was dedicated Sept. 10 in Seattle's Keiro Nursing Home entrance. Sakamoto, publisher of the *Japanese American Courier*, organized leagues for Seattle-area Nisei in football, basketball and baseball. Surrounding stone benches represented the players in the pre-WWII era Courier Leagues.

The Spokane, Wash., group of Norio Wakamatsu, Hideki Sekijima and Harry Honda originated the project; Jerry Arai was architect. Marie Ishii responded for the family. Her mother, Misao, made the formal unveiling.

Legacy Fund aids Detroit JACL's 50th

The National JACL Legacy Fund has awarded a \$2,500 grant to Detroit JACL for its 50th anniversary historic exhibition, it was announced by chapter president Valerie Yoshimura. Included will be recent and old family photos and Japanese/camp/JACL artifacts and memorabilia.

The exhibit committee is seeking help conducting and transcribing oral interviews, drafting text, designing the panels and layouts, and final installation. Yoshimura said "I would like to collect at least one current photo from every member, so that we can have a collage of our membership for the final panel and show our beautiful diversity!"

For information: Valerie Matsumoto, 1587 S. Congress St. #36, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197, 313/482-3778.

65,000 Asians live in Las Vegas

The Clark, Nev., County Commission unanimously approved a 15-member panel Oct. 3 to study the needs, concerns and problems facing the Asian American community in southern Nevada.

The Asian Chamber of Commerce told the commission that about 65,000 Asian Americans representing Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and other Pacific Rim countries live in the Las Vegas area and own 1,200 businesses.

On Sept. 28, the Japan America Society of Nevada had co-sponsored the first Nevada-Japan Business Forum at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. One Tokyo businessman reported that Japan's gaming industry, centered on pachinko, is going high-tech and expanding.

Dayton gets grants from Legacy Fund

Two JACL Legacy Fund grants were acknowledged by Dayton, Ohio, JACL in its September/October newsletter: \$1,000 to help in sponsorship of the Smithsonian's travel exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," coming Jan. 4-Feb. 15; and \$500 for a survey of racial attitudes towards Asian Americans in Miami Valley, Ohio, patterned after the National Conference survey, according to Ronald Katsuyama, Ph.D., associate professor in psychology at the University of Dayton, 513/229-2152 days.

Legacy Fund grants are made possible through interest income generated by the fund.

Domestic violence center honored

A family service center in New York City providing domestic violence services to Korean Americans was named one of the country's most innovative programs at the Oct. 3 first annual Marshalls, Inc., Domestic Peace Prize presentation in Washington, D.C.

Seven domestic violence programs across the country were each awarded \$1,000 at the event co-hosted by Esta Soler, executive director of Family Violence Prevention Fund, and Jerome Rossi, president of Marshalls.

"Domestic violence is a tremendous and pervasive problem for families, communities and businesses," Rossi said. "Peace begins at home, and the Marshalls Domestic Peace Prizes are designed to build recognition that domestic violence can be prevented..."

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Whereabouts

SHISHERO HAROMI (spelling?)

Lost school mate: Haromi, a male, attended North Hollywood, Calif., Junior High School in the spring of 1942. Age about 14. School chum would like to hear from or about him. Wayne Patterson, age 69, 2790 N. 600 E, Ogden, UT, 84414, 801/782-8263.

STUDENTS IN WWII ARKANSAS

Dorothy Bell Winger taught school in the relocation camp school in Arkansas (Rohwer or Jerome?). She would like to hear from her students. Write to her at Rt. 6, Box 77A, Pittsburg, TX 75686. Submitted by Mae Yamada, 11622 SE 227th Pl., Kent, WA, 98031.

STEVEN MAYEDA

An old photo album was found in a Los Angeles apartment building, bearing the name of the owner as Steven Mayeda. Some pictures show scenes with San Diego and Redondo Beach in the background. Contact Jeanne Ellyea, 619/690-

1151 (home).

KEN TANABE, Gardena High

We both graduated Gardena High in the spring of 1966 and Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood, in December, 1970, with a B.S. in electronic engineering. We both attended CSU Long Beach in pursuit of our master's degree, but I switched after one semester to missionary work and lost contact. The schools have not been able to locate my friend. I shall return next year (1996) to Thailand. Contact: Larry S. Miller, 2277 W. Wing Rd. Apt #3, Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48858.

LADY NAMED 'TOSHI'

Information wanted on a Nisei lady, "Toshi," who worked for my mother sometime between 1938-1940. She would be the only person who was very close to my mother—since deceased. Contact Joanne Gertzman, c/o Zane, 8567 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA,

90066, 310/652-6061 (at the store in the afternoons from 1 to 5.) She wants to know more about her mother. Toshi must have been in her teens and is believed to have lived in the National-Sepulveda Blvd. area of West Los Angeles.

WILLIAM YAMAMOTO

Nisei student in 1930s who attended Wilnerding (?) High School in San Francisco and then to Sacramento High and Junior College, William Yamamoto last lived at Rt. 14, Box 327, Sacramento. Contact William Eastman, 1563-46th Ave., San Francisco, CA, 94122.

JUDD M. and TOSHI HARADA SATO

Seeking Japanese American couple. The wife was a college classmate at Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, in 1943-46. Last known address: 1369 Ada St., Berkeley, CA 94702. Write to: Katharine F. Green, R.R. 2, Box 139, Hedrick, IA, 52563.

In sports

Cyril Nishimoto runs his 11th New York Marathon

Cyril Nishimoto of the New York Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and executive director of the Japanese American Social Services, Inc. of New York ran the Nov. 12 New York City Marathon.



CYRIL NISHIMOTO

A veteran marathon runner since 1985, Nishimoto placed 407 in a field of 26,531 finishers with a respectable time of 2 hours, 54 minutes, and 16 seconds. This was his 11th New York City Marathon. His best time in the event is 2 hours, 44 minutes, and 11 seconds.

Nishimoto, 39, told Pacific Citizen that this outing "was cold and windy. It was a lot more difficult."

Normally, the JACLER runs 25 to 30 miles per week but averaged 70 miles per week in preparation for this event. He belongs to a local Japanese running club called Runners New York.

"I really love the New York City Marathon," he said. "It brings the whole city together. It's an international event, like a big parade. Millions of New Yorkers line the streets in support and you have the company of all the runners around you."

Next year, Nishimoto, who is from Gardena, Calif., and lives in New York City, plans to run the Boston Marathon as well as the New York City event. In high school, he participated in track and cross country.

Dodgers' Hideo Nomo named Rookie of Year



HIDEO NOMO

The storied baseball year of Japan's most famous player concluded Nov. 10 when Hideo Nomo of the Los Angeles Dodgers was named rookie of the year.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the pitcher received 18 first-place votes and 118 points from

the 28-member committee of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America. Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves was second with 10 first-place votes and 104 points.

Nomo, who is the fourth consecutive Dodger to win the rookie of the year honor, preceded by Raul Mondesi, Mike Piazza and Eric Karros.

The native of Japan, 27, finished the year with a 13-6 record and a 2.54 earned-run average. He led the league in strikeouts with 236, the first rookie to do so since another Dodger star pitcher of the past, Fernando Valenzuela.

According to the Times, Nomo intends to return to the Dodgers next year. He "will probably be offered about \$500,000," the Times reported. "He is hoping for more than \$1 million, but doesn't anticipate a bitter contract dispute."

Back home, Nomo has been hailed as the biggest star since Sadaharu Oh. He is the subject of three documentaries and an autobiography. In his spare time, he is learning English.

On-line report

TV channel provides Web site for computer tour of Ellis Island

Now you can take a computer tour of Ellis Island, the famous landmark where millions of immigrants took their first step upon American soil, on the World Wide Web (<http://www.i-channel.com>).

Cable's International Channel, which programs news, information and entertainment from around the world in 24 different languages, is presenting the Ellis Island tour as a tribute to immigrants past and present.

It is a World Wide Web debut for the historic American landmark which is now a national park.

The tour will present an historical overview of Ellis Island, guiding visitors along the

immigrant's journey from their moment of arrival at America's Gate to the moment of departure at the "kissing gate," where some families were reunited and others separated forever. The site will feature soundbites in which immigrants will relate their own stories.

Other features of the Web site tour include information about exhibits and such resources available at Ellis Island as the library and its oral history project involving more than 1,300 hours of interviews with immigrants who had been processed through Ellis Island.

Visitors can also download a few old world recipes, excerpted

from the *Ellis Island Cookbook*, and hear immigrants talking about the food of their homelands. The cookbook can be ordered through the website.

Preceding with the immigrant to citizenship theme, the International Channel's Web site is also presenting information about the process of becoming an American citizen. There is a quiz featuring sample citizenship interview questions and a bulletin board section where people can share their own experiences with the citizenship process.

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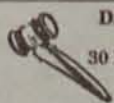


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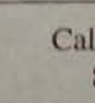
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DEATH NOTICES: To publish an obituary in a specific issue of Pacific Citizen costs \$15 per column inch. The copy from either the family or the funeral director is recorded as necessary.

The following appear on a space-available basis.

Endo, Edith T. 73, Altadena, Calif., Sept. 4; Kingsburg, Calif.-born, survived by husband Yoichi George, daughters Christine Haley, Cynthia McGrath, 2 gc., sisters Mary Tashiro, Nadine Nakai, brothers Chester and Roy Fukagawa.
Fujiwara, Alice Yoshiko, 55, Tigard, Ore., July 27; National, Wash.-born and formerly of Ontario, Ore., survivors include brother Bob (Honolulu), sister Ellen Cunningham (Pittsburgh).
Furukawa, Haruko, 94, Denver, Oct. 13 (sv); survived by husband Harry, sons James and Shig Shimizu, Dave Furukawa (Alamosa, Colo.)
Hamaguchi, Lois, 85, Chicago, Sept. 15; survived by sons Eugene, Jimmie, daughter Rosie, 3 gc., predeceased by husband Genhichi, son Kenneth.
Hashisaka, Fred, 85, Sacramento, Sept. 1 (sv); Japan-born, garage owner, survived by wife Ruth, 4 children.
Hironaka, Mutsuko 'Boots,' 71, Weiser, Idaho, June 18; Santa Cruz, Calif.-born, survived by son Jeff (Seattle), daughters Cindy Picard (Oregon Slope, Ore.), Ginger Krugmire (Tacoma), 4 gc., brothers Joe and Yosh Kishi (Santa Cruz), predeceased by husband Thomas.
Hoshizaki, Grace Chiyoko, 78, Hemet, Calif., Aug. 31; survived by son Yoshio (Cerritos), daughter Diane Peterson (Los

Angeles), 5 gc., 5 ggc., brother George Kimura and sister Yoshiye Tanaka (both Jpn).
Katsuki, Shigeru Sam, 77, Torrance, July 13; Hanford, Calif.-born, survived by wife Yuriko, sons Gary S., Tokio C., daughters Linda Holloway (Oregon), Darla, 5 gc., brother Saxon.
Mikawa, Ume, 94, Greeley, Colo., Sept. 27 (sv); Kagoshima-born, prewar resident of Cheyenne, Ault, Colo., survived by five sons, five daughters, 21 gc., 22 ggc.
Nakamura, Masa, 75, Nampa, Idaho, Aug. 25; Boise-born, retired from farming in '75, survived by wife Marie (Harada), daughters Marsha, Colleen Amlingmeier (Cincinnati), Tammy Wheeler (Boise), 1 gc., sister Laura Donart, predeceased by parents and son William ('85).
Sprung, Murray, 92, New York, Oct. 30; attorney since 1929 until retirement in 1994, for old Hebrew Orphan Asylum (one alumnus and columnist Art Buchwald referred to him as "our Father Flanagan"), Manila and Tokyo war crime trial counsel, lifelong New York JACler, survived by wife of nearly 64 years, Mary, daughter Peggy Neimeth, son John, 6 gc., 8 ggc.
Sugal, Noriko, 66, Ontario, Ore., Sept. 26; Kagoshima-born, postwar immigrant JACL member, survived by brother Mitsuyuki (Osaka), sister Fukuko Kanda, predeceased by husband, Frank.
Tabata, Asa, 90, Gardena, Sept. 7; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons George, William (Ohio), 4 gc., 1 ggc.
Tamada, Kay, 77, Chicago, Sept. 24 (sv), survived by son Ronald, daughter Phyllis Brown, 2 gc., brother Thomas

Kamidoi, Yoshiko Kataoka.
Tanaka, Masuyo, 94, Los Angeles, Sept. 1; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Eddie Iwamoto, Akio Iwamoto, 7 gc., 7 ggc.
Tanaka, Shigeo, 88, Chicago, Oct. 12 (sv); survived by wife Bernice, son Robert, daughter Linda Yoshida, 4 gc.
Tsutsui, George K, 73, Torrance, July 10; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons Eric, Michael.
Tsutsumida, Miyano, 96, Los Angeles, Aug. 21; Kumamoto-born and longtime Arizona resident, survived by son Masao (Arizona), daughters Sakae, Kathie Taketani, 7 gc., 8 ggc.
Uchimoto, Kane, 98, Saratoga, Calif., Sept. 4; survived by sons Don, Warren, daughters Amy Naito, Laura Nakanishi, 8 gc., 5 ggc.
Uota, Ken and wife Rebecca Fuller, both 52, Washington, D.C., Aug. 13 in traffic accident on Missouri Route 61 near New London, daughter Julia who was driving the car was hospitalized with serious injuries; civil engineer Ken Poston-born, graduate of San Jose State, consultant the last 15 years to Washington Metro Transit Authority; Rebecca, St. Louis-born school teacher, married in 1971; others surviving are Ken's parents Mitsuyuki and Yoko (Visalia, Calif.), brothers Alan (Sacramento), Ronald (Visalia), sisters Chikako Sakamoto (San Mateo), Miyoko Tominaga (Stockton), Kathy Watanabe (San Gabriel), Rebecca's mother Julia Fuller (Hannibal, Mo.)
Uyehara, Stanley S, 55, Monterey Park, Aug. 26; Maui-born, survived by wife Amelia, son Jason, daughters Romy, Jolene, brothers Masao, Paul, sisters Helen Meadows, Kay Ajimine, Sally Higa, Mary Kawahara, Lucille Tengan.
Uyema, Fujiko, 82, Torrance, Aug. 26; Waianae, Hawaii-born, survived by sons Hisao, George, Richard (latter two of Las Vegas), daughter Joyce Sakamoto, 10 gc., 3 ggc., brother Richard Uyema, sisters Akiko Irei, Amy Hayashi, Margaret Nohara (all Hawaii).

DEATH NOTICE

MILDRED FUJIKO TAKEDA

Mildred F. Takeda, 78, of Alameda passed away on Aug. 31 at the Alameda Hospital. She was born in Lawai, HI. She is survived by husband, Taro Tom; children, Dianne (Eddie) Matsuoka, Janet (Rodney) Kwan, Doug, Gary (Maggie) in San Leandro, 6 ggc; brother, Bob Kaneshiro; sisters, Katherine (Mike) Yamakawa, Mary K. (Ken) Kaneshiro and Clara (Tom) Stanton of Hanford, Calif. Funeral services were held on Sept. 5 at Buddhist Temple of Alameda.

Yamada, Hoshie Watanabe, 85, Fairfax, Va., July 3; Seattle-born, survived by daughter Pamela Krute (Vienna, Va.), brother Shig Watanabe (Denver), predeceased by husband Shizuo, brothers Taul Watanabe (Bellevue, Wash.), Jun Watanabe (Seattle), and sister Seiko Hasegawa (Mercer Island, Wash.)
Yamada, Paul Tsutomu, 28, Los Angeles, Aug. 31; Santa Monica-born Sansel, survived by father, Henry (Oregon), mother June Fujioka, sister Audrey, grandfather Tozo Yahata, grandmother Kimiye Hirano, fiancée Deanna Rust.
Yamada, Shizuko, 78, Denver, Aug. 17; survived by son William, daughters Florence Li, Doris Yagi, 10 gc., 8 ggc., brothers Jack and Frank Suzuki, sisters Mildred Yokotake, predeceased by husband Shizuo.
Yamakawa, David K. 95, San Francisco, Oct. 15; Tokyo-born retired busi-

nessman and San Francisco resident of 85 years, survived by wife Shizu, son David Jr., daughters Patricia Yamamoto, Joyce Mita, 5 gc., brother Victor (Santa Monica).
Yamakoshi, Noboru 'Noby' 69, Chicago, Oct. 15; Menlo Park, Calif.-born, chairman-founder of Nobart Group, a multi-million-dollar printing firm, honored in '91 by U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Minority Small Business and Capital Ownerships Development with lifetime achievement award, officer with Buddhist Churches of America and Midwest Buddhist Temple, Isham YMCA, Kiwanis Club, Chicago Commons Assn., former arts chair for Governor's Committee of Illinois Asians, trustee for Japanese American National Museum, survived by wife Aya, sons Warren, Brian, daughter Vivian, 2 gc, brothers and sisters.

Pioneer Issei lawyer Mukaeda succumbs at 104

Katsuma Mukaeda, 104, died Nov. 4 following a September automobile accident in Hemet, Calif., where he and his second wife, Tillie, have been recent residents. She remains hospitalized after breaking both legs. Son Richard and grandchildren survive.

Two full generations of Issei and Nisei had sought his counsel throughout his pioneering service in Southern California spanning some 60 years. The Kumamoto-born naturalized U.S. citizen and Downtown L.A. JACL (the second Issei) president in 1960, his venture promoting Japanese culture began in 1932 through a film exchange, postwar efforts with Urasenke School of Tea Ceremony, Japanese chamber of commerce, Japan America Society, JACL and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. He directed a Shrine Auditorium pageant celebrating the 100th anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Friendship Treaty in 1960.

Mukaeda finished Southwestern University School of Law and



KATSUMA MUKAEDA (c. 1984)

American University School of Law, was an Issei fund-raiser for JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee in the late '40s when it was lobbying for Issei naturalization, and rallied national support for JACL's Japanese American Research Project. Among the numerous awards are three *kunsho*—decorations from Japan and the JACL scroll at the Mukaeda testimonial in 1972.

DEATH NOTICE

HIROSHI NARAMURA

Hiroshi Naramura, 91, Okayama-born, resident of Los Angeles passed away on Nov. 4 at Washington Medical Center. The deceased is survived by his wife, Shizue Mae; sons, Kenneth H. (Valerie), Glenn T. and Victor H. (Marveene); grandchildren, Robert A. and Kristine Y.; sisters-in-law, Amy Ehimo Tominaga, Kazue (Jou) Okitsu, and Hideko Mochizuki; many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services were held on Nov. 13 at West Los Angeles Buddhist Church under the direction of Fukui Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICE

TOM TAMOTSU ITO

Tom T. Ito, 84, Riverside born Nisei and resident of Pasadena passed away on Nov. 8 at his residence after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife, Suzie S.; sons, Roger T. and Philip N. (Barbara); daughter, Patty (Steve) Nagano; grandchildren, Scott T., Leslie, Noelle and Kelsey; brothers, James O. (Toshi) of Laguna Hills and Bill S. (Lillian); sisters, Tomiye B. Nagai and Dorothy Shundo of Laguna Hills; brother-in-law, Bill T. Sato of Hesperia and sisters-in-law, Toshi, Margaret and Mary Ito. Funeral service were held on Nov. 14 at Centenary United Methodist Church with Rev. Hidemi Ito of Chatsworth/West Valley United Methodist Church officiating under the direction of Fukui Mortuary.

UPCOMING 1996 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

JAPAN SPRING ADVENTURE (Plus Takayama Festival, 10 days)	APR 13
ALPINE EXPLORER (Switzerland/Austria/Germany, 15 days)	MAY 10
Tauk's NEW MEXICO & LAS VEGAS (Carlsbad Cavern/Santa Fe/Taos, 10 days)	MAY 28
CANADIAN ROCKIES/ VICTORIA (Banff Spr Hl, Lake Louise, 8 days)	JUNE 19
IRELAND/ BRITAIN (15 days)	JUL 6
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3.	Costa Rica Splendor	Mar 14 - 23
4.	Washington DC Cherry Blossom Tour	Apr 5 - 14
5.	Japan Spring Tour/Ura-Nihon	Apr 29 - May 7
6.	China 4 Cities & Hong Kong	Apr 14 - 28
7.	Wonders of Turkey	May 15 - 28
8.	Michigan Tulip & Great Lakes	May 20 - 3
9.	Japan Spring Festival Special (Minshuku Lodging)	May 12 - 22
10.	Minnesota & Mid-West Highlights (Mall of America)	Jun 19 - 30
11.	Japan Summer Tour	Jun 24 - July 4
12.	Branson/Ozark-Tour Shoji Tabuchi Included	May 10 - 18
13.	Georgia, South Carolina	May 25 - Jun 1
14.	British Heritage	Jun 1 - 14
15.	Hawaiian Islands Cruise (Optional HNL Stay)	Jul 6 - 13
16.	Japan Gion Festival (Matsuri) Minshuku Lodging	Jul 12 - 18
17.	Japan Nebuta Matsuri Special (Minshuku Local Lodge)	Aug 1 - 9
18.	Japan Awa Odori Special (Minshuku Lodging)	Aug 6 - 14
19.	Japan Hokkaido & Tohoku Tour	Sep 16 - 26
20.	Japan Tohoku Tour	Sep 22 - Oct 2
21.	Canadian Nova Scotia Maritime	Sep 14 - 22
22.	Canadian Rockies Loop	Sep 21 - 29
23.	Eastern U.S.-Canada Discovery	Oct 2 - 16
24.	Japan Ura-Nihon Tour	Oct 21 - Oct 31
25.	Japan Kenka Matsuri Special (Minshuku Lodging)	Oct 10 - 18
26.	Japan Fire Festival-Kyoto Special	Oct 14 - 22
27.	Tennessee, Kentucky & Branson/Ozarks	Oct 5 - 13
28.	Japan Daimyo Gyoretsu Special (Minshuku)	Oct 29 - Nov 4
29.	Japan Fall Foliage Tour	Nov 2 - 12
30.	Kyushu Special with Shikoku Tour	Nov 16 - 27
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32.	Christmas at Branson	Nov 27 - Dec 2
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