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## JACL election

### Nakazono of Mile-Hi Chapter to run for treasurer



Sami Nakazono of the Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL, has announced her candidacy for National secretary/treasurer—which will make this office the only contested race—barring further floor nominations—at the JACL convention, Aug. 6-11 in San Jose.

A certified public accountant in private practice, Nakazono runs against David Hayashi of the Twin Cities Chapter. The candidate, who will be nominated from the floor during the convention, has 12 years of experience in public accounting, three years in private industry, two years in construction management and one year in computer software support.

Nakazono is an at-large board member of the Mile-Hi Chapter. She is chair of the Political Empowerment and Voter Registration Drive and served as a panelist on a seminar, "Raising Bi-Racial/Bi-Cultural Children."

Nakazono obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She has worked in real estate management, construction management and project development and computer time-sharing sales and support. She joined her father's CPA firm and continued the business in her own name after his death in 1991.

She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, she has been appointed to the governor's Women's Economic Development Council Executive Committee, the Lieutenant Governor's Journey for Justice coalition, the Statehouse Conference on Small Business and the Denver Mayor's Asian Advisory Council chair and member of the Public Safety Review Commission, a civilian oversight organization of the Denver Police and Sheriff's Departments.

In community service, Nakazono is a member of the Anti-Defamation League, Asian American Foundation of Colorado, Asian Pacific Center for Human Development, the Asian Pacific Development Center, the Asian Pacific Women's Network of Colorado, the Asian Roundtable, the Junior League of Denver and the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award Committee.

### More on JACL candidates

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## JACL National Board meeting, May 25-26, 1996

# Board-approved budget places priority on district allocations

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor/general manager

SAN FRANCISCO—Pay attention. You may be tested at the JACL San Jose Convention when it comes time to figure out and vote for a financial direction for the organization.

That's because the budget trail of the Japanese American Citizens League may require some sorting.

After considering three budget scenarios at the April 6-7 JACL National Board, two more were thrown into the mix at the May 25-26 meeting here. One was developed by the Budget Committee, the other by the district Governors' Caucus. In the end, it was the budget developed by the Governors' Caucus which will be sent to the National Council for vote at the Aug. 6-11 convention in San Jose.

Here's the sorting and the chronology: At the April 6-7 meeting, the Budget Committee developed three budget scenarios:

**Budget Scenario A:** A status quo budget in which no increase in membership dues would occur. The budget would provide no money for programs or build-up of reserves. *Pacific Citizen* would remain a twice-monthly publication.

**Budget Scenario B:** \$15,000 would be allocated for unrestricted programs and \$60,000 for build-up of reserves. *Pacific Citizen* would remain a twice-monthly publication. Basic membership dues would be increased by \$7.

**Budget Scenario C:** \$15,000 would be allocated for unrestricted programs and \$69,000 would be used to restore reserves. *Pacific Citizen* would return to a weekly format (45 issues per year). Basic membership dues would be increased by \$14.

In the National Board game plan, the three budget scenarios were sent to chapters for their choice, with comments attached.

By the May 25-26 board meeting, only about 20 chapters had responded, with about half of them opting for *Budget Scenario B*. JACL President Denny Yasuhara told board members that this low-level response was not an adequate measure of the membership's views on a financial direction. This, then, led to yet another budget.

In the new plan, the Budget Committee developed a compromise in *Pacific Citizen's* frequency of publication. Instead of publishing 23 issues per year (*Scenarios A or B*) or publishing 45 issues, the weekly format, (*Scenario C*), the plan would provide for 34 issues. The 34-issue plan was considered an effective publications schedule because PC would publish four monthly editions in June, July, August and December (Holiday Issue), then publish 30 issues the remaining 8 months—amounting to nearly a weekly publication for most of the year.

Other changes:

—A 10 percent increase in the allocation to districts.

—The "unrestricted" line item used in *Budget Scenarios A, B, and C* was changed to line items for "Youth Program" and "Direct Program." Dues, under this new plan would be increased in various categories. (See chart below.)

The Budget Committee worked on this plan on the morning of Saturday, May 25, then presented it to National Board members at their meeting in the afternoon. The vote on whether this plan would be offered to the National Council at the San Jose convention was deferred to Sunday, May 26.

The Governors' Caucus met later that day to consider the apportionment of the district allocation under the 34-PCs per year plan. In an apparent view that the district allocation of the newly developed budget was inadequate, the governors then developed a new budget for consideration on Sunday, May 26.

Essentially, most of the money that would have funded 34 PCs per year was now added to the district allocations, from \$67,320 per year in the previous plan to \$94,860 per year in the governors' plan. In addition, the \$2,000 addition to PC's travel budget to assure better coverage was also deleted.

In the governors' plan the Youth Program was increased from \$5,000 per year to \$6,228 per year and Direct Program from \$10,000 per year to \$12,258 in 1997 and to \$14,051 in 1998.

On Sunday, then, the National Board was given the two new budget scenarios. The vote was 7 in favor of the governors' plan and 4 against. All but one governor voted for the winning plan.

## More on finances

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## Budgets reviewed by JACL National Board

Plan	Dues increase	Programs	Reserves	PC	District allocation
Budget Scenario A	None	None	None	twice/monthly (23)	\$61,200/yr
Budget Scenario B	\$7	\$15,000 (unrestricted)	\$60,000	twice/monthly (23)	\$67,320/yr
Budget Scenario C	\$14	\$15,000 (unrestricted)	\$69,000	"weekly" (45)	\$67,320/yr
34 issues of PC	Various categories: couple/family—\$11 Century—\$20 Regular—\$8 Student/youth—\$2 1000 Club—\$11 1000 spouse—\$3	Youth Program—\$5,000/yr. Direct Program—\$10,000/yr.	\$50,000	34 issues  Monthly in June, July, August, December (Holiday Issue), then weekly for remainder of year	\$67,320/yr
Governors' Plan  (Selected by National Board for submission to National Council)	Various categories: couple/family—\$10 Century—\$20 Regular—\$7 Student/youth—\$4 1000 Club—\$10 1000 Spouse—\$3	Youth Program—\$6,228  Direct Program: —\$12,258 ('97) —\$14,051 ('98)	\$50,000	twice/monthly (23)	\$94,860/yr

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## JACL calendar

### Eastern

#### NEW YORK CITY

Sunday, June 23—'96 Scholarship Awards Luncheon, New York Chapter, JACL, Peking Park Restaurant, 40th St. & Park Ave., New York City, 1-4 p.m. Speaker: actress Cyndi Gates Fujikawa/ Tickets \$30, RSVP: \$40 at door; \$20, students (waived for graduating students). Send checks to Lillian Kimura, 75 Grove St., Bloomfield, N.J., 07003, payable to NY Chapter, JACL. Information: Ron Uba, chapter president, 1/800/513-8813, or Lisa Nakanishi, scholarship co-chair, 212/274-5905. Donations tax deductible. WASHINGTON D.C.

Sun., June 9—Annual JACL picnic, noon-5 p.m., Cabin John Regional Park on Tuckerman Lane near Westlake Drive.

### Mountain Plains

#### HOUSTON

Sun., June 23—Fun in the Sun, 2 p.m. till dark, Sut Oishi Beach House; details: 461-8074.

#### NEW MEXICO

Sat., June 22—20th anniversary banquet gala, 5:30 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque; info: Darrell, 505/888-4167. NOTE—All past presidents being contacted.

### Intermountain

#### MOUNT OLYMPUS

Sat., June 15—Annual Farmers and Family summer picnic. (Save the date: Reid 801/521-4135).

### NCal-WN-Pacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., June 29—Summer DC session, San Francisco.

Sun., June 23—Tri-chapter family picnic, Pleasant Hill Park; info: Joan Aoki, 235-6292.

Sat., July 13—Family bowling fun, 10 a.m.-noon, info: Joan Aoki, 235-6292.

#### FLORIN

Tue., July 16—Senior Health Care forum, 7-9 p.m., Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church; info: Bill Kashiwagi, 916/635-2815. NOTE—Spotlight on "Senior Managed Care, HMO, Calif. senior risk plan, speaker from Secure Horizons; Medigap Plans, speaker from Blue Shield of Calif.; Calif. Partnership on Long Term Care, speaker Tosh Hayashi, Ph.D., from Dept. of Health Services.

#### SAN JOSE

'96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays; info: 408/295-1250.

#### SAN MATEO

Tue., June 11—Community Center Senior Program: Puccini's La Boheme at Orpheum Theater matinee; tickets, details at JACL, 415/343-2793.

Monday, June 24—Scams conference, sponsored by the Minority Elders Committee of the San Mateo County Commission on Aging, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Airport Hilton. Speaker: Emerald Yeh, Consumers Affairs, KRON-TV. No charge. Information: San Mateo Chapter Community Center, 415 Claremont St., 415/343-2793.

#### STOCKTON

Sun., June 9—Scholarship luncheon,

(Location to be announced); info: Tad Shibata 209/952-7849 evenings. NOTE—Ten awards totaling \$3,700 to high school graduates.

#### WEST VALLEY

Sat., June 8-9—Next Generation volleyball tournament, San Jose Sports Center, Lundy & Fortune; info: Troy Takao, 408/866-7176.

Sat., June 29—Chapter/Next Generation picnic, info: Ed Ikeda 408/974-5695.

### Central California

#### FRESNO

Sat.-Sun., July 6-7—2d annual baseball tournament, Buchanan High School diamonds, Clovis; info: Frank Hashimoto, 209/439-8815. NOTE—Six-team field, ages 14 to 20-something.

### Pacific Southwest

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., July 14—Pre-convention rally, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Kaiser Permanente, Point Loma; RSVP July 8, info: Karen Tani, 619/931-6898, David Kawamoto 619/287-7583.

#### SOUTH BAY

Sun., June 9—Kanojo Fashion show, 1-5 p.m., Torrance Cultural Center, RSVP 310/854-4570. NOTE—Co-sponsor Gardena Valley Chapter.

#### WEST LOS ANGELES

Mon., June 10—Chapter/Auxiliary Club scholarship award dinner, 7 p.m., China Sea Restaurant, West L.A.; info: George Kanagai, 310/820-5250; Satoshi Nitta, 310/828-7857. NOTE—'96 recipients are Candice Kamachi, Tadao Horiuchi, Christina Okumura, Christine Okita.

## Community calendar

### Midwest

#### CLEVELAND

Sun., June 23—Scholarship luncheon, 1:30 p.m., Shinano's; RSVP, Sets Nakashige, 216/842-0443; Mae Kanno, 216/481-1850.

### Pacific Northwest

#### SEATTLE/KING COUNTY

Sat., June 22—50th anniversary Nisei Veterans Committee celebration, 6:30 social hour, 7-9:30 dinner, 9:30 dance; Sea-Tac Red Lion Inn; \$40; RSVP May 20, Tosh Tokunaga, 206/722-3456, Paul Minato, 206/722-1046; info: Harry Kataoka, reunion chair, 1212 S. King St., Seattle WA 98144.

### Northern Cal

#### PALO ALTO

Mon., June 17-28—Medaka no Gakko cultural summer school, K-6, 9 a.m.-12:30, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Rd.; info: 415/494-1733.

#### SACRAMENTO/TULE LAKE

Thu.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage, buses scheduled to depart Thur. from San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland and Sacramento; welcome dinner in Klamath Falls at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), camp tour Fri.-Sat., Memorial service Sun. with dinner on the road; info: 916/339-1541; Seattle: Stan, 206/725-1676; Oregon: Lois, 503/343-7795; Los Angeles:

Thomas, 213/764-9418. NOTE—Co-sponsors: Tule Lake Committee, NCCRR, Sanel Legacy Project; Registration—Tule Lake Committee, Box 170141, San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/863-8141, \$225 fee includes bus, OIT dorms double occupancy and 2 meals; special rates for seniors, youth, low income.

#### SAN FRANCISCO/TOPAZ

Tue.-Sun., Oct. 1-6—Topaz Reunion Committee flight to Seattle, bus into Canada; Oct. 2 dinner with Canadian Nikkel, return aboard MS Noordam from Vancouver, B.C., to San Francisco. Details: Chuck Kubokawa, chair, Daisy Satoda, 415/821-0164; Sue Sasagawa/Awana Travel, 325 Sharon Park, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 415/854-2092, 800/536-2140.

#### SAN FRANCISCO/TULE LAKE

Thu.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage; Jiro, 415/863-8141. Details above at Sacramento/Tule Lake.

### Central Cal

#### FRESNO

Sat.-Sun., June 22-23—Reprise: "Sentimental Journey" with Larry Honda Quartet and vocalist Sue Okabe, 7 p.m. Sat./1 p.m. Sun., United Japanese Christian Church, Clovis; info: 209/322-0701. NOTE—Proceeds to start UJCC oral history project.

### Southern Cal

#### LOS ANGELES

Through June 28—"Family of Man," inspired paintings, Mon-Fri. 9:30-4:30 p.m., Occidental College, 213/259-2637. Sat., June 8—Video, Coming Out Under Fire, by filmmaker Arthur Dong, 1-4 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414. NOTE—A film about WWII gay and lesbian veterans who found ways to communicate with each other and their bitter memories.

Sat., June 8—East San Gabriel Valley

Japanese Community Center casino night/silent auction, info: 818/960-2566. Thu., June 13—"Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak" series at the JANM: Seoul-born Kang Byung'chu Dredge and David Wong Louie; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; free, RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

Sun., June 23—Wood bird-pin workshop, 1:30-3 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414. NOTE—Artist Arnold Fujita is reviving this WWII camp art.

Thu., June 27—"Cold Tofu Improv" at the JANM, 7:30-9 p.m.; free, RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sat., June 29—Venice Japanese Community Center's "Salute to Summer" benefit dance, 7-11 p.m., VJCC, 12449 Braddock Dr.; info: 310/822-7075.

Sat., June 29—Closing of outdoor Heart Mountain barracks display at JANM, info: 625-0414.

#### LOS ANGELES/JEROME

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8—Jerome Camp Reunion III, Marriott Hotel, Torrance; Fri., mixer at Torrance Cultural Art Center; Sat. banquet, Sun. breakfast at Marriott; more details from Shin Masai, 1928 W. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90810, 310/427-2513; Tosh Higa, 6852 Langdon Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406, 818/781-6249. NOTE—Additional information follows upon receipt of name, address and phone numbers.

### Arizona

#### PHOENIX

Coming in 1998—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Jan. 5-Feb. 19. Local committee information, info: Amy Williams, Phoenix Public Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004, 602/262-7939. NOTE—Interactive videodisc program featuring first hand accounts from five internees. Artifacts, craft material, documents pertaining to camps, resettlement, wartime military service welcomed for exhibit.

### Small kid time



### Gwen Muranaka





**Civil rights****JACL helps victim of racial harassment at school**By **RICHARD SUENAGA**  
Editor

Graduating from Etna High School, located in rural Northern California's Siskiyou County, won't be the joy it should be for Anna Phelps.

One of only four Asian Americans in the school of 300, the 17-year-old student has been the victim of racial harassment, including the most recent incident in late March—swastikas and the words "hippy chink," "demon girl," and "white pride" drawn in the dust on her truck.

According to a San Francisco *Chronicle* report, Phelps, whose mother is Laotian, has been the victim of racial harassment throughout her four years at Etna High. Although school officials are seeking the culprit or culprits and working toward corrective programs, the truck incident has driven Phelps to complete the rest of her high school courses at home.

What surfaced in news accounts was that Phelps has experienced racist attacks not only from fellow

students but from a teacher as well. Noting the incident in her journal, Phelps said, "... he'd pretend like he was Asian and he's roll his 'r's' and pretend like he had buck teeth and say (unintelligible words)—Did you understand that, Anna?"

According to her father, Don Phelps, Anna has had "no support from the kids at school. That's the most maddening thing," he told *Pacific Citizen*. "A couple girl friends remain close, but most have turned against her."

In the meantime, however, JACL members have rallied to Phelps and her family for action to be taken on what has been officially logged as a hate crime.

After hearing about the Phelps truck incident, Don Delcollo, president of the Contra Costa Chapter, wrote to her, saying, "We want you to know that we are aware of your situation as reported in the newspapers, and we wish to offer you the sympathy and support of the Japanese American community and of the (JACL) Women's Concerns Committee of Contra

Costa.

"Racial hatred and harassment must not be tolerated in any form and to turn a blind eye to it only invites more and worse behavior later on. You are right to tackle the offenders and we are behind you all the way."

Patty Wada, JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific regional director, who coordinates the organization's efforts in these cases, wrote a letter to Mark Geyer, Etna High School principal, as a follow-up to Delcollo's contact with Phelps.

Wada asked that the matter be handled swiftly and that the school "address the issues that lay at the core of the problem."

Wada commended Geyer for personally visiting every classroom and discussing the treatment of Phelps at a school development day. Geyer also reminded everyone of the school's harassment policy.

According to Wada, the school is also investigating the behavior of one of Phelps' teachers. The teacher in question met with

school officials, with Don Phelps present. An independent investigator will interview students. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has also been notified of the situation.

Geyer said that "efforts will be made to include programs and lessons about diversity as an integral part of the curriculum, and that materials will be forthcoming from the Southern Poverty Law Center."

In response, Wada sent the JACL Curriculum Guide to Geyer.

At press time, just a week before graduation ceremonies at Etna High School, Anna Phelps remains at home. "I should have taken her out sooner," said Don Phelps. "I didn't have much choice then. She had to put up with too much." Anna had moved here as a baby from a Thai refugee camp in 1980.

Determined to face the apparent discrimination of all forms that occurs in the area, Don Phelps spends a lot of his energy not only investigating the attacks on his daughter but in educating the com-

munity as well.

He is particularly grateful to JACL and its leaders who were willing to jump in and offer their support. "They all made their presence known—and they didn't just disappear. Patty Wada really followed through."

At this point he is doing his own follow-through. He is currently trying to organize a small group, to conduct meetings to talk with people in the community who may be willing to discuss what he calls a serious and growing problem in the area.

"Anna's problems are not isolated. There is a great deal of discrimination here. The school, in the beginning, kept treating it like an isolated incident. It's not."

While the discussions and investigations continue, Anna has achieved a degree of happiness by simply staying at home, away from classmates who have shunned her. She can only look forward to attending the University of California at Santa Cruz. And sadly, she will not attend graduation ceremonies at Etna High.

**JACL calls California city's secession plan a move to discriminate, segregate**

Officials of the Japanese American Citizens League have objected to a secession plan by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District in Aptos, Calif., calling the proposal a move that will further racial discrimination and isolation.

Aptos is a city southeast of Santa Cruz and south of San Jose. The plan, which originated as a July 26, 1995, resolution to the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization, seeks "smaller, more management districts (that) will serve students from kindergarten through twelfth grades more effectively and efficiently, and will allow parents in each community increased participation and control over their children's education."

The Aptos Unified School District proposal pointed out that "Aptos High School is currently over-populated by 34%" and "Watsonville High by 12%."

As a part of its justification, the plan also states that "The reorganization of the districts will not promote racial or ethnic discrimi-

nation or segregation."

Among those challenging the plan are the Watsonville and Sacramento Chapters of JACL which sought and received Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council approval in officially objecting to the proposal.

In a March 1, 1996, letter Mark Mitani, president of the Watsonville Chapter, wrote to Delaine Eastin, superintendent of Public Instruction in Sacramento, saying that "County and District reports clearly indicate that the proposed reorganization will promote racial segregation... The proposed Aptos district would become 80% white, while the remaining PVUSD would become 82% minority."

In a March 15, 1996, letter to Eastin, Mas Hashimoto, a member of the Watsonville Chapter and a former school teacher, called the plan a "policy of apartheid" and quoted former Watsonville mayor Ann Soldo who said that the plan "resembles the ethnic cleansing not unlike that of her parents'

homeland, Croatia."

In her letter to Marion McDowell, president of the State Board of Education, Lori Fujimoto, vice president of the Sacramento Chapter, said that in reality the plan will "further discrimination and isolation" and "decrease educational opportunities for the Pajaro Valley students as well as create a financial burden on the district."

The controversy will be decided at a scheduled June 12 hearing in Sacramento, according to Willie Yahiro of the Watsonville Chapter and member of the PVUSD Board of Trustees. Both sides will be heard by a subcommittee of the State Board of Education which in turn make its recommendations to the full board on June 13. On June 14, a decision will be reached.

Yahiro told *Pacific Citizen* that the State Department of Education, the staff for the State Board of Education, recommended to the State Board to deny the petition because the proposal did not meet proper criteria.

**JACL chapter president protests racist Porky Pig**

Donald Delcollo, president of the Contra Costa (Calif.) Chapter, JACL, wrote to local TV station KOFY on May 17 to object to the airing of a World War II vintage Porky Pig cartoon with racist dialogue.

In his letter to station official James Gabbart, Delcollo cited the May 17 cartoon in which "a Rosie-the-Riveter character" says to Porky, "You want to help kill Nazis and Japs, don't you?"

Delcollo said that such war propaganda was responsible for the internment of Japanese Americans into camps during the war and that children should not be exposed to the hateful term, "Jap."

"We ask that you refrain from airing any programming casually employing this term, and that you pre-screen your programming to root out any use of this racial slur," Delcollo said.

"You will be doing a great service to the Japanese American community, and we will be grateful."

Delcollo, a teacher at the Contra Costa Juvenile Hall in Martinez, told *Pacific Citizen* that the station had not responded as of press time, Tuesday, June 4.

"They're either mulling it over or choose to ignore it," Delcollo said. "I'll send a follow-up letter soon. I'll repeat the initial complaint and include a brochure from headquarters about the use of the word 'Jap.'"

KOFY, based in San Francisco, is not a mainstream station but its Classic Cartoon program is aimed at children and is timed for after-school viewing, Delcollo said. The audience and timing make such offensive cartoons of great concern, he added.

**From JACL****PSW condemns California Civil Rights Initiative as 'deceptive'**

The Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific Southwest District Council unanimously adopted a resolution on May 19 opposing the "California Civil Rights Initiative," a November 1996 ballot measure that seeks to abolish all affirmative action programs in public education, employment and government contracting. The council consists of 31 JACL chapter delegates who represent more than 7,100 members, most of whom live in the Southern California region.

"The so-called California Civil Rights Initiative is a deceptive and radical measure that poses one of the most serious threats to civil rights in recent years," said Ron Osajima, chair of the JACL Affirmative Action Committee. "CCRI, if passed, will abolish necessary programs designed to promote equal opportunity and racial and gender inclusiveness at all levels of public education, hiring, promotions, and government contracting. This radical initiative will even threaten minority scholarships and recruitment efforts to make our public school teachers and police officers more reflective

of our state's racial diversity."

The text of the resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, Japanese Americans have confronted a history of racial discrimination, most notably during World War II, when more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated in concentration camps on the basis of their race; and

"Whereas, Japanese Americans continue to face racial discrimination today, particularly in hiring, promotions, and government contracting, as documented by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Glass Ceiling Commission, and many other fact-finding bodies; and

"Whereas, the term 'affirmative action' designates a wide variety of programs designed to expand job and educational opportunities for racial minorities and women to remedy current discrimination or the present-day effects of past discrimination; and

"Whereas, affirmative action con-

tinues to be an important tool in fighting for equal opportunity and racial and gender inclusiveness, particularly for Japanese Americans attempting to break the 'glass ceiling' by entering higher levels of public and private sector management; and

"Whereas, affirmative action does not mean quotas, which are unconstitutional and hence, illegal, except when ordered by courts of law

in strictly circumscribed situations; and

"Whereas, the impact of some affirmative action programs on Asian American college admissions may raise legitimate concerns, but such concerns should be addressed by a 'mend it, don't end it' approach, rather than a radical condemnation of all affirmative action programs; and

"Whereas, the November 1996

ballot measure deceptively named 'the California Civil Rights Initiative' is such a radical and over-broad attempt to abolish all affirmative action programs in public employment, government contracting, and education; now

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council opposes the so-called California Civil Rights Initiative."

**District is neutral on New Otani boycott**

The Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific Southwest District Council voted to adopt a neutral position on the issue of the New Otani Hotel boycott. At the same time, the JACL District Council voted to support the rights of the New Otani workers to organize free of illegal intimidation or harassment. The council then called upon the New Otani Hotel and Local 11 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union to resolve their labor dispute as soon as possible for the sake of the Little Tokyo business and residential community as well as the New Otani Hotel workers.

"The JACL Pacific Southwest District Council's

neutrality position is a result of careful and well-informed deliberation," said JACL District Gov. David Kawamoto. "The New Otani boycott issue is more complicated than it initially appears. Some JACL members are primarily concerned about supporting the New Otani workers' right to organize, while others emphasize that the boycott may be hurting the Little Tokyo business community."

The JACL Pacific Southwest District Council consists of 31 JACL chapter delegates representing over 7,100 members, most of whom live in the Southern California region.



## Redress

# Staff appointed for Civil Liberties Public Education Fund

A staff executive director, deputy executive director, and part-time grants program consultant have been appointed to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

Dale Shimasaki has been named executive director, responsible for the daily operations of the fund, its personnel and staff, according to Dale Minami, CLPEF chair. Shimasaki will work closely with the chair, vice-chair and board members in planning and implementing the policies of the fund and will maintain liaison activities with organizations, individuals and governmental entities interested in the evacuation, relocation and internment of United States citizens and permanent

resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Shimasaki previously served as director of government relations at City College of San Francisco and also as education advisor to then-speaker of the Assembly Willie L. Brown, Jr. He was founder-first president of Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education, chair of the National Education Committee of the JACL and board member of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. He holds a doctorate in education administration, master's degree in public policy and bachelor's in economics, all from the University of California, Berkeley.

Deputy executive director Martha Watanabe will report to and work closely with the executive director of the fund and will keep him and the board informed on legislative and administrative actions which might affect it.

Watanabe previously served as a program specialist in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice as well as in its Office of Redress Administration, which was responsible for identifying, verifying, and making payments to Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. Her activities in the Asian American community include serving on the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

for the District of Columbia and on the board of directors and executive committee of the National Federation of United Methodists. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from MacMurray College.

Julie Hatto will be consultant part-time for the fund's grants program. She is the producer/project coordinator of the Asian Improv Arts program and was executive director of San Francisco-based Kimochi, Inc. and has worked for the Ms. Foundation for Women, the Asian Law Alliance, and Asian Americans for Community Involvement. She holds a bachelor's degree in Japanese from Stanford University.

Under federal law, the fund's responsibility is "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 Civilians, 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." Later this month, the fund is expected to publish the criteria for eligibility in its grants program.

## ORA reports on redress payments, eligibility requirements

In a status report to the JACL/LEC, Office of Redress Administration sources announced that 79,911 total redress payments have been completed to date, leaving a remaining balance of the original appropriations to cover 80 more cases. The \$45 million recently made available for individual payments will provide enough funds for 2,250 additional cases, it was reported.

Opening up the redress eligibility to include those minor children who accompanied their parents to Japan during the war years

"looks promising," according to ORA staff. The proposed regulations covering these cases are expected to be published in the *Federal Register* in early June and after the public comment period will be finalized. The 130 cases of minor children should be processed shortly thereafter and payments disbursed, according to the ORA.

Currently, there are approximately 1,000 cases being reviewed that fall under the Ishida category and an additional 300 or so are estimated to add to this figure. Including the 130 minor children,

the anticipated additional cases currently total approximately 1,500, according to the ORA. However, the total additional cases cannot be accurately estimated until more extensive publicity of the Ishida ruling can be made.

In the ORA regulations published in the *Federal Register* dated April 22, 1996, ORA proposes pursuant to the Ishida decision to make eligible for redress payments those persons who were born after their parents "voluntarily" evacuated from the prohibited military zones or those whose

parents left the internment camp prior to their birth outside the prohibited military zones. ORA limits eligibility to those born prior to Jan. 3, 1945, the effective date of Proclamation No. 21, which lifted the restrictions prohibiting persons of Japanese ancestry from returning to their original residences on the West Coast.

In a letter to the ORA, JACL/LEC submitted its two-part recommendation stating that, "Although Proclamation No. 21 was effective on Jan. 3, 1945, many internees had no homes or jobs to return to, and no resources to immediately find living quarters back on the West Coast. It would be unrealistic to assume that immediately after the exclusion orders were lifted that all internees could promptly leave camp. With the war against Japan still going on, public acceptance, particularly on the West Coast, was as yet tenuous."

JACL/LEC recommends: (1) To support the position, for which NCRR can be credited for taking the lead, of urging that the date of June 30, 1946, (defined in the Civil Liberties Act as the concluding date of "evacuation, relocation, and internment") be prescribed as the cutoff birthdate for those who meet the qualifying conditions established by the Ishida case.

(2) In the event ORA's legal division cannot find sufficient justification to extend the cutoff date

to June 30, 1946, the alternative date recommended by the JACL/LEC is to urge that the **March 20, 1946**, date of the closure of the last WRA camp (Tule Lake) be used.

"The date of the last camp closing would reflect the date the last of the WRA camp internees would have had to either relocate or return to their original place of residence on the West Coast, and reflects to a certain extent the judgment of the WRA as to the time needed for the last of the internees to be able to return to their original West Coast homes," the letter stated.

The JACL/LEC Board decision was not unanimous, however. Legislative Vice Chair Grant Ujifusa dissented, stating, "There comes a time when enough is enough. We are a proud community and we don't want to appear to be perpetual victims and whiners. When we lobbied for the legislation we didn't approach Congress with our hand out, looking for every last dime. That would have been the way to lose."

At its May 25 meeting, the JACL board voted to support the JACL/LEC position with regard to the extension of the qualifying birthdate for the Ishida cases.

The ORA 800 toll-free number will be reinstituted to encourage information about those on the list of more than 3,000 "unknowns" whose whereabouts or status are being sought by the ORA.

## Education fund may get additional money

Responding to concerns that only \$5 million is available to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, the JACL/LEC Board requested ORA in a May 2 letter to provide information as to certain funds which should be transferred to the Public Education Fund as prescribed by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Section 105(a)7 provides, under "Payments in the Case of Deceased Persons," that "If there is no surviving spouse, children, or parents described in classes (i), (ii), (iii), the amount of such payments shall remain in the Fund, and may be used only for the purposes set forth in Section 106(b)," the letter stated.

Section 106(b) specifies the "Uses of (Public Education) Fund . . . to sponsor research and public educational activities" and "for reasonable administrative expenses of the (CLPEF) Board."

According to the ORA, an interpretation of this clause is being reviewed by their legal division,

but it appears that "the law specifically states that these funds (of deceased eligibles who had no heirs as defined by the law) should go to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund."

Those individuals whose eligibility had been processed and whose redress payments were ready to go, who died before receipt of their payments and who had no heirs, number only about a dozen at this point, according to the ORA. The amount representing these payments (approximately \$240,000) would be transferred to the Public Education Fund as soon as verification is received from the general counsel, the ORA said.

ORA will have to review closed files to research potentially eligible individuals whose processing may never have been completed before their death and who had no legally defined heirs. There is at present "no definitive count" of such cases, and information will not be available until such research is accomplished, according to ORA.

## Board creates new, stricter JACL investment guidelines

Following a National Board Executive Session on May 25 to discuss potential litigation matters with its acting legal counsel and the Investment Committee, the National Board created new guidelines to reduce costs, consolidate small funds into larger ones, and establish a firm board policy on investment control and fiduciary responsibility.

The move was based on a recommendation by John Enomoto, San Mateo Chapter, and Marshall Sumida, San Francisco Chapter, members of the Investment Committee. The board's action effectively preempts the National Endowment Committee chaired by Roy Nishikawa of the Wilshire Chapter by making management changes to more than a million dollars of JACL endowment funds.

The Investment Committee, at the president's direction, has been reviewing JACL's investment management policy for several months. Nishikawa, a life member of the National Endowment Committee and was appointed its chair in December, 1995, has been openly critical of the Investment Committee for several years. One

of his ongoing concerns has been the committee's failure to conduct face-to-face annual meetings for the past eight years.

In taking stronger control of JACL's investments, the board ordered that six endowment funds, consisting of the Endowment Trust Fund; Reserve Fund No. 1; Reserve Fund No. 2; JACL Redress Program Fund; JACL Ways and Means Fund; and the JACL Film Projects Fund, totaling approximately \$640,130 be immediately transferred from a full service brokerage to a discount brokerage. The move will reduce management fees.

Secondly, the board ordered that the JACL Life Member Fund be transferred from a full service brokerage to a discount brokerage. This fund, together with a certificate of deposit with a bank and a National JACL Credit Union account, are to be managed as the JACL Life Member Endowment. Together these three accounts are valued at approximately \$559,412.00.

The third action on this recommendation was the passage of an Endowment Investment Policy for

managing these funds. The policy categorically states:

1. No margin accounts—All investment and trust accounts are cash accounts. Under no conditions will a margin account be allowed.

2. No individual checking accounts—All JACL Investment and Trust Accounts are organization accounts, and under no conditions will a personal checking account be opened.

3. No accounts collateral for loans—All JACL Investment and

Trust Accounts are under management of JACL and are not JACL assets. Under no conditions will the assets be pledged as collateral or used as a guarantee or security for any loan. Exception: those accounts approved for contingency collateral with the JACL Credit Union.

4. Capital gains are not income—All capital gains in Investment and Trust Accounts are considered principal and not income. Only the income may be disbursed by guidelines approved by the Na-

tional Council. The fourth and final action was to create a National Investment Committee to oversee the management of all JACL investments.

Constitutional and Bylaw Amendments are planned for proposal at the San Jose Convention to place all JACL funds held in trust, including Legacy Funds, under the management control of the Investment Committee. The president is consulting with individual members to make appointments to the new committee.

## Golf tournament set for JACL convention

A national JACL golf tournament has been scheduled during the 34th Biennial Japanese American Citizens League convention to be held in San Jose, Calif.

The tournament will be held on the first day of the convention, Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Summitpointe Golf Club. An awards dinner will follow at the golf club from 6-8 p.m. According to Claire Omura, the picturesque golf course is located in the foothills of Milpitas, overlooking South San Francisco Bay.

Several flights by handicap are being planned

for both men and women, with a shotgun start. Green fees, bento lunch, and awards dinner are included in the \$100 price for those registering before June 14. After that date, the cost is \$125. Separate registration is available for non-golf tournament participants.

Chairs Ted "Bo" Kimura, George Neyama, John Low, and Dick Nakamura are looking forward to an outstanding tournament experience for all participants, Omura said.

Registration information: San Jose Chapter, JACL, office, 408/295-1250.



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JACL OPERATING BUDGET (Two years ending Dec. 31, 1998)

REVENUE	1997	1998	Total
Membership Revenue	\$880,192	\$880,192	\$1,760,384
Investment Income	\$188,605	\$188,605	\$387,210
Fund Raising Revenues	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
PC Revenues	\$203,536	\$202,380	\$405,916
Donations	\$35,336	\$35,336	\$70,671
Other Revenue	\$57,834	\$57,834	\$115,669
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,435,503</b>	<b>\$1,444,347</b>	<b>\$2,879,850</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel Costs	\$784,744	\$788,274	\$1,573,018
Contract Services	\$22,119	\$22,119	\$44,239
Awards	\$350	\$2,500	\$2,850
Dues, Subscription, Periodicals	\$1,187	\$1,187	\$2,373
Equip. Purch./Rental/Maint	\$23,823	\$14,520	\$38,343
Postage & Delivery	\$23,712	\$23,896	\$47,609
Printing & Copying	\$14,629	\$14,629	\$29,258
Office Supplies	\$11,231	\$11,285	\$22,515
PC-Editorials	\$4,015	\$4,135	\$8,150
PC-Advertising	\$993	\$1,023	\$2,016
PC-Composition/Presswork	\$70,433	\$72,546	\$142,979
PC-Circulation & Mailing	\$11,486	\$135,430	\$266,916
PC-Commissions	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Allocation to Districts	\$67,320	\$67,320	\$134,640
Meetings & Conferences	\$21,677	\$21,865	\$43,542
Travel	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
National Board Activities	\$28,523	\$28,523	\$57,046
National Convention	\$9,850	\$35,000	\$44,850
Rent & Utilities	\$45,937	\$47,188	\$93,125
Maintenance	\$15,496	\$15,496	\$30,991
Utilities	\$11,034	\$11,034	\$22,068
Telephone	\$22,210	\$22,531	\$44,742
Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$29,487	\$29,487	\$58,973
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Books & Publications	\$223	\$223	\$446
Miscellaneous	\$14,889	\$14,889	\$29,778
Youth Program	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Direct Program Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Personnel Recruitment Cost	\$1,481	\$1,481	\$2,962
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,376,849</b>	<b>\$1,406,581</b>	<b>\$2,783,430</b>
Operating Reserve	\$33,654	\$12,766	\$46,420
Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,435,503</b>	<b>\$1,444,347</b>	<b>\$2,879,850</b>
	\$0	(\$0)	\$0

## Governors' Budget Plan

(National Board approval)

JACL OPERATING BUDGET (Two years ending Dec. 31, 1998)

REVENUE	1997	1998	Total
Membership Revenue	\$865,563	\$865,563	\$1,731,126
Investment Income	\$188,605	\$188,605	\$387,210
Fund Raising Revenues	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
PC Revenues	\$179,728	\$178,572	\$358,300
Donations	\$35,336	\$35,336	\$70,671
Other Revenue	\$57,834	\$57,834	\$115,669
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,397,066</b>	<b>\$1,405,910</b>	<b>\$2,802,976</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel Costs	\$778,121	\$781,651	\$1,559,772
Contract Services	\$22,119	\$22,119	\$44,239
Awards	\$350	\$2,500	\$2,850
Dues, Subscription, Periodicals	\$1,187	\$1,187	\$2,373
Equip. Purch./Rental/Maint	\$23,823	\$14,520	\$38,343
Postage & Delivery	\$23,598	\$23,779	\$47,378
Printing & Copying	\$14,629	\$14,629	\$29,258
Office Supplies	\$11,062	\$11,111	\$22,172
PC-Editorials	\$3,506	\$3,611	\$7,117
PC-Advertising	\$993	\$1,023	\$2,016
PC-Composition/Presswork	\$52,168	\$53,733	\$105,901
PC-Circulation & Mailing	\$90,706	\$93,427	\$184,133
PC-Commissions	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Allocation to Districts	\$94,860	\$94,860	\$189,720
Meetings & Conferences	\$21,477	\$21,659	\$43,136
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Board Activities	\$28,523	\$28,523	\$57,046
National Convention	\$9,850	\$35,000	\$44,850
Rent & Utilities	\$45,937	\$47,188	\$93,125
Maintenance	\$15,496	\$15,496	\$30,991
Utilities	\$11,034	\$11,034	\$22,068
Telephone	\$22,408	\$22,735	\$45,144
Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$29,487	\$29,487	\$58,973
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Books & Publications	\$223	\$223	\$446
Miscellaneous	\$14,889	\$14,889	\$29,778
Youth Program	\$6,228	\$6,228	\$12,456
Direct Program Cost	\$12,258	\$14,051	\$26,309
Personnel Recruitment Cost	\$1,481	\$1,481	\$2,962
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,338,412</b>	<b>\$1,368,144</b>	<b>\$2,706,556</b>
Operating Reserve	\$33,654	\$12,766	\$46,420
Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,397,066</b>	<b>\$1,405,910</b>	<b>\$2,802,976</b>
	(\$0)	\$0	\$0

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## PLATFORM STATEMENTS: Candidates for JACL office



**HELEN KAWAGOE**  
Gardena Valley Chapter

### Running for president

#### PLATFORM:

##### Re-engineer the organization

The extended period of public controversy regarding the policy management, behavior of senior elected and appointed officials in the organization, dramatic reduction in membership volume and general loss of respect in the civil and human rights community as well as among Japanese American communities around the country, requires a top-to-bottom examination of the organization. Many hard questions will need to be addressed quickly.

##### Strategic planning

● The organization must develop and implement a thoughtful and comprehensive process of strategic planning. The mission, vision, direction, activities, work plan, resource development, organizational development of the JACL.

● Identify: Who are we? What do we stand for? What do we want to stand for? What kinds of things can we do best? What kinds of things are difficult for our organization? Who are Japanese Americans? What are the characteristics, interests and concerns of Japanese Americans? How are these being addressed? Are they being addressed? Where is the vacuum (need)?

● Environment: Corporate and government downsizing. Aging membership. Japanese Americans are an anomaly (Asian Americans are 77% foreign-born; the converse for JAs). Deficit reduction agreements will have a drastic impact on nonprofit organizations six years from now. Pacific Rim visibility will increase over the next decade to even greater public attention (backlash issues).

● Structure: Is the current organization of the JACL the most efficient with accountability to meet organization needs and objectives? What is our capacity, given our resource base?

● Energizing: What are the potential sources of energy to drive the organization? Are they within the current membership? Are they concentrated generationally? Are there regional dimensions to this issue? Are there collaborations that would energize the organization? If we can turn the corner, how do we get the word out, how do we manage perception?

##### Interim activities and actions

● Life goes on, while a more thoughtful and comprehensive planning and organization process takes place. The organization is in serious crises. The vital signs of public respect, membership support, morale and enthusiasm measure weakly. Short term, immediate actions are needed to carry the organization.

● Appointment of a respected group to manage the strategic planning process. Need to sell the process and resource it through grant activities.

● Committee appointments need to reinforce the theme of credibility,

trust, and anticipation for progress and reinvention.

#### ● Development of a clear JACL AGENDA FOR THE BIENNIUM



**RICHARD UNO**  
Florin Chapter

### Running for vice president of general operations

#### PLATFORM

I will continue to seek outside sources of funds for the National Convention such as corporate sponsors and work with the sponsoring chapter and National office to secure such funds.

I will seek other sources of funding for the National office from corporate donors and grant sources.

I will seek to assist the National staff through the use of student interns and volunteers and work with the director and National staff to implement programs to facilitate such volunteerism.

I intend to support the director and National staff as it works to bring the office into the next century; such as its current efforts to establish a Web site on the Internet.

I will strive to help the upgrading of personnel policy so that it addresses such issues as sexual harassment and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

My goal will be to work with the National director and staff so that together we can benefit the organization. This will include my input and overseeing of National operations but also involve my listening to the concerns and ideas of staff and the director.

For the 1998 convention, I hope to work with the National staff and sponsoring chapter so that the planning and implementation of the convention goes smoothly.

As a board member, I would like to help lead the organization into the next century by addressing current issues affecting Nikkei and Asian Americans such as affirmative action, hate crimes and other issues. Our organization needs to address the issues of declining membership and map out a plan for the future.

I established a law practice 13 years ago, represent businesses in complex transactions, provide business counseling and represent individuals and businesses in litigation including settlement and negotiations. I believe that these skills that I will bring to this office will be invaluable in overseeing operations, working with the director and staff and helping facilitate planning for the 1998 convention

**DAVID HAYASHI**  
Twin Cities Chapter

### Running for secretary/treasurer

#### PLATFORM

As a candidate for national treasurer, I believe that excellent fiscal management is needed to ensure the viability of the future of JACL.

My philosophy of fiscal management is based on assessing "Doing the right things" (effectiveness) and "Doing those things right" (efficiency). This relatively simple concept should be applied to all aspects of the organization and must be revisited often.

● Monthly financials reviewed with Finance Committee at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

● Work with staff to research and put into place a new automated fund accounting system.

● Work with staff and investment committees to put in place written



guidelines and policies for all of our endowment funds.

● Put into place documented procedures regarding all financial matters.

● Work to develop a functional budget process which will improve our tracking of expenses directly related to program administration.

● Ensure that all proposals presented to the National Board are reviewed from a fiscal impact perspective.

● Develop ways to keep the flow of pertinent information available to the membership.

● To shift the focus from cutting expenses to increasing our revenues, good fiscal management consists of a balance of 30 to 40% managing expenses and 60 to 70% managing revenues.

I believe in JACL and will work wholeheartedly to ensure the organization can continue on with our rich legacy of serving the Japanese American and greater community.

**SAMI NAKAZONO**  
Mile-Hi Chapter

### Running for secretary/treasurer

#### PLATFORM

To rebuild the trust of the membership through accessible, accurate and timely financial information

I. Correction of "Reportable Conditions" as described by auditors in their June 9, 1995, report (the letter from auditors, which detailed the management problems, which could result in errors in the accounting information) to the National Board,



including

A. Rectifying all Internal Control Deficiencies; i.e., application of systems of checks and balances and implementation of proper review procedures

B. Clear Documentation of Policies and Procedures

1. Headquarters

2. Regional, Districts and Chapters

C. Improvement of Internal Record Keeping

II. Quarterly Financial Statements printed in *Pacific Citizen*, including revenue and cost center analysis.

III. Reinforce Stability and Accountability of Headquarters Operations.

IV. Review Investment Policies and enforce Fund Restrictions.

**LORI FUJIMOTO**  
Sacramento Chapter

### Running for vice president, public affairs

#### PLATFORM

"A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in *A Letter from Birmingham Jail* (April 1963).

This quote is just as powerful now as it was more than 30 years ago. With a history of more than 65 years, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has worked towards equal rights for Americans of Japanese ancestry. We, Americans of Japanese ancestry, have endured through the Alien Land Law, economic depressions, immigration quotas, citizenship revocations, an evacuation order, prohibitive fishing laws, anti-miscegenation laws and other forms of legislative discrimination imposed on us, our families and our community. During each of these difficult times, the JACL has fought against discrimination, struggled through and won the right for our community to be treated as equal Americans.

In 1996, however, it seems the need for justice is ever more critical for our community. In spite of earlier civil rights victories, the following



efforts are arising:

● The California Civil Rights Initiative will reach the California ballot in November 1996.

● Immigrants are continuing to be used as scapegoats.

● Hate crimes still occur.

● Some public officials are continuing to use derogatory statements towards people of color.

● Citizens experience discrimination in their workplaces and in educational systems.

These actions are furthering the new movement to increase disparity and injustice through a backlash against women and people of color by stripping individuals of their rights to be treated equally in a democratic society.

Through my leadership as Vice President of Public Affairs, I will bring a new vision of hope, entitlement and successful action to the Japanese American Citizens League. I will lead the fight for justice for the JACL and our communities. However, before we can make this effort, we must come together as an organization. A unified JACL must lead the fight against anti-Asian Pacific sentiment in this country, just as we have done so in the past.

My goals and objectives for the National Japanese American Citizens

League are:

**I will take a strong and proactive stance on civil rights.**

● Utilizing a zero-tolerance stance on racism and discrimination, I will confront any emerging issues head on and assist chapters in resolving these matters.

**I will devote my efforts in rebuilding the National JACL's communication infrastructure by:**

● Striving for the trust and confidence of the chapters and grassroots members through honest, direct leadership and making decisions in the best interest of our organization.

● Fostering open and honest communication among and between volunteer leadership, staff and the membership.

● Incorporating grassroots participation in decisions on national issues.

● Maintaining accountability on the national level.

● Articulating the JACL's position on civil rights issues in the *Pacific Citizen* and other publications.

**I pledge to present and enhance the JACL's relevance, energy and image to the general public by:**

● Battling unlawful bias, racism and discrimination in all forms.

● Increasing the JACL's visibility and stature by playing an active role in advocating civil rights.

**I will emphasize effective communication with the national membership.**

● Soliciting and sharing activities and concerns from the Districts and local chapters so that we all gain an understanding of the issues facing our communities. Let's learn what is working in the local communities in an effort to duplicate these successful models for chapters that are experiencing barriers to administering their programs, but let us do so in a cost-effective manner.

**I will lead the National JACL into the 21st century with the use of technology.**

● Developing a Web site on the Internet, we can market our organization, nationwide, as well as educate the general public on the positive contributions of the JACL and the Japanese American community.

● Instantaneously disseminating and receiving information via the Internet on local chapter activities so that rapid responses to emerging issues can be made.

● Networking via the Internet with other Asian Pacific organizations throughout the United States as well as other civil rights organizations throughout the world.

**I commit to working with the upcoming National Board to create a new vision of optimism by enhancing the membership's faith in our organization.**

● Devoting all my efforts to ensure that the JACL fulfills its fiduciary obligation to the membership and carries on the dream of the JACL pioneers before me.

While attending the National JACL/Organization of Chinese Americans Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., I was inspired by the words of the Honorable Robert Matsui, Member of Congress. Congress Member Matsui encouraged the participants to elevate ourselves into policy-making roles, partner with other organizations, and work together to take active and vocal stands against current issues such as immigrant scapegoating and discrimination. He further emphasized that our community must actively participate for the greater benefit of the country as a whole by creating diversity in the policy-making bodies and ensuring input from all communities. With these noble challenges in mind, I will continue to develop networks and partnerships with other Asian-Pacific organizations and civil rights organizations. With diminishing resources, we must coordinate our efforts to effectively address issues facing our commu-



nities. In addition, to assist our leaders in better serving our community, I will maintain the JACL's open dialogue with all our Asian-Pacific leaders.

For 35 years, my parents have both been very active in our local JACL chapter as well as with the Military Intelligence Service Association. From my early childhood, I have witnessed the continuing efforts and accomplishments of the JACL in the areas of civil rights and local community issues, along with sponsoring and supporting community activities. My admiration for my parents' dedication and commitment to the JACL has inspired me to continue the ongoing battle of protecting the civil rights of all Americans and continue building a stronger Asian-Pacific community for the generations of the future. The firebombing of the Sacramento JACL office in 1993 has elevated my awareness that the struggle for justice has not ended. I strive toward a day when future generations will no longer encounter these issues in our community and in the entire country, a day when they will experience an equal playing field in all aspects of life.

Through my involvement in the JACL, I have learned the struggles of the JACLers before me. As an officer of my chapter, I experienced adversities during the apprehension and the conviction of a perpetrator for the firebombing of the Sacramento JACL office. Local and federal law enforcement became more responsive when a coalition of community organizations lobbied for attention to the crime. Our chapter learned a valuable lesson from this struggle in that our voices are stronger and louder when communities work together.

I am thankful to those before me for creating the Japanese American Citizens League, a nationally renowned civil rights organization with a history of successes and whose perseverance in protecting my rights is endless. During my tenure as Vice President of Public Affairs, and as part of my personal commitment to civil rights, I will make Dr. King's famous quote in his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, my anthem. I choose to give my time, commitment and passion to the JACL, an organization battling for equality so that justice will never be threatened.

## KAREN-LIANE SHIBA SELANOCO Chapter

### Running for vice president, 1000 Club, membership services

#### PLATFORM

The JACL is a grassroots organization. The membership is the power base from which the organization receives its strength. Without the strong foundation of an increasing membership, the JACL cannot remain an active and respected organization on the forefront of human and civil rights. The existing membership needs to be re-energized and re-united—trust and faith must be restored. JACL leaders and membership need to get back to the basics of open and honest communication, problem-solving and looking towards the future.

I strongly believe that as National vice president for 1000 Club and Membership Services, it is my duty to always keep in mind the entire organization, not emphasize just my own district. It is the responsibility of each district governor (elected by their own district) to represent their own district on the National Board, not the responsibility of a national officer elected by the National Council. Where it is appropriate to bring my firsthand insight to the National Board from my chapter and district, I will, but I intend to keep foremost in my mind

when making decisions what is good for the JACL as a whole.

The viability of each chapter relies on being able to pass on its knowledge and ideals to the next set of hands that will steer the chapter forward. The founders and older members of the JACL need to be willing to give of themselves to the new and/or "young" members. Without this willingness, those younger hands will not remain in the JACL and will not be there to pass the torch to, and the chapters will fail. We have all acknowledged the fact



that the youth are the future of the JACL, now it is our turn to prove that we are ready to put our money and actions where our mouths and brains are! We all need to be open not only to recruiting the next generation of Yonsei but to recruiting the expanding multi-culturalness of an INCLUSIVE organization, not EXCLUSIVE, in order to thrive (not just survive)!

Retaining and increasing the membership base is paramount. Some of the ways I intend to use in attracting new members and retaining current members are:

- Increasing the JACL presence at community events.
- Facilitating recruitment at the chapter and district levels.
- Improving existing benefits and adding new benefits that are beneficial to both members and JACL.
- Getting the JACL on the Internet with a Web site.

By making portable tabletop booths available to chapters and districts at reduced rates, so that professional displays advertise the JACL at community events, we can further the image and presence of the JACL in our communities as well as facilitate recruitment. Membership brochures and information about the JACL's programs and history must also accompany each display to encourage people to learn more about the JACL and to join. These booths are easily customizable for each district/chapter and can also be easily changed to fit any occasion.

I pledge to do all I can to help fund-raise for the JACL. Membership benefits cannot be cut, in fact, they should be increased and existing benefits should try to be bettered and augmented (i.e., better interest rates on the credit card, no annual fee for the credit card, better return to the JACL on the credit card and other affinity programs, and better rates on the long distance program to name a few things). Within my first month as vice president of membership services, I was able to secure a new benefit: Price/Costco membership availability and am at the moment working towards getting membership availability through Sam's Club (both discount warehouse clubs). I will be working closely with membership administrator Amy Yamashiro, to continue searching out more benefits for JACL members.

In March, my first letter as vice president of membership services to the chapter presidents told them that I believed it was my duty to increase the communication lines not just from the National to the chapters, but from National to the general membership, from the membership up and all permutations thereof. I still believe that communication is a key to restoring faith and

trust and I will strive to improve the communication within the JACL as well as outside JACL.

One major goal that will help achieve improvement in communication is getting the JACL on the Internet with a Web site. As a member of the JACL On-Line National Ad Hoc Committee, I am advocating putting National JACL on the Internet for ease of communication within the JACL as well as for out-reaching outside of the JACL. The possibilities of what can be done for JACL on the Internet are as exciting as they are endless!

## GARY MAYEDA APAN Chapter

### Running for vice president, planning and development

#### PLATFORM

In JACL we advocate human and civil rights for all. In civil rights one works until they have no more work to do. We can celebrate the fact that JACL has been established for over 66 years. The reality is that human and civil rights and equality for all has yet to be attained. Our work is not yet finished.

In my career as a consulting mechanical engineer manager, I strive for the best design for a given facility's needs. When I design a system right, I will not be needed for at least 20 years until the parts just



wear out. The facilities I serve are hospitals. The leadership I bring to my team is one that is fair but with assertion. I must see the big picture to make sure my design will not conflict with the other hospital systems. I must communicate with clarity to others who will build and maintain my system. These are skills I can rely upon to carry me thru the company ranks to an eventual associate/partner level to which I have set my goals. These are skills I use every day outside of the office environment to further other goals that I have set for myself and for JACL.

The Los Angeles Public Policy workshop and the Washington, D.C., Leadership seminar provided me with skills that can make JACL more effective as a national advocate for issues that the National Board takes on. The better we can move our congressional representatives, build coalitions with other multicultural groups, share the commonalities and appreciate the diversity among the Asian and Pacific Islander groups, and impress them all with the quality of leadership we have, the better we can move important issues on the agenda and grow in unity.

The office of Vice President for Planning and Development can establish strong programs for the development of leaders in JACL. I have a vision for the future of the organization and some of my plans entail development of leaders, addressing issues such as the disproportionate and alarming rise in hate crimes against Asians, and the systematic breakdown of civil rights in carefully orchestrated legislation. It is these issues that we as members of JACL need to galvanize about on a national level and provide an environment where all and future generations can be safe.

JACL has the potential to become the formidable civil and hu-

man rights organization in the country. We only need to organize the multifaceted views to sing as one solid collective voice. We can only do that with strong and motivated leaders to pilot our organization until we have one less goal to work on.

## HIROMI UEHA SELANOCO Chapter

### Running for Youth/Student Council chair



## NICOLE INOUE SELANOCO Chapter

### Running for Youth/Student representative



#### PLATFORM

The following is a joint platform statement from Hiromi Ueha and Nicole Inoue.

Nicole and I have decided to run on a joint platform because we want to work together on increasing and embracing the youth and student membership, as well as addressing the issues affecting them. If JACL wants to continue to carry on its legacy for another 67 years, we as an organization must look to these youth and students and encourage and develop beneficial programs and incentives.

For the last 67 years, JACL has been fortunate to have the wisdom and guidance of our many great Nisei leaders, but JACL is now facing major changes and will not always be blessed by their leadership to get through these chaotic times. Therefore, JACL must look towards the leaders of tomorrow, the youth and the students of this organization, to be able to guide us like our Nisei predecessors have for the last six and one half decades. But in order for JACL to have our leaders of tomorrow, we must be committed to recruiting the youth and students, addressing their needs and providing programs that not only benefit JACL, but them as well. Nicole and I commit ourselves to this so that JACL may continue their legacy and pass it on to our children. If elected to serve on the National Board for 1996-1998 biennium as National Youth/Student Chairperson and National Youth/Student Representative, we plan to focus and accomplish these following things with the rest of the National Youth/Student Council (NYSC).

**Membership Recruitment:** Actively recruiting members is key to any grassroots organization. Since

the youth and students are our future, they should be top priority. We propose to increase membership in this category by doing several things. 1) Currently the National Board is looking into having a National JACL Web site on the Internet. Since thousands of students have access to the Internet via their college or university, having a Web site for NYSC in addition to an e-mail address could potentially attract many new members. 2) At the chapter and district level, we would like to encourage trying various recruiting techniques that NYSC would distribute in a guide or booklet form, suggesting models of successful youth and student groups throughout JACL, recruiting tips, etc. 3) In addition to having the Web site, we would like to continue distributing a newsletter for those who do not have access to the Internet. Distributing information and getting the word out about NYSC and JACL is important in recruiting new members. And if we have more members, it also means having a district youth/student representative in every district and having the ability to increase our goals.

**Networking:** Issues are no longer just a Japanese American issue affecting Japanese Americans. It's becoming more pan-ethnic, and networking is vital in combating major civil rights issues. We would like the NYSC representatives to identify major universities with Asian Pacific Student Unions or Associations (APSU or APSA), Nikkei student groups, etc., and their contacts and set up databases at the regional offices or at National with that information. As networks start to spread, we can empower each other to work on student-related legislation.

**Advocacy:** JACL is a human and civil rights organization. There are issues that youth and students need addressing as well. We would like to establish a database of issues (including the university name, issue, and updates) students are currently facing, so we can address them accordingly. We can use the Internet and be on listserves and obtain more information to help us. There are issues like establishing ethnic studies programs at major universities, hate crimes, denying certain rights entitled to immigrants, etc., that all could be addressed by NYSC and JACL. Having a database of these things could be useful to us or to other organizations in the future.

**Leadership Development:** We would like to continue existing leadership programs like the National Youth/Student Conference as well as providing new programs that continue to develop our future leaders. Internships, scholarships, and mentorship programs are essential in developing our leaders. For scholarships, we need the students to make a commitment to doing a particular service for JACL, whether it be contacting the nearest chapter by their university or interning at a regional office over the summer. We need to offer workshops at the district levels in a wide range of topics like public speaking or how to get involved politically that will be beneficial in training them to be our future leaders.

**Diversity:** Nicole and I want to stress this part of our platform. We don't want NYSC to be a California-centered branch of JACL. Our interests lie with the youth and students. We want to hear them, whether it be in California or in Ohio. In the past it may have been deemed California-centered, but that is because California has a strong cemented foundation in addressing issues. JACL is national and we want to see that solid foundation expand to all the other districts. We want to make aware to everyone what is going on in every part of JACL and not just in California. And even though it may seem like a California issue because California legislation is usually in the forefront of many of them, it may later become a national issue and affect a lot more of us. JACL is diverse and we want to address as many of the issues as we can. But we can't come through with this if we don't have help and support from our NYSC representatives or the National Board.



## Opinions



### From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## The story of the Issei in camp

In contrast to the volumes and volumes that have been written about Japanese Americans and the Evacuation, the experience of the slightly more than 2,000 Issei—permanent residents of the United States—who were sent off to prison camps has gained relatively little attention.

(One notable exception is Prof. Tetsuden Kashima's study of the very suspicious death of two Issei while being transferred to the camp at Lordsburg, N.M.)

Comes now a book titled *An Alien Place* (Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Missoula, Mont.) which is about the alien detention camp at Fort Missoula. The author is Carol Van Valkenburg, a native Montanan and associate professor of journalism at the University of Montana.

In somewhat rambling fashion she tells how the Justice Department first sent Italian seamen (taken off ships before the U.S. was at war) to Fort Missoula and followed up by imprisoning hundreds of Japanese aliens who were seized by the FBI after the Pearl Harbor attack.

"There was no disagreement as to why the Italians were interned," Van Valkenburg writes. "But why were the Japanese

detained? They were arrested without charge and isolated in a deserted Army camp hundreds of miles from their homes for reasons most would never understand and the government would never disclose.

"Was it a crime to be an alien? Oriental exclusion laws barred them from citizenship, so they had no opportunity to publicly swear allegiance to the United States. They could not forswear allegiance to Japan because they would then be left as men without a country. What had they done? Because the U.S. Department of Justice claims no knowledge as to where loyalty hearing records are stored, there is no evidence either that these men were loyal or had schemes for sabotage.

"What the evidence does show is that many were arrested because the government thought they were the most influential members of the Japanese community in the states. The United States government had, in effect, made success a crime."

Of particular interest is the book's report of the abuse inflicted on some prisoners. Some were struck and kicked. One had teeth knocked out. At least one Issei was forced to stand outside all day in frigid weather while awaiting a hearing.

When word of mistreatment reached Washington, officials were upset not so much because physical abuse was wrong, but because they feared retaliation against Americans in Japanese hands. A secret investigation was held, Van Valkenburg reports, but the results weren't made public until 1985.

Van Valkenburg writes that as a result of the investigation two Koreans employed as interpreters were fired, and three federal inspectors were suspended without pay for up to 90 days.

Van Valkenburg also gets into the attitude of Montanans who first bitterly resisted employing evacuees for farm labor, then grew angry when Japanese Americans demonstrated no enthusiasm for helping them save their sugar beet crops. A clearer explanation of the difference between Japanese American evacuees in WRA camps and the aliens seized by the FBI and sent off to prison camps like Fort Missoula would have been helpful.

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### East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Nisei military service: WWII

**F**OLLOWING THE OUTBREAK of war in the Pacific, Nisei servicemen were subjected to various degrading treatment. Some were summarily discharged from military service, others had their military weapons taken from them; when some dignitary—such as President Franklin D. Roosevelt—visited the area, Nisei servicemen were confined to a holding facility with (white) guards placed over them. With rare exceptions—which only confirmed the general practice—Nisei were precluded from serving in the Air Corps, Marines or Navy, being limited to the Army infantry. Even as to the infantry, the authorities were bent on relegating Nisei to noncombatant duties such as loading and unloading military supplies. The military authorities' phobia was demonstrated in the already-trained (Hawaii) buddaheads being sent to Camp McCoy (in Wisconsin) for "further training," and again to Camp Shelby (Mississippi) for even "more training."

While trying to figure out what to do.

IN THE MEANTIME, the draft board had classified Nisei as "4-C" ("aliens"),

making them ineligible for military service. This exclusionary classification was not lifted until 1944, after the authorities saw the exemplary battlefield conduct of the all-buddahead 100th Battalion from Hawaii. The authorities not only lifted the bar but now sought recruits from the barbed-wire camps for service in an all-Nisei combat unit. In conjunction with the in-camp recruiting/draft, the military authorities concocted a degrading, insulting questionnaire, including those nefarious questions #27 and #28:

#27. Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty wherever ordered?

#28. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear obedience to the Japanese emperor, to any other foreign government, power or organization?

The all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team was committed to battles that were extremely hazardous, often suicidal, to attain battle objectives that previous units were unable to accomplish.

MEANWHILE IN THE Pacific theater

where some 5,000+ Nisei served, primarily in military intelligence, Nisei servicemen were involved in every major campaign, many being assigned to those military branches which had excluded them: the Air Corps, Marines and Navy. Nisei intelligence men were also sought by and served with Allied forces, including Australian and British units. The fidelity and exploits of these Nisei servicemen continue to remain unknown, not only by reason of the secrecy of their operations but also by the fact that rather than being a single defined unit, they individually served in response to need whenever and wherever such arose. It was ironic that *Kibei* (those born in the U.S. but who acquired a substantial amount of education in Japan)—*Kibei* whose loyalty had been questioned—were critically relied upon in the battlefield by reason of their greater knowledge and command of the enemy's language, greater in comparison

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

## Letters

### Rushing into Public Education phase of Redress, reader says

Hey! Wait just a cotton-pickin' minute!

Who authorized the expenditure of \$445 million of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for other purposes, leaving only \$5 million?

Who stacked the deck of the Board of Directors so there isn't a single conservative voice or a veteran JACLer?

Who set up the impossible deadline of early August or September for submission of applications, when the criteria is still underdetermined in late May?

Someone should tell administration policy makers that we Japanese Americans are not a bunch of imbeciles. The appointed members of the board are good people—brilliant, knowledgeable and public spirited, with the best of credentials. But they live thousands of miles apart, meet infrequently and do not have familiarity with the experience and aspirations of grassroots evacuees. Could they be innocent cat's-paws in a boondoggle by faceless bureaucrats?

It took eight years after the redress bill was passed in 1988 to finally set up the Public Education Fund Board of Directors. Now it is expected to complete the massive program in a few months. Why the big rush?

The National JACL, who initiated and led in the passage of the redress bill (yet isn't represented on the board), should insist that the public education aspect should be handled properly with common sense. It can best be accomplished with several seasoned veterans from an organization with generations of successful service to our widespread JA communities.

Quick action is needed or administrative costs would eat away the fund and reduce this vital aspect of redress to naught.

**Mas Odoi**

Seattle

### 'Redneck' is racist, too, says JACL member

While reading the article entitled "Manzanar, Lillian Baker and historical vigilance," (PC, May 17-June 6, 1996) I was astounded to see the word redneck used three times. It seems to me that racial slurs are racist whether wielded by a person of color or not. Who does Albert consider "rednecks"? People who oppose Manzanar as a historical site? Vandals? Do other people envision the same definition of redneck?

My point is simple. using racial slurs to describe any group of people is wrong. I believe more so coming from a group that represents itself as a civil rights group. I will be looking for a printed apology from Mr. Muratsuchi in the *Pacific Citizen* for using such terms. If he chooses not to I expect to see the words jap, gook, slope, half-breed, chink, beaner, wetback, nigger, spook, honchie, as well as redneck in future editions. After all, all slurs should have equal access to the print media.

**Eugene Tsuji**

Watsonville Chapter

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## MISSION:POSSIBLE







## From the president

By DENNY YASUHARA

# The proposed 1997-1998 budgets

The Consumer Price Index has shown that from 1988, when we had our last dues increase, to 1995, the inflation rate has risen about 30%. At that time, our revenues totalled roughly \$1,200,000. This results in a loss of some \$360,000 in purchasing power over that period of time. Thus \$1,200,000 in 1988 dollars would be comparable to revenues of \$1,560,000 in 1995 dollars (I have used only rounded numbers). Conversely, \$1,200,000 in 1995 dollars would only be worth \$840,000 in 1988 dollars! Given these conditions, a dues increase is long overdue, if we are to remain an effective, viable organi-

zation.

Below, left, are comparisons of several budgets to the approved modified budget recommended by the Governors' Caucus, which differs from the budget proposed by the JACL Budget Committee that included three governors. The budgets considered comments from 29 of 112 chapters that responded to our request for input. It is difficult to make a valid judgement upon the vote and recommendations from only 1/4 of the chapters, but we tried to do our best to accommodate most of the changes recommended by the majority of chapters.

Briefly summarized, the major

difference on the revenue side from Budget B that was supported by the majority of chapters, is a two-year increase of about \$44,000 in membership revenues. The dues increase in Budget B that was sent to you had the dues increases spread over two years (\$6 and \$1) and were equally distributed "across the board," except for corporate, 1000 life, and 20-year life dues, which had no increases. In the budget proposals adopted by the National Board, which we think are fairer, the dues increases were confined to the first year only and were distributed as show below, right:

In the first budget (Budget B) sent to the chapters, the Youth Program and Direct Program Costs were combined in Unrestricted Programs and allocated \$10,000 each year or \$20,000 over two years. These were not identified as such. In the proposed budget, the two-year total of \$38,765 includes \$12,456 for the Youth Program and \$26,301 for Direct Program Costs, up from \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively. The previous diagram on the first page depicted these totals for each year. As you can see, the big loser in the proposed budget recommended by the Governors' Caucus and ap-

proved by the National Board, was the *Pacific Citizen*. \$4,000 was cut from the *Pacific Citizen* budget for travel. Considering that some of the major complaints against the *Pacific Citizen* were regarding their coverage and inability to attend some of the JACL's major events make this cost savings a mistake. Moreover, a compromise of a 34-issue *Pacific Citizen* was reduced to 24 issues. The major savings of these two changes have gone into district allocations, which were raised from a raise of \$6,120 or \$12,400 over two years to \$27,540 per year for a total of \$55,080, a four-fold increase. While all other line items in the

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	Proposals					
	Budgeted		1st Proposal 34PCs (by Budget Committee)		Current Proposal No PC change (by District Governors)	
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1997	1998
Other Reg./Dist. Expense	\$304,071	\$331,560	\$342,640	\$344,688	\$342,862	\$344,714
District Allocation	\$88,200	\$70,000	\$67,320	\$67,320	\$94,860	\$94,860
Youth	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,228	\$6,228
Direct Programs	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$12,258	\$14,051
Pacific Citizen	\$409,700	\$408,800	\$456,755	\$466,030	\$388,980	\$396,451
PC Travel	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
All Other JACL Programs	\$453,285	\$501,640	\$493,134	\$511,543	\$493,224	\$511,840
	\$1,270,256	\$1,322,000	\$1,376,849	\$1,406,581	\$1,338,412	\$1,368,144

Membership Categories	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount Increased	Monthly Increase
Couples/Families	\$65	\$75	\$10	\$0.83
Century	\$95	\$115	\$20	\$1.67
Corporate	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0.00
Regular	\$36	\$43	\$7	\$0.58
Student/Youth	\$10	\$14	\$4	\$0.33
1000 Club	\$48	\$58	\$10	\$0.83
1000 Club Spouse	\$29	\$32	\$3	\$0.25
1000 Life	\$1000	\$1000	\$0	\$0.00
20-Year Life	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00



## DC notes

By ROBERT SAKANIWA

# Immigration: Our connection to the past for better or worse

For the past several years there has been a heated debate going on in this country about our national immigration policy. However, immigration is not a new topic for this nation; how could it be? This is a nation built by immigrants. Naturally, this subject is bound to come up from time to time.

While there is no national policy against using immigrant labor to build our railroads, till our farmlands, labor in our garment factories, clean our houses and perform the countless other grueling minimum wage jobs out there, it seems that immigrants have a way of becoming a convenient scapegoat for a society that is changing faster than the people in it can adjust.

For example beginning in 1849, there was an increasing number of Chinese gold miners, farmers and railroad builders who came to America. As a reaction to the growing number of Chinese immigrant laborers and the souring economy of the 1870s, the Chinese Exclusion Act was passed in 1882. In 1924, another immigration act was passed placing strict quotas on the number of Asian Pacifics that could come to this country. (Filipinos were excepted from this law as they were considered "nationals" and not "aliens" because of the status of their homeland.) It was

not until 1965 that immigration restrictions of Asian Pacifics were loosened, opening the door for many more people from Pacific Rim nations to enter the United States.

The easiest way for immigrants to get vilified today is to be lumped into the illegal category. I would be one of the first people to agree that as a nation of laws and limited resources, we must have a policy regulating the number of persons coming into this country and there must also be the means to enforce that policy. Fortunately, both in the House and Senate there was the realization that the debate on immigration reform must be kept separate from the debate on illegal immigration. Thus in the current exercise in reforming immigration policy, the attempt to curb legal immigration, mainly in the area of visas given to relatives of citizens and legal residents, was defeated. Both houses of Congress have at least nominally focused on illegal immigration.

In Congress, we see the latest results of the immigration debate in the form of HR 2202. On March 21 the House passed HR 2202, its version of immigration reform. The Senate passed S1664 on May 2 (renamed HR 2202 on passage). Both the House and Senate versions of HR 2202 are now set to go to conference where final

adjustments will be made by reconciling the differences between the two versions of the bill.

One "red flag" provision in the House version allows states to keep undocumented immigrant children out of public elementary and secondary schools. This amendment was sponsored by Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.), who is also a member of the conference committee. This provision may by itself draw a presidential veto if it stays in the final bill. Many have argued that this provision unfairly punishes children for their parents' actions (parents who presumably felt that their children would have more hope and opportunities in this country), is counter productive in its effect, and forces school administrations to act as immigration policy enforcers.

The Senate version has some strict rules that make a legal immigrant deportable if he or she uses almost any federally-funded means-tested public assistance for a total of 12 months within the first five years of residency. Even some legal immigrants who currently receive benefits would be denied federal benefits through five years of deeming or until citizenship. ("Deeming" means adding a sponsor's income to the immigrant's when determining eligibility for benefits.) Current law allows legal

permanent residents the same rights to receive benefits as citizens with two exceptions: 1) in the first three years after arrival, their sponsor's income will be deemed when considering eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps, and 2) for the first five years after arrival, their sponsor's income is deemed when considering eligibility for Supplemental Security Income.

Examples of how these provisions, if adopted, would work are: a recently-arrived immigrant who studies English in a community program funded with federal block-grant funds could be deported, a college-age legal immigrant could be deported for getting a government-backed student loan, and a legal immigrant participating in a means-tested federally-funded job training program could be deported.

As mentioned before, the two versions of this bill are set to go to conference as this article is being written. If some of the "red flag" provisions are taken out and the bill gets signed, we will still be witness to the reconnection to our past immigration policies, policies that kept the door closed to those who simply want the opportunity to improve themselves and this nation.

Robert Sakaniwa is JACL's Washington, D.C., representative.

## Voices

# The crimes against 'comfort women'

During his recent trip (April 17-19, 1996) to Japan, President Clinton was seen on the TV screen and in picture on the newspaper front page standing tall at the podium in the Japanese Diet. In his speech, he offered a sincere apology to the Japanese people for the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl by three U.S. servicemen. He said, "The American people profoundly regret the horrible violence done to the young schoolgirl. Our hearts go out to her, to her family and loved ones, and to the entire Okinawan community. We are grati-

fied justice has been done." He pointed out that the offenders were severely punished and that the United States has agreed to give back 20% of the land it uses in Okinawa, including a key Marine Corps air station.

Understandably, there were huge outcries and protest demonstrations by the Okinawans in the aftermath of the rape crime. We are very proud of the United States of America that the president of the United States can, and is willing to, make such an official apology to the Japanese people with courage, candor and sincerity. Several years ago, the U.S. government

also offered a formal apology on a different matter—at that time to the 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned and suffered unjustly during World War II. The U.S. government awarded the victims \$20,000 per person in monetary compensations.

We can take great pride in our country's efforts to reverse grave injustices. But it is disturbing to note that the Japanese government has refused to apologize for committing a grave injustice—namely, the sexual violence against numerous women in the occupied territories by the Japanese

Imperial Army during World War II.

Throughout the war, the Japanese government and the Imperial Army, under the euphemism "comfort women," drafted, conscripted and coerced up to 200,000 young women (ages of 13-20), mainly Korean, but also Chinese, Filipino and other Asians, into sexual slavery. The women were each subjected to forcible sex with as many as 50 to 60 Japanese soldiers a day as "comfort women to raise the military spirit."

In her report to the 53-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission, U.N. Special In-

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## PSW conference

Fred Hoshiyama of the Venice/Culver Chapter, JACL, holds top prize, a daikon, in a leadership contest at the Pacific Southwest District conference May 31-June 2 in Los Angeles. With Hoshiyama are Linda Hara, Downtown Chapter, and Gary Mayeda, Asian Pacific American Network Chapter. A full report of the event will appear in the next issue of *Pacific Citizen*.

## Wisconsin plans Asian Moon Festival

Milwaukee's third annual multi-Asian summer celebration, the Asian Moon Festival, will be held from June 14-16 at Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lake front.

The Asian Moon Festival is currently the largest Asian festival in the Midwest, and according to its organizers, plans are underway to make it the largest in the country.

The festival showcases the rich diversity of authentic ethnic foods, entertainment and customs of Asian Pacific Americans. Its goal is to educate both the Asian communities and general public about the diversity of Asian cultures. This year's event anticipates 50,000 attendees.

The Asian Moon Festival is the creation of the nonprofit Wisconsin

Organization for Asian Americans, which represents nine Asian ethnic community groups including the Wisconsin Chapter of JACL. "Many of our members are serving on the board and as chairpersons on the various committees planning the festival," says Timothy Burns, chapter vice president. "The Wisconsin chapter operates one of many merchandise booths selling a variety of ethnic items. Income from the booth is used to fund chapter scholarships and charitable donations, subsidize JACL membership dues, and sponsor entertainment for the festival."

Highlights of the festival this year include a Chinese Opera, *The Legend of the White Serpent*, performed by the Fu Hsing Dramatic Arts Academy of Taiwan;

Japanese *taiko* and Korean Drummers; and Japanese *tumari* demonstrations, with additional entertainment, cultural displays and demonstrations. Twelve food vendors will offer foods from nine different Asian ethnic cultures.

"The Wisconsin Chapter invites the readers of the *Pacific Citizen* to come to Milwaukee to enjoy a unique experience this summer," Burns said. "See if your chapter or community can apply what we have learned about coalition building, community awareness, and fund raising possibilities. With slightly more than one percent of Wisconsin's population being of Asian ancestry and only a small percentage of that Japanese, this festival has greatly advanced the visibility of Asian Americans in Wisconsin."

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investigator Radhika Coomaraswamy said that from interviews and military documents she was able to glean evidence of how the sex slavery system worked, and how force and deception were used to recruit young women and girls. According to the report, sex slaves were housed in appalling conditions, fed meager rations, and denied medical treatment with the exception of finding out if the women had caught venereal disease from soldiers. Those who contracted sexually-transmitted diseases were often killed, and at the end of the war, retreating Japanese troops eliminated many of the surviving sex slaves. Few of these comfort women have survived. Most survivors are now in their 60's and 70's, many of whom are so filled with great shame and sorrow that they don't want to

come forward.

The U.N. investigative report urged the Japanese government to admit its legal responsibility by compensating the victims and educating Japanese students of this dark chapter in Japanese history. However, the Japanese government has dismissed the report. "Legally speaking, there is no room for our government to consider individual compensation payments," spokesman Seiroku Kajiyama was quoted as saying in an Associated Press article.

If Japan is a civilized and democratic nation as she claims to be, the Japanese government cannot shrug off its legal responsibilities for these horrible crimes.

We strongly urge readers to write to the U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, President Bill Clinton, and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to demand that the Japanese government live up to her moral and legal re-

sponsibility on the matter of "comfort women."

Signed by:

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## BUDGETS

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two proposed budgets were similar or raised, the *Pacific Citizen's* budget was reduced below 1995 and 1996 levels in the adopted budget. If it is felt that the *Pacific Citizen* is an important dimension of JACL and to our members, these decreases in funding are a travesty. This type of cost cutting by the National Board relative to the *Pacific Citizen* was the fear of many, who opposed placing the *Pacific Citizen's* finances under the National Board—many of us who have no idea of the needs of a newspaper, let alone its budget. We cannot make demands upon the *Pacific Citizen* and its staff that they have little hope of fulfilling with the budgetary constraints that are imposed upon them.

The capital and operational reserves are not included in the comparisons, because they are the same in both proposals.

Both the proposed Budget Committee's budget and that rec-

ommended by the governors and adopted by the National Board are responsible budgets...neither approach the peak expenditure years of 1993-94. Moreover, the salary and related costs remain an average of \$81,400 below that of 1994. This Board, I feel, has lived up to its commitment to "hold the line" on expenditures and despite our differences as to the allocations to various line items, recommend that the broad outlines of the 1997 and 98 budgets be approved, including the dues increases that are predicated by the budgets in question. Furthermore, there has been a proportional budgetary shift away from ever-increasing personnel costs to greater budgetary commitment to programmatic and service needs. I am proud of the work this Board has done in terms of their conscientious effort to address your needs and the way we have come together in the last few months. Many have not given this Board the credit it deserves, not only in being supportive when it can, but the manner in which it has con-

ducted itself. It's been deeply appreciated by me.

Perhaps, more than any previous convention, the decisions we make regarding our budget and the allocations we recommend may well have a profound effect upon how we enter the 21st century and the future of JACL.

In the overall scheme of things, the dues increases that are requested are small by comparison, and we hope you will support them. We are, again, requesting your comments and ask that you get your comments in by July 6. We will make final adjustments to the budget at a budget committee meeting that is going to be called for Tuesday evening prior to the National Board meeting on Wednesday morning, August 6. Please, please get more responses to us by the deadline date, so we do not have to go to 1:00 a.m. in the morning the last day of the convention to pass the budget. I don't mind spending time with our members, but 1:00 a.m. on budget matter is ridiculous.

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

**Akai, Yasuko, 72**, Seattle, April 5; survived by sons Jayson, Mark, Lance, daughters Melissa, Mendy, Nancy Yang, sisters Miyoko Lawson, Sumiko Yasukawa (San Jose), Satomi Kajiwara (Japan), brother Jim Kajiwara (Whitefish, Mont.).

**Asakawa, Fumiye, 101**, Fowler, May 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Hiroshi, daughters Itsuko Shimizu, Fumiko Mochizuki, Misao Hatada, 15 gc., 14 ggc.

**Eejima, Michi, 74**, Montesano, Wash., April 30; Seattle-born, survived by daughter Setsuko (Los Angeles), Louise Sutton (Laguna Niguel), Nina (Pohnpei, Micronesia), sons Bruce (Oakland), David (San Diego), brother Paul Hoshi (San Diego), sister Sono (Seattle), predeceased by husband Robert, brothers Itaru, Satoshi.

**Endo, Masato F., 77**, Downey, April 10; Seattle-born, survived by wife Kazuko, son Gene, daughters Marie, Emily Emi, 1 gc., sisters Keiko Miura, Kumiko Uoshida (both Japan).

**Endo, Kristy Ann, 26**, Gardena, April 18; Torrance-born, survived by husband Frederick, daughters Kace, Ann, mother Karen Shota, father Clifford I.S. Kim, brothers Sterling (Philippines), Micah Shota, grandmothers Bernice Shota, Evelyn Kim (both Hawaii).

**Fujimoto, Joe, 75**, Los Angeles, April 19; San Francisco-born, survived by in-laws Haruko (Japan), Dorothy (San Francisco), Kiku Fujimoto.

**Fukunaga, Toriko, 86**, San Jose, May 6; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Mitsuru, Roy, daughters May Nagatohshi, Alene Gaouette, Katherine Didrich, 6 gc.

**Furukawa, Sally, 73**, Rockville, Md., April 5; Sacramento-born, lifelong 1000 Club and JACL member with Oakland and Washington DC chapters, administrative assistant at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, survived by husband George, daughters Barbara Hayashida (El Cerrito), Corinne M. Cancellare (Paris, France), 3 gc., sisters Clara Yokoyama, Julia Neishi, brothers Hideo and Fred Seiji.

**Harada, Rev. David J., 66**, Torrance, April 15; Lahaina, Hawaii-born Methodist clergyman of 40 years, past 12 years at Torrance First United Methodist Church, survived by wife Lillian, son Edward (Hawaii), daughter Grace Harada-Thyden (Neb.), 4 gc., brothers Dr. William (Pa.), Joseph (Hawaii), sister Cynthia.

**Hashimura, Masayuki, 72**, Harbor City, April 14; Calif.-born, survived by sons Jerry (Anaheim Hills), Larry (Mission Viejo), 1 gc., brothers Masato, Tak (Diamond Bar).

**Hatanaka, Harry H., 69**, Corona, April 27; Osaka-born, survived by wife Fusaye, daughter Shinobu.

**Hayashi, Richard K., 87**, Monterey Park, April 22; Seattle-born, survived by wife Shizuko, daughters Keiko Kaplan, June Yamamoto, 2 gc.

**Hayashida, Kazuto, 89**, Los Angeles, April 21; Hilo, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Shizuko, sons Herbert, Walter, Kenneth, daughter Ellen Matsuzaki, 11 gc., 11 ggc.

**Hirai, Koichi, 85**, Gardena, April 14; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, son Akira, brother Kozo (Japan).

**Hiromatsu, Hisaya, 66**, Seattle, April 7; Seoul, Korea-born emigrant to U.S., Hitotsubashi University graduate, lumber firm executive in Alaska, Seattle, survived by wife Chieko, daughter Yoko (Sun Valley, Idaho), sister Mitoko (Japan).

**Hokama, Nelson Y., 51**, Los Angeles, April 18; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Chonny, son Jay, daughters Julie, Mindy, brother Choi, sisters Janice Yoshimura, Shige Arai, Jeanette Pritchard, Deborah Oshiro.

**Ichisaka, Sawae, 80**, Los Angeles, March 21; San Juan Capistrano-born, survived by daughter Mildred Morales, 2 gc, sister Helen Yamaguchi.

**Ida, Edward S., 61**, Garden Grove, April 17 of massive heart attack, survived by brothers Robert, Jack, sisters Dorothy Sumi, Katherine Nakayama, Alice Otsuka, Virginia.

**Ito, Tomiko, 84**, San Mateo, May 9; San Mateo-born, survived by daughters Linda, Jacquelyn Woo.

**Iwamoto, Chifune H., 75**, Seattle, April 30; Wapato, Wash.-born, survived by husband Yoshito, son Gary, daughters

Carol Ann Hamlin, Nancy Ellen, brothers Bruce, Dale Echigo-shima, sister Ellen Echigo-shima-Kubokawa.

**Kaneko, Toshiyuki, 80**, Chino, April 9; Yamanashi-born Nisei, survived by wife Hanako, daughter Jeanne Tagawa, 3 gc.

**Kasukabe, Kaoru, 82**, Nagoya, July 1995; Idaho-born stranded-draftee in Japanese Army, interpreter in Attu, July 1942.

**Kato, Jessie Emiko, 75**, Los Angeles, April 29; Honolulu-born, survived by husband Fred, son Dr. Stephen, daughters Kathleen Fujimoto (Pa.), Cmdr. Frances Honda (Va.), Betty Oshiro (Hawaii), Gladys Fukunaga (Wash.).

**Kawata, George, 74**, San Francisco, May 4; Auburn-born, survived by wife Yoko.

**Kobayashi, Sono, 93**, Moraga, April 24; Hokkaido-born, survived by daughter Shizuko Kawai, son Hirokazu (Japan), gc., brother Yasutaro Toyoshima (Japan).

**Komatsu, Ernest 'Buster', 76**, Searcy, Ark., Feb. 4; prewar Los Angeles resident, chick sexor, survived by daughter Karen (Atlanta), brother David (Los Angeles).

**Kawaguchi, Roy T., Chicago**, service May 1; survived by son Brett, sister Chizuko Matsushige.

**Mato, Kameyo, 92**, Los Angeles, April 22; Hawaii-born, survived by son Morio, daughters Eiko Nakatsui, Toshiko Oishi, 12 gc., 16 ggc.

**Matsuda, Tsukimi, 64**, Torrance, April 11; Hawaii-born 29-year employee of Los Angeles Unified School District, survived by husband Shigeo, sons Ronald, Patrick, Roy, daughters Marlene Abe, Lori Shepherd (Oceanside), Ruth, Ruby, 2 gc., brothers Kazuo, Hiroshi, Yukio, Fred, Masaichi and Arnold Shimazu, sisters Sachi Akakai, Aiko Yamamoto.

**Matsuura, Mitsuo, 19**, Los Angeles, April 10; Anaheim-born, survived by parents Kiyofumi and Yuriko, sister Tine, grandfather Kiyoshi.

**Miyake, Nobu, 90**, Seattle, April 16; survived by husband Henry, daughter Pauline Shio-saki, son Gene Hayakawa, 8 gc., 13 ggc., sister of Fumi Noji, Yo Maekawa, Helen Akita, Emma Nakashima, Jean Okamoto, Yo, Kay, Loyal and Vernon Maekawa.

**Morimoto, George K., 85**, Gardena, April 5; Montebello-born, survived by brothers Frank, Masao, sisters Lu Kuboshima, Claire Uyemura (San Jose).

**Nagata, William B., 72**, Los Angeles, April 22; Vallejo-born, survived by son Steven, daughters Suzanne Iwamura, Sandra Horii, 2 gc., sisters Hideko Umeda, Nobuko Inouye, Haru Yamane, Chuio Ogami, Michiko Sako, June Lowe, Alice Yamane, brothers Harry Tanouye, George Nagata, Yasuo and Joe Tanouye.

**Nakagawa, Tom K., 66**, Chicago, April 29; Nikkei community leader, survived by wife Yoko, son Daniel, Terry, Markham, brothers Charles, Jack, sister Irene Kawachi.

**Ouchi, Rev. Sadamaro**, Seattle, April; Buddhist head priest in Tacoma for 12 years, in Pasadena 9 years, in Seattle the past 18 years, survived by wife Yasuko daughter Atsuko, son Hiromaro (both Los Angeles).

**Ozaki, Arthur S., 73**, Gardena, April 20; Orange-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Chizuko, son Dean, daughters Ellen Bours, Linda Joy, 1 gc., brothers Howard, Paul, Edward, Gene, sister Helen Takeshita.

**Taguchi, Paul Masayoshi, 61**, Cerritos, April 20; Lahaina, Hawaii-born, survived by brothers and sister, Jack, Richard, Lillian Kawaguchi, Helen Kondo, (all Hawaii), Margaret Furusho, Arlene Takeshita (both Los Angeles).

## EAST WIND

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son with their brother Nisei.

**AN EVEN LESSER-KNOWN** segment of Nisei military service is the saga of the Nisei WACs (Women's Army Corps). While stationed at the military intelligence school at Ft. Snelling, Minn., every so often from afar we would see a Nisei WAC unit marching by, but that was the extent of it. I understand that at least one of them has been in the midst of collecting names and data, presumably to prepare an anthology of this little-known aspect of Nisei military service during World War II.

It should provide most interesting reading.

## George Sakaguchi, St. Louis Chapter leader, dies at 76

Former Midwest JACL district governor (1984-85) and St. Louis chapter president (1975), Sakaguchi passed away suddenly May 28 while in the hospital for a lung biopsy, the Pacific Citizen was informed. He spearheaded the campaign to recognize the Jerome WRA campsite at Denson, Ark., and to restore the deteriorating Nisei soldier monuments constructed at Rohwer, Ark., WRA camp. He promoted the recent 50th anniversary celebration of the chapter. A cartographer for 25 years with the Defense Mapping Agency, St. Louis, the Grangeville, Calif.-born Nisei and an air force veteran (Lt. Col., ret.) is survived by wife Betty, daughter Susan Sheridan (St. Charles), and a grandson.

## DEATH NOTICE

**DOROTHY EMIKO MENDA**  
CHICAGO, Ill. - Dorothy E. Menda, 63, passed away on May 19 in Michigan. She was the beloved wife of Masao Menda, loving mother of Stacy (David) Brege and Ken Menda. Fond grandmother of Jeffery and Justin, sister of Richard Shinoki and the late Aki Okita. Services were held on May 31 at Lake View Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL (312) 472-6300.

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### Women of the year

LOS ANGELES—Three Nikkei women were honored at the Downtown L.A. JACL / So. Calif. Women's Society's 34th annual Women of the Year luncheon April 21 at New Otani Hotel. They are Aiko (Yamaguchi) Yamaguchi; Jean (Miwa) Ushijima, and Betty Mariko (Miyahira) Iwata.

Iwata's passion is with the Okinawan community; she is dedicated to continuation of Okinawan folk dances, crafts and the *koto*, has served for 25 years with the Hokubei Okinawa Fujinkai, and is treasurer of her bonsai club. She was recognized by the Okinawa Prefectural Government with an award for outstanding service to the community. Born in the pre-WWII Japanese colony of Davao, Philippines, she spent her teen years on Okinawa during the war, was married to Keisuke Iwata in 1950, and they have three sons.

Ushijima, a West L.A. JACL

board member since 1979, and its president for 1988-91, has combined a successful career as city clerk of Beverly Hills with marriage to Ted Ushijima while raising two daughters. The city named her Employee of 1990 and cited her for superior achievement in community service in 1991. A San Francisco native, she chaired the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics board in 1989 and is a Sunday school teacher at West LA United Methodist Church.

Yamaguchi, a widow since 1952, nurtured her father in retirement until his death in 1979 at age 103, and remains deeply committed in service to the elderly at Keiro Home. She serves on the Christian *Fujinkai Domo*, has been active with the Japanese Union Church and has worked in its hot meal program for the past 10 years. She was born in Watsonville, Calif., married Kinji Yamaguchi in 1930, and ran the family laundry business with him until evacuation to Heart Mountain.

—Sandi Kawasaki

## Nisei's quarter horse wins '95 world honors

By ROBERT M. WADA  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Racing honors continue to be piled upon Frank Nakamura of Whittier, Calif., owner of a 3-year-old quarter horse filly named Ah Sigh. The Blue Hills Nursery owner almost sold Ah Sigh as a yearling, but sentiment prevented him from selling; he had named the horse after his wife, Asaye. He has never regretted the change of heart.

Nakamura, who was named the California Quarter Horse Owner of the Year for 1995, was told by the national American Quarter Horse Association racing committee and media participants that his filly Ah Sigh has been named both world champion 3-year-old over all quarter horses in the nation, including colts and geldings, and champion 3-year-old filly for 1995.

As world champion 2-year-old, Ah Sigh amassed an incredible record in 1994 of 11 wins, 4 places and 1 show, with a majority of her firsts being major stake wins. Total purse winnings in the two years have exceeded \$410,940.

Her impressive record as a 3-year-old last year includes wins in La Primera del Año derby, the Los Alamitos derby, and the Golden State derby on Dec. 15. Ah Sigh had lost by a nose to longshot Coast Express in the Southern California derby prior to winning the Golden State. She was named AQHA's superior race horse last Sept. 8.

Ah Sigh is out of Nakamura-bred and campaigned quarter horse Cindio, named after his daughter Cindi, and by First Down Dash. Charles Bloomquist is the trainer of all Nakamura quarter horses, and jockey John Craeger has been the regular rider for Ah Sigh. "She kept getting better and better through the year," said Craeger. "She never made a mistake, never washed out, never got silly."

As for Nakamura, his racing interest spans many years and includes many outstanding quarter horses but none quite the winning quality of Ah Sigh. His first major stake win was the 1982 La Primera derby with Bugs Royal, a long shot filly. Since then he has raced numerous horses: Jonny Apollo, Best Doc, Frank's Last Chance, Cindio, Silly Doc, and he now has a promising 2-year-old named Stalking.

Mixed with the joy of winning are tragic losses, such as that of losing Silly Doc, a sentimental



Ah Sigh with jockey, John Craeger aboard, returns to the winner's circle after a stakes win at Los Alamitos racetrack.

favorite with fans, who had to be humanely put to death after a racing accident just as he was reaching his peak.

Quarter horse racing is a very competitive game, and Ah Sigh's strongest challenger has been another top contender, Dicey Secret, owned by another Japanese American, Cathy (Sadakane) Monji of Orange County, Calif. Dicey Secret is the only horse ever to beat Ah Sigh twice in their two years of racing. Dicey Secret was forced out for the season by a midyear injury in 1995 but was expected to return when quarter horse racing resumes in April. Monji has many other horses, including a top contending 2-year-old stakes horse named Drone.

Nakamura, on numerous occasions, has wondered, "Did you ever think we would ever have a horse this good?" With Ah Sigh's racing fans, seeing is believing. To Frank and Asaye Nakamura, it's a horse owner's dream come true.

### Librarian honored

After 27 years of service at the Galt, Calif., High School library, Michiye Yenokida, a member of the Lodi Chapter, JACL, was recently honored with a retirement dinner.

The librarian retired in December to spend more time with her husband of 49 years, according to

the Galt Herald. She has established a \$250 college scholarship, and will continue offering it for the next five years.

Yenokida was president of the Galt Elementary School PTA for two terms and has served as president of the Galt High School Parent Faculty Club, which she helped to organize.

### Blue Shield officials

Satoko Watanabe has been named the new JACL-Blue Shield Group Health Trust administrator, according to John Yasumoto, chairman of the board of trustees.

Watanabe replaces Frances Morioka, who retired on Feb. 29 after 25 years of service.



Frances Morioka receives plaque from JACL National Director Herb Yamanishi for her 25-year service to the JACL-Blue Shield Group Health Trust.

### Aide of the party

William Kaneko, a former JACL vice president of public affairs, has been named director of the Office of Asian Pacific Affairs for the Democratic National Committee.

A native of Honolulu, Kaneko will manage political outreach for the Asian American community, and constituency relations that will complement the DNC's coordinated campaign program. Kaneko has served on the staff of former Hawaii Gov. John D. Waihee, and was a CORO Foundation fellow in public affairs.

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### 1996 GROUP TOURS

No.	TOUR	DATES	ESCORT	PRICE
15.	Japan Summer Tour	06/24-07/04	Phyllis Murakawa	\$2,995
16.	Alaska by Land (Not a cruise) Wait List Only	06/22-06/30	Roy Takeda	\$2,669
17.	Canadian Rockies	06/24-07/04	Yuki Sato	\$2,089
18.	Hawaiian Islands Cruise (Optional HNL Stay)	07/06-07/13	Toy Kanegai	From \$1,758
19.	Japan Gion Festival (Minshuku)	07/12-07/18	Tracy T.	\$1,895
20.	Japan Nebuta Matsuri Special (Minshuku)	08/01-08/09	George Kanegai	\$1,850
21.	Japan Awa Odori Special (Minshuku)	08/06-08/14	Tracy T.	\$2,195
22.	Canadian Nova Scotia Maritime	09/21-09/29	Toy K. & Hidy M.	\$1,649
23.	Japan Hokkaido Tohoku Tour	09/16-09/26	Yuki Sato	\$3,295
24.	Canadian Rockies Loop	09/21-09/29	Masako Kobayashi	\$1,429
25.	Japan Tohoku Tour	09/23-10/02	Bill Sakurai	\$2,879
26.	Lake Michigan Grand Tour	09/26-10/05	Roy Takeda	\$1,629
27.	China 4 Cities	09/07-09/21	Galen Murakawa	\$2,750
28.	Japan Ura-Nihon Tour	09/30-10/09	Ray Ishii	\$2,895
29.	Eastern U.S. Canada Discovery	10/02-10/16	Yuki Sato	\$1,889
30.	Tennessee, Kentucky & Branson/Ozarks	10/05-10/13	John K.	\$1,599
31.	Japan Kanka Matsuri Special (Minshuku)	10/10-10/18	Tracy T.	\$1,995
32.	Japan Nagoya & Kyoto Festivals	10/08-10/18	Toy Kanegai	\$2,795
33.	Japan Fall Foliage Tour	10/21-10/31	Ray Ishii	\$2,995
34.	Japan Daimyo Gyoetsu Special (Minshuku)	10/29-11/04	Tracy T.	\$1,750
35.	Discover South America	11/04-11/18	Toy Kanegai	\$3,499
35a.	Costa Rica Splendor	10/31-11/09	Hidy Mochizuki	\$1,859
36.	Australia & New Zealand	11/09-11/23	Yuki Sato	\$3,549
37.	Kyushu Special w/Shikoku Tour (Okinawa)	11/18-11/26	Ray Ishii	\$2,495
37a.	New Orleans & American Queen Cruise	11/18-11/25	Bill Sakurai	From \$1,699
38.	Christmas at Branson	11/27-12/02	Toy Kanegai	\$1,019
39.	Japan Omisoka/Shogatsu Special & Hong Kong	12/28-01/06	George Kanegai	\$1,950

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### UPCOMING 1996 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

CANADIAN ROCKIES/ VICTORIA (Banff Spr Htl, Lake Louise, 8 days)	JUN 19
IRELAND/ BRITAIN (15 days)	JUL 6
PRINCESS ALASKA GLACIER CRUISE (7 days, Discount for early booking)	AUG 17
NIKKAI CANADA/ NEW ENGLAND CRUISE (10 days, JCCNC Fundraiser)	SEP 8
TENNESSEE/ BRANSON/ KENTUCKY (Shoji Tahuchi Show, 9 days)	SEP 18
EUROPEAN ESCAPE (Italy/ Switzerland/ France/ England, 12 days)	SEP 23
DISCOVER SHIKOKU (10 days)	SEP 29
EAST COAST & FALL FOLIAGE (8 Pcon, Dutch, 11 days)	OCT 1
BEST OF HOKKAIDO (Sounkyo & Noboribetsu Onsen, 12 days)	OCT 14
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE TOUR (11 days)	NOV 4
JOURNEY TO KYUSHU (10 days)	DEC 5
SAN ANTONIO CHRISTMAS GETAWAY (5 days)	

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