Senate Committee votes to save most family immigration

An amendment which modified a proposal to put severe constraints on family immigration was passed March 28 by the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C.

The Senate committee voted to save 65,000 additional visas for both brothers and sisters in each year. Currently, 65,000 brothers and sisters are allowed in each year. The proposal put forth by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.) and Mike DeWine (R-Ohio), proposed modest cuts to legal immigration, while saving most family preferences. According to the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the vote was a rejection of the severe proposal by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), who wanted to sharply reduce overall family immigration and make it difficult or impossible to bring parents, adult children, brothers and sisters into the United States.

Under the Kennedy/Abraham proposal, parents, spouses, and minor children of citizens would continue to enjoy unlimited immigration. Some 175,000 visas would be allocated each year to siblings and children of permanent residents, and brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens, in that priority. In practice, 75,000 visas left over for brothers and sisters, and no new sibling applications would be allowed until the brother and sister backlog is reduced, according to the APALA. How­ever, the Kennedy/Abraham amendment would allocate 50,000 visas a year for five years to clear the backlog for brothers and sisters, and 75,000 a year for another five years. Currently, 65,000 brothers and sisters are allowed in each year.

"We see no rationale for cuts in family immigration, but understand that they must be made," said Matthew Finucane, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO.

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PSW reception

JACL national, regional, D.C. directors welcomed by district

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Voting against were: Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), Al Simpson (D-Wyo.), Herbert Sakaniwa, newly named PSW regional director, and Robert Saranwia, newly named Washington, D.C., representative.

Hosting the event was JACL President Herbert Yamanishi, who wanted to sharply reduce overall family immigration and make it difficult or impossible to bring parents, adult children, brothers and sisters into the United States.

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JA CL seeks nominations for JA of the Biennium Award

Eileen Namba Otsui, chairwoman of the Japanese American of the Biennium Committee, announces that the official nominating forms for the Japanese American of the Biennium award have been reviewed and are available. The nominating form, contact your chapter president, district delegates or the National JACL office (Patty Wada or Deirdre Howard) at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, 415/921-1491; fax 415/921-4671. The nomination form is printed below in this edition.

The National JACL, Citizens, Nominations must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1996.

The National JACL presents this coveted award to recognize and honor Americans of Japanese ancestry for their outstanding achievements in various fields of endeavor. The awardee will have received regional, national or international recognition for contributions which have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society. Each biennium, 1 to 3 outstanding individuals may be selected. Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one of the following fields.

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The Japanese American of the Biennium Award will be presented at the 34th Biennial JACL National Convention, Sayonara Banquet and Ball, Saturday evening, August 10, Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, Calif.

This gala evening begins at 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. Black tie optional. US Congressman Bob B. Matsui will host the reception. Entertainment will be provided by the world renowned San Jose Taiko Group.

Guidelines for the Japanese American of the Biennium Award

The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is the highest public award of the National JACL. The National JACL has presented this recognition to an American of Japanese ancestry at each Biennial Convention since 1950. A gold medal suitable enlarge and a personalized scroll citation will be awarded to at least one, and up to three (3), individuals in recognition of distinguished achievement or community leadership. Travel expenses to the 1996 San Jose Convention, and hotel accommodations for the night of the banquet, will be provided for each of the recipients by the National JACL.

Purposes of the Award:

The JACL recognizes and honors those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in various fields of endeavor have received regional, national or international recognition and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in society.

Award Criteria:

Candidates may be from any of the 50 United States or its territories. A candidate need not be a member of the JACL. This committee shall receive nominations submitted by Chapters, Districts, or any individual JACL member with appropriate documentation.

1. Nominations should be accompanied by a statement, not more than one page long, supporting the candidate's qualifications for the award. The statement should include a brief narrative of the individual's contributions. This narrative shall be accompanied by a statement, not more than one page typed, from the nominator, if appropriate, and a photograph of the nominee.

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3. The nominator shall be contacted and a personal interview shall be conducted by the JACL Biennium Award Committee.

4. Nominations will be reviewed and are available.

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Please provide the following information on a separate sheet.

Name:

Address:

City State Zip

Phone (day) ( )

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Occupation:

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b. Qualifications of the candidate not covered elsewhere in the application.

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Please Select one Category

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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name (please print)

Address:

District Chapter

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

Signature Date

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By HERBERT YAMANISHI
JACL National Director

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The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, which funds the 27th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, has announced that the Manzanar National Historic Site, located about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, and north of the town of Lone Pine on U.S. Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierras, will be guided by the National Asian Pacific American Settlements Initiative (NAPALC) officials.

Manzanar was designated as a National Historic Site on March 3, 1992, by Public Law 102-248. The program, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. The tours will be guided by former Manzanar internees.

The program, which begins at noon, features Ross Hopkins, superintendant, Manzanar National Historic Site, National Park Service, and the National Park Service's plans and progress toward developing the site into a cultural landscape that will tell the entire story of Manzanar. Manzanar American settlements and the pioneer ranchers date to the wartime experience.

"Progress is being made in getting the land turned over to the National Park Service," said Kunimoto Embrey of the Manzanar Committee and Camp auditorium (which has been used as a maintenance yard by Inyo County) is being cleaned up and vacated so the National Park Service can take over soon. "The National Park Service plans to use the auditorium as an interpretive center and an additional history and other resource material about the entire Manzanar experience.

Pilgrimage organizers are hopeful that the public will be able to view the former camp auditorium during the pilgrimage. "The National Park Service is getting things done despite having no budget," Embrey said. "The pilgrimage is a great way to learn about what we're trying to do here and to get involved, and Ross will be there to let everyone know what's happening and how they can support our efforts." Embrey also pointed out that the pilgrimage is for everyone—not just former Manzanar internees and their families. "We work hard to be representative of all the camps," Embrey said. "Manzanar was chosen to be a National Historic Site because it is the best preserved out of the 10 camps. We hope everyone will feel welcomed at the pilgrimage, whether one has a direct link to Manzanar or not."

The current wave of anti-Asian sentiment will also be reflected in the program. According to organizers, the same sentiment that resulted in the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II is growing stronger once again.

"Racism, hysteria, a failure of political leadership and economic greed were the primary causes of the internment, and those forces are still going strong today," said Gann Matsuda of the Manzanar Committee. "When you examine the initiatives that would deny immigrants access to social services, health care, education, food stamps, welfare, APDC or deny them citizenship, and when you also look at the moves to abolish affirmative action, it's easy to see how that our society continues to look for scapegoats, just as it did over 50 years ago," Matsuda said.

Other speakers in the program will include Bob Gracey of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, and representatives of the various governmental agencies involved with the site. The traditional interfaith fellowship and services and benefits that are available to other Americans in times of need, NAPALC officials say.

As a result of the March 26 primaries in California, incumbents Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif., 5th Dist.), Rep. Jay C. Kim (R-Calif., 41st Dist.) and former Santa Clara County supervisor Mike Honda (D-23rd Dist.), won their party primaries.

Matui of Sacramento, unopposed, polled heavily in a heavily Democratic district. Kim of Diamond Bar polled 22,660 (58%) in the primary of his heavily Republican district. Takaosui of Oxnard had 23,176 (76%) votes and will face in November an unopposed Democrat, Jose Herrera, who finished with 20,255 votes.Honda of San Jose had 8,916 (58%) in a four-way primary contest. His unopposed Republican, Lila Suttle, had 7,291 votes.

The Los Angeles Times has published a photograph of Laurie Campbell, the Huntington Beach woman who entered a special election "as a bogus Democrat" last fall in a critical bid for control of the State Assembly. The name of Campbell, an Asian American by the appearance in the photo, was thrown off the ballot by a judge.

Her ethnic background was the reported in a March 28 story delving into the grand jury testimony made public the previous day.

Naturalization program begun by NAPALC

A naturalization program to assist thousands of Asian Pacific Americans nationwide with the U.S. citizenship process and to provide immersion, Manzanar National Historic Site, National Park Service and the National Park Service's plans and progress toward developing the site into a cultural landscape that will tell the entire story of Manzanar. Manzanar American settlements and the pioneer ranchers date to the wartime experience.

The program, funded by the Carnegie Corporation, was launched in New York, The Ford Foundation and The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, was created in response to anti-immigrant proposals in Congress and on the state level. In the context of current legislation, the program's primary goal is the enhancement of the Asian American community. Proposed anti-immigration legislation and welfare reform legislation may severely curtail the eligibility of legal immigrants for government services and benefits that are available to other Americans in times of need, NAPALC officials in a press release.

The program features citizen training—how to conduct citizenship assistance workshops using the group processing model and how to prepare for the Immigration and Naturalization Service interview.

In addition, the consortium offers the training to community-based organizations interested in learning the citizenship group processing model and services related to assisting applicants throughout the citizenship process.

The program focuses on outreach approaches, equipment, and supplies, recruitment, and training of volunteers, and basic citizenship-related questionnaires. The questionnaires are translated into several Asian-Pacific languages.

The consortium is also distributing a video on the citizenship process which can be offered to local cable stations for airing. It is available in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese.


**NCNWPFDC call: 'Give me five'!**

Exhorting all of their 10,000 JACLers in Northern California, the NCNWPFDC executive board has kicked off a "Give Me Five!" campaign for 1996 to help JACL return to financial health with a $5 contribution from every member—with the prospect of raising almost $50,000 to go to the National JACL coffers.

Not discounting those who have responded to the JACL Annual Giving Program, the campaign is expected to show both support of and thanks for National JACL’s efforts. Donations, payable to National JACL, are to be mailed to Fred Okimoto, DC treasurer.

**Familiar face**

Judge Lance Ito (second from left), with his wife, Margaret York, was one of the 22nd Asian Americans for Equality banquet attendees in New York City. With them are Ron Uba (right), president, New York Chapter, JACL, and Scott Inouye, baronet of director and president for leadership development for the AAE.

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**Hapa Issues Forum slated for April 13**

The third annual Hapa Issues Forum is scheduled for April 13 at the Florin stage of the Tibetan and Himalayan Center in Sacramento, Calif. The format will be a panel discussion in the morning and smaller workshops in the afternoon. The evening event is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at the Minami Community Center, 8210 Placerville Rd., Folsom, with Nikkei from Gila River, Hawaii and the San Jose Valley attending.

**Florin stages ‘Remembrance’**

**By BILL KASHIWAGI**

More than 250 people attended the 14th Annual Time of Remembrance on Saturday, March 2, at the Florin Buddist Church Hall. The annual events were preceded by Elk Grove Unified School District exhibits, with classroom presentations and an Educators Club panel discussion at the Florin Buddhist Complex.

The call of the drums performed by the Koyasan Children Taiko opened the ceremony, followed by VPW Post 9865 flag ceremony. The theme for the 1996 event was "Tradition of Education and Perseverance." Jeanne Iritani, chapter president, welcomed the audience. Guest speaker for the evening was Georgiana White, California State University Sacramento archivist and principal to the Japanese American Archival Collection, as well as an instrumental force in starting the endowment fund to make the collection available for study and display.

Roy Beerberger, owner-publisher of the Elk Grove Citizen, was honored as "Hero of the Community." Mary Tsukamoto presented the award. The Elk Grove Ubudhist held the audience’s interest, as volunteers for students on the chapter executive board and success of the Minami Yoshimura, a local attorney, accepted the other awards. Other members were similarly being signed to various posts for their first meeting scheduled at the home of Paul Nakashima; cleanup; George Furukawa; photographer: Frank Iritani.

Gila Relocation Center helps school

The Gila River Relocation Center Monument Project Committee donated $10,000 to the Sanaton Siaka for the SAC's.

**Santa Maria Valley Chapter returns**

**Staff report**

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—What has lingered all these years as a "health insurance" JACL chapter in the Pacific Southwest District Council community was finally brought to a limelight, as Santa Maria Valley JACL held its first banquet meeting on Saturday, March 16, at the Minami Community Center. Over 100 JACL members and interested Nikkei from Lompoc, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo and the Santa Maria Valley attended.

Lillian Furukawa, who chaired the reactivation effort, was completely impressed with the turnouts for volunteers to serve on the chapter executive board and succeeded by Richard Kono, Yoshimura, a local attorney, accepted the other awards. Other members were similarly being signed to various posts for their first meeting scheduled at the home of Paul Nakashima; cleanup; George Furukawa; photographer: Frank Iritani.

**GIFT TO CITY—A major contribution by lulaissunkee king H.Y. Minami, to the City of Santa Maria in the Minami Community Center. The Santa Maria Valley JACL held its reactivation dinner meeting here the first Saturday in March.**

Korukawa, who was introduced to the Pacific Citizen as the individual who probably knows the most about the lulaissunkei and Nisei pioneers of Santa Maria Valley since the 1900’s, was past chapter president and was also expected to attend. Peter Mihara was an active Lion member and longtime 1000 Clubber, was evening toastmaster. Sam Iwamoto, treasurer, explained for his devotion to keeping the chapter alive over the years—sitting on the board of directors offices—by serving various positions.

Tori Miyoshi, serving the public the past decade as Santa Barbara County supervisor and serving again as Santa Maria Community’s most recent and incomparable guest speaker Harry K. Honda, PC editor emeritus, who summarized recent activities within JACL, the presence on staff of the new national director Herb Yamashita, and regional director Al Murashige, the upcoming National JACL Convention at San Jose in the 1950s, businessmam Harold Shimizu (garage owner and the first car dealer in the Valley), and others, including Richi Miyoshi and his son, Toru, who is now a university professor of Nikkei in the midst of other civic pioneers.

It was reported that the prewar Japanese farming community in Lompoc, which included a JACL chapter, has seen only one Nisei family come back, and that Nisei who are now transformed by Air Force veterans and such that an American were assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base and since retired in the area.

Now a Santa Maria resident, Kas Yoshimoto, Oye, 1983 Greater LA Singles chapter president, hopes her Singles members visit Santa Maria Valley.

**Las Vegas lineup**

Special guest at the recent Las Vegas Chapter, JACL, installation were U.S. Sen. Harry Reid (right) and his wife, Landra (second from left), posing with chapter leaders Joe and Lilian Morimoto; Judge Carl Christensen installed officers and JACL President Denny Yashihara was also present.
Seattle installation features Yamashita

By ARLENE OKI

Marine Reserves Captain and Washington, D.C., attorney Bruce Yamashita was the featured speaker at the Seattle Chapter’s 74th annual dinner held at the Doubletree Suites, Tukwila, Wash. Yamashita recounted his difficulties achieving officer status in the military establishment. Fortunately, through sheer persistence, equality and fair play, he was able to overcome many obstacles to finally achieve officer status. His message provided inspiration, enlightenment and pursuance for those in attendance at the dinner, particularly for the young adults new to the JACL and its ideals of justice, equality and fair play.

Reflecting the theme of the event: “For the sake of the Community,” awards were presented to Japanese Americans who have distinguished themselves by providing exemplary services to the community. Bob Shimabukuro, director of the Northwest Asian Pacific AIDS Council and the Chapter’s newsletter editor, was presented with the Don Kazama Award by Sally Kazama. May Namba, a longtime member and dedicated contributor of many JACL Committees, received a Sapphire Pin. Community Service Awards were presented to Fumiko Masahiro, former principal of the Japanese Language School, for her unselfish and tireless efforts to enhance educational opportunities; Judge Thomas Haven who, with his wife, personally organized a permanent exhibit on the WWII internment experience of Japanese Americans in the Kittitas county courthouse; and Russell Akiyama, former administrator of Keiro Nursing Home. Noting his volunteerism at Keiro Nursing Home and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church as well as his essential work supporting the Seattle Chapter’s activities, a special award was presented to the chapter’s quintessential volunteer, Sam Shogi.

Chapter officers were sworn in at the dinner. The New Mexico Chapter, JACL, will celebrate its 70th anniversary Saturday, June 22, at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel. The chapter was actually founded in the early 1950s. It disbanded in 1956, but with an increasing number of Japanese Americans moving into the state, the Albuquerque Chapter was formally created in 1975. Instrumental in reactivating the chapter were Tane Yamamoto Akutagawa and Sue and Sonya Yonemoto. And at the outset of 1976 the new name of the New Mexico Chapter was established.

All former members who have since moved out of state are invited to attend the event. The Chapter is particularly seeking the whereabouts of Glenn Hamada, who left the state for a job in Hawaii in 1977. Contact Jean Yamamoto Kishiyama, 7824 Osuna Bld. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

St. Louis Chapter marks 50th event

By MIKE HOSHIKO

Mike Kinsey was recently installed as the 50th president of the St. Louis Chapter, JACL. By National President Denny T. Yasuhara. Sam Nakano, the first chapter president in 1946, was honored for his long, dedicated service. He was presented with a trip to the upcoming JACL National Convention in San Jose. All past presidents’ names were read and those who were present received a round of applause.

A special anniversary booklet with 51 photographs, and a specially designed pin were presented to all those who attended. Bob Miller presented a 50-year memory lane slide show trip for members and guests.

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From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

The right to know

Then, I asked, are you saying that you disapproved of the bad things but you just didn’t want to know about them?

Well, he said, since you put it that way, I guess you’re right because I didn’t like to read about them.

Then, I asked, why do you suppose there’s less bad stuff in the PC these days? Do you suppose there’s a new policy not to print news that might make some people uncomfortable?

Well, he said, it kinda seems that way.

The Asian candidacy

By BILL MARUTANI

The Asian candidacy

up or otherwise distracted by your ethnicity. As a Japanese American candidate, here are some examples of ice-breakers I’ve used with varying results.

MAKEUP OF LISTENERS obviously must be taken into account.

Thus, in a prominently Italian neighborhood, I might open with:

“I am Marutani. I know that sound’s Italian. But as you can see, I’m not Italian. While I’d be proud to be an Italian, I’m proud of being who I am: a Japanese American. Anyway, whom I am to argue with the Maker’s choice of race for this American.”

Interpreted: My ancestry doesn’t make a difference either way. It’s Nature’s choice. Who can quarrel with that? When you vote, remember that Italian-sounding name.

It deals with the matter of the “Ku Kluxing” and confinement of Nikkei residing along the Pacific Coast. This stitch may be picked up as follows:

“In selecting Japanese parents for this American, the Maker destined some exciting times for me. In 1942, when the government rounded up some 120,000 Japanese Americans and their parents and placed them into barbed-wire camps, I was one of them.”

To avoid injecting guilt or bitterness into this statement, the following wry humor is to drive the point home—

“Well, this is one judge you won’t have to worry about. He’s already ‘served time.’ Moving on to military service—

“After being rejected when I volunteered for service, I was drafted into the Army infantry. Made 2nd Lieutenant. My brother out-lasted me: he made Master Sergeant.”

In addressing minority communities it would be erroneous to assume that you’re facing a “sympathetic” or “understanding” group and that no ice-breaker is needed. For some you well may be the first Asian they’ve met eyeball-to-eyeball. To break the ice, after stating my name plus the usual brief pleasantries, I might interject:

“Well, black is beautiful and I want to add yellow is mellow.” With the lines now cleared, we can communicate. As Americans.

A caution to all this: it must not be contradicted. It should not be forced. Don’t override it. If you don’t feel comfortable with any of it, don’t do it.

OTHER APPROACHES can be developed to turn an adverse factor into a plus, or at least minimize damage. In my first primary election, there were six slots open

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

Letters

Redress education fund be restored to full amount

One of the important purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was to educate the American public about the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. The Presidential Commission, the Committee on the Subscription and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), recommended an educational fund for this purpose, and Congress provided a bill which earmarked $50 million for this purpose.

We are now being told that only $5 million will be spent toward educational purpose and the rest be spent to pay those who were recently awarded redress payments.

No amount of money can truly redress the wrongs done to Japanese Americans by their own official government act during World War II. The symbolic payment of $5,000 for years of detention was finally accepted by the Japanese American community as “meaningful” redress.

Completing the redressing of the Japanese American.Summary recommends the government be not let the government reduce the most important “educational fund” recommended by the government be restored.

We hope that JACL will strongly protest and not let the government reduce the most important “educational fund” recommended by the government to be restored.

Clifford Nagyda
San Francisco

Chair, JACL National Redress Committee

President, National JACL

Clairifies life of late war hero Richard Sakakida

We wish to express our appreciation for various articles published in the Pacific Citizen concerning the late Richard Sakakida. Unfortunately, a number of the articles contained some incorrect information. These errors were recently declared eligible for redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which was recently signed by President Bush.

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From the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board chair

By MAE TAKAHASHI

Coming full circle

Should the PC return to weekly editions?

History has a way of repeating itself...the more things change, the more they remain the same. These old adages could have been written about JACL and the PCI. On Jan. 15, 1981, Dr. Clifford Ueda, the PCI Editorial Board chair at the time, introduced the question he was placing on the "interim" National Board agenda for the 1982 convention. He wrote:

Many of us had always held that the PCI must become a tool of any elected or appointed officer. This freedom, we believe, is essential for an honest, in-depth, fearless organization forward. Under the present arrangement, the PCI becomes the primary target for budget cutting. Its future is essential for an honest, in-depth, fearless examination of procedural rules. Consequently, the PC Editorial Board chair at the time, introduced the National Council (Assembly) adopts a resolution, the PC would need to double its staff. Under the National NCAL budget, the PC is still in a position to plan for its future. If we learned anything from the 1980 National Convention, it was a clear message from the National Council that they considered the PC to be one of the most important functions of JACL.

Fifteen years later, little has changed. JACL and the PC face the exact same dilemma. JACL's finances are constrained and PC budget cuts turned the PC into a semi-monthly rather than weekly publica-

Currently, the PC is publishing 23 issues on total revenues of approximately $396,000. Twenty-three percent of the PC's revenues are derived from the PC's holiday issue, 13% from non-member subscriptions, and 31% from advertising and miscellaneous sources. The remaining 53% of total PC revenues comes from a $12 member allocation from JACL dues, on a per-household basis.

What about the expense side of the equation? The PC has fixed and variable expenses. Total annual production costs vary depending on the number of PC editions produced. Production costs for each PC edition total approximately $6,401. Postage accounts for 62% of production costs, printing and ad costs another 30%, and editorial (columns, illustrations, photography, reference materials and editorial travel) the remaining 2%.

Certain administrative costs are fixed regardless of the number of PC editions produced. Fixed costs on an annual basis are shown below:

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Total approximate fixed costs: $64,190

PC staff costs vary depending on the number of editions. Currently, the PC has 3 full-time employees: the Editor, General Manager, and Assistant Editor, remains unfilled. Three to four full-time employees are already stretched very thin producing 23 semi-monthly PC editions.

If the PC returned to a weekly publication, the PC would need to double its staff. The PC's 1996 budget for 23 editions projects revenues of $396,003 and expenses of $387,485 which (barring unforeseen costs) leaves a net income of $8,518. If the PC returned to a weekly publication, projected revenues would be $428,704 and expenses would be $551,071, leaving a shortfall of $122,367. Adding the subscription income of $108,620 to the net loss and then dividing the total by 16,550 JACL members equates to a dues increase of just $4.00/member.

Would JACL members support a $8.00 dues increase so the PC can return to being a weekly publication? Please FAX your vote FOR or AGAINST a PC dues increase to (213) 725-0046 or call 1 (900) 966-6157. Your input will be an important consideration when the National JACL Board discusses this at its next meeting.

Takahashi is a member of the Clovis Chapter, JACL.

Rules of procedure

BY KARL NOBUYUKI

W ith a National Convention approaching, it's time again to pull out that version of Robert's Rules and refresh one's memory on how to conduct business. It's important for those of us who plan to attend the convention, to focus. Those who recognize how important this convention will be, will be expected to move the organization forward.

The experiences of the business sessions in 1994 have taught many of us a lesson in procedure. Consequently, it is important to examine the proper rules to insure that actions of the National Council are proper.

Most members will probably agree that if the National Council (assembly) adopts a rule, it becomes the law of the League. Likewise, most members agree that the National Council, like any other component of the JACL, is obligated to follow those rules.

Among the critical elements of the Rules of Procedures, are the following:

1. If the assembly adopts a motion, even if by unanimous consent, that is out of order or improper, the motion is null and void (Bylaws and Robert's Rules).

2. If the assembly conducts business that is not in compliance with the laws of the Nation, State, Local government, its own Constitution/Bylaws, they are null and void. (See Improper Motions and Robert's Rules).

3. A change in the rules requires that any existing rule(s) that conflict(s) with the new proposal also be changed. If that is not done, then the new proposal even if adopted is null and void. (See Motions that are Out of Order and Improper Motions).

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If a motion is adopted by the assembly, but does not address a prevailing rule of procedure, that motion is null and void. (See Motions that are Out of Order and Improper Motions). The same applies to motions that are not properly introduced, even if adopted by the assembly. These procedural requirements, contained in Robert's Rules, Sections 10 and 38, help to guard against motions that are poorly thought out.

It only makes sense. If an amendment is adopted that conflicts with the rules, then there is an internal problem that is greater than the need for the proposed amendment.

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PC: You recently talked about priorities or goals. Elaborate on why you think these issues are important. How will you bring these issues to the membership? What will be your role in dealing with these issues? Do you envision specific programs? If so, explain.

MURATSUCHI: As I see it, while my office will address a wide range of issues, two priorities exist. One is to defeat the California district’s right to hold its own board election. The CCCI is a November ballot measure that seeks to abolish all public well-being of JACL. The CCPI is important in the areas of employment, education, and government contracting. This is one of the most devastating anti-affirmative action proposals in recent history, and we are concerned that it is far-reaching, its impact will not just be in California but across the country. There is a similar proposition pending in Congress.

JACL must make a strong commitment to fight for affirmative action. We as Japanese Americans still face racial bias, especially in the areas of hiring and promotions. I personally benefited from affirmative action.

Some in our community may have legitimate concerns about affirmative action, especially in education, such as Japanese American applicants applying for admission to highly selective institutions such as UCLA and Berkeley. We need to evaluate affirmative action programs on a case-by-case basis. The CCCI is too broad, too sweeping. It doesn’t allow for the legitimate uses of race-conscious remedies. That is why we must oppose it.

I am currently working with the (PSW) district Vice Gov. Ron Ogata of the SELANCO Chap- ter to conduct a series of educational forums throughout the district. We’ll be conducting fund raisers and voter registration activities as well.

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Dairiki, Hau, 107, Sacramento, Feb. 7; Los Angeles-bom, survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Dairiki and one gc. 

Endo, Robert Y., 54, Carson, Feb. 4; Kent, Wash.-born, survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Endo, brother Ronald Nomi, sisters Betty Enomoto, Sachiko Schriver, Cindy Windham, 3 gc.
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The Helen Mineta Scholarship Fund has been established at the University of California at San Diego by her numerous friends of Santa Clara County in memory of the youngest of three sisters of former California congressman Helen Mineta, who died March 18 of respiratory failure, had been hospitalized since January for lung cancer, and was a non-smoker. The former teacher and activity leader is 77.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 23, at the Wesley United Methodist MINETA Church, across the street from the Mineta home on North 5th Street in San Jose, Calif. She grew up in San Jose, attended San Jose State with plans to teach but was discharged by 1939, a year before school district would hire a person of Japanese ancestry. She majored in English as a secretary in the speech and drama department at San Jose State. When the family was relocated to Chicago to the Gila River internment camp during World War II, she returned to San Jose to care for her father. She obtained her teaching credentials at San Jose State and began teaching government and politics at San Jose High School in 1958. Her father died in 1974 at age 85. Before her retirement in 1988, she was teaching at Gunderson High School.

Mineta served two terms on the Santa Clara County grand jury in the early 90s and spoke to groups about the history of Japanese and wartime internment camps. The University of California Alumni Club of San Jose, of which Mineta had been a member for 50 years, held an impromptu Memorial Service for her on March 20.

A scholarship fund has been established in her memory. Contributions to the Helen Mineta scholarship fund may be sent to her brother, Dr. Albert Mineta, 1685 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

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