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## Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus adds 10 members

The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, under the leadership of Rep. Patsy T. Mink of Hawaii, recently voted to expand its membership by 10 new House of Representative members. The new members come from districts of which 15 percent or more are represented by an Asian Pacific American constituency or by special request of the member, according to a spokesperson for the group.

"Since Asian and Pacific Americans represent just over three percent of this nation's overall population, to have over 15 percent representation in any district is very significant," Mink said. "The Caucus felt strongly about bringing these new members on board to stand together on issues of

concern to the Asian and Pacific American community."

The Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus was formed on May 16, 1994, to establish an organized effort within the Congress to advocate for the needs of Asian Pacific Americans. The caucus ensures that federal legislation reflects the needs of the APA community; issues policy statements on legislation pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans; educates other members and caucuses about the history, contributions and concerns of the Asian Pacific American community; and works with other caucuses and members to protect and advance the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans.

### Asian Pacific American Caucus members

New Members, Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus:

- Rep. Tom Lantos (CA) - 26%
- Rep. Matthew Martinez (CA) - 23%
- Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA) - 21%
- Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA) - 21%
- Rep. Nydia Velazquez (NY) - 20%
- Rep. Pete Stark (CA) - 19%
- Rep. Ronald Dellums (CA) - 15%
- Rep. Bob Filner (CA) - 15%
- Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA)
- Rep. Lucille Roybal Allard (CA)

Executive Committee, Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus:

- Rep. Patsy T. Mink (HI), Chair
- Del. Robert Underwood (Guam), Vice Chair
- Sen. Daniel Akaka (HI), Secretary
- Rep. Neil Abercrombie (HI)
- Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (American Samoa)
- Sen. Daniel Inouye (HI)
- Rep. Robert Matsui (CA)
- Sen. Patty Murray (WA)
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA)

## Gingrich calls Matt Fong VP material for candidate Bob Dole

'Flattered' but probably not going to happen, Fong says



MATTHEW FONG

Speculation over who will be Sen. Robert Dole's running mate extended into Los Angeles County through its own resident, California State Treasurer Matt Fong of Hacienda Heights, as House Speaker Newt Gingrich recently reeled off his name of Republicans across the country who have vice presidential potential.

"I'm flattered, but I realize that I'm not in the top tier," Fong told the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reporters the next day (June 27).

Gingrich and Dole appointed Fong last year to the National Commission on Eco-

nomics Growth and Tax Reform. "If you are really looking for the kind of talent that is solidly conservative but would energize America, you'd certainly look at people like Matt Fong," Gingrich said during his Wednesday (June 26) briefing.

Gingrich was reacting to reporters who were prodding him for a possible short list of candidates for vice president. His press aide added, "Very clearly, this is the kind of decision that only Bob Dole is going to make."

Also mentioned were two other Californians: state attorney general Dan Lungren (also mentioned by Dole,) and Rep. David Drier. The San Dimas Republican was similarly flattered, "But, from my perspective, I don't take it seriously at all," the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* learned.

## House Resources Committee passes Manzanar legislation

Additional 300 acres added by voice vote

The House Resources Committee passed legislation this week sponsored by Congressmen Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) and Jerry Lewis (R-San Bernardino) which authorizes land transfers needed to create a National Historic Site on the former Manzanar internment camp. In a departure from action taken by the National Parks, Forests and Lands Subcommittee, the full Resources Committee added 300 acres to the original legislation which called for a 500 acre site.

"This was a major victory in several ways," Matsui said. "Clearly, I was pleased with passage of the legislation, but the addition of 300 acres truly makes the project whole. This will be a lasting reminder of a very tragic time in American history."

The legislation now moves forward to the full House of Representatives for consideration. Although the original legislation creating the Manzanar National Historic site was passed in 1992, the necessary land transfers must be approved by Congress before the site can become a reality.



MATSUI

"We are now one step closer to preserving both the environment and a piece of history for the benefit of future generations," Lewis said. "This is a bipartisan effort that Congressman Matsui and I intend to pursue through the legislative

process until the measure is signed into law by President Clinton later this year."

## ORA announces new helpline number

WASHINGTON—The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has returned to use of a toll-free Helpline number, 888/219-6900, as the program nears its end. The regular telephone number, 202/219-6900, remains in operation.

In face of the Aug. 10, 1998 sunset date when the program must end, the ORA plans to step up its outreach through workshops this fall. The dates and place are to be announced.

Over the question of a \$5 million allocation to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) when \$50 million was authorized, ORA's quarterly letter (June 25, 1996) responded to community leaders:

"In 1995, as a result of the Ishida decision it was estimated that approximately 2,000-5,000 additional claimants would be eligible. ORA recognized that more money was needed to make these payments from the CLPEF. This additional money at no time was earmarked for the Education Board's use.

"ORA had the authority to access this money because, for Federal budgetary purposes, redress payments are considered entitlements while funding for the Education Board is not. This distinction means that ORA may seek the remaining funds

without having to go through the congressional budgetary process.

"If, however, the Board requires additional money, whether or not any remained in the CLPEF, they would be required to get congressional approval to do so.

"ORA did not want anyone to be left with the impression that we had taken money from the Education board whose efforts we consider equally important in achieving

### Civil rights

#### Chapters successful in changing 'Jap Shop' name in Boca Raton

The Seabrook and Southeast Chapters, JACL, were recently instrumental in persuading a Boca Raton businessman to change the name of his business from "JAP Shop" to something less offensive.

In March, Misono Miller, president of the Seabrook Chapter, wrote a letter to Orlando Pechardo, owner of the automotive business, as well as the Boca Raton Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Florida Division of Civil Rights, the Florida Better Business Bureau and the Honda and Acura Companies.

"Please change your name," Miller wrote in her letter. "It is an embarrassment, both for you and for any person who is aware of this term as a racial slur, an insult, and a demeaning term that has been used to describe Japanese in the most negative context."

In response, M.J. "Mike" Arts, president of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce reported to Miller that Pechardo was will-

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### PC moves offices

Pacific Citizen moved its operation the week of June 24 to a new address within the same business center in Monterey Park, Calif.

Phone, fax, toll-free numbers and e-mail address remain the same.

Pacific Citizen apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the move.

The new address:

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7 Cupania Circle  
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## Suspects held in death of Fresno fish market owner

FRESNO, Calif.—Two young men were arrested June 26 in the Japan/Chinatown killing of a popular fish market owner in a robbery attempt, according to the *Associated Press*. Blong Her, 22, and a juvenile are suspected of striking Akira Yokomi dead on Monday, June 24, police said.

Employees at Central Fish Market found Yokomi, 75, dead around 9 p.m. after the market closed. He ran the market for 46 years.

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## From the JACL president

By DENNY YASUHARA

### The network, this and that

On October 21-22, 1995, the National Board approved a national network like the redress network made up of individuals representing chapters and regional coordinators. This was very effective in getting information out to the chapters and was useful in enabling the chapters and districts to respond to requests from our Washington, D.C., office. It played a crucial role in the success of JACL's redress effort.

This new network would operate in a similar manner, when important issues come up and a response is needed. It would handle announcements, action alerts as in the redress effort, matters of interest to the chapters, and other issues that must be handled in a timely manner, such as local, state, and national legislation. The network could be activated to help other chapters or districts with local or regional problems or in promoting issues of importance to our organization as a whole. Moreover, the actual participation of the chapters or districts would be voluntary. It is, however, critical that a chapter be represented in the network, because important announcements or information would be conveyed to the chapters through this network. Finally, a national organization such as JACL must have such a network in place to be effective because it is the only way to get information out quickly to the membership. Of course, e-mail and a JACL Web page could do that, but most with a computer would also have access to that information. I'm not so sure

that we would want to have that, but beyond that insofar as e-mail and the Web page, we are not there yet.

So far, the following chapters have sent us the requested information:

NCWNP: Berkeley, Contra Costa, Cortez, Eden, Florin, Golden Gate, Las Vegas, Marin, San Francisco, Stockton and Watsonville.

CCDC: None.  
EDC: New York, Philadelphia, and Seabrook.

MPDC: None.  
IDC: None.

PSW: Arizona, Greater LA Singles, San Fernando, South Bay, and Torrance.

PNW: Portland, Seattle, and Spokane.

We have asked each chapter to appoint or select such a person. Stability in the network is an important consideration, and the chapter presidents change every year or two, unless the individual is willing to stay on as that chapter's representative. In any case, that's the chapter's decision. Hopefully, the chapters will be able to find someone reliable to undertake this task. As soon as you can, please send the name, address, phone and /or fax number to: National JACL, c/o Network, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 or fax to 415/931-4671. Thank you.

There is one other message I'd like to convey to you that is unrelated to this topic. I have been asked many times whether I was going to run for re-election and I have repeatedly stated that I would not. I

feel the same way today... nor will I run from the floor at the convention. I have always viewed myself as a transitional president. I have tried to do the best I could to turn over an organization in better shape than when I started. Of course, the answer to that would vary depending upon who you asked. Nevertheless, the most important thing is how one feels about what one has accomplished and what one has not. I haven't done everything I would have liked to have done, but under the circumstances, I feel that I've done about as much as I could have. I leave feeling I have fulfilled my obligations to our membership. It has not been easy, particularly on Thelma, my wife. The one thing I did not anticipate were the personal attacks and innuendos. I always felt that Japanese Americans were above that sort of thing and that JACLers would not stoop to the level of the professional politicians we have seen so much of today. I was wrong. We are volunteers and we are not even being paid! More often than not, we have been actually paying to serve. Where has civility gone? We are not adversaries. We are all volunteers working for the same organization. A couple of others, including one former employee, stated that JACL is going downhill and is finished anyway. There is only one way that JACL will be destroyed and that is from within. I have stated this on previous occasions. We must be more circumspect in what we say publicly. JACL needs more maturity in its leadership. To seek political advantage by

deliberately tearing down people or hurting someone is wrong. This is a volunteer organization. Because that sort of thing is becoming more acceptable doesn't make it right. It certainly isn't healthy for a volunteer organization. If anything is going to destroy us, it's going to be that kind of public conduct which has no regard for a colleague or his family, and to justify it as being proper by claiming the membership has a right to know and that it is in the best interest of the organization, is nonsense. Moreover, to explain it as being part of the territory is more of the same, for it permits such conduct to continue.

One other topic I'd like to elaborate on occurred recently and at one of the board meetings. I was reminded this past weekend by a JACL member that JACL's financial condition is still very fragile. The vast majority of my time has been spent on JACL's finances and I feel the National Board and I have been very careful about expenditures. I can tell you that Herb Yamanishi and Clyde Izumi also have been. This board has paid for their lodging at every meeting; some even did not bill JACL for their airfare either. They are also going to spend their own money going to the conven-

tion. It has been an expensive two years for them, as well as for me and Thelma. In 1995 alone, my JACL related out-of-pocket expenses were \$23,471.09. I have not billed JACL for any of my expenses. I am not crying, you understand. I'm just saying my board and I are aware of the financial condition of JACL, and IT IS NOT A CASH FLOW PROBLEM EITHER. Does it seem reasonable that the National Board and I spend our own money to the extent that we have, if it were? We are doing the best we can to fulfill our financial and moral obligations to our membership. I think we have been very good about trying to keep the membership informed about the budget and other matters. That is why we sent out the budget long before the convention so that we would make sure that there would be no surprises. We have tried very hard to justify your trust. From some of the comments I have heard, we obviously have not. It is not for the lack of trying. We will be working some more on the budget after we receive additional comments from our membership. We will then present this final budget to you at the convention. Contrary to what some feel, we have made contingencies in case we have a shortfall.

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JACL convention report

# Update on credentials and Convention procedures

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI  
JACL Credentials chair

This is to encourage all chapters and alternates selections for the upcoming 34th Biennial JACL National Convention in San Jose.

Our National Council sessions are the only time that the chapters and district youth representatives have their "day in the sun" regarding the direction of the League. This confab is critical to move the JACL to the higher ground.

It is understood that, in some instances certain oversights may occur. Chapter dues, for example, were due on June 6, 1996. However if the dues are paid at the time of registration, the chapter will undoubtedly be welcome to participate in the proceedings. As most seasoned conventioners will agree, a late chapter dues payment will not be grounds for denying a chapter its seat on the convention floor.

The most important thing is to register and "get in the flow" of the upcoming convention. Sign up, tune up and be there.

This year, there will be a few matters that the credentials committee will ask the National Council to resolve via the ratification process. These are intended to "put everyone on the same page," so to

speak, regarding the rules of procedure.

Adopted, we can move to the higher ground and sweep the JACL into the next biennium.

In consultation with legal counsel Tom Hara and vice president of operations Paul Shinkawa, these matters will be presented in a single main motion. The traditional ratification was left unaddressed during the last biennium due in part to the departure of the former national headquarters staff.

The motion will deal with ratifying Bylaw Amendments 3C, "Amendments to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the National Council in concept on 8/5/96."

- The final text version of Amendment 3C was not placed before the Council.

- The final version of Amendment 3C carried substantive changes to the original amendment and covered matters tabled under the Committee on Organizational Structure.

These ratifying actions are asked to affirm the intent of the JACL National Council as a result of certain procedural irregularities. National Council ratification is sought in lieu of declaring the amendments null and void.

Below is a summary and ratio-

nale:

- The amendments in question were initially carried to the National Council under the banner of the "PSW ad hoc committee." The "PSW ad hoc committee" is not a credentialed delegate and cannot introduce amendments to either the JACL Constitution or Bylaws. Any motion had to be re-introduced under the sponsorship of a credentialed chapter, meet the majority vote requirement for the given action, and then be ratified. Understandably, due to time constraints, and other variables, this was not done.

- Under normal circumstances, these actions could be ruled "null and void" (Main Motions that are Out of Order or Improper). However, given the dynamic activities of the last biennium, and the full departure of HQ staff, there appears to be a viable window to legitimize these actions vis-a-vis the ratification process.

- IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER that these "amendments" were prematurely codified in the "amended" Constitution and Bylaws of August 1994. Consequently, we are not all on the "same page" when it comes to our procedures. This premature codification led to subsequent misunderstandings that may be resolved through the ratification process.

- The other items are related to the changes in the structure of the *Pacific Citizen* as a result of the 1994 confab. There are two key areas for consideration. First, several of the changes were proposed under the initial authorship of the "PSW ad hoc committee" and others were "tabled" by the Saito motion on the COS proposal. In the case of the latter, no matter tabled under the scope of the COS list of amendments could be resurfaced unless removed from the table (which failed) or introduced as a new main motion (requiring ratification by the chapters).

- Since there were substantive changes made to the initial motions, procedural rules require that such changes are in essence representative of a "new main motion" and thereby, at the very least, require ratification.

- The third matter is related to the election of "Youth/Student" National Board Officers. Here, it should be remembered, that the initial amendment was adopted in 1992, to take effect in 1994. The "amendment" created double voting lines for national officers, one to cast a full vote, the other to cast one's "collective vote." The amendment calls for "a collective vote" by the National Council, which represents approximately 1/121st

of a vote (113 Chapters and 8 district youth reps.) The amendment did not address the "one chapter, one vote" rule of the Bylaws (Articles V and XVII) and runs contrary to the procedural rule of the majority. Every member of the National Council is entitled to one vote. Consequently, under the Rules of Procedure for 1996, each "Youth/Student" national officer shall be subject to the vote of the entire National Council.

- If the entire amendment is thrown out, the *Bylaws* would default to the procedures prior to its introduction (1990). The National Youth/Student Chair and Representative would be selected solely by the National Youth Council.

These are the procedural matters being prepared for the National Council in August. The rules of procedure, of course, do not go into effect until each delegate is credentialed and the rules adopted by the National Council. Appeals to the proposed rules will be heard before the session begins.

It is that time again, for JACLers to roll up their sleeves and to focus the direction of America's premier Japanese American organization. We need your presence and participation to keep the cadence. The beat goes on.

## Sexual harassment topic of convention workshop

"What is sexual harassment? How do we recognize it? What do recent decisions on sexual harassment suits mean? What if you are sexually harassed, or unfairly charged?" These and other very practical questions will be discussed at a workshop during the National JACL-convention on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

One of the members of the panel will be Caryl Ito, former president of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women. Ito has been chair of the Domestic Violence Committee and is currently chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures.



CARYL ITO

"It's a very important issue," she states, citing some complaints

brought by Asians to the Commission, as well as two widely publicized legal cases involving Japanese American women.

Ito is a long-time activist very well respected in the Japanese American community as a member of the Board of the Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Northern California and founding board member and past president of the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area. She has been active in a wide variety of agencies including the Girl Scouts, St. Francis Hospital, and the American Cancer Society.

She is a social worker by training, and has participated in numerous leadership workshops throughout

the United States. She is currently in a sales and marketing business associated with Lorraine Bozman Associates, representing toys companies.

"Japanese Americans have been very reluctant to deal with this problem," she added, "But as people become more aware of their rights, they will speak up."

She pointed out that women generally have not brought up the issue until very recently, and Asian women have the additional problems of cultural backgrounds which discourage speaking out.

"None of the cases of sexual harassment are win-win situations," she asserted. "What is critical is the

perception, education, and early and quick intervention. Get these cases when they occur, so that they could be stopped."

Lucy Kishaba of the Women's Concerns Committee of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District JACL which is sponsoring the workshop titled "SEXUAL HARASSMENT — ARE YOU SAFE?" welcomed men as well as women to attend the workshop. "It will not be dull," she declared. "We are planning a skit, with lots of audience participation."

People may register for the day and attend the workshops. For further information, call Women's Concerns 510/233-9595.

## Fall fashions featured at San Jose event

One of the special events at the 1996 San Jose Convention is the Tea and Fashion Show scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 7. It will be held in the Imperial Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the fall collection of both Anne Namba and Kanojo USA as they jointly present fashions designed with the Asian American woman in mind.

The afternoon will begin with tea and light refreshments, followed by the fashion show. This event will be the first time that Namba and Kanojo will be showing their clothing together. If you would like to make reservations, please call the San Jose JACL office, 408/295-1250 to sign-up. Tickets are \$30/person.

Reservations can be made by mail as well. Enclose a check in the amount of \$30/person, payable to '96 JACL National Convention and mail it along with your name, complete address, and contact phone number to '96 JACL National Convention, c/o San Jose JACL, 565 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

Designer Anne Yuri Namba is a young Japanese Korean American from Honolulu, Hawaii, who transforms vintage Japanese kimonos

and obis into contemporary fashions. Each garment is meticulously crafted, with no two exactly alike. Anne travels the world in search of new ideas, fabrics, and inspirations to continually update and expand her "kimono couture." First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Olympic Figure Skating Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi are distinguished clients.

Kanojo USA was co-founded by two Sansei women, Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick and Vicki Yamagami Ragasa. Kanojo clothing is designed and styled with a range of ages in mind. The fashion line includes playwear sets and separates for the casual lifestyle, a broad line of mix and match separates for careerwear



AT LEFT— Designer Anne Namba poses with one of her creations.



BELOW— Kanojo co-founders Vicki Yamagami Ragasa (left) and Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick.

or active women of the '90s, and a Heritage Collection which incorporates ancient silk, cottons and blended fabrics into one-of-a-kind pieces. Kanojo has the distinction of having one of its Heritage Collection kimono jackets on display at

the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Sign-up now! Don't miss this unique occasion to view and purchase fashions by Anne Namba and Kanojo USA.

### For convention kids only

"Kids Kamp" should be on the agenda for those who plan on making the 34th Biennial Japanese American Citizens League National Convention a family experience. Unique to the convention agenda, children attending the convention in San Jose this August will have an experience all their own. Friday, Aug. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. has been set aside as this special time for the convention's children. In keeping with the theme "For the Sake of the Children," Kids Kamp will be a learning and entertaining experience for the young members of the convention.

Kids Kamp is a sensory tour of San Jose Japantown, which is situated a few miles from the

main convention site. San Jose Japantown recently celebrated its 100th year anniversary in 1990 and remains a rare working and living ethnic community.

Using their senses, children will "smell" tofu being made at a local shop. They will "feel" and "hear" the sensation of a taiko drum in a hands-on workshop by Diablo Shinmu Daiko. They will "taste" samplings of Japanese American food made from restaurants found in Japantown.

Kids Kamp departs from the San Jose Fairmont Hotel promptly at noon and will return at approximately 5 pm. It is scheduled during the Awards Luncheon and Minoru Yasui Oratorical com-

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## Agenda

Agenda is a roundup of chapter news from the Japanese American Citizens League and other associations and organizations.

### Las Vegas works on 'Strength and Diversity' exhibit

The Las Vegas Chapter, JACL, recently made preparations for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990."

Coming to UNLV's Marjorie Barrick Museum from July 22 to Oct. 1, the exhibit consists of photographs and oral histories of Japanese American women's experiences in the U.S. since they first immigrated as pioneers to territorial Hawaii and the U.S. mainland in the 1880s. It is a unique personal and collective story of these Issei to Yonsei women, said chapter president Ed Wakayama.

The chapter has been soliciting grants and matching funds from various community organizations, interviewing local Nikkei women to augment the oral history project, and collecting artifacts for the Nevada story. Local members Nanyu Tomiyasu, Paul Bannai and Rhea Fujimoto are soliciting corporate funding, it was added.

"This project should unite the JACL members in an effort to educate government officials and the public at large about the importance of our ethnic contributions to American society," Wakayama said. "I fully expect some positive outcomes to emerge."

Andy Russell, oral history project chair, was to travel to Salt Lake City to research the story of Nevada Japanese Americans who resettled in Utah.

A traveling suitcase exhibit to show to school children K-12 statewide and to community organizations, after the Smithsonian exhibit departs Las Vegas, is also being planned. On the committee are a number of Nikkei educators and school people including Jeanette Matsuura, subcommittee chair; Nori Sugita, office manager at Disken Elementary School; Lois Okubo, Joanne Okushi Ho, Kristin Sakahara Cummings, and Sadie Tanaka.

### National JACL credit union balance at \$16.5 million

SALT LAKE CITY — At the 52nd annual National JACL Credit Union dinner March 29, the focus to attract a new generation of credit union members—*younger working families*—was in evidence games, a magic act, a buffet dinner, and "no long speeches," at the Little America Hotel.

Board chair Rolen Yoshinaga said in his written report that he was optimistic about the future in face of many challenges, among them installing electronic services and adopting a share draft program and more responsive risk management tools.

Credit union president/manager Terrell T. Nagata noted, "We have weathered a volatile financial environment this past year—better than expected." The financial statement as of Dec. 31, 1995 shows income this past year (\$1,158,132) exceeded expenses (\$472,932). The comparative year-end balances show 1995 at \$16,566,332 vs. 1994 at \$17,865,730. All accounts are insured by the National Credit Union Administration up to \$100,000.

## A Midwest, JACL, roundup

Midwest District Council's spring session for 1996 was held Feb. 16-18 in conjunction with Detroit JACL's 50th anniversary celebration at the Novi (Mich.) Hilton. George Takei (Star Trek's Mr. Sulu) was the Saturday keynote speaker. A memorable occasion was the buffet luncheon Sunday at the residence in Detroit of the Japanese Consul General Takeshi Kagami.

National JACL President Denny T. Yasuhara gave a progress report of the organization. He called for each chapter to appoint an Advocacy Network representative, similar to the National JACL Redress network. He also indicated an increase in membership fee will be recommended by the National Board to all chapters and that feedback be made in June prior to the National Convention.

According to the Hoosier JACL newsletter, Yasuhara indicated National's expenses were decreased \$300,000 along with drops in Membership revenue, interest accrual and advertising revenue at the Pacific Citizen, though P.C. expects an increase for 1996 and a \$65,000 goal was sought in the Annual Giving.

In addition to the chapter reports, the MDC discussed the resolutions adopted at the 1995 Tri-District Conference in Albuquerque, such as the EDC-MDC proposal to establish a national vice president for fund raising and the EDC-MDC-MPDC call for restructuring the nominations process and committee.

### Chapter Capsules

A brief summary of MDC chapter activities, as noted in *The Grains of Rice*, Cincinnati JACL Quarterly, by Marie Matsunami, and the Hoosier JACL newsletter *Bamboo Heritage*, by Charles Matsumoto, follows:

**Chicago** had to reschedule their installation dinner because of the low number of reservations. They were evaluating the future of the office building which houses the MDC Office and the Chicago JACL Credit Union.

**Cincinnati** is celebrating its 50th anniversary in August. A bus trip in April to Washington, D.C., to view the cherry blossoms was planned. The chapter will be the host for the 1996 MDC fall session.

An important money raiser is the garage sale, held twice a year.

**Cleveland** was undergoing restructuring of their board, which resulted in the cancellation of their installation dinner. Their membership was 147, about 25% being Sansei and Yonsei. The chapter has made a concerted effort to enroll youth. They planned to co-sponsor the exhibit, "A More Perfect Union." (The month-long Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit ended April 4.)

**Dayton** reported all their experiences with the exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," as being positive. Several hundred children in the Head Start Program visited the exhibit. The installation dinner, originally scheduled for Jan. 7, had to be postponed due to heavy snow. Fortunately, they were able to reschedule the dinner and main speaker, Norman Mineta, for Feb. 4 without missing a beat. An advisory group to evaluate future directions was contemplated.

**Detroit** has prepared a pictorial display titled, "Manzanar to the Motor City," to be exhibited at local schools. For May, they invited Dave Mura, author of *Turning Japanese: Memories of a Sansei*. Chapter membership was 197.

**Milwaukee (Wisconsin)** has an all-Sansei board. The Pan Asian coalition in Milwaukee consists of 10 ethnic groups. The chapter chicken teriyaki booth at the Folk Festival netted about \$2,000. Some common concerns: limited number of members and the need to "recycle" board members, and the troublesome record-keeping of membership at National.

**St. Louis** planned to celebrate its 50th anniversary on March 2. They had 97 paid members but 130 on the roster. Their annual Japan Festival was scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Nine Japanese-related organizations will be involved. Their Japan Sister City contingent would be stopping over before the summer Olympics.

**Twin Cities** co-sponsored a workshop on "Immigration Assimilation," led by J.D. Hokoyama. The coalition committee was reorganizing. They planned to participate in a Pan Asian conference in April. Their membership was 235. Board members will serve two-year terms and there will be no term limit. Chapter survey was underway for program ideas and suggestions.

## Sacramento coalition supports affirmative action

By TOKO FUJII  
Sacramento Chapter, JACL

Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action-Sacramento, a newly formed coalition of Asian Americans, announced its support for affirmative action and launched a vigorous campaign against the California Civil Rights Initiative at a recent press conference at the Nisei War Memorial Hall in Sacramento.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, traveled from Spokane, Wash., to lend support to the gathering spearheaded by the Sacramento and Florin Chapters of JACL. He said affirmative action is about diversity—diversity in education, in employment



JERRY ENOMOTO

and in the leadership of this country. This diversity cannot occur

without some means of correcting the imbalances that are currently evident, he added.

One of the key points is that the public needs to realize that Asian Pacific Americans speak for themselves, said Andy Noguchi of Florin Chapter. "We reject those who say we do not need affirmative action—barriers still exist for Asian Pacific Americans."

Jerry Enomoto, first Asian American prison warden, and state corrections director, now U.S. marshal for the Eastern District, said "None of these appointments would have happened had not responsible leaders acted upon a commitment to create diversity in

positions long lacking in people of color. That's what affirmative action is all about."

The group hopes to register new voters and unite Asian Americans and other ethnic groups against the California Civil Rights initiative, which will go before the voters in November. Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action are also active in the San Francisco Bay Area and in the Los Angeles region.

Others active in the organization of the press conference were: Toko Fujii, Lori Fujimoto, Dick Fukushima, Randy Imai, Georgetown and Roy Imura of Sacramento JACL and Karen Tomine, president of Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce.

### Santa Maria Chapter reactivated

The Santa Maria Valley Chapter, JACL, has been reactivated, with new officers and board members elected June 6.

Officers are: Kaz Oye, president; Milton Yoshimoto, first vice president; Jack Morishima, second vice president; Jan Staples, treasurer; Suzie Toyohara, recording secretary; Lily Furukawa, secretary; Irene Fujinami, publicity/historian; Dawn Kamiya and Corinne Araki Kawaguchi, scholarship co-chairs; Ken T. Oye, insurance commissioner;

and Toru Miyoshi, Keido Shimisu and Peter Ueyehara, board of directors.

Albert Muratsuchi, the new regional director of the Pacific Southwest District, JACL, will be the keynote speaker and install the new officers and board members at an installation luncheon Saturday, July 13, noon, at the Central City Broiler, 1520 North Broadway, Santa Maria, Calif. Cost is \$15 per person.

Information: Kaz Oye, 805/937-5776, or Jack Morishima, 805/925-8484.

### Satoko Watanabe named new trust administrator

Satoko Watanabe is the new JACL Blue Shield Group Health Trust administrator, according to John Yasumoto, chairman of the board of trustees. Watanabe can be contacted at the San Francisco office at 800/400-6633.

### Marysville Chapter, JACL, dedicates road to honor Tanabe family

In wake of the public turmoil over "Jap Road" in the Beaumont, Texas, area, Harry Tanabe of San Lorenzo, Calif., told the *Pacific Citizen* at the MIS Capital Reunion in Arlington, Va., that in his hometown of Marysville, where the family farm acreage was being developed for homes, one thoroughfare has been dedicated by the city planners as "Tanabe Rd."

Similar instances in California and elsewhere have been noted by the *Pacific Citizen* Circulation Department over the years as mailing addresses that had been rural delivery box numbers acquired street names, some of them of Japanese origin.

Tanabe is a longtime California Nisei VFW leader,

### Some ads now prohibited for chapter newsletters

The latest change (effective July 1) of Post Office regulations prohibits "all advertising related to travel, insurance and charge cards for publications under the Special Non-Profit Rate," which is the rate used by many JACL chapters for mass mailings.

The *Pacific Citizen*, however, has been classified a Regular Second-Class publication since 1942, when it began as a weekly newspaper (it was never under the Special Non-Profit category).

If other options are not available to chapters, *Pacific Citizen* may serve as a vehicle to handle ads on chapter-sponsored travel, insurance, and other programs at the JACL rate of \$15 per column inch.

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PSW conference

# The ups and downs of leadership and volunteerism

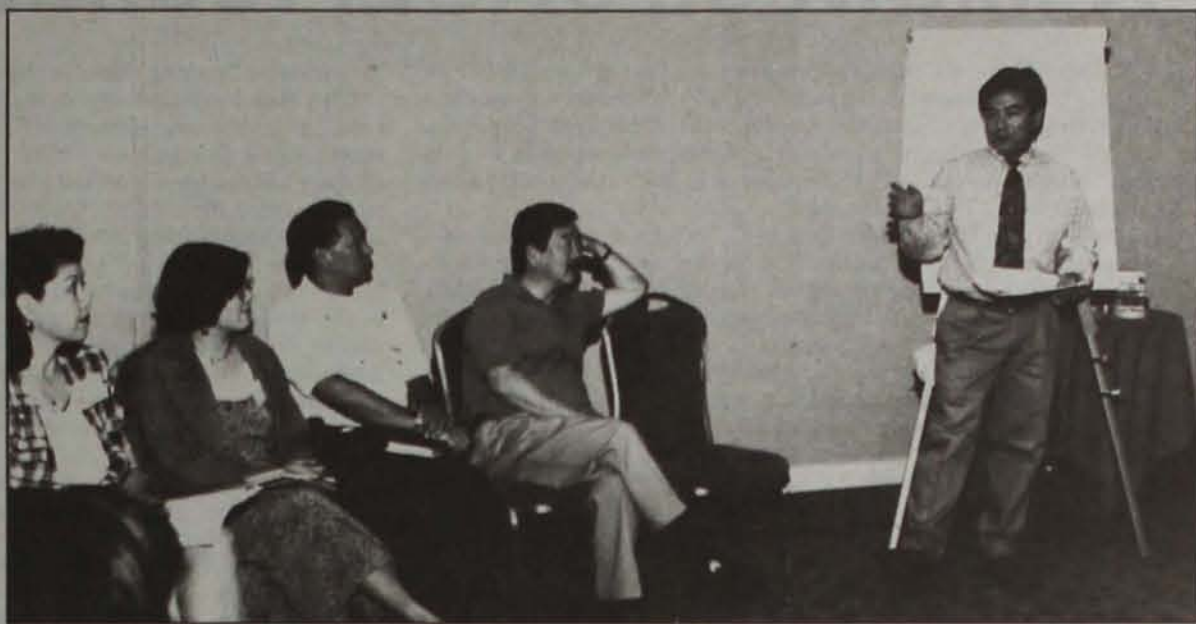
By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

The brochure pitch for one of the workshop sessions at the PSW leadership conference, May 31-June 2, in Los Angeles, was plain and very brief: "Personal Growth through Leadership Development—Jumping from the frying pan into the fire through volunteerism."

After discussing the "frying pan" values of volunteerism came the workshop break. Then followed elements of the "fire," illuminating the importance of composing and sticking to a personal mission statement. All of which was guided masterfully by workshop director Doug Urata, who is better known in the PSW as a Riverside JACLER, biennial co-chair with Linda Hara of the PSW recognitions award event, and JACL California Blue Shield board member. His professional title is chief operating officer, CienTell, Inc.

To have some idea of where you came from, Urata had each participant relate a little bit about themselves: school teacher, student, civil engineer, government clerk, businessman, retired banker, etc. Some were also managers, supervising others at work. All raised their hand when asked if they were also volunteers.

The esteem of volunteerism, Urata noted, finds some compa-



DOUG URATA makes a point during the session on leadership and volunteerism.

nies totaling the number of volunteer hours their employees contribute for their annual report, listing those who gave the most hours, or the company contributions to charities with dollar figures appended in some cases.

Participants then tried to identify "mainstream" and "Asian" values and stereotypes about people in the workplace. There are traits and perceptions of value in both columns, Urata explained, some being:

Mainstream—Spontaneous,

self-control over destiny, questioning authority, individualistic, etc.; Asian—Disciplined, fatalistic, obedient, humility, collective decision-making, etc.

Urata recommended Guy Kawasaki's 1991 book, *Selling the Dream*, as a reference when one is looking for qualities to become a leader, promoting a product or ideas. Urata found it was "required reading for nonprofit executives who want to change the world."

Participants each shared their "most valuable lesson—good or

bad" for volunteering. It was "paying back to society... helping others... supporting issues... cutting into personal life... developing new business contacts... a good role for retirees." One added he met his wife that way. Another male voice quipped, amid laughter, "And I'm still looking." Urata closed this phase by leaving this question for participants to ponder, "Why and what do you want out of volunteerism?"

For the serious-minded volunteer, one with commitment, the

second half of Urata's discussion delved into the necessity of creating a personal mission statement. It could be either in business or personal, setting forth the goal, and designating a starting date and a target date. The objectives to be accomplished enroute to the goal with each step calling for a completion date comprise the Personal Reminder Sheet.

"The mission statement should be short, flexible and distinctive," Urata continued, "for your missions will keep changing." The older participants had distinct, immediate goals for their mission statements as compared with the younger ones, whose goals were not as specific though worthy: "I want to be financially independent," for instance. The grandfather wanted to assure his grandchildren knows something about their cultural heritage.

Urata's advice was to keep personal mission statements short (doable in two years), specific (what do you want to do), flexible and challenging. On the board, he had written an acronym: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound as the "smart" attributes for a mission statement.

Prospects of PSW sponsoring a leadership conference in even-numbered years came up for conversation during the luncheon that followed. Urata was hearing that his should be back on the agenda.

# Of asking and getting—the art of fund-raising

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor/GM

No matter what the cause, it always comes down to money. How much you have dictates how far you'll go with your campaign, programs and goals.

To that end, a couple of fund-raising pros addressed the attendees at the PSW conference.

Leading off was one of the most successful fund-raisers in the business, Irene Hirano, who as executive director and president of the Japanese American National Museum, has given that facility national recognition—all made possible by knowing how to attract thousands of dollars.

Focusing more on political campaigns was David Lang of Lang, Murakawa and Wong, a firm which specializes in developing effective fund-raising events for Asian Americans interested in politics.

A specialist in nonprofit organizations, Hirano emphasized the key steps in the process:

- Mission or goal: "What do you want the organization to do, why should I give money to it?" she asked. "What will the money be used for?"

- Develop a plan, a series of steps leading to your fund-raising goal.

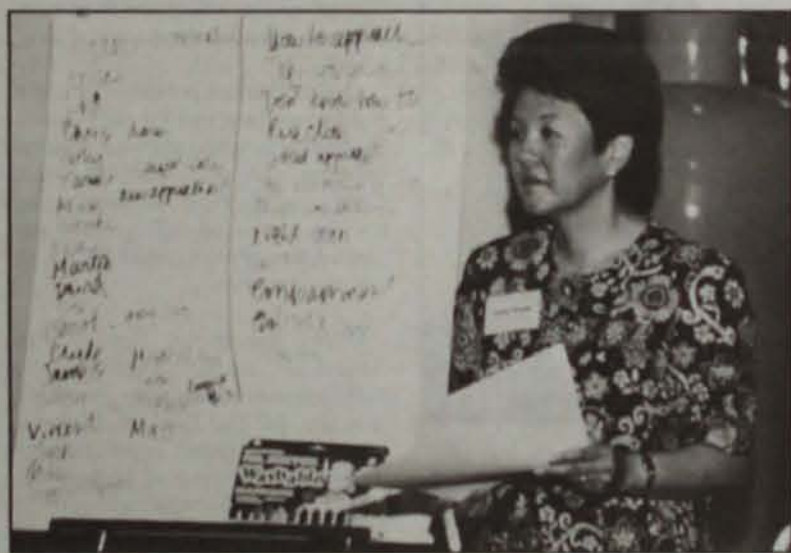
- Ask. If you don't, you don't get.

- Follow-through: "Most people won't make a decision on the spot," Hirano said. "Call back, re-contact them, follow up."

- Acknowledgement: Thank you are important.

Hirano said that fund-raising can be a creative endeavor but that it's usually best to stay with basic methods. "Find the right event for the mission of your organization," she advised. "The more it makes sense, the more likely you'll raise money."

Some proven events: dinners, grants, raffles, sales, golf tournaments, awards, mass mailings, auctions, membership drives, solicitations, running competitions,



IRENE HIRANO jots down ideas about fund-raising.

telemarketing, endowments.

In keying her talk to a largely JACL crowd, Hirano focused on membership, pointing out that the fundamental question is "Why join the organization?"

Successful fund-raisers must

make potential donors believe in the work of the organization, they must show the benefits of joining and create a sense of belonging. And, of course, it all starts by simply asking for support.

For some the surprise comment

was that fund-raisers can obtain the most money through membership. "That's because memberships renew each year. Once committed to being a member, it's easier to get them to renew. You have a built-in way to raise money the following year," she said.

Lang led off his talk with these points:

- Have a marketable product or candidate and develop a message. "You shouldn't support someone just because he's an Asian American," he said. "The candidate should stand for something, have a platform."

- Have a plan or strategy. Using his experience in campaigning for Mike Woo, who ran for mayor of Los Angeles, Lang said that even though he was a local candidate he needed millions of dollars not just on the local level but on the national as well.

- Development and research: "Be patient," Lang said. "Develop a relationship. Invest time where the money is."

- Maintenance/personal touch: "Getting the money is not the end of the story. Go back to ask again. Maintain a relationship. Send Christmas cards, remember special events, remember people's names, spouses, what they do, their kids. Write notes on business cards."

- Be creative: Lang's example was a food fair his firm developed called "A Taste of L.A." The concept of the successful event was asking 12 restaurants to donate their time and talents to provide their best dishes for those paying the price of a ticket.

More tips:  
—In developing advertising, Lang said the trick is to create a sense of urgency.

—Stars: People may not care about a candidate but they may be willing to pay money to see and hear a singer or movie star.

—Boat cruises: A good event for 10-15 people. Bill it as an exclusive evening with a candidate. They are, however, costly.

## Snapshots



ABOVE—Ron Osajima, PSW vice governor, leads a workshop session during the PSW leadership conference.



AT LEFT—Linda Hara and Gary Mayeda share a light moment.



PSW GOV. DAVID KAWAMOTO, seated, right, joins festive mood of one of the social events of the conference.



ROLE-PLAYING—Participants develop leadership skills in skits.



# The Barracks

## They tell a powerful story

In September 1994, the efforts of some 80 volunteers, men and women, brought a little known part of America's history to Los Angeles' Japanese American National Museum. A 54-year-old, fragile, tattered and weathered barrack was transported from a site near the former Heart Mountain concentration camp in northern Wyoming and reconstructed outside of the Museum. Most of the volunteers were those directly affected by what the barrack represents.

The barrack closes Aug. 18, 1996. Essentially untouched or modified in any way since it housed families during World War II, the barrack has stood at its present location in Little Tokyo as an exhibit for nearly two years, but on Aug. 18 it will be taken down and stored in order to make room for construction of the Museum's new Phase II Pavilion building.

As a regular volunteer Museum docent, I've guided over 100 groups of visitors to view the barrack and to tell the story that goes with it. Here is my version of that story.

I tell of how 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, were torn from their homes in 1942 following the start of World War II with Japan, and forced into concentration camps during the war by their own country, the United States of America.

Because of their ancestry and racial prejudice, hysteria based on fear of the Japanese enemy and a breakdown in the leadership of politicians, including President Roosevelt, large masses of unsuspecting families were herded away from their homes on the West Coast to live in thousands of similarly constructed barrack 'units' in ten camps, such as Heart Mountain, in seven states, mostly in the country's interior.

The largest of the three units of the barrack on display consists of a single room, 24' x 20' in size. The number of units per barrack varied from camp to camp. Barracks in Heart Mountain contained six units which were of three differ-

By **IKE HATCHIMONJI**

ent sizes and housed families according to the number of members.

Aside from the room, the only furnishings available were a single light bulb that hung from the ceiling, a large coal-burning stove occupying one corner and government issued, military-type steel cots and army blankets. Any other furniture such as tables and chairs were made by the internees themselves from bits of scrap lumber left over from the construction of the camp.

Visitors of all ages and ethnic groups, from every state and many countries have come to hear the story of how families lived in these "relocation centers," as they were called by the government. This term, in reality, was a euphemism for concentration camps, a term fitting the dictionary definition for such a detention facility. Politically smart government officials preferred using the less harsh term of relocation center to cover up what they were doing.

The barrack and its story is very personal to this writer as it stood exactly next to the one my family and I occupied in the same camp. My barrack number was 6, while the one on display was number 5, in the same block, housing families whom I knew then. Therefore, I am able to tell the story associated with the barrack from actual experience along with the perspective of historical facts.

For many of the visitors, learning that such an event could have taken place in this country is unbelievable, but seeing the barrack and hearing the account surround-

ing it, they realize that the story is a testimony of the truth.

I tell the visitors that the barrack is a simple, crudely built tarpaper and wood structure that shows the ravages of weather and time and is therefore of little material value. It is, however, a strong symbol and proof of an egregious government-initiated act without precedent against its own citizens and without just cause within its



FROM THE PAST—After 50 years, one barrack still stands in field near the site of Hart Mountain concentration camp in Wyoming.

own borders.

The purpose of this Museum artifact exhibit is to tell all visitors that the event represented by the old barrack should never happen again—to anyone. Like the Nazi holocaust, "Never again!" I like to say. What happened to us should be a strong lesson for every American that our liberties must be guarded at all times.

While the protections of all American citizens are granted to them under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, we were denied every civil right we were entitled to. On the face of the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C., is inscribed, "Equal Justice Under The Law." It is fundamental to our system of democracy. Those words were meaningless as they applied to us.

tarpaper exterior. Coupled with disbelief and dismay on seeing how we lived, tears are understandable.

That families lived under these conditions of extreme crowding in which as many as six members shared a single, open room without interior walls, partitions or private rooms shows the disregard with which we were treated. This contempt for personal privacy was also seen in the latrines and showers where partitions or walls didn't exist, a humiliation for adults. Only prisoners in jails experience such treatment.

To add to the barely tolerable quarters allocated to each family, some camps, including Heart Mountain, were constructed in areas of barren, desert wasteland where weather conditions ranged from the extreme cold of Wyoming to the dry parched heat and dust of the two Arizona camps. Others in Arkansas were in warm, humid, rural areas of Arkansas where two camps were located. None of the camps were located in country club settings.

Visitors are reminded of the physical and emotional trauma faced by the internees after they left their modest but comfortable homes and moderate climates on the West Coast, were transported in dilapidated trains under armed military guards and forced to spend an uncertain future under such conditions.

One can imagine the trauma felt when, virtually overnight, families lost homes, farms, businesses, jobs, educations and promising careers—after years of pain and effort to gain them. The rationale of military necessity given for our removal by the government was, in actuality, an accusation of disloyalty of the Nisei, American citizens and their Issei parents as potential saboteurs or espionage agents for Japan.

Probably some of the worst effects of the removal and incarceration impacted most strongly on the alien Issei who struggled for many years to raise good families as law-abiding members of their communities in order to realize their dreams of prosperity and success in their adopted country.

Their dreams were suddenly shattered when the exclusion order was issued by the president and their futures were without hope. Depression among the Issei resulted from feelings of despair and hopelessness that existed despite their often-held beliefs of *shikata ganai* ("it can't be helped"), the passive attitude taken by many of them in times of adversity.

Visitors include those who were incarcerated in the camps, and their testimonies are often freely given and listened to intently by other visitors. Some of these accounts are amusing while others reveal long-repressed feelings of bitterness when experiences are related. Some mothers told about being unable to properly care for newborn babies due to a shortage of medications or food, while oth-

ers were separated from members of their families because they lived in different places and therefore were sent to different camps.

For certain former internees, the barrack can have a positive, healing effect, especially when they can talk to visitors from other camps and realize what they've overcome. However, many remain angry about being in camp while others remain silent, preferring not to be reminded about those days.

Beside the barrack stands a replica of one of the guard towers at Heart Mountain that was erected around the perimeter barbed wire fence encircling the camp. These towers were to watch the internees and to warn those who approached the fence to stay back. Each was occupied by armed U.S. military police 24 hours a day, obviously to prevent our escape. Large beams of light from the towers illuminated the fences at night, thus preventing escape while adding to the prison-like atmosphere of the camp.

The expenditure of manpower to operate the towers was simply a waste of resources as no one in his or her right mind ever thought about escape, which would have been senseless considering the hostile environment toward us on the "outside."

The Museum's Mission is to "Make known the Japanese American experience as an integral part of our nation's heritage to improve understanding and appreciation for America's ethnic and cultural diversity." The barrack is there to help achieve that objective.

However, as one elderly Caucasian man said out loud during his visit, "You Japs deserved what you got! You bombed Pearl Harbor." Much remains to be done.

Those who have not seen the barrack are urged to do so before Aug. 18. See it and hear its story.

*Ike Hatchimonji is a volunteer, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, and a member of the ??? Chapter, JACL.*



RELOCATING—Above, crew of the Japanese American National Museum dismantle barracks in Wyoming for exhibition and preservation at the Los Angeles facility. Below, crew unloads barracks for assembly.





## From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

# The Medal of Honor—belatedly

The nation's desire to exorcise racist evils of the past—Redress is a prime example of one successful effort to cleanse the record—has led to a move to present the Medal of Honor belatedly to black heroes of World War II who were denied because of the color of their skin.

If you've been reading the newspapers you know that some scholars have dug into the records and come up with the names of a number of black heroes worthy of the award. As this is written the U.S. Senate is expected to recommend that seven of them be given the Medal of Honor although the deadline for nomination is long past.

Only one of these men is still living. His name is Vernon Baker and he was a railroad porter in Cheyenne, Wyo., when he enlisted. Lieutenant Baker was with the 92nd Division to which the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team was attached during the action in which Baker distinguished himself. It took place April 5, 1945, in the Po Valley campaign that led to German surrender in Italy.

For its part in that battle, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The citation says the "92nd Division was ordered to

open the 5th Army's offensive by executing a diversionary attack, with the 442nd responsible for the main effort. But the 442nd attacked so successfully that the diversion quickly turned into the main assault. "In four days," the 442nd's citation reads, "the attack destroyed positions which had withstood the efforts of friendly troops for five months."

There were many heroes among the Nisei in that battle. One was Pfc. Sadao Munemori, who died on the first day of the drive, the same day in which Baker distinguished himself. Munemori was the only Nisei to receive a Medal of Honor in World War II.

In a later stage of the same campaign Lt. Daniel K. Inouye was severely wounded in an action that won him the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor.

In the entire war Nisei received one Medal of Honor although many more were recommended for it. In each of these latter cases the request was denied and a less prestigious medal—Nisei were awarded 52 Distinguished Service Crosses—presented.

These figures raised the suspicion that Nisei soldiers experienced the same kind of

discrimination—a recognition barrier which said only whites were entitled to the nation's highest award for military valor—that blacks faced in World War II.

Mike Masaoka, who handled public relations for the 442nd, has written that at war's end not a single Nisei had been awarded the Medal of Honor. He brought up the matter to his friend, Sen. Elbert Thomas, chairman of the military affairs committee. Not long afterward, Masaoka said, the recommendation of a Medal of Honor for Private Munemori was approved.

For some time friends and admirers have been urging a Medal of Honor for the late Lt. Col. Robert Sakakida, who survived incredible experiences as an intelligence agent in the Philippines in World War II. Perhaps a color barrier breakthrough to recognize black heroes will open the way for properly honoring not only Colonel Sakakida, but other very worthy Nisei heroes who were denied the Medal of Honor because of racial discrimination.

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## East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

# Terry

THAT'S THE TITLE of a book by former U.S. Sen. George McGovern from South Dakota, who was also the 1972 Democratic nominee for the presidency which was won by Richard M. Nixon. While leafing through the morning newspaper, wife Vicki noted a reference to the book and asked if I was aware of it. I was not, so I stopped in a bookstore to peruse the book. Apparently the book had just arrived from the publishers (Random House, 208 pages, \$21, hardback) so that the sales clerk turned to a catalogue. I leafed through a few pages and noting a number of references familiar to me, I purchased a copy.

The book's subtitle: *My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle with Alcoholism.*

IN THE FALL of 1942, Tom Semba—with whom I worked on the Tulean Dispatch—and I left the confinement of Tule Lake and by bus and train headed for a Methodist university in Mitchell, S.D., "Dakota Wesleyan University" (DWU). Among the students was one George McGovern, active in student government as well as in athletics, clearly a BMOC (Big Man On Campus). George was also on the university's debate team, and as a lesser

part of the school's team attending meets, I had the opportunity to observe George in action.

He was darn good. In fact, the DWU team won the state championship that year.

GEORGE WENT ON to become a bomber pilot, safely flew his quota of missions, returned home to Mitchell, did some teaching at DWU while preparing his doctoral thesis for Northwestern University. Also he had married Mitchell hometown girl, Eleanor Stegeberg, from which union there were born five children: four daughters and one son. Among the daughters was Teresa (Terry), born on June 10, 1949, endowed with wit, social ease, sensitivity and appealing good looks. But this promising youngster became enmeshed in a lifestyle foreign to her family, including iron-grip addiction to the demon alcoholism. Ultimately it led to her demise on a bitter cold December evening of 1994, fallen in intoxicated stupor on snow behind a shop in Madison, Wis.

THE DETAILED NARRATIVE of unending cycles of rehabilitation only to be followed by relapses, the agonizing frustrations for father George, and undoubtedly for gracious mother Eleanor, impacted this

reader. The all too many episodes of regression, the constant living on the edge, fearful every time the phone rang late at night, the author spares little leaving the reader with searing impressions. In a preface the author states that "I have written every word in longhand on pads of yellow legal-size paper. Those sheets show many small smudges. That is what happens when tears fall onto the page."

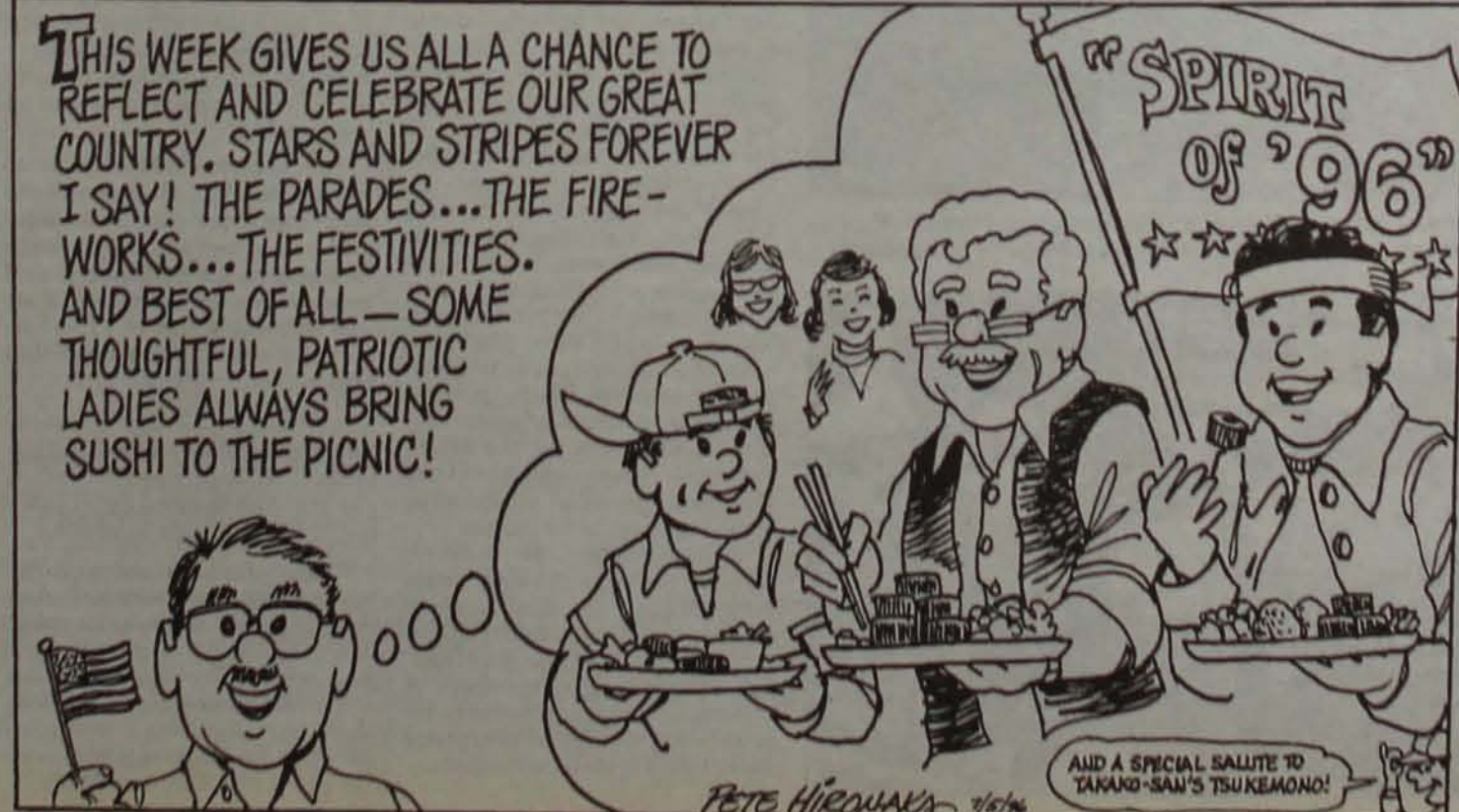
THERE'S ALSO the inevitable soul-searching on the part of the father desperately seeking to comprehend, groping for answers where there may be no answers. There are series of "what ifs" to which there are no answers inasmuch the question inquires into what did not take place. Nonetheless as a parent I shared a fragment of father George's agony.

Caught up in the narrative, once or twice I became misty-eyed. (I'm getting old.)

OUT THERE within the ambit of the readership, there undoubtedly are families who have suffered or are suffering the de-

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



## JACL CAL

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speaker from Blue Shield of Calif.; Calif. Partnership on Long Term Care, speaker Tosh Hayashi, Ph.D., from Dept. of Health Services.

JAPAN-TOKYO

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

RENO

Sat., July 27—Sierra Folklife Festival booth, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wingfield Park; info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385. NOTE—APA Northern Nevada co-sponsors.

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SAN JOSE

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

SAN MATEO

Sat., July 27—Community family potluck, 5-8 p.m., Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas; RSVP by July 19, JACL 343-2793. NOTE—1966 chapter scholarship winners to be honored.

Sun., Aug. 4—JACL/Yosh Kojimoto Memorial golf tournament, 11 a.m., Coyote Point Muni Golf Course; info: Vince Asai, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, 415/349-3590.

STOCKTON

Chapter Board on 2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Union Bank, info: Aeko Fenelon, pres., 209/948-0966.

WEST VALLEY

'Next Generation' meeting, 2nd Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m., JACL Senior Center Clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr. at Graves Ave., San Jose; info: Ed Ikeda, pres., 408/974-5695, = ikeda1@eworld.com.

Sun., July 7—WVJAVL/NG picnic, noon-4 p.m., Cuesta Park, Mountain View; info: Jennie Shikashio, 408/268-3537. NOTE—1:30 kid games, 2 p.m. big-kid games, ongoing volleyball, bingo. Fees: \$5 member, \$6 nonmember, kids under 12 free.

Sat., July 20—Japanese American Day at 3Com Park, 1 p.m.; info: Brett Uchiyama 408/997-0552. NOTE—Giants vs. Dodgers; saluting the Legends of Japanese American Baseball Leagues, prewar Nisei baseball stars of Northern and Central California, scheduled to appear: Giant greats Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Dodger pitcher Hideo Nomo.

## Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., July 13—Pre-Convention meeting, 11 a.m., Selma. Info: Patricia Tsai, JACL regional Office 209/486-6815. NOTE—All national office candidates are invited to attend. Agenda: Proposed convention resolutions.

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.

ARIZONA

Chapter Board meets first Wednesday at JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale. Info: Dr. Richard Matsuishi, pres., 602/934-3340.

SELANOCO

Mon.-Fri., July 15-19—Chibi no Gakko, 9 a.m.-2, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Garden Grove; info: B.J. Watanabe, 714/779-4140.

SOUTH BAY

Chapter Board monthly meetings, last Monday, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Municipal Airport Community Room, 3301 Airport Drive, Torrance.

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## Voices

By GREG MAYEDA

## Does the JAACL's vision of the future include Hapas?

Is the Japanese American community getting larger or smaller? It's no secret that Japanese Americans are marrying outside of their ethnic community at an unprecedented rate. A 1992 National Center for Health Statistics study places the number around 65%. If you look at portraits of these young families, you will see that the Japanese American community is changing. Some believe the community is shrinking. This view assumes that a person must have two parents of Japanese ancestry to be considered truly "Japanese American." A more positive view is to see the community as expanding—evolving in ways unfathomable a generation ago. Hapas, the "mixed" children, represent our community's future. In time, the typical Japanese American will be Hapa.

## No surrender?

Today, the Japanese American community is at a critical turning point. Membership and participation in our traditional organizations and events is not keeping pace with the rate of the expanding community. Why is this? Do Hapas really consider themselves Japanese American? Do they value and respect the tradition?

There are no easy answers to these questions. Hapas are likely to respond differently and ask some of their own. A response may be: "Well, of course I consider myself to be Japanese American, and how can I have anything but respect for our rich history. But when I go to JAACL meetings, the National Museum, Cherry Blossom and Nisei Week Festivals, these events don't seem to incorporate who I am and what my role in the community will be. I won't surrender part of my heritage to be recognized as a

full-fledged member of the Japanese American community."

How are Hapas different from other Japanese Americans? How are they the same? This is not the place to learn "everything you wanted to know about Hapas but were afraid to ask." Ask a Hapa—whether it be your grandchild, nephew, niece, or neighbor—and begin to learn for yourself! We're all family. Don't be scared!

## Who are Japanese Americans?

Yes, Hapas are different from Yonsei and the other generations before us. We may look different, we may have last names like Tate, Wong, or Rodriguez, and we may eat unique combinations of food. Yet we are still Japanese Americans. Each generation has a different experience. And ours is not the first generation to have diverse experiences. The Nisei and Kibei had distinct experiences from each other, but both are considered Japanese Americans.

## The JAACL

In 1994, the JAACL adopted a 10-point Program For Action for the past biennium. Point Seven of the Program For Action stated:

"To promote awareness and pride in, and to celebrate, the unique culture and history of Japanese Ancestry, and to support our members, particularly those in multi-ethnic families, as they pass this culture and history to their children."

Point Seven recognizes the important role Hapas and their multicultural families will play in the future of the community. However, words are empty without actions.

In this past biennium, the JAACL has

taken the first few important steps to explore the impact of the community's multicultural children. Hapa Issues Forum facilitated workshops at the tri-district conference, the youth conference, and will participate in the upcoming National Convention. HIF is pleased to open channels of communication with the JAACL. But we cannot help but wonder why this dialogue has not begun from within the JAACL.

Now is the time for the JAACL to develop and fund long-term programs effectively designed to include Hapas and their multicultural families. The JAACL should extend its hand to Japanese American students in high schools and colleges across the country.

This is in the best interests of the entire community. The JAACL must cultivate leaders for the future. Failure to do so could be disastrous. If the number of Japanese Americans is increasing, and the number of participants in traditional organizations and events continues to decrease, who will carry on the legacy of Japanese Americans in the future?

## Represent the entire community

The JAACL remains silent on the most pressing civil rights issue for most of its mixed race constituents—the creation of a Multiracial Category on the Census. Will the JAACL continue to expect blind allegiance of its mixed-race members and not advocate the creation of a mixed-race category? Or, will they take the lead and become the first minority civil rights organization to recognize the needs and rights of mixed race Japanese Americans to identify their racial reality on the Census? Under the proper proposal, creation of such

a category will likely lead to an increase in the number of people who identify as Japanese Americans without taking away representation in other groups. Further, such a category will allow a greater celebration of diversity that will benefit everyone.

## Looking ahead

A Chinese proverb tells us: "The present is a stepping stone to the future." The question for Japanese Americans and the organizations they participate in becomes: "What can we do today to ensure active participation and retention of Hapas and the Yonsei generation tomorrow?" For members of the JAACL, this question must be asked on the local, district, and national levels. How do the candidates running for National office plan to include Hapas and their families as part of the community in the future?

Today, the JAACL is on the cusp of a new era. It has the opportunity to continue their groundbreaking civil rights work. By standing up for mixed-race Japanese Americans, incorporating us into their committees, boards, and publications, they send the world a message that Japanese Americans are diverse, inclusive, and committed to righting wrongs wherever they may be. Past outreach efforts should be commended. But further efforts must be encouraged, enhanced, and expanded.

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## Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

## Orations and essays, vintage 1932-35

**O***rations & Essays by the Japanese Second Generation of America*, a 205-page book edited by Paul T. Hirohata and published in 1932 by the Los Angeles Japanese Publishing Co., known as *The Rafu Shimpo*, has been lying untouched in the *Pacific Citizen* library for at least 25 years. Inside, it bears Fred Fertig's signature, the PC office stamp: Room 302, 125 Weller St., and "50¢." We have the 1935 edition containing additional works.

It's about time to air its pages and glean bits of what Nisei graduates—from grammar school, junior high, high school and junior college, all in California—had to say some sixty years ago and which impressed Hirohata, then the *Japan Times* correspondent in America.

In his foreword, Kay Sugahara, then Los Angeles JAACL president and shipping magnate to be, paints the times [our interpretations added]: "Economic disturbances [depression] and cultural clashes [anti-Japanese racism or Issei vs. Nisei tensions] have caused misunderstanding and unrest to ruffle the even [otonashii] tenor of our daily lives ... The sublime moments of inspiration in the academic life of contemporary Nisei are recorded for posterity."

Without further ado, here are the 48 authors (all 1932 graduates unless indicated otherwise), title of their works plus a line or two. Let this be our paean from another 1932 graduate, from Maryknoll School, Los Angeles, to the 1996 graduates this year.

## In Alphabetical Order

**John Fujio Aiso**, Hollywood High School, prize-winning text of his Dec. 15, 1923 speech at the Nanka Seinenkai contest: (Lincoln's Devotion to the Constitution) "I ask every solitary member [tonight] to become famous men like Lincoln, to stand up for right and justice and thus set an example for the generations to come." Judge Aiso was a 10th grader, just turned 14, at

the time he won the contest.

**Florence Akiyama**, Sanger High School (What High School Means to a Japanese Girl): "High school education is like an unpolished gem which each graduate receives ... [each] will be polished in different ways and send their rays in different directions."

**Mary Fukaye Asada**, Selma High School, 1933 (Enthusiasm): "For so long as enthusiasm lasts, so long will youth endure."

**Fujio Frank Chuman**, Los Angeles High School, 1934 (Persistent Idealism): "What the nation lacks today is not a stable government or great leaders; it lacks a more vital necessity—an abundance of good citizens."

**Chizuko Doi**, Edison Technical High School, Fresno (The American Woman Comes of Age): "The woman of today has come of age; the woman of 1800 was a child in comparison."

**Kozue Fujikawa**, Burroughs Jr. High School, Burbank (History of Japanese Books): "In Japan books are valued as treasured possessions, treated with respect ..."

**Doris Fujisawa**, Audubon Jr. High School, Los Angeles (Influence of the Olympic Games on Greek Art): "... Other races had lived under as favorable conditions [as the ancient Greeks] and had not attained the same results."

**Haruko Fujita**, Arcadia Grammar School (Why Japanese Came to America): "Eastern civilization has been looking eastward, so that now we find California the melting pot of the two currents of civilization."

**Hidemitsu Ginoza**, Fowler High School (George Washington and the Constitution): "He showed his abiding faith in our national future and in its people ..."

**Jimmie Chikao Hamasaki**, Santa Maria Union High School, January 1934 (Citizenship): "... the only true citizenship is the love of country with a lofty conception of what the nation should be."

**James Hajime Hashimoto**, Long Beach Polytechnic High School, 1934 (Equality of Opportunities in American Education): "But where in all the world can the lowly, the poor, the foreign be welcomed into the rich opportunities afforded by the public schools more cordially than in America?"

**Yoshiko Higuchi**, Monterey Union High School (Women and World Peace): "[Women] know what war is—they know the value of human life. Motherhood speaks for itself ... Probably in the near future, the Pacific will be the central stage of international drama."

**Thomas Hirashima**, Carpinteria High School, 1933 (Proposed Measures to Meet the Crisis): "It is the obligation of every American, young or old, to be alert to the passing events [of Roosevelt's New Deal] and to try to understand the real tasks before our people."

**Helen H. Hirata**, San Bernardino Jr. College (The Voice of Nature): "... Let the voice of service become so integral a part of ourselves that every fiber of our bodies reacts to its call."

**Matilde Sumiko Honda**, Brawley Union High School, 1933 (Shall I Go to College?): "Do I love learning? How well can I read? Have I adequate knowledge and mastery of the English language? Is my family backing me? Can I pay the price? ... After answering such self-inquiries ... is one sufficiently prepared to answer the paramount question—Shall I go to college?"

**Ayame Ichiyasu**, San Francisco High School of Commerce, 1933 (Valedictory Address): "Memories, the priceless treasure of youth, which neither gold nor jewels can buy ... will be most sacred."

**George J. Inagaki**, Sacramento High School (The Future of California): "It is in the hands of the youth of today to prepare California for the responsibilities which will be hers when she becomes the cultural and industrial leader of the Nation." [In 1954, Inagaki was the first national JAACL president re-elected to a second term. Two others have served two terms since then.]

**Charles Inouye**, Sequoia High School, Redwood City (What is Success?): "I do not know that it is for all of us to achieve success, but we all have had an extraordinary opportunity to do so."

**Shizu Komae**, Lafayette Jr. High School, Los Angeles, June 1931 (Festivals of Japan): "Like the carp ... Japanese boys are taught they must go through the stream of life and overcome all difficulties."

**Pearl Kurokawa**, Arroyo Grande High School (A Pause in the March of Education): "We must not allow this phase of education to become idle ..."

**Helen S. Kuwada**, San Martin Grammar School, 1933 (A Valedictory Poem):

"Here with our patient teachers/We gathered day by day./They gave us kindly counsel/And helped us on our way."

**Mitsue Matsumune**, Salinas Central Grammar School (Salutatory Address): "This motto, *Success Through Effort*, has carried us through odds—through thick and thin."

**Mary Toshiko Miyamoto**, Clovis Union High School, 1933 (The Beauties of the High Sierras): "Of the high Sierras, 'there is no line of poetry more full of meaning ... than the beginning of the 121st Psalm: *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.*'"

**Kiyoshi Murakami**, Gardena High School, 1934 (Power): "Of Hoover Dam, 'the economic aspect involved will easily outbalance the engineering feats.'"

**Goro Murata**, Montebello High School, June 1926 (American Government and Idealism): "American people have experienced something of the reality of the ideal that civilization is the capacity for cooperation."

**Yoshimi U. Nagayama**, Gardena High School, January 1934 (Public Domain): "About Hoover Dam, 'perhaps you have never thought of the conservation of national resources as being related to monopoly or big business.'"

# Utah honors Raymond Uno for community work

Raymond Uno recently received the "One in a Hundred" award from Salt Lake County, Utah, during the state's centennial celebration.

Uno was honored for his "outstanding contributions to the county and the community." The longtime JACL member has served his community as a social worker, juvenile court referee, professor, attorney and judge.

Uno chaired the Utah State

Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and in 1993-94 served on the Governor's Task Force on Utah Anti-Discrimination Division (1993-94).

His JACL background includes service as president from 1970-72, chair of the Resolutions Committee at the 1964 Biennial Convention, parliamentarian at the 1968 convention, and national legal counsel, 1973-74.



RAYMOND UNO

## VINTAGE

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**Michiko Naito**, Lovell Grammar School, 1934 (Farewell): "Education ... is a plant that never stops growing ... if only its owner tends it a little."

**Jimmy Nakamura**, Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, January 1927 (The Purpose of Education): "We must grow in knowledge and character. This, indeed, is the fundamental purpose of education."

**George Nishida**, Grand View School, Dinuba, 1934 (Valedictory Address): "So, I am not going to linger over the parting words—Good-bye."

**Kiyoshi Nobusada**, Hanford Union High School, 1934 (Education Insures Peace): "The light which Columbus followed has not failed. The courage that carried him on still lives."

**Shizue Ohashi**, Canoga Park High School (The Ideal of Olympic Games): "World peace! One of the great topics of the day. Olympic Games! Another great topic. Why not bind these two together..."

**Ayami Onaka**, Fowler High School, 1933 (Relation of Leisure to Avocations): "The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts [which] can live only in cultivated minds.... They are not only happy in themselves, they are the cause of happiness in others."

**Sakaye Saiki**, Katella School, Anaheim (Valedictory Address): "Classmates, we have paddled together up to now, but each must row alone into the deeper channels to come ...."

**Kazuya Sanada**, University High School, Los Angeles, January 1935 (American Ideals of Education): "Crucial changes in Education must move in an atmosphere of freedom—unhampered by worn-out academic standards."

**Yuriko Sanwo**, Kerman High School, Fresno County, 1933 (An Average Day at School): "[It] aims first and most important to widen the scope of knowledge, second, to stimulate mental activity, and third, to preserve good health."

**Aiko Sawada**, San Juan Grammar School, San Juan Bautista,

Calif. (Welcome Address): "We can never repay our teachers, for money does not express feelings."

**Ida Ikuye Shimanouchi**, McKinley Jr. High School, Pasadena (International Peace): "True, men have fought one another for a cause. But it is equally true that men have been friendly for a cause."

**Charlotte Shimidzu**, Lafayette Jr. High School, Los Angeles, June 1928 (The Simplified Calendar): "About the 13-month year calendar (the extra month between June and July), do not get excited, boys and girls. It does not mean another month of vacation."

**Lincoln Shimidzu**, Lafayette Jr. High School, Los Angeles, February 1930 (New Clues to the Mayan Riddle): "What disaster befell this ancient race that was sturdy in body and keen in mind?" [Lincoln was hopeful that Col. Lindbergh's flight over newly-found Mayan ruins would provide some clues.]

**Roku Sugahara**, Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, January 1930, (The Struggle Against Crime): "[This devil] finds easy access to the hearts of the young people ... the spirit of 'get away with it,' which I believe is the cause of this crime problem."

**Jimmie Tabata**, Monterey Union High School, 1933 (Prospects of Pacific Foreign Trade): "...an eminent Chinese statesman once remarked, that if every one (of the 400 million) people of China were to increase the length of his shirt by one inch, the cotton mills of the world would not be sufficient to meet the increased demands. Such a market staggers the imagination."

**George S. Takaoka**, Clovis Union High School, 1933 (Clovis and Her Trade Territory): "Thar's gold in them thar hills; that is, gold not dug from the ground."

**Toshio Yamagata**, Fowler High School, 1933 (Relation Between Leisure and Citizenship): "... Unless we have earned the right to our place in the community and are willing to assume our share of the responsibility in the great game of life, we are not good citizens under the laws of society. Leisure time can be devoted to

study and intellectual development."

**Frank K. Yamakoshi**, Gilroy High School (An Appreciation for Our Education): "Let us do our utmost and show our parents our appreciation for our education and what it is has taught us."

**Norio Yasaki**, Foshay Jr. High School, Los Angeles, February 1938 (What Junior High School Has Done for Us Aladdin's Lamp): "The two great missions of junior high school, as I see it, are: first, to give its students the ability to choose good things from bad things, and second, to give its student the opportunity to experiment with what he has learned." [The minister-to-be called his education an Aladdin's Lamp, "a slight rub with the cloth of my imagination takes me immediately to any place in the universe ... any part of history of humanity, or to any person whose life I respect and admire."]

**Dorothy Chiye Yoshida**, Sweetwater High School, National City (Mahatma Gandhi): "One day every week he keeps complete silence, not broken under any circumstances."

**Michiko Yoshihashi**, Thomas Starr King Jr. High School, Los Angeles (An Appeal for World Friendship): "The one thing that constitutes world progress is the extension of the Peace era."

**Kameko Yoshioka**, Edison Technical High School, Fresno, (Why Study the English Language?): "It has become a part of us and helps to identify us as Americans."

## MARUTANI

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structiveness of alcoholism. Terry may be helpful reading, reflecting the travails of another good family torn by this demon, the survivors somehow remaining intact. Included in the book are observations by some of Terry's siblings. Near the end of the book, there's one by her sister Ann that particularly touched me with its spontaneous tenderness and philosophic perceptions beautifully articulated.

assistant scheduled meetings to review the situation and provide reassurance to community members.

—Casper made a statement about the incidents at the April 18 meeting of the Faculty Senate. "... The incidents are understandably disturbing to members of the university and to others," Casper said. "We condemn the acts and will do all we can to ensure there is no further occurrence."

## KIDS

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petition, the Monterey Bay Tour (Monterey Bay Aquarium/17 Mile Drive), and the San Jose Downtown Walking Tour. Provisions for picking up your child will be arranged if other activities run late.

Pre-registration is required for 'Kids Kamp.' Registration flyers are available from all JACL chapter presidents or by calling the San Jose JACL office 408/295-1250. Additional information: Mark and Lisa Kobayashi at 408/254-9487.

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ing to comply with the request. "Following a conversation with Orlando Pechardo, the shop's owner, I have correspondence from him stating that he is changing the company's name," said Arts. "I hope that you agree that Mr. Pichardo did not intend to offend anyone and that he is responding in a very professional and businesslike manner."

## Stanford takes steps to halt racist graffiti

Racist remarks and vandalism continue to plague the Stanford Campus. On April 23, Ross Nakasone, youth/student representative of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District, JACL, wrote to Stanford President Gerhard Casper of his concerns.

"The NCWNPDP of the JACL encourages Stanford University to condemn these acts if it has not

already done so," Nakasone said in his letter. "While not technically hate crimes, racial vandalism of this nature should be addressed aggressively. Phrases such as 'Chinks suck' scrawled in a student lounge threaten the open environment which should exist at all institutions of higher education. Failure to condemn such acts sends a clear message to students and the public that racial intolerance is acceptable at Stanford University which is contrary to Stanford's strong record supporting multiculturalism."

Casper answered Nakasone in a May 8 letter, saying that the university would take action:

—The vice provost for Student Affairs issued a statement on behalf of the president and provost that expressed concern about the graffiti.

—Campus police are investigating the incidents.

—Additional security measure have been instituted, including increased patrols in the late evening and early morning hours, and the installation of new locks.

—The dean of students and his



# Medals of valor for a 442 hero, finally

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

Postwar Chicagoan (50 years in Hyde Park) and a 442nd Co. G veteran from Kauai, Rocky S. Matayoshi, 72, thought he was attending the graduation of his nephew (by marriage to his niece) from the School of Advanced Military Studies at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., in May 23 but what followed unnerved him and momentarily speechless.

In the hall after the graduation ceremonies with the glare of TV lights and cameras, former Army chief of staff, Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, beckoned Matayoshi forward to receive belatedly the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), the Army's highest medal of valor, other military decorations, campaign medals and emblems that he had won but which he did not seek. But his nephew, Maj. Andy Cox, with help of Hawaii veterans, thought otherwise and for the past two years was searching the records substantiating the awards. All done without his knowledge.

On page 4 in Chet Tanaka's *Go for Broke: Pictorial History* listing the DSC winners Matayoshi's name appears but that award is not recorded on his discharge paper. Rocky is so modest that he doesn't remember (and doesn't care either) what actions resulted

in his receiving the DSC and two Silver Stars. His buddies all attest he deserves them because of his bravery and concern for the safety of his men at all times.

Only pride he has expressed all these years is in the Bronze Medal that he earned during the so-called Champagne Campaign in the French Maritime Alps the winter of 1944-45. It recognized his carrying back to safety the 6-foot, 185-pound lieutenant, who was wounded while they were on patrol and ambushed by Germans. The officer told T/Sgt Matayoshi and patrol to pull back but Matayoshi, a husky judoist, refused.

"I don't take pride in earning Army medals (where) I had to kill someone," he explained. But the



**WAR HERO**—Rocky Matayoshi, wearing his medals, attends the 50th anniversary commemoration in the Vosges Forests at the ridge where 211 men of the Texas Lost Battalion, surrounded by German troops, were rescued by the 442nd on Oct. 30, 1944. Matayoshi was scheduled to be honored at ceremonies Saturday, July 6, at Fort De Russey's Hall of Valor. Another 442/DSC winner and now Sen. Daniel Inouye is also participating.

Bronze Medal was for saving a lieutenant's life.

Rocky, a senior at Kauai High School when Pearl Harbor was bombed, and his classmates were

told not to return to school but to work for defense at the sugar plantation.

His father, Shinjiro, an immigrant from Okinawa and a plantation worker was arrested and interned as an enemy alien. He was not a Japanese school teacher nor a community leader like the others who were being picked up by the FBI, Rocky explained. Nevertheless, Rocky enlisted in March 1943, trained at Camp Shelby, was able to see his father interned at Santa Fe, N.M., before going overseas to Italy in 1944. A resolute 19-year-old, he was determined to show the U.S. government he was a loyal American willing to fight for his country and freedom.

Several years ago, Rocky and his wife Elsie, revisited Hawaii where he was roundly toasted by buddies who acknowledged that without his leadership in battle, "We wouldn't be here." Till that day, he was shaking off whatever parade of praises: "I don't think whatever I did was that extra great. I did what I had to do... I never considered myself a hero."

He retired as a body-fender man in 1992 because of arthritic knees. He and his wife Elsie attended the 50th anniversary celebration in October 1994 in the liberation of Biffontaine and Bruyeres. While observing the stone farmhouses in northern Italy, Matayoshi said

they hadn't changed and remembered well the fighting along the foothills and ridges (where his leadership merited him the Distinguished Service Cross). "We never saw the sea!" he cried while gazing across the plains from Rosignano Marittimo, a hilltop overlooking the coastline.

The citation for the DSC reads (in part):

**6 April 1945** — While awaiting the next push for a position at the base of Mt. Belvedere, east of La Spezia, former Italian naval base, H-hour came without the planned preliminary artillery support, but this did not stop the 442nd and some men of Company G up the summit in a silent banzai charge with Sgt. Matayoshi in the lead. Company G struggled up the steepest portion of the incline and was soon pinned down by extremely heavy machine-gun fire. Without hesitation, Sgt. Matayoshi moved ahead through devastating fire and succeeded in destroying the forward machine-gun position, forcing the flight of the remaining enemy. For his action on Mt. Belvedere, Sgt. Matayoshi is awarded this country's second highest award.

He came home realizing how much this country needs to know about the Nisei contributions during World War II when loyalty of Japanese Americans was most suspect.

## Camp-born Sansei heads L.A. teachers union

Day Higuchi, 53, newly named president of the 32,000-member United Teachers-Los Angeles, was the focus of a June 30 opinion page interview in the *Los Angeles Times*. Higuchi, who assumed the lead of UTLA on July 1, talked about a range of subjects from local to national issues facing education today. "It's absolutely criminal not to spend more for education," he said, in response to the first question on whether voters would understand the problems facing schools and agree to approve more money to correct them.

Higuchi has been teaching for 20 years in East Los Angeles. He was born at the Pomona Fairgrounds in 1942, when it was a temporary detention center in the

early days of World War II, and was an infant who left the concentration camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo., at age 3.

"Racial reverberations from those ugly war years were harsh for many," the *Times* said in its introduction to the article. "But Higuchi said he was too young to have negative memories of his parents' internment... Since then (he) said his heritage has had no noticeable discriminatory affect on him. As he often does in conversation, though, Higuchi added a caveat to his observations:

"But it may have. I'm a pretty thick-skinned person. If it had an affect on me, I probably just haven't noticed the insults."

## Japan's Catholic prelate to visit L.A.

**LOS ANGELES**—In his first visit to the United States since become the Roman Catholic archbishop of Tokyo, Cardinal Peter Seichi Shirayanagi is scheduled to attend the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center's first anniversary event here, Sept. 21-22.

The prelate will also attend a welcome banquet Sept. 21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel chaired by Anthony J. Taketa. An informal reception with parishioners follows after Sunday, Sept. 22, Mass

at the center's St. Francis Xavier Chapel, 222 Hewitt St.

Fr. Joseph Klecha, M.M., pastor at St. Francis Xavier Chapel in Little Tokyo, who has completed his second three-year commitment, is expected to move on but is anticipating the first anniversary celebration of MJCC.

An open invitation is extended to the Japanese American community. Information: MJCC 213/625-2279, Taketa 213/628-8297 ext 332.

## JACL offering internships at Los Angeles office

The JACL is announcing internship opportunities available throughout the year at its Los Angeles office. Located in the heart of Little Tokyo, JACL's Los Angeles office provides opportunities to become active in a wide range of issues facing the Japanese American and Asian Pacific American communities.

The JACL Los Angeles Internship Program's first participant is Stacy Ige of Culver City, Calif. The 24-year-old Yonsei, senior at California State University, Fresno, is an active JACL member currently serving as the JACL Central California District Council Youth Representative. "Young Asian Americans should get involved with the JACL," says Ige. "After all, we are the future, so let's make it ours."

Interns will work on a wide range of projects depending on their individual interest and office needs. Projects include research and writing assignments on public policy issues such as hate crimes, affirmative action, immigration, and redress, and developing JACL membership recruitment programs for college students and young adults.

Stipends may be available, depending on availability of funds. Information: 213/626-4471.

## In memoriam: William S. Naito

# Portland loses 'a civic treasure'

A community powerhouse, William Sumio Naito, 70, who grew up in the eastside of Portland, died of aggressive cancer on May 8. He succumbed after being diagnosed eight days earlier of his malignancy. The full-length obituary in the *Oregonian* the following morning was a resplendent résumé of his lifestyle and accomplishments. He was headlined "a civic treasure."

Friends in the community and business leaders remembered Naito successfully blended business and community interests "that made him wealthy while making Portland a better place to live," the *Oregonian* concluded.

Prewar, he helped in the family-owned curio shop, moved to

Salt Lake City to avoid internment, raised chickens and sold eggs in Utah, his brother Sam recalled. While Bill rarely spoke of his teen years during the war, he kept a framed copy of the exclusion order on the wall of his Norcrest China office, said to be "ground zero" of his multi-million dollar empire.

An MIS veteran of Occupied Japan, he majored in economics at Reed College on the GI Bill, earned an M.A. in economics from Chicago, had married Canadian-born Micki in 1951 and returned to Portland, where the Naito brothers opened a family import store.

In the 1960-70s, he played a key role in downtown revival, where Nihonmachi had existed prewar

by the Willamette River and Burnside Bridge. This was his second career, property development. While Sam focused on the import-retail side, Bill was redeveloping some of the city's neglected historic buildings downtown. His purchase of the long vacant nine-story eyesore, the Montgomery Ward building in northwest Portland, was groomed into a stylish mix of banquet and office space. Then-mayor Neil Goldschmidt remarked: "He turned lemons to lemonade. He does it. Other people talk about."

The gradual transformation of postwar Skid Road into Old Town, while tension-creating, found Naito to be "fair-minded, willing to make compromises that worked for every one," recently retired director June Dunn of Mental Health Services West, an agency that served Old Town Residents. In many of his buildings, Naito turned over upper floors to public or nonprofit agencies for low income housing. The ACLU of Oregon commended him "for action which advances or protects civil liberties."

In 1990, he devoted himself to creating the Japanese American Historical Park, which has been graphically depicted in the book, *Touching the Stones*. "Of all the things I've done in this town, the only one I want to be given credit for is this," he told the newspapers after the dedication. It received top honor in waterfront design from The Waterfront Center, Washington, D.C.

—Source material: Mid-Columbia JACLer Shige Imai.

## Short takes

### Texas halts scholarships

In another blow to affirmative action, the state of Texas recently suspended a statewide scholarship program for minority students. Officials said that university officials fear the awards are vulnerable to legal challenge, according to a *Washington Post* article.

The move followed a federal court ruling which prevents public universities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi from using race-based admission policies to create a racially diverse student body, the *Post* said.

The Texas decision may have been influenced by an early Georgia decision to eliminate race-based admissions and student financial aid, based on a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

### Video explains justice system

In recognition of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently presented a national screening of the video *No More Violence: Reclaiming Our Communities*.

According to the DOJ, the video is the first of its kind to explain

the criminal justice system to the Asian Pacific Americans.

Among those attending the screening were Francey Lim Youngberg, executive director, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute, and other APA leaders.

The video is the result of a public-private partnership between the BJA, Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of D.C., Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, and George Washington University.

Information: Linda Mansour, 202/616-3534 or Travis Kiyota, 202/307-6031.

### Other hotels available for JACL convention

Although rooms at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose have been filled for the Aug. 6-11 JACL convention, rooms are still available at the nearby Le Baron Hotel, according to the host San Jose Chapter.

The Le Baron Hotel is located at 1350 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112-4789; phone, 408/453-6200; fax, 408/437-9558. Convention rates are \$99 for both single and double occupancy.

For information on other hotels in the area, contact the San Jose Chapter at 408/295-1250.