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## JACL leaders

### Robert Sakaniwa views role as JACL D.C. representative

After months of vacancy, the Washington, D.C., office of the Japanese American Citizens League finally has a full-time, permanent representative. Succeeding Leigh-Ann Miyasato who served as interim representative, H. Robert Sakaniwa, 32, assumed the important duties of the position on April 1, 1996.

The new JACL representative comes to the job with experience, vision—and most of all—insight into the workings of the nation's capital as a former aide to Congressman Walter R. Tucker. Sakaniwa, whose parents were born in Japan, is a Nisei who has the advantage of having lived and worked on both coasts. He has also gained valuable training and knowledge in both the public and private sectors, which will serve him in his new position.

In what many view as a very different and difficult time in Washington, D.C., Sakaniwa takes over his job with many concerns about what's happening on the national level. In this PC interview, he assesses the issues, the



H. ROBERT SAKANIWA

turf, and what lies ahead for JACL.

**PC:** Let's start with your background. Where were you born? Where did you attend school?

**SAKANIWA:** I was born in Seattle, Wash. Both of my parents were born in Japan. They



came to the United States in the early '60s. In 1970 or '71 we moved to L.A., so I grew up there, went to elementary and high school there.

**PC:** What about college?

**SAKANIWA:** I went to Middlebury College

in Vermont. In college, as was the case all through my schooling and my life, I was always interested in political science and history courses. I pursued a degree in political science. I was most interested in U.S. history, specifically U.S.-Japan relations.

**PC:** Did anything in your early life affect you in terms of your desire to participate in Asian American issues?

**SAKANIWA:** My background was such that I actually identified with being American, growing up with a mainstream background. But I also identified with being Japanese, since I was exposed to Japanese culture in Japan. As a youngster, my parents took us back to Japan during our summer vacations. That gave me a lot of exposure to Japanese culture.

I viewed myself in these two kinds of stark sides.

Middlebury College is a mainstream campus and, during my college years, with very

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## JACL National Board Meeting

### Issues: board motions, voting

At its meeting April 6-7, 1996, in San Francisco, the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League acted upon a number of issues. Presented here are the key motions. *Pacific Citizen* will provide more detail on some of these in an upcoming issue.

● To ratify nominations of the following committee chairs: Resolutions—Reid Tateoka; Nominations—Elaine Akagi; Credentials—Karl Nobuyuki; Program for Action—Travis Nishi; National Endowment Committee—Roy Nishikawa, chair, and Arnold Miyamoto; Constitution and Bylaws—Floyd Shimomura; JA of the Biennium Chair—Eileen Otsuji; Awards—Harvey Watanabe; VP for Membership—Karen Liane-Shiba; and VP for General Operations—Paul Shinkawa.

Motion: Randy Shibata, second, David, Kawamoto. Carried.

● To receive the draft budget for fiscal year 1997-98 and approved to mail out to chapters. With friendly amendments: to add a line item in the *Pacific Citizen's* budget for travel to certain events (for news coverage). The line item will only be included in budget scenarios "B" and "C."

To send the draft budget to the district youth/student representatives.

Motion: Paul Shinkawa, second, Emilie Kutsuma. Carried. Abstention: Alan Nishi.

● To accept the Audit Committee's recommendation of Deloitte & Touche (D&T), and to authorize a contract with that firm.

Motion: Travis Nishi, second, Paul Shinkawa. Carried.

● To ratify to change/add signature of Herbert Yamanishi onto the signature cards at the various banks and authorize him to conduct an evaluation of all of JACL's cards to ensure that they're up to date.

Motion: David Hayashi, second, Travis Nishi. Carried.

● That the National Board recognize and thank John Enomoto and Marshall Sumida for their work on the Investment Committee; authorize the continuing review of JACL Investment Funds; authorize the selection of an Interim Oversight Committee.

Motion: Yas Tokita, second, Paul Shinkawa. Carried.

● That Grayce Uyehara's report be accepted; Grayce Uyehara be named chair of Annual and Planned Giving Committee; Grayce's expenses to attend National Board be deducted from Legacy Fund reserves.

Motion: Paul Shinkawa, second, David Hayashi. Carried.

● To accept the convention guidelines for Credentials, Nominations, Constitution and Bylaws Changes and Resolutions to be submitted to National Council for approval.

Motion: Tom Kometani, second, Emilie Kutsuma. Carried.

● To accept the nomination of Floyd Shimomura as National Constitution and Bylaws chair.

Motion: Alan Nishi, second, Tom Kometani. Carried.

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**BUSINESS AT HAND**—Congressman Robert T. Matsui leads discussion of Civil Liberties Board members, from left, Susan Hayase, Leo Goto, Dan

Zwelling, Matsui, Don Nakanishi (partially hidden) and Dale Minami. First meeting was held April 1 in Washington, D.C.

### Civil Liberties Public Education Board to dispense \$5 million fund

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board held its first face-to-face meeting April 1, 1996, in Washington, D.C., to begin organizing the disbursement of \$5 million allocation by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. After the swearing in ceremony by Congressman Robert Matsui, who was instrumental in passage of the act, the eight board members adopted the words of the Redress legislation as its mission statement: "To sponsor research and public educational activities and to publish and distribute the hearings, findings, and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civil-

ians, so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation, and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered and so that the causes

and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood."

Board members then elected Dale Minami of San Francisco as the chair of the fund and

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### Questions about Public Education Fund

A number of questions have arisen about the funding, function, future and procedures of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. Addressing these questions is Dale Minami, committee chair:

**Why has it taken so long for the Board to begin work?**

The Fund (and Board) were established by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 with an initial allocation of \$50 million. The Board members received White House clearance as early as 1994 but their

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## JACL calendar

### Eastern

WASHINGTON D.C.

Sun., May 26—48th annual JACL Memorial Day Service, 10 a.m., Arlington National Cemetery, Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard, Turner Kobayashi, chair. NOTE—10:15 a.m., David Burge, director, National Center for Veterans, speaker; gravesite visitations from 10:45 a.m., Burge and Pat Okura, wreath presentation 11:50 a.m. at Tomb of the Unknowns.

### Midwest

CHICAGO

Sun., May 19—Panel: "Uniquely Invisible: an Exploration Through Intergenerational Dialogue," 2 p.m., Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark; info: JASC, 312/275-7212.

DETROIT

Sun., May 19—Spring general meeting and dinner, 4-6 p.m., Cherry Blossom Restaurant, 43588 W. Oaks Drive, Novi. Info: Mary Kamidoi 313/522-7917, Toshi Shimoura 810/356-3089. NOTE—Author David Mura, speaker, reading from his new book, *Where the Body Meets Memory*.

### Mountain Plains

HOUSTON

Sun., May 19—Scholarship presentation by Okamura Family, 3 p.m., Kay Sugimoto residence, 1822 Hamlin Valley, RSVP 713/893-9789. NOTE—Showing of video, *Honor Bound*.

### Pacific Northwest

ALASKA

Sat., May 25—Japanese American Gathering banquet, Alyeska Prince Hotel, Anchorage; info: Sylvia Kobayashi, 907/561-0809, fax 561-0409. NOTE—First all-Nikkei event in Alaska with friends from the "Lower 48."

### NCal-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 5—Spring DC session, San Ramon Public Library; JACL-Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition, Pleasanton (Calif.) Fairgrounds. Info: JACL HQ, 415/941-5225. NOTE—Open to high school students 16 years or older. Each district council winner qualifies for the National JACL finals, \$500 prize and trophy, at San Jose, Friday Aug. 9, 3 p.m.

Fri., May 31—Deadline: "Give Me Five!" donations to National JACL, c/o Fred Okimoto, 1580 Franquette Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991.

STOCKTON

Sat., May 25—Community picnic, Micke Grove; info: 209/948-0966.

### Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 19—First CCDC Scholarship Luncheon, 12-3 p.m., Sunnyside Country Club; info: Fresno JACL, Judie Brown, 209/436-5202 after 5 p.m. NOTE—JACL Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition, Panel discussion on Asian Americans in the Media, confirmed speakers: Karen Lee (TV-30) and Stan Morita (TV-47).

### Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 19—Pre-convention DC session, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., University Club, UC Riverside. Info: JACL Office, 213/626-4471. NOTE—Riverside JACL hosting, Clyde Wilson, site chair.

Fri., May 31-June 2—PSWDC Leadership Conference, "Eyes on Future," Renaissance Hotel near LAX airport, \$100 registration includes 2 nights dbl. occ. and all meals; call Regional Office, 213/626-4471. NOTE—Workshops on media relations, public speaking, fundraising, how to become politically active, political staffers speaking, conflict resolution skills, personal growth.

ARIZONA

Sun., May 19—Golf tournament, 7:30 a.m., Pavilion Lakes Golf Club (wes tof shopping center at Pima Rd. and Indian Bend Rd.), info: Dick Matsuishi, 602/934-3340.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri., May 10—Presenting Dr. Dorothy Imai, psychotherapist formore than 11 years, 7 p.m., Founders National Bank, 2001 Redondo Beach, Gardena; info: Bebe Reschke, 310/826-6705; Miyako Kadogawa 310/839-1194. NOTE—subject: "Contact 1,2,3—Connecting with Others," demonstrating communication skills for single men and women.

RIVERSIDE

Sun., May 19—Hosting PSWDC meeting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., UCR University Club.

SAN DIEGO

Sun., May 5—39th annual Scholarship Awards dinner, Tom Hom's Lighthouse; info: Karen Tani, 610/931-6898.

## Community calendar

### East Coast

WASHINGTON

Thu., May 16-17—Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute (CAPACI) Dinner-Legislative Conference, Sheraton Washington Hotel; info: Francey Lim Youngberg, 202/289-0355, capaci@idsonline.com. NOTE—Gala dinner, Thu. 6 p.m.

Fri., May 17—First annual Organization of Chinese Americans / Asian Pacific American Benefit, 9:30-1:30 a.m., J.W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. Metro Center, info: Christine Chen 202/223-5500, Karen Lee 301/983-0516. NOTE—Invited guests: Tamelyn Tomita, Garrett Wang.

Mon., May 20—Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at the Smithsonian: "Cultures in Motion," 7 p.m., National Portrait Gallery, Great Hall, RSVP 202/357-2920 ext 2. NOTE—Performances by Contemporary Asian American Dance Co., including work by choreographer Michio Ito.

Fri., May 24—Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at the Smithsonian: Crafts demonstrations, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rotunda, National Museum of Natural History.

### Utah

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., May 11-12—Asian Pacific Festival, Salt Palace Exhibition Hall, info: Asian Assn. of Utah, 801/486-5987. NOTE—Highlight: 9 ethnic groups; music, foods; Ina Takeriaka, origami artist.

### Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE/KING COUNTY

Through May 12—Exhibit: "Out of Focus: Media Stereotypes of Asian Pacific Americans," Thursday noon-4 p.m. free, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., info: 206/623-5124. NOTE—Closed Mondays, Regular hours: 11 a.m.-4 Tue.-Fri., noon-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Sat., May 11—Leadership Conference for Asian Pacific Islanders, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., South Seattle Community College (SSCC); registration \$80 after April 19, CAPAA, 501 S. Jackson #301, Seattle, WA 98104, 206/464-5820.

Sat., May 11—Spring Arts & Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Blaine Memorial UMC Hall, 3001-24th Ave. South; info: 206/723-1536.

### Northern Cal

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., May 18—Nihonmachi Legal Outreach "auctionmania" & BBQ, 6 p.m., JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., NLO: 415/567-6255.

SAN JOSE

Sun., May 5—Japantown Nikkei Matsuri, 9:30 a.m.-4, 5th St. & Jackson, info: JBA 408/298-4303; Nihonmachi 3-mile Run, one- and two-mile Walk starts 9 a.m. at Yu-Ai Kai Community Center, 4th & Jackson Sts., info: Randy Shingai, 408/285-6263; Yu-Ai Kai 408/294-2505.

NOTE—Over 600 runners expected.

SAN MATEO

Sat., May 18—Nikkei Jam 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, Hillsdale High School, info: Ted Yamagishi 415/579-2600x240. NOTE—Brackets: women, men (6 ft.-1 inch & under), men over 40 (6 ft.-1 inch & under).

### Central Cal

FRESNO

Sat., May 18—Asian Pacific Heritage Street Fair, Fresno Chinatown; info: Leroy Gee 209/434-9617.

Sat., May 18—1st annual Shinzen Garden Cultural Faire, 10 a.m.-5, Woodward Park; info: Hilary Kimber 209/275-2892.

### Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES

Fri., May 3—L.A. Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee (APAHC) kick-off

celebration, 10 a.m., Los Angeles City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 N. Spring St., info: John Lee 213/847-3613.

Sat., May 4—JANM / Little Tokyo Festival Community Celebration, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., outdoor events free. Info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Festival programs geared to young people, E.L.A. Taiko (with Latino percussion) performs at 2 p.m. as part of a Cinco de Mayo salute.

Sat.-Sun., May 4-5—JACCC Children's Day 13th annual celebration, 11 a.m. Sat., 8 a.m. Sun., 244 S. San Pedro St., info: Meg Imamoto, 213/628-2725. NOTE—Chibi-Ki: Fun Run on 8 a.m., May 5; 12n. story-telling.

Sun., May 5—Children's Day/Tango no Sekku, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Holiday Inn, Torrance Gateway on Vermont Ave.

Sun., May 5—JANM book party: David Mura, *Where Body Meets Memory*, 1-2 p.m., RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Mon.-Tues., May 6-7—KCET (TV 28) celebrates APA Heritage Month with 10 p.m. documentaries: Mon.—Inland Sea, of old Japan; Tue.—Honor Bound, of 442nd in action.

Thu., May 9—Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak series at JANM: Leilani Chan of Honolulu and Ke'o Woolford, Los Angeles-based Hawaiian, 7:30-8:30 p.m., free, RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Thu., May 9—UCLA Asian American Studies Center Community Lecture, 7:30 p.m., JACCC North Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro; info: 310/825-2974. NOTE—Filmmaker Spencer Nakasako of AKA Don Bonus.

Sat. May 11—Gardena Pioneer Project, "Representing Mass Incarceration" with focus on Poston, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., NOTE—Dr. Lane Hirabayashi and Marilyn Alquiza, speakers.

Sat., May 11—JACCC "Noh Project," 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, info: 213/628-2775. NOTE—June Watanabe & Company collaborates with renowned Noh Master Uchida Anshin to create a new dance theater work.

## Small kid time



## Gwen Muranaka

Gwen 5/3/96 6:00pm



# Maximum sentence not given to man convicted of hate crime

Robert Page, convicted of stabbing a Chinese American in Novato, Calif., on Nov. 8, 1995, was given an 11-year sentence out of a possible 13 years for the hate crime.

Dennis Sato, president of the Marin Chapter, JACL, called the the April 26 sentencing by Marin County Superior Court Judge Lynn O'Malley Taylor a "slap in the face" to human rights organizations and victims of hate violence.

The victim's family and numerous Asian American organizations had urged the court to impose the

maximum sentence.

Page stabbed Eddie Wu, 23, twice in the back in the parking lot outside a Novato supermarket, then followed him inside the store and stabbed him two more times in the back. When arrested, Page told police he was out "to kill me a Chinaman" and that he intended to become a member of a white supremacist group.

In court, the 25-year-old unemployed musician faced his victim and apologized to him for the crime.

Wu later responded, saying, "He did not show me any leniency to

me when he tried to kill me for no apparent reason other than the color of my skin. I was lucky he didn't kill me. He is a danger to me and to society. It's going to be very easy for him to cross that line again."

Sato added that "With the 113% increase in hate violence directed toward Asian Americans in Northern California, it was important that this hate crime be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This case was watched with great interest throughout the country with our membership serving 25,000 members. Unfortunately,

Novato can now join the long list of other cities that don't consider hate violence a mainstream crime. This crime has united many Marin County organizations, but now, we must work even harder to educate and develop measures to prevent future hate crimes. We will be successful!"

Deputy District Attorney Al Dair also called for the maximum sentence of 13 years. In a *Marin Independent Journal* article, Dair said that the crime was one of the most violent and vicious crimes in the community he had ever seen—and that Page had committed the

act based on hatred.

The *Independent Journal* also reported that Taylor, who at the arraignment said that Page was "obviously psychotic," decided that the lower sentence recommended by Deputy Probation Officer Margaret Edwards was appropriate.

A number of Page's friends spoke in defense of the sentencing, saying that he was a Christian who had never shown any signs of violence or racism. One friend, Philip Sledge, testified that Page was "a good man, a man who wanted to do right, to follow the teachings of the Bible."

## California assemblyman's racial slur denounced by JACL

### Sacramento Chapter demands apology, urges interaction with JA community

In denouncing an April 11 racial slur by California Assemblyman Steven T. Kuykendall (R-Long Beach) in a speech on the steps of the State Capitol, Lori A. Fujimoto, vice president of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, demanded a public apology and

called for an open dialogue with the assemblyman's district and the Sacramento area Asian Pacific American constituents.

In a ceremony honoring a World War II hero, Kuykendall said the marine had "killed eight Japs in 17 minutes." In a letter to the assemblyman, Fujimoto said that "As a Sansei, or third generation American of Japanese ancestry, I find your use of this racial slur extremely offensive and unacceptable, especially coming from an elected official."

Kuykendall apologized later, saying that he was using the language commonly used during the war.

Fujimoto, however, noted that Kuykendall was quoted in the media as having many Japanese supporters, citing donations from Japanese auto manufacturers as well as the endorsement of Eunice Sato, former mayor of Long Beach, Calif. "It is ignorant to constantly associate foreign people and objects with Americans of Asian Pacific ancestry, especially when

the link is between Americans of Japanese ancestry and Japanese nationals," Fujimoto said. "Ironically, it was the inability of most Americans to distinguish between the two during World War II that led to Americans of Japanese ancestry, including my parents, being forced into internment camps."

In suggesting corrective measure, Fujimoto suggested that Kuykendall:

- Establish open dialogue between his district and the Sacramento-area Asian Pacific American constituents.

● Visit the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles to learn the history, culture and contributions of the Japanese American community.

● Learn about the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, established by Congress to educate the public on the past injustices to Japanese Americans.

## Arizona hate crimes bill vetoed

A bill that would allow judges to increase sentences for hate crimes in Arizona was vetoed April 23 by Gov. Fife Symington.

According to the *Arizona Republic*, the governor said that the measure would change the state's death penalty law. Such a change "creates a high risk of federal constitutional review, possibly leading to the Arizona statute being struck down by the courts."

House Bill 2050 was intended to add to "the list of aggravating circumstances the selection of a victim on the basis of that person's personal characteristics, including race, religion, color, disability, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry."

The bill, the *Republic* reported, would also have deleted two ag-

gravating circumstances that may call for the death sentence—having a conviction for which Arizona could impose a sentence of life or death and knowingly creating a grave risk of death to someone in addition to the victim.

Symington said that hate as a rationale for increasing a sentence was "strained." The governor said that he believed that the reasons for committing a murder, whether for political reasons—or race or religion—were equally heinous. "A murderer is a murderer, and a murder victim is a murder victim," he was quoted in the *Republic*.

He said that he generally opposes hate crime laws but was more inclined to a more limited approach of making them an aggravating factor in sentences.

Although Symington defended his reason for the veto, others believe that the veto resulted from some legislators who were concerned that it was the first time that a bill cited "sexual orientation" in law to distinguish a class of people.

Leading the criticism was Attorney General Grant Woods who said, "I think this is a regrettable action because this is a time in our country when we need leaders to take acts that bring together people of all races and beliefs and lifestyles."

According to Joe Allman of the Arizona Chapter, JACL, the State Senate had passed HB 2050 on April 9 by a vote of 20 ayes, 9 nays and 1 abstention. The House had passed it on April 18 by a vote of 34 ayes, 23 nays and 3 abstentions.



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## Restrictive family immigration amendments voted down

Two amendments designed to place restrictions on the Immigration Enforcement Act were defeated April 25 in the U.S. Senate, according to the Organization of Chinese Americans.

Sens. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced the amendments that would have reduced family immigration to 480,000 a year and, for the first time, placed spouses and children under a fixed quota. According to OCA, if passed, both amendments would have effectively eliminated the siblings of U.S. citizens category, despite "Sen. Feinstein's claim in her amendment that visas for backlog reduction were provided."

Sen. Simpson's amendment was defeated by a vote of 80 to 20; Sen. Feinstein's by a vote of 74 to 26.

Applauding the defeat were the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and OCA.

OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok called the defeat of the amendments as a victory against the current anti-immigration hysteria in this country. "But we must still make sure legal immigrants have access to the safety net and other federal programs, for which they pay taxes," she cautioned.



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JACL convention award forms

The deadline for nominations for the Japanese American of the Biennium, JACler of the Biennium, George Inagaki, and Edison Uno Awards have been extended for one month. Nominations must be received at the National Headquarters by 5 p.m., Friday, May 31. The deadline is being extended because of the late start in getting information out about the awards. No exceptions to the deadline will be given.

Japanese American Citizens League

34th Biennial National Convention  
1994-1996 Nomination Form

Japanese American of the Biennium

This form must be received at headquarters by 5 p.m., May 31, 1996

Return to: Awards and Recognition Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters  
1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115

The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is presented to individuals for their achievements in various fields of endeavor. The Awardees will have received regional, national or international recognition for their 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 individuals will receive the award from the following categories:

- Arts/Literature/Communications; Business/Industry/Technology; Education/Humanities;  
Political/Public Affairs/Law; Medicine/Science; Sports/All other fields
- Candidates may be from any of the 50 United States and its territories. Candidates need not be JACL members.

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. The J/A of the Biennium Committee reserves the right to make the final determination as to the appropriate category.

Please Select One Category

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Literature/Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry/Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Political/Public Affairs/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine/Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/All other fields

General Information About the Candidate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET

- List all achievements and activities of the candidate which specifically qualify him/her as a Japanese American of the Biennium in the field of \_\_\_\_\_
- List background of achievements and relevant activities of candidate which supplement his/her qualifications in this field.
- List any honors or special recognitions (degrees, elective professional societies, awards, fellowships, appointments, etc.) with date of each recognition.
- List organizations (professional, religious, civic, charitable, labor, veterans, JACL, etc.) in which the candidate has been active and has held office. Specify the candidate's contribution in each capacity.
- List any other activities (committees, political, civic projects, volunteer work, etc.) outside of the specific field.
- Statement by nominator, not more than 250 words, regarding:
  - How the candidate's contribution has made an impact upon or influenced others, and supporting statements as to why the nominee's qualifications fulfill the award criteria.
  - Qualifications of the candidate not covered elsewhere in the application.

Please include any news clippings or other supporting data and no more than five (5) letters of recommendation.

Please designate number of pages attached \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Committee Use Only

Japanese American Citizens League

34th Biennial National Convention  
1994-1996 Nomination Form

Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award

This form must be received at headquarters by 5 p.m., May 31, 1996.

Return to: Awards and Recognition Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters,  
1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115

Eligibility:

The Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award is presented to civil rights organizations or individuals for outstanding contributions and leadership in the field of civil rights. Each JACL Chapter may nominate one (1) candidate. The nomination of a candidate is not necessarily limited to the geographic area of the chapter's District Council.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League nominates \_\_\_\_\_ for the 1996 Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award.

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in 250 words or less, the activities and contributions of the candidate or organization nominated for this award. Refer to committee guidelines for more specific information. (Please type and attach additional sheets if necessary)

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese American Citizens League

34th Biennial National Convention  
1994-1996 Nomination Form

JACler of the Biennium

This form must be received at headquarters by 5 p.m., May 31, 1996

Return to: Awards and Recognition Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters,  
1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115

Please attach a black and white photograph of the nominee.

Please attach additional sheets (typed) if necessary.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter nominates \_\_\_\_\_ as the JACler who has contributed most to the strength and growth of the JACL during this 1994-1996 Biennium.

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

JACL Activities and Contributions during this Biennium:

National Level:

District:

Chapter Level:

Activities and Contributions for Civic improvement during the Biennium:  
(Refer to committee guidelines for more specifics)

General Background:

Application submitted by: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Japanese American Citizens League

34th Biennial National Convention  
1994-1996 Nomination Form

George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award

This form must be received at headquarters by 5 p.m., May 31, 1996

Return to: Awards and Recognition Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters  
1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115

CHAPTER CITY & STATE

DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHAPTER DESCRIPTION

- 1. Membership: 1994 1995
- 2. Number of chapter officers and board members
- 3. Number of chapter board meetings 1994-1996  
Average number of officers and board members attending
- 4. Primary area from which chapter members are drawn
- 5. Estimate total population of area Estimated Japanese American population
- 6. Other JACL chapter(s) covering the same or overlapping area

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Date Activity Outcome

CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dates Activity Outcome

CHAPTER SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS

Dates Activity Outcome

CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY REPORT

In addition to the completion of this form, attach a Citizenship Activity Report for up to five of the most outstanding citizenship-type programs or projects initiated or carried out by the chapter during the period May 1, 1994-May 1, 1996. These programs will be evaluated on the basis of:

- 1. Worthiness of purpose
- 2. Chapter and community participation
- 3. Benefits derived by the community or JACL.

For more specific information, refer to the 1996 committee guidelines.

Please use the following format.

- 1. Describe activity.
- 2. State the purpose of activity.
- 3. Describe how the chapter organized the activity, including the background.
- 4. Describe what objectives the activity accomplished.
- 5. Describe the significance of the activity.
- 6. Include any additional remarks or comments.

Period of activity (beginning date, end date):

Chapter

Resolutions and amendments

RESOLUTION FORM

(Please Print)

(NOTE: THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION MAY BE TYPED ON A COMPUTER/WORD PROCESSOR UTILIZING THIS FORMAT. IT NEED NOT BE TYPED DIRECTLY ON THIS FORM.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO

WHEREAS, ; and

WHEREAS, ; and

WHEREAS, ; and

WHEREAS, ; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

Dated: , 1996

Sponsored by Chapter or District Youth Representative

By: Title: President or District Youth Representative

Approved by District Council or National Youth Council

By: Title: President or District Youth Representative

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Date Received:

Guidelines:

- 1) This emergency resolution must be completed and postmarked no later than August 6, 1996.
- 2) Return to: Reid Tateoka, Resolutions Committee Chair, c/o National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Endorsements for emergency resolutions must include the signatures of five (5) delegates from five (5) different chapters or districts.

DELEGATE	CHAPTER/DISTRICT
(print name)	(signature)

Sponsored by Chapter or District Youth Representative

By: Title: President or District Youth Representative

Approved by District Council or National Youth Council

By: Title: President or District Youth Representative

RESOLUTION STATEMENT

(Please print)

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,







AMENDMENT FORM

(NOTE: THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION MAY BE TYPED ON A COMPUTER/WORD PROCESSOR UTILIZING THIS FORMAT. IT NEED NOT BE TYPED DIRECTLY ON THIS FORM.) AN AMENDMENT TO THE (CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS) OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE (ADDING/AMENDING) (ARTICLE/SECTION) RELATING TO

Section 1. (Article/Section)\_\_\_\_\_ of the (Constitution/Bylaws) of the Japanese American Citizens League is (added/amended) to read as follows:

(interlineate any former language, underline any new language.)

Section 2. [Article(s)/Section(s)]\_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) renumbered \_\_\_\_\_ respectively.

Section 3. this amendment shall become effective (immediately upon its adoption/as of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 1996

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or District Youth Representative

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: President or District Youth Representative

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ District Council or National Youth Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: President or District Youth Representative

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_

If adopted, will this Resolution have a fiscal impact on JACL? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Anticipated staff time in hours to implement Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUES

Grants (identify) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Fund Raising (type?) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Contributions (source) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTALS	\$ _____	\$ _____

EXPENSES

Personnel	Occupancy
Salary/Fringe Benefits \$ _____ \$ _____	Rent \$ _____ \$ _____
Consultants/Contracts \$ _____ \$ _____	Parking \$ _____ \$ _____
Equipment	Consumables
Purchase \$ _____ \$ _____	Supplies \$ _____ \$ _____
Rent/Lease \$ _____ \$ _____	Postage/delivery \$ _____ \$ _____
Maintenance \$ _____ \$ _____	Printing/copying \$ _____ \$ _____
Travel	Meeting
Mileage \$ _____ \$ _____	Site rent \$ _____ \$ _____
Transport. (air, train, etc.) \$ _____ \$ _____	Meals \$ _____ \$ _____
Lodging \$ _____ \$ _____	Audio/visual \$ _____ \$ _____
Meals \$ _____ \$ _____	Other
Other \$ _____ \$ _____	Insurance \$ _____ \$ _____
	Misc. \$ _____ \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____ \$ _____

Line Item(s) of JACL National Budget, from which this Resolution will be funded: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) of the budget amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative justification of costs: (Why should JACL commit these financial resources to carrying out the Resolution? How does this expenditure further the goals of JACL? Will this Resolution contribute to increasing JACL revenues?

Approved by Resolutions Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Resolution Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

If adopted, will this Resolution have a fiscal impact on JACL? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Anticipated staff time in hours to implement Resoution: \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUES

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Approved by Resolutions Committee: \_\_\_\_\_



# JACL membership figures

The official count is in—JACL is 112 Chapters and 22,295 members strong! While the turmoil of 1995 has left its mark, JACL is still the largest and most extensive network of Asian Americans in the United States.

The accompanying tables and charts show in graphic form the changes that have taken place in the past years. While 27 Chapters were able to increase their mem-

bership from the previous year, the net result was a loss of 2,300 memberships (payments) or about 2,796 people.

There is no obvious pattern to the drop in memberships. The Pacific Northwest and Eastern Districts both experienced a net gain (9 and 12 respectively) of memberships while Mountain Plains (30.95% or 113) and Pacific Southwest (17% or 935) saw the largest loss of membership

in proportion to what they had in 1994. Overall, the JACL experienced an average 11% drop in membership.

As a region, Northern California represents over 38% of the total membership of the JACL. The largest chapter in the JACL is the San Francisco chapter. It ranks "Ichiban" in both categories: the number of individual members as well as pay-

ments or memberships.

Some other facts about the changes in membership:

- 27 Chapters increased memberships.
- One chapter had a 200% increase in its membership.
- Another chapter increased its membership by 96 members.
- One chapter had no change.
- Eastern District region had a net gain of 12.
- Pacific Northwest region had a net gain of 9.
- 84

Chapters lost membership.

- One Chapter lost 179 members.
- One Chapter lost 96% of its membership.
- Northern California had the largest numeric drop of 980 (13%).
- Mountain Plains region had the largest percentage loss of 30.95% (113).
- Three chapters, all in the Los Angeles area, have initiated dissolution.

**Membership Count by Chapter**  
YEAR-END 1995: Payments Received January 1 through December 31, 1995

N. California/ W. Nevada/Pacific	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
112 Alameda	150	164	(14)	(9%)
111 Berkeley	347	410	(63)	(15%)
106 Contra Costa	538	549	(11)	(2%)
119 Cortez	75	239	(164)	(69%)
124 Diablo Valley	162	208	(46)	(22%)
113 Eden Township	348	413	(65)	(16%)
125 Florin	313	311	2	1%
121 Fremont	159	210	(51)	(24%)
122 French Camp	119	106	13	12%
123 Gilroy	151	149	2	1%
134 Golden Gate	30	24	6	25%
127 Honolulu	152	207	(55)	(27%)
130 Japan	66	42	24	57%
114 Lodi	249	284	(35)	(12%)
128 Marin County	88	118	(30)	(25%)
116 Marysville	262	307	(45)	(15%)
107 Monterey Peninsula	169	73	96	132%
117 Placer County	192	213	(21)	(10%)
129 Reno	51	68	(17)	(25%)
103 Sacramento	686	906	(220)	(24%)
109 Salinas Valley	180	197	(17)	(9%)
131 San Benito County	54	18	36	200%
101 San Francisco	1,020	1,075	(55)	(5%)
102 San Jose	768	838	(70)	(8%)
105 San Mateo	622	682	(60)	(9%)
104 Sequoia	307	379	(72)	(19%)
133 Solano County	50	61	(11)	(18%)
118 Sonoma County	239	271	(32)	(12%)
108 Stockton	361	373	(12)	(3%)
132 Tri Valley	65	74	(9)	(12%)
110 Watsonville	243	349	(106)	(30%)
115 West Valley	294	419	(125)	(30%)
<b>TOTAL NCWNP</b>	<b>8,510</b>	<b>9,737</b>	<b>(1,227)</b>	<b>(13%)</b>

Central California	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
207 Clovis	111	121	(10)	(8%)
209 Delano	27	36	(9)	(25%)
206 Fowler	65	62	3	5%
201 Fresno	407	424	(17)	(4%)
210 Livingston-Merced	96	176	(80)	(45%)
205 Parlier	113	125	(12)	(10%)
204 Reedley	128	135	(7)	(5%)
203 Sanger	178	184	(6)	(3%)
208 Selma	74	78	(4)	(5%)
202 Tulare County	210	217	(7)	(3%)
<b>TOTAL CCDC</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>(149)</b>	<b>(10%)</b>

Pacific Southwest	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
337 APAN	37	65	(28)	(43%)
339 API Lambda	43	*		
308 Arizona	356	300	56	19%
318 Carson	69	77	(8)	(10%)
320 Coachella Valley	26	76	(50)	(66%)
310 Downtown L.A.	248	269	(21)	(8%)
305 East Los Angeles	344	486	(142)	(29%)
302 Gardena Valley	408	529	(121)	(23%)
334 Greater LA Singles	142	151	(9)	(6%)
329 Greater Pasadena	47	37	10	27%
338 High Desert	120	117	3	3%
311 Hollywood	186	212	(26)	(12%)
325 Imperial Valley	37	41	(4)	(10%)
328 Las Vegas	54	59	(5)	(8%)
326 Latin America	5	32	(27)	(84%)
336 Marina - SCAN	112	159	(47)	(30%)
327 North San Diego	38	49	(11)	(22%)
303 Orange County	395	474	(79)	(17%)
331 Pacifica/Long Beach	9	45	(36)	(80%)
315 Pasadena	127	128	(1)	(1%)
330 Progressive Westside	9	20	(11)	(55%)
321 Riverside	147	141	6	4%
304 San Diego	599	642	(43)	(7%)
306 San Fernando Valley	411	465	(54)	(12%)
313 San Gabriel Valley	199	239	(40)	(17%)
324 San Luis Obispo	66	71	(5)	(7%)
319 Santa Barbara	88	95	(7)	(7%)
321 Santa Maria	48	59	(11)	(19%)
307 SELANOCO	304	403	(99)	(25%)
316 South Bay	246	233	13	6%
335 Torrance	127	150	(23)	(15%)
309 Venice Culver	225	374	(149)	(40%)
322 Ventura County	182	222	(40)	(18%)
301 West Los Angeles	771	916	(145)	(16%)
314 Wilshire	57	95	(38)	(40%)
<b>TOTAL PSW</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>(1,149)</b>	<b>(15%)</b>

Pacific Northwest	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
409 Alaska	16	31	(15)	(48%)
405 Gresham-Troutdale	137	130	7	5%
408 Lake Washington	79	62	17	27%
403 Mid-Columbia	92	101	(9)	(9%)
410 Olympia	38	41	(3)	(7%)
404 Portland	258	226	32	14%
402 Puyallup Valley	146	111	35	32%
401 Seattle	607	545	62	11%
406 Spokane	203	136	67	49%
407 White River Valley	12	144	(132)	(92%)
<b>TOTAL PNW</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4%</b>

Intermountain	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
504 Boise Valley	74	90	(16)	(18%)
506 Idaho Falls	36	45	(9)	(20%)
503 Mount Olympus	127	122	5	4%
505 Pocatello-Blackfoot	80	80	0	0%
501 Salt Lake City	179	188	(9)	(5%)
502 Snake River	228	238	(10)	(4%)
507 Wasatch Front North	40	30	10	33%
<b>TOTAL IDC</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>(4%)</b>

Mountain Plains	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
603 Arkansas Valley	11	43	(32)	(74%)
602 Fort Lupton	54	60	(6)	(10%)
606 Houston	55	46	9	20%
605 Mile High	142	229	(87)	(38%)
604 New Mexico	60	59	1	2%
601 Omaha	32	60	(28)	(47%)
<b>TOTAL MPDC</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>(29%)</b>

Midwest	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
701 Chicago	835	900	(65)	(7%)
705 Cincinnati	94	105	(11)	(10%)
702 Cleveland	144	117	27	23%
708 Dayton	55	51	4	8%
703 Detroit	189	199	(10)	(5%)
709 Hoosier	58	53	5	9%
706 Saint Louis	117	126	(9)	(7%)
704 Twin Cities	209	235	(26)	(11%)
707 Wisconsin	127	144	(17)	(12%)
<b>TOTAL MDC</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>(102)</b>	<b>(5%)</b>

Eastern	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
805 New England	39	44	(5)	(11%)
802 New York	407	343	64	19%
804 Philadelphia	129	160	(31)	(19%)
803 Seabrook	165	155	10	6%
806 Southeast	49	44	5	11%
801 Washington, DC	250	288	(38)	(13%)
<b>TOTAL EDC</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0%</b>

National Associates	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
901 National Associates	469	584	(115)	(20%)
902 National Associates	52	*		
<b>TOTAL NA</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>(11%)</b>

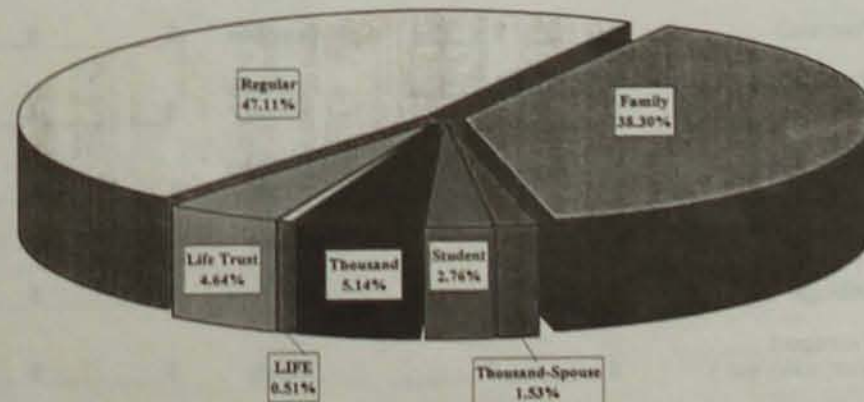
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>22,295</b>	<b>25,091</b>	<b>(2,796)</b>	<b>(11%)</b>

\* Number not available in 1994

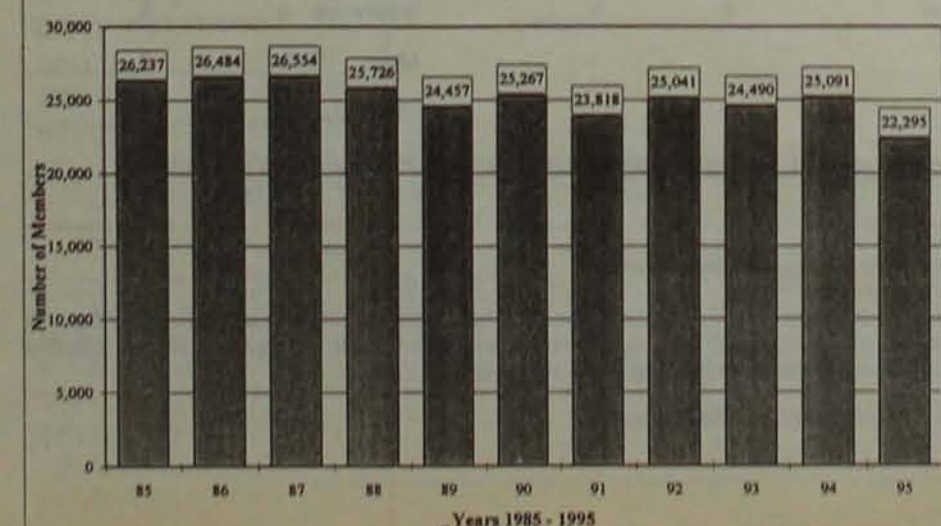
**Membership Count By Year**  
1985-1995

	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
Regular	12,362	12,779	13,519	12,823	12,042	12,474	11,232	12,016	11,413	11,819	10,463
Family	11,156	10,818	9,858	9,641	9,130	9,402	8,982	9,444	9,450	9,594	8,506
Thou/Spouse				384	407	418	396	399	387	393	340
Student/Youth				263	229	286	337	390	470	709	614
Youth				60	45	64	92	67	163		
Thou(Fifty)	1,918	1,817	1,741	1,590	1,602	1,602	1,734	1,589	1,406	1,335	1,141
Century				105	107	102	102	96	99	96	85
Corporate				6	8	6	7	3	6	4	1
Life				166	180	181	111	111	111	111	114
Life Trust				688	707	732	825	926	985	1,030	1,031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,237</b>	<b>26,484</b>	<b>26,554</b>	<b>25,726</b>	<b>24,457</b>	<b>25,267</b>	<b>23,818</b>	<b>25,041</b>	<b>24,490</b>	<b>25,091</b>	<b>22,295</b>

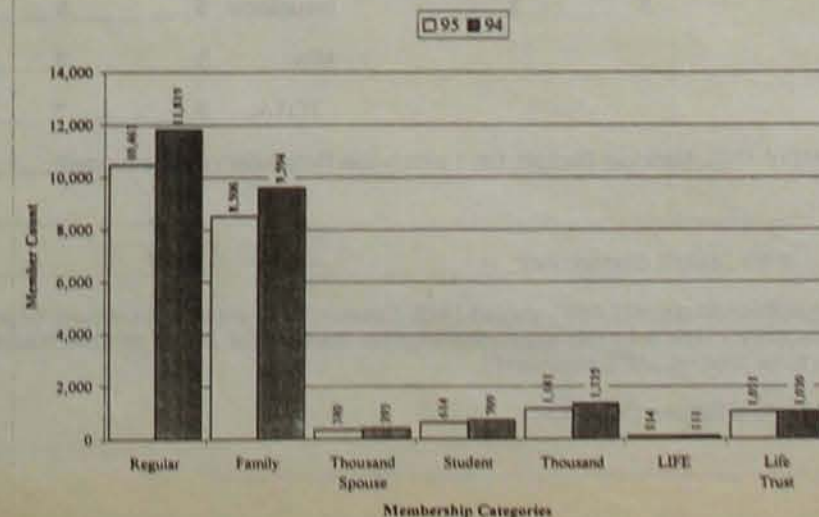
**1995 Membership**  
by Major\* Category



**Membership Count by Year**



**Comparison of Major\* Membership Categories**  
1995 and 1994





# Chapter Ranking by Individual Members, Year Ending 1995

CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS				CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS				CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%		1995	1994	Change	%		1995	1994	Change	%
San Francisco	1,020	1,075	(55)	(5%)	Detroit	189	199	(10)	(5%)	Selma	74	78	(4)	(5%)
Chicago	835	900	(65)	(7%)	Hollywood	186	212	(26)	(12%)	Boise Valley	74	90	(16)	(18%)
West Los Angeles	771	916	(145)	(16%)	Ventura County	182	222	(40)	(18%)	Carson	69	77	(8)	(10%)
San Jose	768	838	(70)	(8%)	Salinas Valley	180	197	(17)	(9%)	Japan	66	42	24	57%
Sacramento	686	906	(220)	(24%)	Salt Lake City	179	188	(9)	(5%)	San Luis Obispo	66	71	(5)	(7%)
San Mateo	622	682	(60)	(9%)	Sanger	178	184	(6)	(3%)	Fowler	65	62	3	5%
Seattle	607	545	62	11%	Monterey Peninsula	169	73	96	132%	Tri Valley	65	74	(9)	(12%)
San Diego	599	642	(43)	(7%)	Seabrook	165	155	10	6%	New Mexico	60	59	1	2%
Contra Costa	538	549	(11)	(2%)	Diablo Valley	162	208	(46)	(22%)	Hoosier	58	53	5	9%
National Associates	469	584	(115)	(20%)	Fremont	159	210	(51)	(24%)	Wilshire	57	95	(38)	(40%)
San Fernando Valley	411	465	(54)	(12%)	Honolulu	152	207	(55)	(27%)	Houston	55	46	9	20%
Gardena Valley	408	529	(121)	(23%)	Gilroy	151	149	2	1%	Dayton	55	51	4	8%
New York	407	343	64	19%	Alameda	150	164	(14)	(9%)	San Benito County	54	18	36	200%
Fresno	407	424	(17)	(4%)	Riverside	147	141	6	4%	Las Vegas	54	59	(5)	(8%)
Orange County	395	474	(79)	(17%)	Puyallup Valley	146	111	35	32%	Fort Lupton	54	60	(6)	(10%)
Stockton	361	373	(12)	(3%)	Cleveland	144	117	27	23%	National Associates	52 *			
Arizona	356	300	56	19%	Greater LA Singles	142	151	(9)	(6%)	Reno	51	68	(17)	(25%)
Eden Township	348	413	(65)	(16%)	Mile High	142	229	(87)	(38%)	Solano County	50	155	(105)	(68%)
Berkeley	347	410	(63)	(15%)	Gresham-Troutdale	137	130	7	5%	Southeast	49	44	5	11%
East Los Angeles	344	486	(142)	(29%)	Philadelphia	129	160	(31)	(19%)	Santa Maria	48	59	(11)	(19%)
Florin	313	311	2	1%	Reedley	128	135	(7)	(5%)	Greater Pasadena	47	37	10	27%
Sequoia	307	379	(72)	(19%)	Mount Olympus	127	122	5	4%	API Lambda	43 *			
SELANOCO	304	403	(99)	(25%)	Pasadena	127	128	(1)	(1%)	Wasatch Front North	40	30	10	33%
West Valley	294	419	(125)	(30%)	Wisconsin	127	144	(17)	(12%)	New England	39	44	(5)	(11%)
Marysville	262	307	(45)	(15%)	Torrance	127	150	(23)	(15%)	Olympia	38	41	(3)	(7%)
Portland	258	226	32	14%	High Desert	120	117	3	3%	North San Diego	38	49	(11)	(22%)
Washington, DC	250	288	(38)	(13%)	French Camp	119	106	13	12%	Imperial Valley	37	41	(4)	(10%)
Lodi	249	284	(35)	(12%)	Saint Louis	117	126	(9)	(7%)	Japan	37	65	(28)	(43%)
Downtown L.A.	248	269	(21)	(8%)	Parlier	113	125	(12)	(10%)	Idaho Falls	36	45	(9)	(20%)
South Bay	246	233	13	6%	Marina - SCAN	112	159	(47)	(30%)	Omaha	32	60	(28)	(47%)
Watsonville	243	349	(106)	(30%)	Clovis	111	121	(10)	(8%)	Golden Gate	30	24	6	25%
Sonoma County	239	271	(32)	(12%)	Livingston-Merced	96	176	(80)	(45%)	Delano	27	36	(9)	(25%)
Snake River	228	238	(10)	(4%)	Cincinnati	94	105	(11)	(10%)	Coachella Valley	26	76	(50)	(66%)
Venice Culver	225	374	(149)	(40%)	Mid-Columbia	92	101	(9)	(9%)	Alaska	16	31	(15)	(48%)
Tulare County	210	217	(7)	(3%)	Santa Barbara	88	95	(7)	(7%)	White River Valley	12	144	(132)	(92%)
Twin Cities	209	235	(26)	(11%)	Marin County	88	118	(30)	(25%)	Arkansas Valley	11	43	(32)	(74%)
Spokane	203	136	67	49%	Pocatello-Blackfoot	80	80	0	0%	Progressive Westside	9	20	(11)	(55%)
San Gabriel Valley	199	239	(40)	(17%)	Lake Washington	79	62	17	27%	Pacifica/Long Beach	9	45	(36)	(80%)
Placer County	192	213	(21)	(10%)	Cortez	75	239	(164)	(69%)	Latin America	5	32	(27)	(84%)

\* Numbers not available in 1994.

# Chapter Ranking by Payments (Memberships), Year Ending 1995

CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS				CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS				CHAPTERS	YEAR-END TOTALS			
	1995	1994	Change	%		1995	1994	Change	%		1995	1994	Change	%
San Francisco	780	819	(39)	(5%)	Spokane	147	110	37	34%	Selma	52	56	(4)	(7%)
San Jose	747	823	(76)	(9%)	San Gabriel Valley	140	178	(38)	(21%)	Carson	51	53	(2)	(4%)
Chicago	664	727	(63)	(9%)	Salt Lake City	140	173	(33)	(19%)	San Luis Obispo	51	53	(2)	(4%)
West Los Angeles	569	677	(108)	(16%)	Detroit	139	150	(11)	(7%)	Tri Valley	50	57	(7)	(12%)
Sacramento	523	702	(179)	(25%)	Greater LA Singles	131	142	(11)	(8%)	Pocatello-Blackfoot	50	50	0	0%
Seattle	461	419	42	10%	Gresham-Troutdale	130	120	10	8%	Japan	49	26	23	88%
San Mateo	449	479	(30)	(6%)	Seabrook	129	118	11	9%	San Benito County	45	14	31	221%
San Diego	405	457	(52)	(11%)	Honolulu	127	173	(46)	(27%)	Hoosier	45	39	6	15%
National Associates	399	499	(100)	(20%)	Cleveland	126	106	20	19%	Cortez	44	152	(108)	(71%)
Contra Costa	382	391	(9)	(2%)	Salinas Valley	125	135	(10)	(7%)	Solano County	43	51	(8)	(16%)
New York	320	268	52	19%	Ventura County	123	143	(20)	(14%)	Fort Lupton	42	48	(6)	(13%)
Fresno	292	303	(11)	(4%)	Fremont	119	150	(31)	(21%)	National Associates	41 *			
Gardena Valley	292	383	(91)	(24%)	Diablo Valley	115	151	(36)	(24%)	Las Vegas	40	47	(7)	(15%)
San Fernando Valley	287	328	(41)	(13%)	Monterey Peninsula	111	47	64	136%	New Mexico	39	38	1	3%
Orange County	272	330	(58)	(18%)	Mount Olympus	111	103	8	8%	Dayton	39	37	2	5%
Berkeley	265	315	(50)	(16%)	Alameda	110	120	(10)	(8%)	Wasatch Front North	28	23	5	22%
Eden Township	264	314	(50)	(16%)	Puyallup Valley	110	86	24	28%	Houston	38	30	8	27%
East Los Angeles	263	379	(116)	(31%)	Riverside	106	109	(3)	(3%)	Reno	36	146	(110)	(75%)
Sequoia	251	307	(56)	(18%)	Gilroy	105	106	(1)	(1%)	Santa Maria	36	46	(10)	(22%)
Arizona	251	217	34	16%	Pasadena	105	109	(4)	(4%)	Southeast	36	34	2	6%
Florin	241	251	(10)	(4%)	Mile High	104	172	(68)	(40%)	API Lambda	33 *			
Watsonville	240	346	(106)	(31%)	Reedley	96	101	(5)	(5%)	APAN	32	60	(28)	(47%)
Stockton	239	250	(11)	(4%)	Philadelphia	90	113	(23)	(20%)	Greater Pasadena	32	26	6	23%
SELANOCO	213	282	(69)	(24%)	French Camp	88	75	13	17%	New England	31	36	(5)	(14%)
South Bay	198	184	14	8%	Torrance	88	105	(17)	(16%)	Olympia	30	31	(1)	(3%)
West Valley	194	290	(96)	(33%)	Marina - SCAN	85	125	(40)	(32%)	Golden Gate	27	22	5	23%
Portland	192	176	16	9%	Mid-Columbia	85	94	(9)	(10%)	North San Diego	27	34	(7)	(21%)
Snake River	189	199	(10)	(5%)	High Desert	84	81	3	4%	Imperial Valley	24	28	(4)	(14%)
Washington, DC	188	213	(25)	(12%)	Parlier	83	88	(5)	(6%)	Idaho Falls	24	32	(8)	(25%)
Downtown L.A.	185	205	(20)	(10%)	Clovis	80	87	(7)	(8%)	Omaha	23	46	(23)	(50%)
Lodi	171	197	(26)	(13%)	Saint Louis	77	86	(9)	(10%)	Wisconsin	99	116	(17)	(15%)
Venice Culver	171	279	(108)	(39%)	Cincinnati	72	85	(13)	(15%)	Delano	21	26	(5)	(19%)
Sonoma County	170	203	(33)	(16%)	Livingston-Merced	69	122	(53)	(43%)	Coachella Valley	21	55	(34)	(62%)
Twin Cities	167	185	(18)	(10%)	Marin County	68	91	(23)	(25%)	Alaska	11	23	(12)	(52%)
Marysville	165	198	(33)	(17%)	Boise Valley	65	79	(14)	(18%)	Pacifica/Long Beach	7	40	(33)	(83%)
Tulare County	164	169	(5)	(3%)	Santa Barbara	64	71	(7)	(10%)	Progressive Westside	7	18	(11)	(61%)
Hollywood	155	176	(21)	(12%)	Lake Washington	61	45	16	36%	White River Valley	7	121	(114)	(94%)
Placer County	151	167	(16)	(10%)	Wilshire	42	81	(39)	(48%)	Arkansas Valley	6	31	(25)	(81%)
Sanger	148	154	(6)	(4%)	Fowler	52	50	2	4%	Latin America	5	29	(24)	(83%)



## Opinions



## From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## Novel brings awareness of Evacuation

Several issues ago this space was devoted to a novel by David Guterson titled *Snow Falling on Cedars*. You may remember it is both a love story and a murder mystery. The chief characters are a Nisei girl named Hatsue who is the daughter of a Japanese immigrant strawberry farmer, her husband Kabuo, a veteran of combat with the 442nd who is on trial for the killing of a Caucasian fisherman, and Ishmael, a newspaperman who was Hatsue's high school sweetheart.

The action takes place on the fictional island called San Piedro in Puget Sound north of Seattle. The book has been highly acclaimed for its writing and suspense. In addition, many Japanese Americans have lauded it for its authentic and sympathetic portrayal of the Evacuation experience which plays a major part in the story.

What's particularly gratifying is that Guterson's book is proving to be a major publishing success. According to a recent *New York Times* story, Harcourt Brace released the hard-cover version in late 1994

and sold 70,000 copies. A year later Vintage Books put out a paperback edition of some 850,000 copies. The *New York Times* best-seller list of March 3, 1996, shows *Snow* third among paperbacks nationwide. It has been rated a best-seller for 21 weeks.

What this means is distribution of nearly a million copies of a readable, widely praised novel that treats in an understanding manner the story of how the Evacuation affected the lives of people in a small rural community. The book is not about the Evacuation, but that sad bit of history plays an important part in a story that is gripping on its own merits.

The author, David Guterson, was teaching high school English on Bainbridge Island, an hour's ferry ride from Seattle, when he wrote the book. He still lives there.

San Piedro Island is a smaller version of Bainbridge. The 45 Japanese American families on Bainbridge had the dubious distinction of being the first evacuees under Executive Order 9066, being sent off to Seattle by ferryboat and then by train to

Manzanar, the only camp anywhere near ready to accept prisoners in early 1942. The newspaper editor in the novel is based on Walt Woodward who as publisher of the weekly Bainbridge Review courageously waged a lonely editorial battle against the Evacuation.

Since Japanese Americans discovered they have a voice, victims of the Evacuation have tried in various ways to relate their story. Success has been substantial, but it is not easy to gain the attention and understanding of vast numbers simply by relating the facts. A popular novel like *Snow*, which spins a gripping tale in addition to telling the human story of the Evacuation's effect on sympathetic individuals, is a vastly effective way of making the nation aware of our experience. Thank you, David Guterson.

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



## Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

## Immigration problems—a 100 years ago

Questions over the rights of "illegal immigrants" in the United States—considering the two Mexicans being clubbed by sheriff's deputies off the Pomona Freeway near Peck Road in South El Monte, Calif.—grabbed international attention during the same week in which the National JACL board and staff were meeting. The combination of such events may have brewed discussion, if not a statement of concern, from the JACL leadership. Veterans of previous National Board sessions may recall similar last-minute, brain-crunching moments like this.

Then, of interest last week, was the *Los Angeles Times* editorial citing *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, the 1886 U.S. Supreme Court case that held 14th Amendment rights extend to all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States regardless of nationality, national origin or race. "It's inarguable that civil rights apply to every single person who sets foot in the United States. Americans should all be proud to have those guarantees," the *Times* editorial concluded.

Who was Yick Wo? He was among the approximately 75,000 Chinese living in California in the 1880s. He had been in the laundry business in San Francisco for 22 years, from 1861, when local authorities—the city's Board of Supervisors—denied him and 200 other Chinese laundry owners their licenses. They didn't pass some municipal

inspection. Only one license was issued—to a woman.

It was not just the matter of one laundry ordinance that was aimed at the "Celestials," as they were called. The 1870 Cubic Air Ordinance restricted the number of occupants in Chinese apartment buildings. The 1876 Queue Ordinance stipulated all Chinese prisoners had to have their hair cut. The 1878 No Special Police for Chinese Quarter Ordinance denied Chinatown police protection.

A laundry business license also called for an additional fee if a horse-drawn delivery vehicle was used. Failure to secure a license could result in a misdemeanor conviction, a \$1,000 fine, and a jail term of up to six months. The ordinance did not apply to laundries located in brick buildings.

The ordinance, thus, was aimed at the Chinese since their operations were invariably located in wooden buildings. Plus, most of the laundries in San Francisco were operated by Chinese.

After Yick Wo was denied his license in 1885, he continued in business—having passed inspection as late as 1884—was arrested, found guilty, and fined \$10 by the police court. He refused to pay, was jailed for 10 days and petitioned the California supreme court for a "writ of habeas corpus." The petition was denied, and he appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, naming the sheriff, Hopkins, in the suit.

Yick Wo claimed the ordinance cut off his 14th Amendment rights because of the blatant discrimination. He presented statistical evidence of discrimination against San Francisco's Chinese community. The supervisors argued that the 14th Amendment may not infringe upon the police powers granted to cities and states.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, found for Yick Wo and held that the "equal protection clause" of the 14th Amendment applied to all persons, citizens and aliens alike. The court pointed out that state police powers had to be applied in good faith, to regulate safety and health practices with clear goals, and such was not the circumstance for the Chinese in San Francisco. Justice Stanley Matthews of Cincinnati, who wrote the decision, said the ordinances as enforced gave broader authority than the traditional police power to regulate the use of property.

The Yick Wo decision was forgotten well past the 1940s when the wartime Japanese cases came to mind. The president's war powers prevailed and remain—as well as Justice Robert Jackson's dissent in the 1944 *Fred Korematsu Case*: "...The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for

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Honda is editor emeritus of *Pacific Citizen*.



## Letters

## Seeks information on missing Nisei grads

Can you help us find our Nisei classmates of the June 1946 class at East High School, Cleveland, Ohio? We are planning a 50th reunion. The JACL here advises that from time to time you list "missing people." We want to hear from:

Ben T. Dote, Ben Furukawa, Mary M. Furukawa, Terumi Furuya, Kei Ono, Kei Oshiro, Teruko T. Saga, Tom Tosaya.

Thanks. Please contact:

Mary Nell Chandler

5292 Spencer Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124  
216/449-2430

## Seeks author of book on non-Nikkeis in MIS

In Allen Meyer's Holiday Issue story, "The non-Nikkeis of the MIS" (p. A-45), is a reference to Don Richardson's book, *Random Reflections*. His father, Otis, taught at Los Angeles City College when I attended in 1941-42, and I am attempting to gather data when his father organized a Student Nisei group. I am hopeful Don can assist me to recollect the various activities. I would appreciate hearing from him.

Hannah Tani Hogan

Arlington Heights, Ill.

Ed. Note: The request has been forwarded to Allen Meyer in Chicago.

## Defends U.S. military against charge of racism

I must take issue with Ms. Arlene Oki's article in the April 5-18 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* (page 7, "Seattle installation features Yamashita"). Yamashita certainly has a First Amendment right to express his views, but a reporter must be careful with the facts. While Yamashita's experiences at officer's boot camp may have been wrenching (just as it was for many of us who have undergone similar training), it does not necessarily translate into an account of the racism which is pervasive in the U.S. military establishment. If Oki had done even minimal research into institutional racism in this country, she would have discovered that since the integration of the armed forces almost 50 years ago, the U.S. military has been consistently in the vanguard of eliminating racism within its ranks. Many sociologists recognize the military establishment as being in the forefront of American society in stamping out discrimination and providing genuine equal opportunity for all races. True, there is racism in the military just as there is racism in any institution (probably even in Japanese American organizations). But racism is individualized and not institutional,

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## From the JACL president

By DENNY YASUHARA

### The importance of a weekly PC

**M**embers of the Japanese American Citizens League have three budget scenarios for their consideration. In each scenario, members will be affected by the status of the *Pacific Citizen*.

The first scenario is a status-quo budget in which dues remain the same as they have been since 1988—with limited membership services and advocacy work and a *Pacific Citizen* that would remain a twice a month publication.

In the second scenario, a \$7 dues increase would add \$15,000 for unrestricted programs and \$60,000 to beef up JACL's reserves. *Pacific Citizen* would remain a twice a month publication.

In the third scenario, a \$14 dues increase would provide the same \$15,000 for unrestricted programs and \$69,000 for reserves. Of the \$14 dues increase, \$8 would go toward re-establishing a weekly *Pacific Citizen*.

I believe that a dues increase for *Pacific Citizen* is necessary and important. The PC remains fundamentally a tangible benefit to the organization and to members. It is not an abstract concept, it is a communications vehicle that let's us exchange views as well as a source of news within JACL and of the communities and political arenas outside the organization. Here are some important considerations:

1. It is one of few reliable ways in which we can read and get information from around the country regarding Japanese Americans and other Asian Pacific Americans. Major daily newspapers do not always print stories that are of significance to our interests, unless it is of interest to the general population.

2. Most other vernaculars are not in the business of advocacy. Some may argue that this is true of the *Pacific Citizen* as well. I disagree... To be an advocate does not mean that such a paper must agree with

everything the National Board and its president says or does. This wouldn't be in the best interest of the membership. One can be an advocate without being a "rubber stamp."

3. It is the only newspaper that regularly prints information about the chapters and what is happening in their localities relative to our interests.

4. It is the only regular consistent informational link among chapters and districts. It is the critical link that binds our organization together, the "glue" that holds our network of chapters together.

5. It is the quickest, most efficient and effective way to get information out to the membership.

6. It ensures that important information reaches all the individual members. In fact, it is the only reliable way that information gets directly to all of our individual members, short of writing to them individually.

**W**hy am I now talking about the *Pacific Citizen's* importance? Because we will make a fateful decision at the August convention and because I believe it is vital for the membership that the *Pacific Citizen* return to a weekly publication.

The rising tide of anti-Asian violence makes it more imperative that our membership and the others receiving the *Pacific Citizen* be informed about what is happening throughout America on a prompt and regular basis. Maintaining the *Pacific Citizen* as a twice monthly publication means that we may get that information two or more weeks after the fact and thus, old news. While this violence and harassment might not as yet touched us personally, it is nevertheless, a growing danger to all of us. Other Americans do not distinguish between APAs. This kind of information must get to us promptly and on a regular basis so that we might be aware of it and how we might address it in our com-

munities, when it does happen.

Just recently, two Japanese students were assaulted in Lewiston, Idaho. We were made aware of it soon after it happened, because several newspaper articles were sent to us by other JACLers.

Had they not done so, we might have never known about it. Thus, because we became aware of it soon enough, we were able to attend a public "town hall" meeting to discuss these issues.

Remarkably over 300 people attended that meeting. We were introduced as interested parties and were able to speak with the Mayor of Lewiston, the chief of police and the vice president of the university that the students were attending, and received assurances that the matter was being handled properly and the current status of the incident. It is being handled as a felony and the county prosecutor, whom we spoke to, explained the situation and told us she was asking the courts for the maximum penalties allowable under Idaho state statutes.

This is just an example of why it is important that we receive information as quickly as possible so that whatever needs to be done, can be where possible. We need to keep abreast of what is happening so that we may respond quickly and effectively. Obviously, if one hears about an incident a month or so after the fact, the time may already be passed for a viable response by us or anyone.

One other fact should be considered and that is the fact that a weekly publication will permit more space for chapter and district news. As it stands now, a twice monthly schedule directly limits the amount of space that can be strictly devoted to chapter and district news, which I feel is very important because we learn what is happening in other chapters and districts in a timely manner. This is, in my view, one of the major functions of the *Pacific Citizen*. I am sure that cost is a

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## By the board

By TRAVIS NISHI

### 1997: A call to action

**B**efore planning any Program for Action, we need to establish a budget and know what funds are available. In the past, we have never tied the Program for Action to our budget. They have been treated as if they are two independent items. With our financial limitations, this is not a realistic or prudent view of how the process must work. Without funds, we cannot have any programs. The membership must decide: are we going to budget for any programs?

In the budgeting process, three different scenarios have been offered. The first is a bare-bones, no changes, no dues increase budget. We can exist without an increase, but there is no money for anything other than the basics. There will not be a functioning Program for Action for any practical purpose. The other two options budget for some programs, but they both require dues to be increased. The first decision for the membership to make is through the budgeting process to decide if we are going to have a viable Program for Action.

If the membership does decide to vote in a dues increase to have funds available for a Program for

Action, it will have to be more narrow in scope and focused than it was in the past. Not only must we be concerned with fulfilling the mission of the organization, we must do so within limited budgetary constraints. In private industry, this would mean that we look for a niche to fill. We would look to specialize and maximize our "return on investment." Diversification is only feasible with adequate financial strength.

I believe this organization must tackle the planning of the Program for Action with these thoughts in mind. We do not have the financial strength to be and do everything every member would like to see.

We need to know those things this organization does well and those things that only this organization can do. In simplistic terms, we must establish those things that we CAN do, SHOULD do and MUST do. But, please understand, without a dues increase, we are financially limited to even tackle those items we decide are the MUST-do ones. The membership must decide upon the capabilities and the direction they want for this organization. The National Board decided that we must re-

turn to a membership-driven organization. We want the membership to have more of a voice in the key areas of finance and programs. Without services and programs which are useful or meaningful to the membership, we cannot expect this organization to grow. Without growth, we cannot expect this organization to survive.

Please take this call to action seriously. The future of the JACL is in your hands. Let your representatives at the chapter and district level know your thoughts. The planning and discussion on the budget and the Program for Action needs to take place now. At the National Convention, it will be too late. There will not be enough time to cover all the business that must take place. These items will simply be put to the vote. They must be in an acceptable form for ratification since there will not be adequate time for discussion.

The first decision is the easier one—will we budget for programs or not? You, the membership, must speak out and decide.

Travis Nishi is governor of the Central California District of JACL.

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# Chicago, JACL, plans scholarship, intergenerational events

## Author highlights annual fund raiser for students

Award-winning writer David Mura will be the keynote speaker at the 39th Annual Scholarship Luncheon, Saturday, June 8, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette Golf Course, at Lake Avenue and Harms Road in Wilmette.

Mura, who has been recognized for his book, *Turning Japanese*, will discuss "Japanese American Identity and the New Landscape for Asian America."

Mura will also read from his new book, *Where the Body Meets Memory*, in which he offers what has been called a "meditation on race, memory, and the physical

body that focuses on America's promise of equality and its reality of segregated lives." Weaving together stories from his childhood in Chicago, his parents' recollections of the internment camps, family anecdotes, and episodes of Japanese American history, Mura creates a portrait of a community becoming a "model minority." This process of assimilation, however, has failed to reckon with the internment experience and its legacy of rage, silence, and humiliation, according to the author.

Since 1957, the Chicago Chapter has encouraged high school seniors whose family are members of the JACL or the Japanese American Service Committee to apply for scholarships.

Every year, the scholarship awards have been presented to deserving students at the Scholarship Luncheon.

The Sponsor-a-Grad Program provides the chapter with funds to extend scholarship luncheon invitations to the graduates and their families. Excess funds from the luncheon will go into the scholarship fund, ensuring future scholarships. Sponsor-a-Grad donations may be sent to the Chicago Chapter, JACL, 5415 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60645. Make checks payable to the Chicago JACL and designate Sponsor-a-Grad.

The buffet luncheon tab is \$15 per person. The community event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter, with support from the Chicago Japanese American Council.

Reservations: Chicago Chapter, JACL, office, 312/728-7171 by May 19 to RSVP for the luncheon. Checks payable to the Chicago JACL may be sent to the office or payment may be made at the door.

## Participants to explore cultural identity

It's a common question: "Who am I as a Japanese American living between two cultures?"

To answer that question, a dialogue will be developed among Nisei, Kibei, Sansei and Yonsei panelists titled "Uniquely Invisible: An Exploration of Identity Through Intergenerational Dialogue," Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m., at the Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark, in Chicago.

Jean M. Fujii, a licensed clinical social worker, will moderate the discussion around questions relating to identity, such as:

—When did I realize that I was Japanese American?

—What experience triggered that realization?

—What was the value in my family about how to deal with being Japanese American? Assimilation? Accommodation?

—What do I value about being Japanese American?

—What impact has being Japanese American had on my life?

The program is co-sponsored by the Chicago Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League, and the Japanese American Service Committee. Admission is free. Child care for children over three years old will be provided. Information or reservations: JASC, 312/275-7212.



**SWEARING IN**—Congressman Robert Matsui administers oath to Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board at its first meeting. From left are Matsui, Dale

Minami, Peggy Nagae, Leo Goto, Susan Hayase, Father Robert Drinan, Elise Kudo, Don Nakanishi and Yelichi Kuyayama.

## BOARD

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Susan Hayase of San Jose as vice chair. The board intends to publish the criteria for grants and contracts by mid-May and hopes to begin accepting applications in early June. "We recognize the enormity of our responsibility," said Minami. "We must hire a director, set up an office from scratch, create a criteria for funding, establish a selection process and monitor the progress of the projects we fund. But it's an unusual privilege to belong to an organization which gives away money for a good cause."

The board intends to conduct an extensive publicity campaign to inform the American public about the availability of the grants. "We must also solicit input from the Japanese American community, the group most affected by the exclusion and detention, as well as other communities, about the criteria for grants and the types of projects they would want funded," said Hayase. All board members have been asked to conduct outreach programs in their respective communities to generate interest in the fund.

The board is scheduled to meet on May 4-6 in Washington, D.C.

## QUESTIONS

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appointment required Senate confirmation and the Republican dominated Senate did nothing to approve the appointments. The nominations thus languished in committee until December, 1995 when, through the encouragement of some key individuals, President Clinton made "recess appointments" to the Fund Board. This allowed the board to function as a duly constituted presidentially appointed body. Still, the government could not do the work to organize the actual board, so individuals on the board were called upon to organize it themselves. This took some time as members had to make contact with all the board members, determine the scope of their authority, negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the General Services Administration, research questions about

the fund and establish a working relationship.

### What is a "Recess Appointment?"

A recess appointment by a president is made when Congress is not in session. It does not require confirmation by the Senate and thus avoids the confirmation hearings which sometimes move toward political positioning and controversy. It is only effective until the appointee is replaced but no longer than one year which means all of the current board members' terms can be terminated in January, 1997, or earlier if the current president so decides. Thus, if the terms end and no replacements are appointed or the current members are not confirmed but again languish in committee, there may not be any allocations from the fund and fund may cease operations.

### What funds are available for distribution?

Originally, \$50 million was allocated but because of the expansion of the pool of claimants for redress payments, \$45 million was allocated for such payments. The \$5 million is secure in the Treasury, however, so the committee knows that it has at least this much to work with. Members can try to lobby for more money although it is believed that success is unlikely in this climate or if all of the \$45 million is not spent, the committee may be able to obtain legislation to allocate some of the savings to the fund.

### Is there any urgency to make distributions as soon as possible?

Yes and no. Yes, if the board does not get confirmed and no new board replaces members, and undistributed millions are left in the fund, that money may never be distributed in grants and will be lost forever. If members get confirmed, however, they will be able to make the allocations over a period of time.

### Where do administrative expenses come from?

All administrative expenses are taken from the \$5 million fund. This means that the monies available for grants are reduced by whatever members spend for administrative costs. Members work

with the General Services Administration which is providing temporary support services at cost to the committee. Members are working on a budget now with a perspective toward reducing costs but since they must establish an office from scratch (obtain space, get phones, fax, furniture, supplies, equipment, computers, stationery, letterhead, postage, etc.) and since they are trying to forge a working board from essentially individuals who have not worked together before, it is believed that the need for developing a vision and working relationship through face-to-face meetings is necessary. Members will, however, try to keep costs at a minimum through, for example, video-conferencing, teleconferencing, use of e-mail and faxes at the same time avoiding compromising the quality of the program just to save a few dollars.

### Where will the office be located?

The general sentiment is to locate in Washington, D.C., to provide access for lobbying efforts, contacts with other national organizations for publicity and outreach purposes and a symbolic presence as a national organization. Since the chair and the vice chair are Northern California residents, it is thought that that would create some geographic imbalance to have all of the officers and directors here. Still, cost considerations, choice of executive director and other factors may impel the group to locate elsewhere.

### What are the criteria for grant; will applications be available?

At its May 4 meeting, the group will work on the criteria and applications. An application form will be developed by June 1.

### What is the life of the board?

The board is authorized to function until Aug. 10, 1998. Members will consider extending the life of the fund through legislation or attempt to create a private alternative. All board members are available to answer questions, accept input, discuss problems or criticism. Individuals may contact members at the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, c/o 388 Market St., Suite 1080, San Francisco, CA 94111, 415/788-9000; fax, 415/398-387.

## Event targets APA professionals

"Aspire 96: Generations of Leadership Building a Better Future," a national conference for young Asian Pacific American professionals, is will be held May 24-27, at the San Francisco Airport Hilton.

The conference intends to bring together more than 500 participants from major cities in the United States, Asia and Europe.

The event includes more than 40 speakers, a career fair and trade show, a technology showcase, book signings, formal awards banquet, two dance parties, three happy hours, a fashion show, an

entertainment night, tours and other activities.

Among the topics: Asian American Women: Identity, Challenges, Stereotypes; Asian Americans in the Democratic Process; Career Management 101; Asian Business Etiquette: Breaking Ground; Asian Americans in Entertainment; CEO Roundtable; Climbing the Corporate Ladder; Shattering the Glass Ceiling@aol.com: Asian On-Line Commerce

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## Personally speaking

### Illinois

#### Community worker

Chicago-born Sansei Patti Honda has returned from Los Angeles, where she was a part-time minister at Higashi Honganji and working full time in banking, to accept the position of on-site manager of Heiwa Terrace, Chicago. She is a graduate in economics from the University of Minnesota, devoted three years in Shin Buddhist studies at Otani University, Kyoto, and was ordained in 1987. The daughter of Sam and Lily Honda, the active Twin Cities JACLers now living in White Bear Lake, Minn., succeeds Pat Aiko (Suzuki) Amino, who retired after six years as of Dec. 31, 1995. Heiwa Terrace, 920 W. Lawrence, is a HUD-financed and subsidized apartment complex for the elderly and/or disabled, with dining in common three times a week.

### Nevada

#### On the strip

The St. Louis architectural firm, Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, is designing the "Starship Orion," the \$1 billion hotel, casino, retail and entertainment complex coming up April 1998 on the Las Vegas Strip where El Rancho used to be. Seven gaming companies will operate under one roof, officials of Orion announced.

#### Political wind

Former Nevada Secretary of State Cheryl Lau, heading a non-partisan counsel's office in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., since late 1994 after being defeated in her bid for the Republican nomination for governor, told the *Las Vegas Sun* she is not resigning and returning to Nevada.

Her husband, Garth Dull, former state transportation director in Carson City, indicated that she was thinking about quitting and running for office. Any run for political office in Nevada would require her to resign her job in Washington.

### California

#### Political newsmaker

Unopposed candidate Sylvia Sun-Minnick (R) garnered 21,168 votes and faces incumbent Michael Machado (D), who polled 27,716 for the State Assembly's 17th district seat in the November general election. The 55-year-old former member of the Stockton City Council was born in Kuala Lumpur, second of four children of a Taiwan diplomat, and as a child lived in Manila and Bangkok. At age 10 she moved to San Francisco where her late father, Patrick Pichi Sun, was consul general. She graduated from Lowell High School, San Francisco, and in history from CSU Sacramento, where she later acquired her master's in the same major. She is author of *Samfow: the San Joaquin Chinese Legacy*. She moved to Stockton in 1961, married civil engineer Richard Minnick, and they have two daughters.

#### Top vote getter

Incumbent George Nakano was the top vote-getter (8,796) in the Torrance city council elections held in March, in a six-way race for three open seats. Don Lee (7,469) and Maureen O'Donnell (6,861) followed; all three are incumbents. In Torrance public life since 1984, Nakano indicated this would be his final stint in the city council. With voter turnout a low 16.8%, he said, it turned out to be one of the most expensive elec-

### PC profile

## Ann Yabusaki

### Sansei psychologist heads California graduate school

By MEI NAKANO

It turned out to be a defining experience for Ann Yabusaki, one of those momentous occasions that mark a major shift in one's life. Last year she attended the NGO Forum on Women in Beijing, which brought clarity to a decision she had been agonizing over for months.

Starting July 1, Yabusaki will assume the position of President and Dean of Rosebridge Graduate School of Integrative Psychology in Concord, Calif. At that time, she will reportedly have the singular distinction of being the only Japanese American woman president and dean of a graduate school in psychology in the Bay Area.

The decision to accept the position did not come easy. Did she have the necessary experience? The leadership qualities? The stamina? These kinds of questions, all too familiar with women—Asian American women, in particular—who consider filling a position usually dominated by white, heterosexual males, suggested themselves.

But "after the Beijing conference," Yabusaki says, "I realized that if this world is to change, women must have the courage to assume leadership roles." Women tend to bring different ingredients to the table, she feels, like emphasis on collaboration and cooperation and



ANN YABUSAKI

operating styles that often are more people-oriented and less rigid than those of their male counterparts. And to be out there, visible, in shoes heretofore neither fitted nor fashioned for Asian American women might help them to imagine a wider world of possibilities.

Finally, the encouragement she received from the Board of Directors at the school, who pledged full cooperation with her, sealed her decision.

Rosebridge Graduate School of Integrative Psychology is one of the several private schools of professional psychology in the

Bay Area. Yabusaki earned her doctorate there and is presently a faculty member at the institution. At the same time, for more than 10 years, she has been in private practice as a psychotherapist, having earlier completed graduate work in counseling and clinical psychology, with special emphasis on the treatment of multicultural and underserved families and individuals. She has also been a core faculty member at John F. Kennedy University's Graduate School of Professional Psychology since 1993 and an adjunct faculty member of the California Institute of Integral Studies.

Yabusaki is a board member of numerous professional organizations as well as community organizations, including the Berkeley Chapter, JACL, the National Japanese American Historical Society and the Sansei Legacy Project. She will be serving as the Workshop Co-chair at the upcoming JACL National Convention in San Jose in August.

A native of Hawaii, where her parents still live, Yabusaki and her husband, Ken, make their home in Albany, Calif. Their son, Sean, lives in San Diego, while daughter, Lee, is soon to graduate from CSU Northridge in Southern California.

tions per vote cast.

#### On stage

East West Players closes its 1995-96 season with Peter Shaffer's *Lettice and Lovage*, May 23 and on weekends through June 30. Play stabs with humor at British snobbery. Cast includes Amy Hill, Rodney Kageyama, Emily Kuroda, Benjamin Lum and Deborah Nishimura. Directing is Judith Nihei, artistic director of the Northwest Asian American Theatre. Box office: 213/660-0366.

#### Union organizer

Kathleen Yasuda was elected in March to be the first woman to head the Los Angeles Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. A graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, she served on the National Coalition for the Homeless staff in Washington, followed by stints with the 1988 and 1992 Democratic campaigns in California, according to APALA official Art Takei. She succeeds Ed Miyakawa, a retired United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770 vice president.

#### In recognition

Dr. Irene Sakaishi, DVM, of Georgetown received the Recreation Person of the Year award for keeping the Gold Country girls' softball team going, in addition to being a local Girl Scout leader and being involved with the recreation district.

She also was a speaker at the annual Florin Chapter, JACL, women's forum.

Chiyoichi Takahashi of Hiroshima came to the United States in 1896, became a tailor, returned to Japan and married Shizuko Higuchi of Chiba. Since she was fluent in both Japanese and English, she spent many years

as translator for the Japanese consulate in San Francisco and for Caucasian missionaries in Japanese churches. Nine of their children are graduates of the University of California at Berkeley—a record for the most in one family to attend the university—the youngest two having had their education interrupted by the Evacuation.

Last March 16, 28 members of the family and their relatives gathered at Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland to celebrate the 100-year event.

#### In recognition

California Institute of Technology (Caltech's) Seismological Laboratory) and the Pasadena Office of the U.S. Geological Survey will be honored at the American Red Cross-San Gabriel Valley "Red Ball" May 4 at the Ritz Carlton-Huntington hotel for their earthquake research and preparedness. Hiroo Kanamori, professor of geophysics, is the Caltech lab director.

Among the Los Angeles area prep sports notables is Wendy Yokoyama of Torrance High's girls' soccer team, scoring two goals in a 4-2 win in overtime in the Division 1 playoff over Thousand Oaks. For the season, she has scored 34 goals and added 18 assists. She carries a 3.78 GPA, plays volleyball and softball.

### Colorado

#### Visiting professor

Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, associate professor in ethnic studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, is visiting professor at UCLA under auspices of the endowed chair in Japanese American Stud-

ies, which was established more than 15 years ago by Nisei Bruin alumni and friends. Prof. emeritus Harry Kitano, the first permanent holder of the chair, retired in 1994. Hirabayashi, who is fluent in Spanish, has authored many papers and books on Asian Americans, race and ethnicity in America, and Mexican politics and culture. Recent books are titled, *Cultural Capital: Mountain Zapotec Migrant Associations in Mexico*, and *Inside an American Concentration Camp: Japanese American Resistance at Poston, Arizona*.

### New York

#### Media notes

Figure skater and JACL Japanese American of the Biennium Kristi Yamaguchi continues to appear in Hoechst Celanese ads being featured in *Women's Wear Daily*, *Harper's Bazaar* and *Vanity Fair*. An Olympic gold medalist in 1992, her professional stint with the 1996 *Stars on Ice* covers 80 cities in the United States and Canada.

### Pacific Northwest

#### Another torchbearer

Steve Hanamura, keynote speaker at the Greater Portland Area-JACL graduation event last year, was selected to carry the Olympic torch as the flame treks through Oregon. Blind since birth, Hanamura is an avid marathon participant who runs by being attached to his lead runner by a short-length bungee cord. He epitomizes the old adage that "we are only limited by what we think we can't do." [The 1996 banquet is being held May 5 at House of Good Fortune restaurant in Beaverton. Guest speaker Camille

Hamilton-Pating, San Francisco area attorney, will focus on multi-racialism in the Nikkei community.]

#### In gubernatorial race

Former state legislator Gary Locke, now a King County executive, is the third Democrat who's announced his candidacy for the 1996 governor's race in the State of Washington. The Chinese American said his experience in state and local government makes him "uniquely qualified" to hold the governor's job since Gov. Mike Lowry decided not to run again. There are six major Republican candidates.

#### Japanese immersion program

The unique Japanese Immersion Program offered by the Portland, Ore., public schools is in its seventh year at Richmond Elementary School, 2276 SE 41st Avenue (97214), led by principal Renee Ito-Staub. One Sansei parent (Valerie Otani in the Portland JACL Newsletter) felt the program has provided "a rich and supportive environment for my child" by hearing, speaking and reading the Japanese language while studying math, geography or the history of Portland in Japanese as well as many aspects of Japanese culture. "The teachers have been outstanding in both Japanese and English; the students are more ethnically diverse than our neighborhood school, and our son's knowledge of Japanese is inspiring to our whole family." With applications for kindergartners exceeding openings by nearly 2 to 1, entry is by lottery after parents attend a mandatory orientation and class visit.

#### RIP: Raymond Drebin

The Van Johnson character (Lt. Michael Grayson) in the MGM 1952 film *Go For Broke!* was based on the experiences of the late Raymond Drebin, 76, of Seattle, according to the Seattle Nisei Veterans Newsletter. Drebin had studied Nihongo in school, became an officer with the 100th Infantry, earned two Purple Hearts, the Silver Star and Bronze Star. A Metro employee after the war, he oversaw the right-of-way acquisitions for cleanup of Lake Washington and the region's first Park & Ride system. Now on VCR tape, the film was produced by Dory Schary, written and directed by Robert Pirosh. [Schary won an Oscar writing *Boys Town*. Pirosh was up for best screen play in 1951.]

#### On the bench

Seattle Judge C. Kimi Kondo has been reelected presiding judge of municipal court for 1996. Appointed to the court seat by Mayor Norm Rice in 1990, she has been twice elected to the court seat and was selected by the court's nine judges as presiding judge.

#### Washington, D.C.

##### 'Leadership' Conferees

The 1996 delegates to the JACL-sponsored Spring Leadership Conference, who were hosted at the Eastern District Council dinner at the Lily/Pat Okura home in Bethesda were Rick Aizawa, West Linn, Ore.; Lynne Aoyama, Midvale, Utah; Joe Horiye, San Diego, Calif. (previously Masaoka Foundation intern); Stacey Ige, Fresno, Calif.; Grace Kimoto, Winton; William Kimoto, Winton; Mari Matsumoto, Scarsdale, N.Y.; Richard Uno, Sacramento; Albert Muratsuchi, Los Angeles (DC Board member during Lily Okura's term, now PSWDC regional director), and Emily Murase, Washington, D.C.



## In memoriam

## Chester A. Blackburn

### Friend of Heart Mountain evacuees

CODY, Wyo.—Chester A. Blackburn, a World War II veteran whose sympathy for evacuees confined in the Heart Mountain WRA camp led to friendship with numerous Japanese Americans, died April 20. He was 87 years old. Services were held April 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cody.

Born in Kansas, Blackburn served as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers in Saipan. After the war he won a homestead on the Heart Mountain Irrigation Project, farmland developed by work crews from the camp.

Blackburn and his family experienced harsh living conditions for several years on the homestead, causing him to take an interest in the history of the Evacuation and

the experience of the evacuees.

That interest led Blackburn to help organize a committee of homesteaders who got the campsite listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Led by Blackburn, the committee built a memorial park where the camp administration building had stood.

Blackburn and his wife, Mary Ruth, spent much of their time after retirement speaking about the Evacuation and the camp to schools, service clubs and church groups in Wyoming and Montana. They attended several Heart Mountain reunions on the West Coast.

Blackburn is survived by his wife, two daughters, seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

## ROLE

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few people of color. It was not a problem. I kind of mainstreamed myself. My view of myself was that I was an American-American and a part of me was Japanese-American.

I had not decided on law school while I was in college. I worked as a paralegal in San Francisco after graduating. That got me interested. The firm did a lot of international work, Pacific Rim work. Law seemed a good way of bridging the economic-cultural interests I had.

At law school in L.A. I became interested in international work, but being in L.A. I also became aware of my own identity. I realized that I was not American-American or Japanese-American—but that I was Japanese American. I learned more about myself in law school because there were more people of cultural diversity in Los Angeles.

It was an awakening to cultural identity—being Asian American, specifically Japanese American and what that meant. I joined the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and became an officer. I became more involved in community issues, Pan-Asian issues. I joined the Japanese American Bar Association and the Asian Concerns Committee.

I got to know people like Angela Oh and Michael Yamamoto who were committed to the Asian American community.

**PC: How did you become an aide to Congressman Walter Tucker?**

**SAKANIWA:** I was interested in political issues and in October of 1992 I had a chance to volunteer for a local congressman, Walter Tucker from Compton, Calif. I had a political science degree and a law degree, yet had no inkling that I'd be working in D.C. It just kind of happened. Working for Congressman Tucker was my shot to come to Washington, D.C. When I got here, the office was very inexperienced on how things worked inside the Beltway. Tucker put a premium on knowing people and those who worked for him; the trust was already built in. He had been in D.C. several years, at Georgetown Law Center, but Capitol Hill and the rest of D.C. are very different.

So when we got there we were very much behind the learning curve. It took us four or five months to get in the swing of things, to learn the ropes, catch up and move on.

I enjoyed the environment, the different issues, the amount of information and resources available to you. I handled environmental, labor, transportation, foreign affairs and trade issues. I loved the last two.

There were three of us in Tucker's legislative department and we divided the issues among us to keep him informed. The Clean Water Bill was one of my areas. I had to keep up on amendments, push certain issues and write speeches for him. In foreign affairs I had to report on issues such as those affecting China and arms to Bosnia. The key is to know where to get the information, who the real experts are. You develop contacts who advocate on one side or the other, then you combine that with your boss' viewpoints as a template.

**PC: What kinds of experiences were memorable?**

**SAKANIWA:** I learned a lot working on the Small Business Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where the real nuts and bolts work is done, where legislation is crafted. I also did work on the Transportation Committee when Norm Mineta was chair. It was a side benefit for me. At committee hearings, I got to meet him and he got to know me as Wall's legislative aide. I felt lucky. It was a special sense of pride when Norm was running the committee, one of the largest on Capitol Hill. He was such an advocate of the Asian American and Japanese American communities—the top person in this arena.

**PC: What personal and profes-**

sional experiences, knowledge and skills do you bring to this position?

**SAKANIWA:** I think that question goes directly to the experience I had as the staffer doing the committee work for my boss on the Small Business and Public Works committees. I got to see how a committee works, how to put together hearings to move a bill, how it's marked up. The key with a bill is to have a good, solid product to take to the floor, but to get it there, there is a lot of shepherding that takes place. My past experience working with committee staffers gives me insight in how to deal with them when we have the desire to push or shepherd a piece of legislation a certain way.

**PC: Did you work on any Asian American issues?**

**SAKANIWA:** In my three years, the big issues were justice for Ward's Cove, immigration reform, health-care reform and hate-crime legislation. It was my job to make sure the Asian American issues were high on Congressman Tucker's priority list. Most of the work I participated in was and is through a volunteer organization, the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership—an organization of young professionals, many of whom are from the Capitol Hill area, various government agencies, non-profit groups, and the private sector. The group tries to encourage young people, Asian Pacific American college students, to get involved, to consider public policy as a career.

**PC: Do you see many Asian Americans pursuing this?**

**SAKANIWA:** For me, it was part of my realizing that no matter how much we become part of the mainstream, we must be vigilant of our civil rights. This means monitoring public policy and the public debate. But in this town, there is a kind of revolving door between public sector service and private sector jobs. Working in the public sector gives you unparalleled opportunities to influence legislation and laws that have an impact on our lives. You can make more money in other kinds of jobs, but ultimately, in terms of impact, it is rewarding when you're involved in setting the course and direction for an issue.

Public service, the ability to have an impact, to make contacts, to have a voice, is a full-time job.

**PC: What's the current political atmosphere in D.C.?**

**SAKANIWA:** Right now, it's an interesting time. Even though there was a big changeover in political leadership from the November 1994 elections, the big change may come in '96, a presidential election year.

What happens in the House of Representatives and the Senate may have much more of a bearing on where the nation is headed. It may indicate the mood and direction the country is going toward, more so than in '94 when the minority party took over for the first time in 40 years. Was it a general dissatisfaction with the situation people find themselves in? Well, '96 will tell us whether '94 was for real or not—will the pendulum swing back. We'll have a better picture then of how people feel.

**PC: Let's turn to JACL. Having survived a difficult period of internal dissension and financial troubles, the organization is rebuilding. What do you think needs to happen in this process?**

**SAKANIWA:** I think one of the most important things is that we have to allow ourselves—a very large non-profit organization—to freely debate issues within the organization. We need to discuss and argue issues in an open, fair manner. Our tent has to be big enough for all voices to be heard. Sometimes it gets heated. But as long as you have the opportunity to get it all out, you can come back together at the end of the day and stick together.

Once a vote or position is taken, you may not like it, but as long as you had a chance to debate you should go with that position.

A group voice is essential. We

must hold together, have one strong collective voice. That shouldn't be undermined.

**PC: What is JACL's most important goal?**

**SAKANIWA:** We must make an effort to get our youth involved and feeling that they're invested in the organization. We must give them a stake and a voice in the organization—in terms of future growth and expansion, this is vital. We must focus on youth in the future and not dwell so much on our differences.

We have to remember that we've been around since 1929 with a deep interest in human and civil rights. We should remember that the battle on these issues doesn't end with Redress, it actually starts there. We have to have the vision to be far-sighted and broad-thinking enough. Nothing is ever done with one community alone.

In the immigration controversy, we may not be the biggest group affected, but it doesn't matter. It's a civil rights concern. It should be on our priority list. We must get active, draw in young people, establish a vibrant, vital organization. It's not just our community but a larger community as well.

**PC: Then you're saying that we need to broaden our vision in terms of issues such as immigration. Is coalition-building important in this respect?**

**SAKANIWA:** Yes. Japanese Americans may not see this as a burning issue but it's important to be able to work with other groups to have impact, to hold politicians politically accountable. If a senator, say, wants to cut legal immigration and frames the cutbacks to look innocuous, but when the numbers are worked out you find that the category that gets hurt the most is the one which affects brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens, then that's a large representation of Asian Americans in this group. We can't let something like that slip by. We must hold that senator accountable for his or her actions.

Coalition-building is especially important in D.C. In D.C., the ability to have a broad voice covering a lot of different groups is vital. It's the currency of influence for nonprofit organizations.

**PC: Will JACL's own financial cutbacks strain your efforts?**

**SAKANIWA:** To the extent that I can't hire a full-time administrative assistant it is a bit of a hindrance, but it's not insurmountable. I'll do what I can with what I have. My biggest problem in this office is that I don't have e-mail yet. It's difficult to get alerts out. I'll get it eventually.

**PC: What have you seen so far that encourages you about JACL or the Japanese American community? What discourages you?**

**SAKANIWA:** What encourages me is the new leadership in the San Francisco office, the new staff there. I don't know what happened in the past so I have the luxury of not getting caught up in that quagmire. It's a clean slate now. We're getting procedures down, we're standardizing things.

I have met the staff and I'm really encouraged and heartened by what I see as an eager and energetic staff out there.

Nothing has discouraged me yet. I've seen what people have warned me about but it doesn't seem that bad—the tensions and conflicts. I think we're all working through them.

**PC: You mentioned earlier that the battle starts with Redress. A question that has been asked many times is: "What does JACL do after Redress?" What's your answer to that?**

**SAKANIWA:** Redress is why our community has a special responsibility and duty foisted upon our shoulders to uphold the system, to make sure justice is done.

In a certain way, it's missing the point to say "What next?" because the successful Redress campaign has created a duty, to be vigilant of possible rights being denied or transgressed. If we see that happening

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## PSW gets civil rights speaker

Joe R. Hicks will be keynote speaker at the "Eyes to the Future" Leadership Conference hosted by the Pacific Southwest District Council (PSWDC) of the Japanese American Citizens League at the Renaissance Hotel near LAX airport Saturday, June 1, evening banquet.

Hicks speaks on the topics of urban crime, poverty, and race and human relations. For the past 15 years he has worked to combat hate crimes and to establish coalitions and bridges of cooperation between increasingly diverse racial, ethnic and religious populations. He is the former communi-

cations director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, a founding member and executive director of the Multi-Cultural Collaborative of Los Angeles, a multiracial and multi-ethnic public interest and advocacy organization that seeks solutions to inter-ethnic tensions and conflict.

The conference will be held May 31-June 2. The \$100 registration fee includes all meals and two nights lodging (double occupancy). Information or registration: PSWDC regional office, 244 S. San Pedro, Room 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012; 213-626-4471.



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The small cities and towns, unless otherwise noted, are all in California.

**Akaiwa, Mary F., 94**, Torrance, March 22; Japan-born, survived by grand-daughter Donna Newlund (Englewood, Colo.).

**Brister, Kayoko, 56**, Seattle, Feb. 8; survived by husband John, parents Joe and Chiyo Hirota, brothers Ed, Bill, Fred, Dick (San Mateo, Calif.).

**Eguchi, Mildred F., 58**, La Palma, March 24; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Tom, brothers Herbert, Masao, Takeo, Richard, sisters Amy Fujii, Muriel Pratt, Thelma Yamaguchi (all in Hawaii).

**Fukuda, Bernice Y., 61**, Los Angeles, April 5; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Arthur, sons Cliff, Lane, daughters Terri Koga, Lynne, 1 gc., sisters Kiyoko Matsunaga, Florence Toyama, Anna Kamimura.

**Furukawa, Sally S., 79**, Rockville, Md., April 5; survived by husband George, daughters Barbara Hayashida (El Cerrito, Calif.), Corinne (Paris, France), 2 gc., brothers Hideo and Fred Seiji, sisters Clare Yokoyama, Julia Neishi.

**Hamaguchi, Harry T., 65**, Altadena, April 7; survived by wife Helen, daughters Dianne DePonte, Jo Anna Johnson, Cynthia Partamian, 3 gc., brother Yoshi, sister Marge Wada, mother-in-law Mary Uemoto.

**Hamano, Kinzo, 77**, Temple City, March 28; Boston-born 100th Infantry Battalion veteran; survived by wife Mitzi, sons Paul, Gregory, David, daughter Cathy, 1 gc., brothers Mango, Jack Sadao (Boston), sisters Shizue Kobashigawa (Japan), Tomiye Yonemoto, Namiko Suzuki (Gaithersburg, Md.), Mariko Hennessey (Cape Cod, Mass.).

**Haratani, Tai, 100**, Oakland, March 18; survived by sons James, Joseph, David, daughters Mary Kiriha, Grace Aikawa, Irene Yamamoto, 21 gc., 13 ggc., predeceased by Rev. Iwakichi, son Thomas.

**Hata, Frank, 64**, Torrance, March 22; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sayako, sons Robert, David, Daryl, 1 gc.

**Hirano, Toru, 64**, Torrance, March 22; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Masako, son Gary (San Francisco), 1gc.

**Hori, Minoru, 78**, Los Angeles, March 17; Okayama-born, survived by son Michael (Banning), daughters Kyoko Tada, Aiko Inouye, 5 gc., 5 ggc.

**Hoshi, Nami, 94**, San Francisco, March 21; Fukushima-born, survived by son Kenishi, daughters Imiko Itayama, Yoshiko Masuzawa, Toshiko Geé, 3 gc.

**Hyodo, Matsuye, 96**, Shoreline, Wash., March 5.

**Ichihio, Jane Kimiye, 58**, Torrance, March 19; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Kent, mother Shinobu Narahara, brother Yoshio, sister Betty Isono.

**Ikuta, George, 79**, Cleveland, Jan. 31; survived by wife Louise, 4 sisters.

**Inouye, Jeanne Setsuko, 62**, Culver City, March 24; Los Angeles-born, survived by mother Helen, sister Anne Mellias, brother Robert.

**Inouye, Tadage, 78**, Payette, Idaho, March 22 in Reno, Nev.; Mabton, Wash.-born Heart Mountain evacuee, vegetable farmer, survived by wife Shiz (Inouye), sons Jerry (Weiser), Tad Jr. (Greenbrae), 3 gc., brothers Tadao, Yoshio (Sunnyvale, Calif.), Jim (Ontario, Ore.), sisters Chizu Ichikawa (San Jose), Miko Vorwek (Phoenix), May Wakabayashi (Venice, Fla.), Chiyo Yakushi (San Mateo).

**Ishigaki, Kiyoshi, 70**, South El Monte, April 1; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Akiko, sons Steven, Douglas, daughters Nancy Garcia, Margie Garcia, 9 gc., mother Mary, brother Ronald.

**Itano, Evelyn Mitsuko, 81**, Pasadena, March 19; Santa Ana-born, sur-

vived by husband Joe, daughters Geraldine Hamane, Toni, 3 gc., sister Frances Takeno.

**Kanal, Shige, 79**, Cleveland, March 10; survived by wife Terry, 2 children, 3 gc., 1 ggc.

**Katsuda, Yoshiko, 92**, Chicago, March 14; survived by brothers Kiyoshi, Hiroshi Kinjo (Japan).

**Katsumata, Takeshi, 70**, Los Angeles, March 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Margaret, sons Glenn, William, daughters Katherine Tracy, Frances Henning, Carrie, 8 gc.

**Kissner, James, 74**, Palatine, Ill., April 6; former American Legion national officer. His leadership is remembered by the Chicago Nisei Post 1183 for pushing Dept. of Illinois' support for redress, and its adoption as the Legion's 1984 national convention stand, despite anti-redress resolutions primarily from an ex-POW group led by Lillian Baker.

**Kiuchi, Thomas Masatsugu, 74**, Los Angeles, March 27; Loyola University, graduate ('50), survived by wife Yukiye, daughters Genevieve, Anna, predeceased by son Patrick.

**Kubota, Chiye, 77**, Los Angeles, March 28; Tokyo-born, survived by son Takashi, daughters Meriko Miyamoto, Takeko Amano, 7 gc., 7 ggc.

**Kubota, Eva W., 79**, San Francisco, Dec. 26 of heart attack at Evanston, Ill.; Salinas-born, survived by cousins Shiro Kubota (Oakland), Sydney Nakamura (South San Francisco), Sue Takiguchi and Alice Nagano (Detroit).

**Kubota, Takeshi (Tak), 83**, Seattle, Feb. 29.

**Kurihara, Kenichi, 77**, Los Angeles, April 4; San Diego-born, survived by wife Frances, daughters Lynda Mori (Texas), Eileen Mori, 5 gc., brothers Saburo, Goro, Rokuro.

**Masuda, James Masao, 80**, Gardena, March 11; Fresno-born, survived by wife Shizuko, sisters Kay Inouye, Masako Ota.

**Masuyama, Rev. Kenyu, 78**, San Leandro, March 13; honorary minister with Buddhist Churches of America, survived by wife Sachi, sons Kenji, Dean Kouji, daughters Shigeko Yamaoka, Junko Bergland, gc.

**Matoba, Miyori, 71**, Golden, Colo., March 30; Denver-born, survived by husband Ben, sons Glenn, Robert, 2 gc.

**Matsunaga, John Tsugio, 65**, Los Angeles, March 14; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Keiko, daughter Jessica Soma, brother Mitsuo, sisters Alice, Grace Kaneshiro (both Hawaii).

**Minami, Norman L., 40**, Los Angeles, March 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by mother Sachiko, sister Barbara (Torrance).

**Mitsuhashi, Marguerite Fumiko, 81**, Torrance, March 29; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons James (Yorba Linda), Rob, daughter Tomi Fong, 5 gc., 3 ggc, sisters Betty Sakai (Los Angeles), Kay Hara (Scottsbluff, Neb.), Yukiko Shintani (Los Angeles).

**Miyamoto, Mike M., 79**, Torrance, April 3; Gardena-born, survived by wife Yukiko, daughter Diane.

**Miyagishima, Mura, 97**, Los Angeles, March 15; Shizuoka-born, survived by son Takuo, gc. and ggc.

**Mori, Agnes Chitoko, 64**, Los Angeles, March 23; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Masuo, sons David, Daryl, 1 gc.

**Morimoto, Dr. Linda Kiku, 75**, Los Angeles, March 29; Stockton-born physician, recipient of Order of Precious Crown, Ripple; survived by sister Toshiko Morita, predeceased by husband Dr. Roy and sister Haruko Morita.

**Morishige, Cal Shun, 70**, Ontario, Ore., April 14; Auburn, Wash.-born 442nd veteran from Tule Lake, survived by daughters Kelly Reilly, Gail (Portland), brothers George, Mas, sisters Yoshiye Tsukuno, Jane Yano, Nan Nagasaka (Weiser), Satoko Nagaoka (Japan), predeceased by wife Alyce (Enoki), brother Toshio and parents.

**Mukoyama, Helen K., 81**, Chicago, March 19; survived by sons Marshall, Howard, Wesley, 5 gc., predeceased by husband Teruo.

world can say that. It's a shining example of a lot of people coming together to show how the system can work.

**PC: What can members do to add their voice to what's going on in this country?**

**SAKANIWA:** Register to vote. Being part of the political process is what citizenship is all about. It's a baby step. Members should educate themselves about their own communities. In D.C., people say we have tunnel vision. That's fine. That's my job to address and sort

**Nagamatsu, Jon Takashi, 65**, Westlake Village, March 19; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Reiko, son Donald, daughter Linda Sekishiro, brothers Frank, Dr. Henry, Tom, James, sister Fumiko Iseri.

**Nagasawa, Yoshi, 104**, Los Angeles, March 16; Japan-born, survived by son Phillip, daughters Tomi, Mary Helen Long, June Miyamoto, 12 gc., 7 ggc.

**Nakano, Aiko, 70**, Tokyo, Dec. 31; survived by husband Ben, prewar type-writer shop owner in Little Tokyo who went to Japan in 1940, was stranded, worked with Domei News, and postwar opened a farm tools shop in Hibiya.

**Nakashige, Terry, 70**, Cleveland, Dec. 12; survived by daughter Lori Leihenseder, 2 gc.

**Nakashima, Fumi, 70**, Chicago, March 13; survived by son Lance, daughters Diane Hendricks, Deborah, sister Chiyo Kato, brother Yosh Butsuda.

**Nako, Robert H., 75**, Montebello, March 26; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sarah, daughters Eileen Fetter, Debbie, 1 gc, sister Marjorie Iwasaki.

**Niiyama, Yakuichi, 93**, Watsonville, March 12; Okayama-born, survived by wife Ayako, sons Minoru, Masaru, daughter Fumiko Tanimasa, gc. and ggc.

**Niizawa, Yoshi, 93**, Sanger, March 12; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Jimi (Fukuoka), 2 gc.

**Nishimi, Masao, 96**, Sacramento, March 19; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Chitose, sons Ralph, John, daughter Aline Hirota and gc.

**Odaka, William, 79**, Cleveland, March 16; survived by 4 children, 1 sister, 5 brothers.

**Ogawa, Fumiko, 92**, Los Angeles, March 18; Aichi-born, survived by sons Bob, Steve, Raymond, 6 gc., sister Takayo Shimane (Japan). Grandson Rev. Curtis Ogawa, associate pastor, San Fernando Holiness Church, officiated.

**Ogawa, Terry T., 79**, Chicago, March 18; survived by wife Masae, sons Timothy, David, 2 gc., brothers George, Sam, Alfred, Clarence, sisters Betty Hansen, Elsie Koga, Julia Tokiwa.

**Okada, Noriaki, 68**, Feb. 27; Aoyama Gakuin graduate, architect of 40 years, Omaha Chapter, JACL, president ('66-69), taught Nihongo to Saneel and had performed at Community Playhouse in the '50-60s, survived by wife Rumi, daughters Luna, Mayumi Sunata (Denver).

**Okuhara, Masuwo, 73**, Lodi, March 18; Acampo-born, survived by wife Sumiye, sons Ty, Jon, Ken, daughter Lois Okuhara-Close, 4 gc., brothers Toshiro, Eiji, Keizo, sisters Bessie, Teruko (Chicago), Hiroko Takata (Japan).

**Ozeki, Phillip M., 52**, Delhi, N.Y., March 20 of heart attack; survived by wife Jane, daughter Masaye, brother David Cyr, mother Masako, sister Carol Ann Mayr.

**Sakaguchi, June K., 75**, Arvada, Colo., Feb. 5; Shoshone, Idaho-born nurse, survived by daughter Laura Novosad, 4 gc., predeceased by husband, Dr. Shimpel, and son James (1991).

**Sakaguchi, Thomas Yoshio, 67**, Gardena, March 20; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tamiko, daughters Tommie Knapp, Terri Ishida, Emma, 2 gc., brother Tameo.

**Sakamoto, Hatsuko, 75**, Pomona, April 6; San Gabriel-born, survived by husband Kiyoyuki, daughters Sachi Sugawara, Nancy Takano (Riverside), Julie Yokoyama, Joyce Kozuki, Toni Kitazawa, Naomi McCallus, 10 gc., 4 ggc., brothers Kenji Sakamoto, Saburo, sisters Suzuko Shimbo, Hiroko Ikemoto.

**Sakoeki, James I., 86**, Los Angeles, March 20; Hawaii-born, survived by brothers Nobuichi, 3 in Hawaii, 2 sisters in Japan.

**Sakoguchi, George H., 86**, Placentia, April 9; Wakayama-born, survived by daughters Lillian, Helen, sons Robert, Ben, Richard, 5gc.

**Sato, George Kelji, 73**, Seattle, Feb. 10; Seattle-born, 442nd Company H

veteran-volunteer from Minidoka, Tsubota Steel accountant-credit manager, past NVC commander, survived by wife Hamayo (Michihara), sons Chris, Stan, daughter Susan.

**Shigehiro, Asano (nee Morikawa), 92**, Calgary, Canada, March 16; Hawaii-born, immigrated with parents in 1904 to Hammond, B.C., married Oichi in 1920 and during their 50 years of marriage raised 17 children, 14 of whom survive as well as 35 gc., 31 ggc., and 3 gggc.

**Shima, Rose Tomita, 77**, Chicago, March 13; survived by husband Dr. Arthur, sons John, Dr. Mark, daughter Dr. Amy.

**Shimatsu, Masato Gene, 77**, San Diego, March 25; San Gabriel-born, Southwest L.A. Chapter, JACL, president ('63-65), aircraft machinist of 30 years with Northrup, General Dynamics, Rohr Aircraft, survived by wife Teruko, son Rodger, daughter Aileen Sato, 3 gc., brother Rokuro, sister Sadako Kurihara (Japan).

**Shimoyama, Kumakichi, 97**, Los Angeles, March 21; Shizuoka-born, survived by sons Isao, Manabu, Minoru, 7 gc.

**Shiota, Mitsuye, 76**, Morgan Hill, March 19; Seattle-born, survived by daughters Nancy Takemoto, Yasuko, Pauline Shiota-Roth, Mary, Joyce Katayama, son Fred, 5gc., sisters Ayako Fujimoto, Yuko Nakao.

**Sugasawara, George H., 76**, Los Angeles, March 11; San Francisco-born, survived by sons Brian, Todd, 2 gc., brothers Walter, Chick.

**Sugihara, Seiji, 69**, Gardena, March 31; Hilo, Hawaii-born WW2 veteran, survived by wife Mitsuko, daughter Takako, sisters Alice Nozawa, Agnes Yuda, Helen Isaacson.

**Sugiyama, Masako, 75**, Rancho Cucamonga, March 26; Long Beach-born, survived by daughter Charlene Furukawa, 1 gc., brother John Adachi.

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**Suyematsu, Masa, 99**, Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 27; Fukuoka-born Casper, Wyo., pioneer, survived by son King (Harwichport, Mass.), Taro (Stockton, Calif.), Kiyo (Madelia, Minn.), predeceased by son Toshiro (June 1994).

**Takamatsu, Tooru, 77**, Denver, March 15; Tacoma-born ranking judoist, 8th dan, founding member of Denver Judo, survived by wife Jean, son Joe, daughters Karen Timmons, Frances Enomoto.

**Taketa, Tsutae, 77**, Seattle, in February of cancer; survived by husband Harry, daughters Patty Phillips, Sue Taketa-McKinney, 4 gc.

**Takeuchi, Noboru, 81**, Chicago, March 31; Watsonville-born, survived by wife Helen.

**Takeyasu, Cynthia T., 63**, Los Angeles, March 24; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Steve, sons Roy, Glen, Carl, Lloyd, brothers Jimmy Muranaka, Yoshio Isobe, Sadao, Isamu (all Hawaii), sister Shizuko Hisamoto (Hawaii).

**Tamashiro, Stanley Y., 79**, Chicago, March 23; survived by wife Caroline (Arakaki), son Keith, daughter Lynn Frost, brothers Yoshio, Archie Kakazu, Yoshiaki and sisters Stella, Jean Watanabe, Judith and Kathryn Kakazu.

**Toda, Minoru, 81**, Sacramento, March 18; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Ayako, son Yasuyuki, brother Takao.

**Togioka, Hiroshi, 77**, Reedley, March 17; Reedley-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, daughters Sharon Morikawa, Diane Sasai, Jean Yukawa, sons Wesley, Douglas, 6 gc., sisters Chisato Kobayashi, Chizuyo Dobashi, Sayoko Otani, brothers Noboru, Johnnie.

### DEATH NOTICE

**TOHRU TATSUI**  
LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Tohru Tatsui, 75, was born on June 19 and passed away on April 15. He is survived by wife, Blossom Masako; son, Ronald; daughter, Kiyoko; granddaughter, Elizabeth Harris and sister, Hideko Satake (Hiroshima, Japan). No services. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Crescent Bay Optimist Club.

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In the system and walk away, we're not doing our duty to the whole effort for civil rights. Redress is one of the biggest successes in American history. It is an example of a group of people who were unjustly imprisoned, played by the rules when they were incarcerated, and played by the rules to correct the injustice years later by having the government admit to and remedy the injustice. No government in the



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the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need." (I remember that Judge Bill Marutani devoted a whole PC column to this sentence, italicizing the very same words.)

"The principle" refers to military orders. Jackson explains: "But once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order (as it did in *Korematsu*) to show that it conforms to the Constitution ... the Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens." Justice Felix Frankfurter, on the prevailing side, said: "... the Constitution explicitly granted the war power for safeguarding the National life by prosecuting war effectively." Of course, we now know the justices had no reason to question the military's claim of "military necessity."

Which brings this back to the first paragraph. As cited in *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court*, *Korematsu*, rather than submit to being evacuated, claimed to be a Mexican American.

## LETTERS

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and certainly not condoned by most commanders. You only need look at the numbers of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have attained high rank in all branches of the armed services to realize that characterizing racism in the services as "pervasive" is inflammatory and can only be interpreted as demonstrating either the writer's ignorance or preconceived bias against the U.S. military establishment.

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## MOTIONS

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● To honor former Congressman Norman Mineta for his commitment to the organization at the 1996 JACL National Convention.

Motion: Kim Nakahara, second, David Hayashi. Carried.

● That the National Japanese American Citizens League elect that its lobbying expenditures be governed under section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

Motion: Terry Yamada, second, Emilie Kutsuma. Carried.

● To appropriate up to \$5000 for JA of the Biennium winner(s) expenses (travels, accommodation) for their National JACL Convention expense.

Motion: Paul Shinkawa, second, Barry Salki. Carried. Abstention: Randy Shibata.

● To accept the *Pacific Citizen's* 4th quarter report.

Motion: Tom Kometani, second, David Hayashi. Carried.

● To accept the National Director's work plan and progress report.

Motion: Alan Nishi, second, Paul Shinkawa. Carried.

● To accept the report and authorize the JACL On-Line committee to move forward with their study. The committee will return to the Board at the May or next meeting with further recommendations and cost estimates.

Motion: Randy Shibata, second, David Kawamoto. Carried. Abstentions: Karen-Liane Shiba, Kimi Yoshino.

● To accept the report on district allocations prepared by Karen-Liane Shiba, and forward it to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Motion: David Kawamoto, second, David Hayashi. Carried. Nay vote: Randy Shibata; Abstentions: Emilie Kutsuma and Paul Shinkawa.

● To accept the Personnel Manual as submitted by the Personnel Committee, to bring us into compliance with state and federal laws.

Motion: Emilie Kutsuma, second, David Kawamoto. Carried. Abstentions: Alan Nishi, Karen-Liane Shiba, Terry Yamada, Randy Shibata and Kimi Yoshino.

● To authorize the National Director to issue a request for proposal (RFP) to locate and select a contractor to conduct a point evaluation of JACL's salary structure and salary ranges, by no later than May 15, 1996, and not to exceed \$4,000.

Motion: Emilie Kutsuma, second, David Hayashi. Carried. Nay vote: Alan Nishi; Abstentions: Karen-Liane Shiba and Randy Shibata.

● To authorize the JACL National Director to develop a Youth/Student outreach program for college students.

Motion: Kim Nakahara, second, Karen-Liane Shiba. Carried.

● To authorize JACL to apply for admission to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a Federation.

Motion: Randy Shibata, second, Yas Tokita. Carried.

● To explore the creation of a new JACL membership category for non-profit agencies, along with JACL's CFC effort; and to authorize National Director to contact other organization to review and discuss revenue sharing on an equitable basis.

Motion: David Hayashi, second, Motion: David Hayashi, second, Karen-Liane Shiba. Carried.

● That Lillian Kimura and June Arima Schumann continue to serve as the chairs of the Legacy Fund Grant Review Committee.

Motion: Terry Yamada, second, Paul Shinkawa. Carried.

● That the District Governors ensure that the recipients of Legacy Fund Grants file the proper forms affirming the completion of their projects.

Motion: David Kawamoto, second, Tom Kometani. Carried.

● To authorize the vice president of membership to begin work on a membership development survey.

Motion: David Hayashi, second, Tom Kometani. Carried.

● That the JACL National Board approve the PriceCostco program as a membership benefit, and approve the Sam's Club program provided that they supply us with the relevant information.

Motion: David Hayashi, second,

Randy Shibata. Carried.

● That the National Board commit itself to recognizing former Congressman Norman Mineta at the 1996 National Convention, and present him with a special award.

Motion: David Hayashi, second, Kim Nakahara. Carried.

● To authorize National Staff to seek funding from a variety of sources, including the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board, in order to expand JACL's efforts at educating the public about the internment experience and the violation of constitutional rights of American citizens.

Motion: David Hayashi, second, Emilie Kutsuma. Carried.

● That the National Board support the Boise Valley Chapter in making certain that the officials act appropriately in the hate crime involving the beatings of Japanese students in Lewiston, Idaho.

Motion: Yas Tokita, second, Barry Salki. Carried.

● To increase the original budget authorization of \$4,000 to \$19,000 to complete the Legacy Fund Campaign, to be paid for by the 1995 earnings.

Motion: Tom Kometani, second, David Hayashi. Carried

## YASUHARA

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factor many will weigh in their decision regarding the weekly publication of the *Pacific Citizen*. To have a weekly newspaper, programs, and begin restoring our reserves, the cost is \$14 over two years, \$13 the first year and \$1 the second. Let us examine what this means ... a cost of one dinner at a reasonably priced restaurant in Spokane, far less than such costs in San Francisco or Seattle, or certainly, say, in Chicago or New York. That's 59 cents per month (over 2 years), a price less than a gallon of gasoline per month for our cars (or less than a half a gallon at the new, higher prices) or less than 15 cents a week, a price that wouldn't pay for an ice cream cone for 2 months.

As members, I think we can all spend that kind of money to get a weekly *Pacific Citizen*. Beside adding money for programs and reserves, I believe we need to spend the money to provide us with more coverage for our chapters and

districts, and better and more timely news reporting.

Finally, I see a far more dangerous long-term impact to a twice monthly publication versus a weekly *Pacific Citizen* and that is the gradual satisfaction with inadequate news coverage (space limitations), because we have become "used to it." This will, in the long run, have a negative effect upon our awareness of what is happening to our membership and our effectiveness as a national organization.

Members should not be satisfied with a JACL that merely exists or is maintained with minimal services. So, too, the PC. The organization must be proactive in a dramatically changing world. So, too, must the PC report on these events which critically impact all of us. With a limited staff and limited publication schedule, the PC will not be able to serve members with timely and informative reporting and writing. More than ever, we need the fullest kind of communications vehicle. We need to know what's happening, what we need to do, where we're going and how we're going to get there. And the PC will help us know

all of that.

Organizations do not die suddenly. They die gradually. If we want a viable, strong organization into the 21st century, there is a price to pay and the *Pacific Citizen* is a vital part of that equation. To many it is their only link to JACL and the only benefit they receive. To gradually diminish a valuable product is to ultimately destroy it and along with it the organization, itself. The tragedy of a mistake like this is that we are rarely ever enough aware of our error until it is too late ... much like bad eating habits and diseases such as cancer.

Finally, how much of a value do we place upon what we know about each other and the needs and accomplishments of fellow chapters? How important do we feel we are to each other? That, essentially, is what this is about. Certainly not the price. It matters to me what is happening to or in another chapter. It should matter to all of us and when it doesn't, it is the beginning of the end of any national organization not just JACL.

I believe that a weekly *Pacific Citizen* is crucial to that link.

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