Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus adds 10 members

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

"Since Asian and Pacific Americans represent just over three percent of this nation's population, it is important to have a voice on issues that affect people like us," Mink said. "The Caucus felt strongly about bringing those 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 legislators are sensitive to the issues 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.

Executive Committee, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus

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Vice Chair: Rep. Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.)
Secretary: Sen. Daniel Akaka (Hawaii)
Treasurer: Rep. Neil Abercrombie (Hawaii)

ORA announces new helpline number

WASHINGTON—The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has returned to use of a toll-free Helpline number, 888/219-6600, as the program nears its end. The regular telephone number, 202/219-6900, remains in operation.

In face of the July 31 deadline, ORA reacted to reports by individuals who were interested in, but who did not know who to look people at like Matt Fang, Gingrich said during his Wednesday (June 26) briefing.

Gingrich was reacting to reports by who were publishing for a poor short list of candidates for vice president. His press aide was "very close, but not so close, the kind of thing that only Bob Dole is going to do."

Also mentioned were two California state attorney general Dan Lungren (also mentioned by Dole), and Rep. Dole Drier. The Son Dames Republican was similarly flustered, "But, from my perspective, I don't take it seriously at all," the Son Gabriel Valley Tribune learned.

Civil rights

Suspects held in death of Fresnos 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. Rising Her, 22, and a juvenile are suspected of striking Akira Yokomi dead on Monday, June 22, police said.

Employees at Central Fish Market found Yokomi, 75, dead around 8 p.m. after the door was forced open. He ran the market for 46 years.

ORA had the authority to access this money because, for Federal budgetary purposes, it is 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. Congress has yet to determine how the current funds will be distributed.
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JACL: Museum tells story of JACL's 110 years in WWII America

The story of how military effort impacted civilian Alaskan JACLs is told in the exhibit "Forced To Leave: The War Years" at the Alaska Aleuts and Japanese Americans' Museum featured through Anchorage Community Museum, Fairbanks. The exhibit tells the personal stories of the detained Alaskans. Forced because of the possibility of collaboration with the enemy, Alaska's small number of Japanese Americans were interned from citizenship by the alien laws of the period, and their Alaska-born children were evacuated to the lower 48 states and treated the same as other Japanese Americans evacuated from the Western coast states and interned in remote camps. The exhibit includes a traveling educational kit especially designed for the Alaskan and Prohibited Islands school districts are funded by a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum, with additional support from a profit organization dedicated to bringing public programs in history, literature, traditional culture, and other fields of the humanities to the people of Alaska.

Guest curators are Ron Inouye, who has been active in the claims of restitution for Alaskan Japanese Americans for many years, and Larry Koyano, an Aleut scholar and representative of the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage.

Information: Terry P. Dickey, 606-656-0158, terryd@alaskamuseum.us

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From the JACL president

By DENNY YASUHARA

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JACL convention report

Update on credentials and Convention workshop

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI JACL Credentials chair

This is to encourage all chapters to expedite their delegates and officers to register for the upcoming 34th Biennial JACL National Convention in San Jose.

Our National Council sessions are the only time that the chapters and districts will have the opportunity to vote on their credentials, to conduct any business in open session, and to bring items to the table. It 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 process. The most seasoned conventionists will agree, a late chapter dues payment will not prevent that chapter from seating its delegate on the convention floor.

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

This year, there will be a few matters that the credentials committee of the NCLA must be prepared to deal with in order to achieve the ratification of the agenda of the convention.

First, the procedure for ratifying the agenda and the changes that are made to it must be considered. These are intended to "put everyone on the same page," so to speak, regarding the rules of procedure. The amendments in question were initially carried at the April session of the National Council under the banner of the "FSW ad hoc committee." The "FSW 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 via a ratification process.

It is IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER that these "amendments" were presented in the amended Constitution and Bylaws of August 1994. Consequently, we are not on all 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 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 vote lines for election. One vote to cast a full vote, the other to cast only "committee." This amendment calls for "a collective vote" by the National Council, which represents approximately 1/128 of a vote (113 Chapters and 8 district youth reps). The amended "a collective vote" rule was introduced in the primary chapter, one vote rule of the By-laws (Articles V and XVII) and constitutes a majority vote in the school and rule of the majority. Every member of the National Council is entitled to one vote. Consequently, under the Rules of Procedure for 1996, "the Youth/Student" National officer shall be subject to the vote of the entire National Council. These are the procedural matters being prepared for the National Council in August. The rules of the majority, for example, 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 get up, and to focus the direction of America's premier Japanese American League. We need your presence and participation to keep the cadence. The beat goes on.

Sexual harassment topic of workshop

"What is sexual harassment?" How do we recognize it? What do recent decisions on sexual harassment suit us? What if you are sexually harassed, or unfairly charged? These and other very practical questions will be addressed at this program during the National JACL convention, Friday, Aug. 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

One of the organizers of the program will be Carylito, former president of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and chair of the Domestic Violence Committee of the Mayor's Task Force on Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures.

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"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.

If it's a long-time activist very well respected in the Japanese American community as a member of the Board of the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center of Northern California and founding board member and past president of the Pacific Association Against Sexual Harassment, 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 toy companies.

"Japanese American women 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 more difficulty coming up to the fact that they will not be dummset. She declared, "We are planning a skill, with lots of audiovisuals.

People may register for the day session, or they can just observe. For more 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 Japanese American Tea and Fashion Show scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 7, 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 modern fashions designed with the American woman in mind.

The afternoon will begin with tea and light refreshments, followed by the fashion show. A special tea for the first time that Namba and Kanojo will be having their clothing together on the runway. Reservations, please call the San Jose JACL office, 408/965-1250 to sign-up. Tickets are $30/person.

Reservations can be made by mail or phone and charged in the amount of $30/person, payable to San Jose JACL. Please mail it along with your name, complete address, and contact phone number to "JACL National Convention, c/o San Jose JACL, 566 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112."

Designer Anne Yurla Namba is a young Japanese American from Honolulu, Hawaii, who transmigrates vintage Japanese kimono and obi 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. She is continually updating and expanding her kimono couture. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Olym. Figure skater Tonya Harding are known to be fans. Kato Crystal Yamaguchi are distinguished clients.

Kanojo USA was co-founded by two Senate women. Eisen Tabata Fitzpatrick and Vicki Yamauchi Ragasa. Kanojo's 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 or active women of the '90s, and a Heritage Collection which incorporates our traditional printed 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 the upcoming San Jose 34th Biennial Convention. This is the time that we are making the 34th Biennial Japanese American National Convention a family experience. Unique to the convention this year is the Kids Kamp, an opportunity for convention's children to keep. 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, a fun way to introduce the children to the main convention site. San Jose and its surrounding counties has been selected to celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 1996 and its historical and living ethnic community.

Using their senses, children will "taste" food being made at a local restaurant. They will "feel" the fabric being made at Shibori. They will "smell" the aroma of their favorite food at a local restaurant. "Kids Kamp" will be a hands-on workshop on Friday, Aug. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. It is scheduled during the official luncheon and former Yoko Ono's time slot.

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**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 Takaezu (Star Trek's Mr. Sulu) was the Saturday keynote speaker. A memorable occasion was the buffet lunch on Sunday at the residences of Detroit JACL Consultant General Takashi Kugami. 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 Resources Committee, which had been indicated. Corporate funding, he added, 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 Board minutes, Yasuhara indicated National JACL's expenses were decreased $300,000 along with drops $65,000 goal was sought in the Annual Giving. More Perfect Union, "as being positive. Several hundred children in the Mid Start Program visited the Mid Start dinner, originally scheduled for Jan. 7, had to be postponed due to heavy snow. Fortunately, they were able to reschedule the dinner for Feb. 16. Many other activities were planned. 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 the Consul General Takesru Kagami, Consul General of Japan in Detroit to speak in the May 13th dinner program.

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A Midwest JACL round up

**National JACL credit union balance at $16.5 million**

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

Chair board Alan Yoshinaga said, "We are optimistic about the future in face of many challenges, through the hard work of our board members and adopting a share draft program and more responsive risk management tools.

Credit union president/managing director Jonathan Smith said, "We have weathered a volatile financial climate, we have seen our membership growth better than expected." The financial statement as of Dec. 31, 1995 reveals a figure of $1,158,132 excelled expenses ($472,910). The comparative year-end balances show $16,566,332 vs. 1994 at $17,865,789. All accounts are insured by National Credit Union Administration to $100,000.

**Santa Maria Chapter reactivated**

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

OFFICERS are: Ken Oye, president; Martin Yoshimoto, first vice president, Jack Morishita, second vice president, Jan Staple, treasurer; Sue T. Yoshimoto, secretary; and Terri Inouye, recording secretary.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS for 1996 are: Karen Oyo, incumbent; Shari Davis, treasurer; and Toru Miyoshi, Keiko Shimizu and Louis Ito, members of the board of directors.

Albert Murata, 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 banquet at the Central City Bistro, 1562 E. Lake Ave., Santa Maria, Calif. Cost is $15 per person.

Information: W. Oyo, 505-5776 or Jack Morishima, 805-852-4944.

Sakato Watanabe named new trust administrator

Sakato Watanabe is the new administrator of the Japanese American Shield Group Health Trust administered, according to John Yamamoto, chairman of the board of trustees. Watanabe was stationed at the San Francisco office at 800/400-5060.

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**Some ads now prohibited for chapter newsletters**

The latest change (effective July 1, 1996) of Post Office regulation prohibits "all advertising related to travel, insurance and change cards for publications under the Special Non-Profit category at the rate used by many JACL chapters."

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

Some changes applicable to chapter publications include:

- Ads may not be handled on chapter sponsored travel, insurance, and other advertising at the JACL rate of $15 per column inch.

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The ups and downs of leadership and volunteerism

By HARRY K. HONDA

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 make a little bit about themselves: school teacher, student, civil engineer, government clerk, part-time columnist, retired banker, etc. Some were also managers, had a business, or worked with the arts. All raised their hand when asked if they were also volunteers.

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

ties totaling the number of volun-
teeer hours their employees con-
tribute 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 iden-
tify "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 de-
cision-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 idea. 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 volunteering?"

For the serious-minded volunteer, one with commitment, the second half of Urata's discussion delved into the necessity of creat-
ing a personal mission statement. It could be either in business or personal, according to 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 "Personal Reminder Sheet.

"The mission statement should be short, flexible and distinctive," Urata continued, "for your mis-

sions 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 indepen-
dent," for instance. The grandfathers wanted to assure his grandchildren knows something about their cultural heritage.

Urata's advice was to keep personal mission statements short (double in two years), specific (what do you want to do), flexible and challenging. On the board, he had written an acronym: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Re-\nduclible, Relevant, where the "S" attributes a mission statement.

Prospects of PSW sponsoring a leadership conference in even-

dual years came up for con-

sideration 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 tips addressed the attend-
ees at the PSW conference.

Leading off was one of the most successful fund-raisers in the busi-

ness, Irene Hirano, who as execu-
tive director and president of the Japanese American National Museum, has given that facility national recognition—all made possible by knowing how to attract hundreds of dollars.

Focusing more on political cam-

paigns was David Lang of Lang, Mir 'n More, a firm which specializes in developing effective fund-raising techniques for the Asian Americans interested in politics.

As 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 goals.

• 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-con-
tact 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 organi-

zation," she advised. They "the more it makes sense, the more likely you'll raise money.

Some proven events: dinners, grants, bake sales, golf, art sale, essays, contest, auctions, mailings, membership drives, so-

lections, running competitions, leadership conferences.

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

IRENE HIRANO puts ideas down 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 fun-

d-raisers can obtain the most money through member-

ship. "That's because members-

ship renew each year. Once com-

mitted 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 tips:

• Have a marketable product or candidate and develop a mes-

sage. "You shouldn't support some-

one just because he's an Asian American," he said. "The can-

didate should stand for something, have a platform."

• Have a plan or strategy. Us-

ing his experience in campaigning for Mike Woo, who ran for mayor of Los Angeles, Lang said that even though he was a local candi-

date he needed millions of dollar 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. Maintaining a relationship...Send Christmas cards, remember spe-
cial events, remember people's names, open letters, write their kids. Write notes on business cards."

• Be creative: Lang's example was a food fair his firm developed called "Festival of Asian Americans," one in which the con-
cept 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.

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

—Boat cruises: A good event for 10-15 people. Bill it as an exclu-
sive evening with a candidate. They are, however, costly.
In September 1994, the efforts of some 80 volunteers, men and women, brought a little-known part of America's history to Los Angeles: the Japanese American National Museum. A 54-year-old, fragile, tall and weathered barricade 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 barricade represents.

The barricade stands Aug. 18, 1996. Essentially untouched or modified in any way since it housed families during World War II, the barricade 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 barricade 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 and, after what they called the relocation program, were placed in several different concentration camps across the country's interior.

Because of their ancestry and racial prejudice, Japanese-Americans were feared by the American public and, often, by the American military. In reality, a majority of Americans, including those that lived in the camps, lived in thousands of different places around the country.

The largest of the three units of the barricade on display consists of a single room, 24'x20' in size. The number of people who lived in the camp varied from family to family. Barracks in Heart Mountain contained six units which were of three different 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 furnishings such as tables and chairs were made by the inmates 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 country, have come to hear the story of how families lived in these "relocation centers," as they were called by the government. Thirteen, in reality, was a euphemism for concentration camps, a term fitting the dictionary definition of "containing or bounded by a fence or cases, the construction of which is designed to prevent escape or to secure the inmates against injury or disturbance."

For many of the visitors, learning that such an event could have taken place in their own country is unbelievable, but seeing the barricades and hearing the account surrounding it, they realize that the story is a testimony of the truth.

When asking visitors about their knowledge of this part of American history, especially those from the East Coast and those who were alive at that time, I have found that the majority are unaware of what happened let alone the significance of it. Part of this lag in the study of American history can be found in a review of most U.S. history textbooks which, on the first page, state that, at most, one paragraph is devoted to the subject.

Emotions run high while visitors experience the story, and their reactions vary. Some stand in silent disbelief, others become angry and disgusted that such an event took place. Tears are sometimes seen when viewing the barren interior of the barricade, the warped floor boards, large gaps in the walls and floor and the peeling tarpaper exterior. Covered with disrepair and dirt, as we know how they 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.

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On asking visitors about their knowledge of this part of American history, especially those from the East Coast and those who were alive at that time, I have found that the majority are unaware of what happened let alone the significance of it. Part of this lag in the study of American history can be found in a review of most U.S. history textbooks which, on the first page, state that, at most, one paragraph is devoted to the subject.

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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 denials of the camp being "a shibata gasshi ("it can't be helped")," the passive attitude taken by many Americans.

Visitors include those who were incarcerated in the camps, and their testimonies are often freely given and listened to intently by their colleagues. Any other figures are related. Some mothers told about the feeling of medications or food, while other

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


The nation's desire to evacuate racist evils of the past prompted a priceless example of one successful effort to cleave to the past and present the Medal of Honor 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 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 those 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 which was ordered to France to fight in World War II. A year and a half after he arrived in France he was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

When the book's subtitle was announced-probably about 10 years after the war-excitement was great. The book, 'A Time to Remember,' was scheduled for publication in 1956 and it would have been the story of Vernon Baker and his comrades. Unfortunately for the amateurs who were 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 reflect the suspicion that Nisei soldiers experienced the same kind of discrimination—a recognition barrier which only whites were entitled to the nation's highest award for military valor—that blacks faced in World War II.

Mike Mosbacher, 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, Makasaaka 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.

The dancer is the former editorial page editor for the San Francisco Post. His column appeared in the Pacific Citizen.

The Medal of Honor—belatedly

East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Terry

This week gives us all a chance to reflect and celebrate our great country, stars and stripes forever! I say! The parades...the fireworks...the festivities...and best of all, some thoughtfully patriotic ladies always bringing sushi to the picnic!

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SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Mas Sake Club, 1675 Market St., 94103. For information call all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi, 415/922-1034.

SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; 96 Convention Committee sets 3rd Tuesdays, info: 408/226-1250.

RENO

Sat., July 27—Sierra Folklore Festival booth, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wingfield Park, info: Cindy Liu, 702/ 827-6385. NOTE—APF Northern Nevada sponsors.

SAN ANTONIO

Chapter Board on 1st Fridays; info: 210/225-4798.

Best of all—some ladies always bring sushi to the picnic!
The Japanese American community gaining larger or smaller? It's no secret that Japanese Americans are marrying outside of their ethnic community at an unprecedented rate. A 1996 National Center for Health Statistics study places number around 65%. May be: orwell, of course American." A more positive view is see that the Japanese American community 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 the 1996 edition containing additional portraits of these young families, you will see that the Japanese American community. Why is this? Do Hapas really constitute a unique combination of food. Yet what is different from Yonsei and has a different experience. And what my role in the first generation to have diverse experiences? How are Hapas different from other Japanese Americans without taking away representation in other groups. Further, such a category will allow a greater celebration of diversity that will benefit everyone.

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"Obituaries" appear on a space-available basis. It is not possible to publish every notice which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, and the appearance of the notice does not indicate column inch. Text read as reappeared.

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

Furukawa, Tom T., 71, Sacramento, May 25; Washington state-born, survived by sons Kazuko, Yoko, daughter Jori, Jr., daughter Ken, age 2, wife Ruth, brother, sister

Morita, Kent, 80, Gardena, May 25; survived by wife Hatsuko, son Don, daughter Sylvia (Brentwood), 9 gc., brothers George, John, James, sisters Marjorie, Betty (Nakamura), 7 gc.,

Nakamura, Toshiko, 95, San Francisco, May 23; survived by sons Masai, Hiro, brother Jerry, sister June (Yoshimoto), 9 gc., brothers George, John, James, sisters Marjorie, Betty (Nakamura), 7 gc.,

Kawahira, Yae Uemura, Sao Uemura, May 19; survived by brothers Kenji, Shugu, daughter Anno Van Dyke, daughter Jori, Jr., daughter Ken, age 2, wife Ruth, brother, sister

Aoyagi, Amy Wilcox, Tami Peck, Judy, Uly Honda (Minn.), May Sato (San Francisco), 9 gc., sisters Ass Kadoya, Betty Morita, Stanley S, 82, Los Angeles, May 10; survived by wife Haru, brother Fred.

Kusunoki, 9 gc., brother Yuichl, sister Sumiko Hashkuni, Roby Altman, brother

Abe, Toshio, 95, Los Angeles, May 29; survived by daughter Noe, son Don, daughter Sylvia (Brentwood), 9 gc., brothers George, John, James, sisters Marjorie, Betty (Nakamura), 7 gc.,

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Yoshida, Mike M, 77, Bellevue, Wash., April 14; Seattle-born, survived by wife Kazuyo, brother, sister Karin, children John, Jackie, wife Kay, brother Fred.


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For the Memorial Committee

Hibakusha (Internment camp) survivors who were children born after the war and who had voluntarily evacuated from the West Coast and children born after their par-ents were interned might be "potentially eligible" as they were unable to return to their parent's original home. The committee, however, specifically, to pay an extra 20,000 claimants. This money has been set aside as priority claims. Pay claims, Vickers said. "To 1945, $45 million will be used. To 1947, $55 million was appropriated for the Education Board's use. This left $45 million in the CLPPE.

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By HARRY K. HONDA

Postwar Chicagoan (50 years in Hawaii), and a 442d vet from Kauai, Rocky S. Matayoshi, 72, thought he was attending the Bishop Gokan Soda memorial service at Holy Cross Cathedral in Tokyo, who happened to be in town for the 442d and some men of Company G up the summit in a silent battle charge with Sgt. Matayoshi as the lead. Company G staggered up the steep 0-20 per cent grade, 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 enemy. For this action on Mt. Belvedere, Sgt. Matayoshi is awarded this medal with the rank of "hero." He came home realizing how very little the American had to know about the Nisei contributions during World War II when loyalty of many Nisei Americans was most suspect.

Camp-born Sansetsucan heads L.A. teachers union

Day Higuchi, 53, newly named president of the 32,000-member United Teachers-Los Angeles, was the first ever to have an interview in the Los Angeles Times. Dressed as the lead of UTLA on July 1, talked about a range of subjects including schools and union organization today. “It’s absolutely crucial not to send more for education,” he said, in response to the first question on whether voters would support the Proposition C if they knew the problem facing those schools and agree to approve more money to correct them. “But it may have. I’m a pretty honest person. If it has an affect on me personally, I just haven’t noticed the insult.”

Japan’s Catholic prelate to visit L.A.

LOS ANGELES—In his first visit to the United States since becoming the Roman Catholic arch­bishop of Tokyo, Father Seichi Shiraishiyama is scheduled to arrive Friday, July 19, to preside at the Japanese Catholic Center’s first anniver­sary event here Sept. 21-22, celebrating the 20 years in East Los Angeles. He was here in 1942, while a student at La Salle in Los Angeles, when he was a temporary detention center in the

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Texas halts scholarships

In another blow to affirmative action, the state of Texas recently suspended its scholarship program for minority students. State education 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 plan, introduced by former Gov. Ann Richards, was ruled unconstitutional by an early Georgia decision to eliminate race-based affirmative action and student financial aid, based on a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Video explains justice system

In recognition of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ) recently presented a national screening of the video "Youth Violence: Re­claiming Our Communities." According to the DOJ, the video is the first of its kind produced by the criminal justice system to the Asian Pacific Americans.

Among those attending the screening were Frances 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, 202/365-3543 or Travis Kyota, 202/724-9512.

Medals of valor for a 442d, finally

WAR HERO—Rocky Matayoshi, wearing his medals, attends the 50th anniversary ceremony at the Burgess Forests at the ridge where 211 men of the Texas Lost Battalion, surrounded by German troops, were rescued by the 442d on Oct. 30, 1944. Matayoshi was scheduled to be honored at ceremonies Saturday, July 6, at Fort DeRussy's Hall of Valor. Another 442d winner and now Gen. 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, Shinjo, an immi­grant from Japan who was an admin­istrator and a plant worker was arrested and interned as an enemy alien. He was not told by these school teacher or a community leader like the others who were being picked up by the FBI, Rocky explained. Nevertheless, Rocky enlisted in March 1944 at Camp Shelby, was able to see his father interned at Santa Fe, N.M., before going overseas in 1944. A residue of 19-year-old, he was de­termined to prove 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 roundedly toasted by buddies who acknowledged that without his leadership in battle, "We wouldn't be here." Till that day, he was shaking off whatever knowledge.

He retired as a body-finder man in 1969 because of the battle scars. He and his wife Elsie attended the 35th anniversary of the 442d on September 1979 in the liberation of Bintanofu and Burma. Others believe he was interned in northern Italy, Matayoshi said they hadn't changed and remem­bered well the fighting along the foothills of the Alps. 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.

For the decision on the DSC read (in part): "6 April 1945—While await­ing the enemy's line of retreat at the base of Mt. Belvedere, east of La Spezia, former Italian naval barracks were chosen to be the planned preliminary artillery sup­port, Chief of the 442d Artillery, the 442d and some men of Company G up the summit in a silent battle charge with Sgt. Matayoshi as the lead. Company G staggered up the steep 0-20 per cent grade, 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 enemy. For this action on Mt. Belvedere, Sgt. Matayoshi is awarded this medal with the rank of "hero." He came home realizing how very little the American had to know about the Nisei contributions during World War II when loyalty of many Nisei Americans was most suspect.

In memoriam: William S. Naito

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