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## Organization news

### Clinton signing of welfare bill criticized by AP organizations

A coalition of Asian and Pacific Islander American organizations, including JACL, expressed their disappointment in President Clinton's recent decision to sign the welfare reform bill. The president supported the bill but said that it would also "hurt legal immigrants who work hard and pay taxes" and would "cause great stress for states, localities and for medical facilities that have to serve a large number of legal immigrants."

The White House announcement came prior to the voting in the House and Senate, which guaranteed that the bill would be enacted. The House did indeed pass the bill with a vote of 328 to 101.

The welfare reform bill bars SSI and food stamps to current and future legal immigrant non-citizens and imposes extreme restrictions on other needs-based programs such as prenatal and labor/delivery care assistance and community health center services. The bill allows states to bar Medicaid, any cash assistance and other needs-based programs to current and future immigrants. Many of the current recipients of needs-based programs will be disqualified once the bill is enacted.

Refugees and asylees will receive needed benefits for the first five years after entry. After five years, they will be disqualified from most federal programs, including Medicaid, SSI and food stamps. The bar will be in effect until citizenship or after 10 years of work at an income high enough to pay social security tax.

Bob Sakaniwa of JACL said, "What we have seen in the welfare debate is budget cutting at the expense of legal residents who pay taxes and help support the economy. It is unfortunate that some policy makers find it expedient to balance the budget on the backs of those who are not represented. It was not long ago in our history when Japanese Americans were barred by law from becoming citizens, yet even in those intolerable days, legal permanent residents were at least able to receive assistance from the government if they encountered difficult times."

### English-only bill passes House

The House of Representatives on Aug. 1 passed H.R. 123, the "English Language Empowerment Act," which prohibits the United States government from communicating in writing in any language but English, and repeals sections of the Voting Rights Act that requires written or oral language assistance at the voting booth. Following the 259 to 169 vote, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium blasted Speaker Newt Gingrich for personally pushing a divisive, punitive and hypocritical measure aimed at Asian immigrants.

H.R. 123, presented to the full House by Rep. Duke Cunningham (R-Calif.) and Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.) goes beyond declaring that

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## JACL National Convention, San Jose, Aug. 6-11, 1996

# All aboard

**TRANSITION:** The Denny Yasuhara years close as the Helen Kawagoe administration opens with new faces who must confront old and new problems and issues . . . In the only contested races, David Hayashi edges out Sami Nakasone for secretary/treasurer and Richard Uno wins over Bill Fuji for v.p. of operations . . .

Photos: JEM LEW

### Staff reports

**SAN JOSE**—Here's the new JACL lineup: New President Helen Kawagoe of the Gardena Valley Chapter leads a new slate of officers:

● Richard Uno, Florin Chapter, vice president of general operations.

● David Hayashi, Twin Cities Chapter, secretary/treasurer.

● Lori Fujimoto, Sacramento Chapter, vice president of public affairs.

● Gary Mayeda, Asian Pacific American Network Chapter, vice president of planning and development.

● Karen-Liane Shiba, Southeast Los Angeles-North Orange County Chapter, vice president of membership services, 1000 Club.

● Hiromi Ueha, SELANOCO Chapter, Youth/Student Council chair.

● Nicole Inouye, SELANOCO Chapter, Youth/Student Council representative.

An uncontested election for the presidency has not occurred for several years, but Kawagoe collected 96-1/2 votes with 12-1/2 abstentions. She had previously run for JACL president in 1988. The new JACL president is the city clerk at Carson (Calif.) City Hall.

In the only contested races, Hayashi narrowly beat Sami Nakasone of the Mile-Hi Chapter, 55 to 52-1/2, with 1-1/2 abstentions, for secretary/treasurer, and Uno defeated Bill Fujii of the San Jose Chapter 62-45, with two abstentions, for vice president, general operations.

Receiving the highest number of votes was Mayeda for vice president, planning and development, with 103-1/2 votes and 5-1/2 abstentions. Fujimoto polled 101 votes with eight abstentions for vice president, public affairs, and Shiba had 100 votes with nine abstentions for vice president, membership services and 1000 Club. The Youth/Student Council representatives each won five youth votes and one adult vote, representing the majority of the national organization.

**BUDGET**—After retooling many versions, the budget submitted to the JACL National Council is approved—See page 3.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—Denny Yasuhara, Spokane Chapter, JACL, passes the leadership reins to Helen Kawagoe, Gardena Valley Chapter, at the Sayonara Banquet, Aug. 10, at the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose.

### Honda named interim PC editor

With the July 31 resignation of Richard Suenaga, the JACL National Board at its Aug. 7 meeting at the convention appointed Harry Honda as interim editor of the *Pacific Citizen*.

Suenaga will meet with new JACL President Helen Kawagoe to discuss his assistance in the publishing of *Pacific Citizen* while the organization searches for a replacement.

No interruption in the publishing of *Pacific Citizen* is expected.

## Clinton snubs organization, says leaders

**SAN JOSE**—JACL leaders are not happy with President Bill Clinton. He was in town at the Fairmont Hotel on a campaign tour but would not make an appearance at the organization's convention.

In a 15-minute private session Wednesday, Aug. 7, Clinton met with Denny Yasuhara, JACL National president, Paul Shinkawa, vice president, general operations, Barry Saiki, vice president, public affairs; Randy Shibata, vice president, planning and development; Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president, membership services and 1000 Club; Herb Yamanishi, national director, and Tom Shigemasa and Claire



CLINTON

Omura of the host San Jose Chapter. After telling the president about their concerns about anti-Asian violence and restrictive immigration bills, they implored him to make an appearance at the JACL convention—but received no commitment.

"We weren't asking him to make a speech, just show up and say hello to the delegates," Yasuhara told *Pacific Citizen*.

"He could have just jogged through on his way to his morning run," said Omura. She added that the president had been contacted by the chapter some nine months ago to make an appearance. "We never got a commitment in spite of the fact we knew he was going to be in San Jose," Omura said.

The feeling among these JACL leaders is that the president simply did not deem the organization or its supporters important enough to make a token appearance.

## Stricter guidelines for JACL funds ok'd

The National Council approved on Aug. 10 a National JACL Bylaw Amendment making a significant change in the administration of all JACL endowment or protected funds. The changes provide strict guidelines as to the handling of these funds. They are:

■ The Legacy Fund containing almost \$7,400,000.

■ The National Endowment Fund containing approximately \$600,000.

■ The Life Member Endowment Fund containing approximately \$600,000.

■ The Scholarship Fund containing approximately \$700,000.

■ The Student Aid Fund containing approximately \$30,000.

■ The Masaoka Fellowship Fund containing approximately \$20,000.

■ The National Reserve Fund containing approximately \$50,000.

The changes were recommended to the National Council by the National Board following a review of investment policies conducted by a select committee appointed by Denny Yasuhara. The National Board previously took all action recommended by the select committee, which it could without Bylaw Amendments (*Pacific Citizen*, June 7-20, 1996) The amendment completes the intent of the board to create more stringent safeguards over endowments and achieve more efficiency in investing.

The amendment creates a new standing National Investment Policy Committee which will oversee the consolidated investment of all of these funds as a common pool. The original restrictions on each of the segregated accounts within the pool will be honored, and the new committee will not have authority over the expenditure of income from the various segregated accounts. Thus, the disbursement of Legacy Fund grants will continue without change.

In essence, the amendment allows the creation of a fund similar to a mutual fund where each JACL endowment owns a proportional share of the larger fund and receives income on its investment in direct proportion to its ownership share. Individual goals or restrictions such as the Legacy Fund's 5% reinvestment rate and the original National Endowment Fund's ability to be tapped for emergency purposes are retained. The additional efficiency of this arrangement could lead to increased income by reducing management fees. In addition, annual meetings of the committee will be required and paid for out of the income.

The amendment was endorsed by Grayce Uyehara, Philadelphia Chapter; Roy Nishikawa of Wilshire Chapter; Mae Takahashi, Clovis Chapter; Ben Ezaki, Wash-

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### Eastern

#### PHILADELPHIA

Fri., Sept. 20—Chapter board meeting at Uyeharas in Medford.

October—Senior Appreciation Day (date & place to be announced).

Mon., Nov. 11—Chapter board meeting at Theresa Maebori's in Philadelphia.

December—Christmas party (??), 215/848-1715.

### Midwest

#### CINCINNATI

Sun., Aug. 18—Potluck dinner, 1:30 p.m., board meeting, dinner at 5-7 p.m., Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave., Oakley; info: 216/921-2976.

#### CLEVELAND

Chapter Board meets 2nd Mondays, Buddhist Temple.

Sat., Nov. 2—Annual JACL Holiday Fair, 3-8 p.m.; Central Euclid Middle School. Info: 216/921-2976.

#### DAYTON

Sun., Sept. 8—General meeting, convention report, 2-6 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron, 513/294-8815.

Sun., Oct. 20—General/election meeting, 2-6 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron Katsuyama, 513/294-8815.

Sun., Dec. 15—Christmas party, 2 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron 513/294-8815.

#### ST. LOUIS

Sat.-Mon., Aug. 31-Sept. 2—Annual Japan Festival.

#### TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner, 7-9 p.m., open to visitors; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

### Intermountain

#### SALT LAKE CITY

Fri., Aug. 23—J.A.s in Utah Centennial picnic, 5-9 p.m., Red Butte Gardens. NOTE—Ogden Taiko drummers to perform at 7:30 p.m.; distribution of Japanese in Utah pictorial history book. Sat., Aug. 24—J.A.s in Utah Centennial program; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., continental breakfast/Asian history/Kanojo fashion show; 5:30 banquet with Chieko Okazaki as keynote speaker, Salt Lake Hilton; info: 801/359-2902. NOTE—Co-sponsored by Intermountain DC, JACL chapters, Nat'l JACL Credit Union, Nikkei churches and community organizations. Sun., Aug. 25—Centennial golf tournament, 1 p.m.; info: Steve Koga 801/265-8181 days.

### NCal-WN-Pacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., Nov. 3—Fall DC session, Stockton (location to be announced).

#### CONTRA COSTA

Chapter Board on first Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church.

#### JAPAN-TOKYO

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

#### RENO

History of the Chinese in Nevada," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, Nevada State Museum, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Lorenzi Park.

#### RENO-POSTON I

Mon.-Wed., Oct. 7-9—Former Poston I High School graduates/students reunion, Eldorado Hotel/Casino. Info: So. Calif.—Aki Amano, 310/364-8685 or 541-4648; Nor. Calif.—Yosh Ouchida 408/251-3397, Mich Fujishin (e-mail) mich3@aol.com. NOTE—Monday mixer, Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast; slot and golf tournaments.

LAUGHLIN—POSTON III  
1997: April 7-9—8th Poston III Reunion.

### Northern Calif.

#### MARYSVILLE

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 23-25—Fifth Marysville Area Nikkei Reunion; info: Frank Nakamura, 15 E 15th St., Marysville, CA 95901. NOTE—Friday mixer, golf, fishing, Colusa tour, Reno trip, Saturday banquet.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Oct 14-Dec. 8—Exhibit: "Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei; Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; visitors' info: 415/379-8801, tickets: 415/776-1999. NOTE—Exhibit travels to Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago and National Gallery in Washington, DC.

1999: Aug. 27-29—Buddhist Churches of America Centennial, San Francisco Marriott Hotel. Info: BCA, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco CA 94109, 415/776-5600.

#### SAN FRANCISCO/TOPAZ

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

## Community calendar

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### Midwest

#### CHICAGO

Coming in 1997: Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Jan. 25-March 3. Local committee in formation, info: Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Yoji Ozaki, pres., 4954 N. Monticello, Chicago 60625, 312/267-6312. NOTE—Artifacts, craft material, documents pertaining to camps, resettlement, wartime military service needed for exhibit.

#### CLEVELAND

Sat., Aug. 24—Children's program, 11 a.m., Asia Plaza; info: Joyce Theus, 216/582-5443. NOTE—Co-sponsored by Cleveland JACL and Japan Society of Cleveland.

### Pacific Northwest

#### TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8—Tacoma & Vicinity Nisei Reunion, info: Tacoma—Joe Kosal 206/474-1650, Tadaye Fujimoto, 206/564-9485; Chicago—Kaz Horita, 708/668-9337; Minneapolis—Gilbert Miyazaki, 612/420-8724; Los Angeles—Ryo Munekata, 213/732-4834; San Francisco—Fusaye Yoshida, 415/591-9505.

### Colorado

#### DENVER

1997: Sept. 11-13—MIS-Rocky Mountain reunion, Renaissance Hotel on Quebec St.

### Nevada

#### LAS VEGAS

Thru June 1997—"Beyond Gum San: a

### BILL

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English is the "official" language of the United States Government. It mandates that all "official business" be conducted in English. The bill defines official business extremely broadly as "government actions, documents, or policies which are enforceable with the full weight and authority of the federal government, and includes publications, income tax forms, information materials, and the content of franked mail." H.R. 123 also eliminates the use of bilingual ballots and assistance for

Asian, Hispanic, Native Alaskan, and Native American citizens required under the Voting Rights Act.

Under the law, Asian immigrants who are not fluent in English will be unable to communicate with the federal government in a language they understand. The Federal government may only use other language when: teaching other languages; necessary to protect public health and safety; necessary for trade or commerce; national security issues are involved; conducting census activities; protecting the rights of criminal defendants or victims of crime; and in civil actions brought

Sun., Sept. 15—Annual fish fry/potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

Sun., Oct. 20—Halloween potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

Sun., Nov. 17—Mochitsuki/potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Mas Satow Bldg., 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

#### SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; info: 408/295-1250.

#### STOCKTON

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

Sat., Oct. 19—Annual golf tournament, Van Buskirk.

#### 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 =lkeda1@eworld.com.

Sat. Aug. 17—Danuma Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saratoga Lanes parking Lot; info: John Kaku, chairman, 408/253-8187.

Fri., Sept. 27—Golf tournament, 9:30 a.m.m. tee-off, Moffet Field Golf Course; sign-up & info: Ray Uchiyama, 408/867-0255.

### Central California

#### FRESNO / CCDC

Sun., Sept. 8—11th annual Shinzen Run, 6 a.m. Woodward Park Shin Zen

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### Central Calif.

#### FRESNO

Sun., Sept. 8—Annual Shin Zen Run at Woodward Park Shinzen Garden, 6 a.m., info: JACL, 209/486-6815.

### Southern Calif.

#### LOS ANGELES

Through Aug. 25—Photo exhibit from British Columbia, "Kikyo: Coming Home to Powell Street," JAMN Legacy Center, info 213/625-0414.

Through Jan. 1997—JANM's main exhibit: "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's Wars," JANM, 213/625-0414.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 17-18—Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/687-7193. Sat., Sun., Street Arts Festival (JACC Noguchi Plaza), Carnival (San Pedro bet. 2nd & 3rd), Bonsai, Calligraphy (Union Church) Aiseki, Kendo Tournament (Nishi gym); Sun., Nikkei games (CSU Long Beach); First Street Ondo & Closing ceremony in front of Miyako Hotel.

Sat., Aug. 17—Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library book party, 1-3:30 p.m., LTB Library, 244 S. Alameda, info: 213/612-0525. NOTE—Expected: William Hohri, Joyce Hwang, Toyomi Igus, Stewart David Ikeda, Frederik Schott, Julie Shigekuni and Hiroki Sugihara/Ann Akahori.

Sun., Aug. 18—JANM closing of Heart Mountain Barrack, 4 p.m., E. 1st and Central; info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Aug. 24—JANM Panel: "Japanese Canadian Concentration Camps," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Prof. Audrey Kobayashi, Queens University, moderator.

Thu., Aug. 29—Cold Tofu Improv, 8-9:30 p.m., JANM; free, RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 14—JANM Panel: "Go For

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by the government. Elected officials may speak other languages to their constituents in oral communications, but may not provide them with written information or materials in languages other than English.

H.R. 123 also permits anyone to sue if the Federal government violates any provision of the law. For example, if a Chinese-speaking elderly citizen were to write to the Social Security Administration for information about her retirement benefits in Chinese because she is illiterate in English, the administration could be sued if it sent her written information in Chinese.



# The JACL National Budget, 1997-98

(Passed by the National Council, Aug. 9, San Jose, Calif.)

For the Two Years Ending December 31, 1998

REVENUE	1997	1998	Total
Membership Revenue	\$839,596	\$839,596	\$1,679,192
Investment Income	\$188,605	\$198,605	\$387,210
Fund Raising Revenues	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
PC Revenues	\$179,728	\$178,572	\$358,300
Donations	\$35,336	\$35,336	\$70,671
Other Revenue	\$57,834	\$67,834	\$125,669
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,371,099</b>	<b>\$1,389,943</b>	<b>\$2,761,042</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel Costs	\$794,509	\$798,039	\$1,592,548
Contract Services	\$22,119	\$22,119	\$44,239
Awards	\$350	\$2,500	\$2,850
Dues, Subscription, Periodicals	\$1,187	\$1,187	\$2,373
Equip. Purch./Rental/Maint	\$15,823	\$9,520	\$25,343
Postage & Delivery	\$21,598	\$21,779	\$43,378
Printing & Copying	\$14,629	\$14,629	\$29,258
Office Supplies	\$8,246	\$10,296	\$18,541
PC-Editorials	\$3,506	\$3,611	\$7,117
PC-Advertising	\$993	\$1,023	\$2,016
PC-Composition/Presswork	\$52,168	\$53,733	\$105,901
PC-Circulation & Mailing	\$90,706	\$93,427	\$184,133
PC-Commissions	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Allocation to Districts	\$67,320	\$67,320	\$134,640
Meetings & Conferences	\$21,477	\$21,659	\$43,136
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Board Activities	\$28,523	\$28,523	\$57,046
National Convention	\$9,850	\$35,000	\$44,850
Rent & Utilities	\$45,937	\$47,188	\$93,125
Maintenance	\$15,496	\$15,496	\$30,991
Utilities	\$11,034	\$11,034	\$22,068
Telephone	\$22,408	\$22,735	\$45,144
Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$29,487	\$29,487	\$58,973
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Books & Publications	\$223	\$223	\$446
Miscellaneous	\$14,889	\$14,889	\$29,778
Youth Program	\$6,228	\$6,228	\$12,456
Direct Program Cost	\$12,258	\$14,051	\$26,309
Personnel Recruitment Cost	\$1,481	\$1,481	\$2,962
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,314,445</b>	<b>\$1,349,177</b>	<b>\$2,663,621</b>
Operating Reserve	\$31,654	\$15,766	\$47,420
Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,371,099</b>	<b>\$1,389,943</b>	<b>\$2,761,041</b>
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## From the outgoing president

By DENNY YASUHARA

## Final thoughts

First, let me publicly thank our JACL staff. Despite all of the changes this biennium, they have kept our ship going in the right direction. Our experienced staff, all with heavier work loads, played a critical role in that success, particularly Carol Saito who kept PSW's office functioning. And of course, Bill Yoshino and Karyl Matsumoto who both served as interim national directors during this trying period. They all worked as a team. This convention on the staff side is a reflection of that.

San Jose has done an excellent job in the face of these unsettling staff changes. My wife Thelma and others have commented on their courtesy and how helpful they have been.

Today, JACL stands at the crossroads of its destiny. A period of transition. Not only in terms of its role in the political arena, but in terms of leadership. Such times are often accompanied by uncertainty, instability and anxiety, even in the best of times.

We are at the threshold of a new century. A new era. A century that will begin with downsizing, reorganization, and economic constraints with all of their attendant problems of adjustment, particularly for those whose livelihoods have been affected and the sorrow that it causes. It has not been an easy time for them or for JACL. It brings home to us the hardships that thousands of other Americans had to endure.

There is little that is certain around us. For the security of stability can no longer be depended upon in this generation. It affects us all. From those retired and on fixed incomes whose worth has plummeted 30 percent in the last nine years and to many in this generation whose job security is a misnomer.

It is in this environment that JACL and the new generation of leaders must contend. It is no longer a matter of citizenship, property and voting rights and anti-miscegenation statutes for JAs. But for others like them.

Today, the threats to justice, privilege and equal opportunity are far more subtle, but equally damaging to segments of the Asian Pacific American family.

A case in point is the immigration reform proposal of the Congressional Commission on Immigration, which would have been catastrophic to immigration from Asia had all of its provisions passed.

Our memories cannot be so short and our comfort so dear that we have forgotten the immigration of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. All aliens ineligible for citizenship. Can we not see the parallel between them and the Asian immigrant today?

There is a far greater need to keep our membership informed than ever before, because of the political environment and the constricted legal avenues for redress. All of which give comfort to those who would flout the laws of equitable treat-

ment. One needs only to read, listen or view the news media to observe the erosion of decency and humanity. Racial slurs and assaults are commonplace and often carried out with impunity.

There must be a price to be paid for such conduct. The foundation of anti-Asian violence tomorrow is built upon the racial slurs of today.

If we are to be a force in the political arena of civil rights and the welfare of those we represent, we cannot acquiesce, we must not succumb to our fears and our differences.

Today, we have a new director and staff at headquarters, PSW and the Washington, D.C., office and soon in the PC. They will bring a new spirit, fresh ideas and a willingness to learn. At no time in recent memory have we had the opportunities we have today, and with our experienced staff and volunteer leadership there are few limits on our horizon, but we cannot remain the prisoners of our past, for it constricts our horizons, corrupts our character and retards our emotional growth as a people.

If we are to fulfill our destiny as equal partners in the social fabric of America, we must do this together.

The core and foundation of JACL will always be the chapters and its members, for it will be they who will give this organization the wherewithal to rise to new heights in the 21st century and it was they who gave me the strength to continue.

Thank you and God bless you.

## Board brings closure to severance issue

At its last meeting on Aug. 7, the JACL National Board closed out the staff size reduction issue from 1994 by receiving a final report from National Legal Counsel Tom Hara and approving the release of expenditure information to the general membership.

In December, 1994, following a budget analysis report from an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Mae Takahashi, the board decided to downsize JACL staff by reorganizing and combining existing job functions into fewer positions. Five National Headquarters and one Pacific Citizen staff position were affected. All affected employees were invited to reapply for the new positions.

In early 1995, the five affected Headquarters staff elected to resign rather than reapply for the new positions. The PC staff per-

son applied and was rehired.

The departing staff were offered severance packages based upon their current salaries and length of service to JACL. Health insurance continuation, and job placement services were included.

The total of the offers made to all employees was \$42,794.20. Through lengthy negotiations the severance package total was agreed upon at \$62,674.08. This amount was approved by the National Board and paid to the affected former employees.

In addition, \$6,807.22 was paid to JACL's outside legal counsel. These charges included additional legal representation related to reorganization-related changes and were closely monitored by National Legal Counsel to control costs.

## MPDC honors Yasuhara, names new officers

In its Aug. 9 district meeting, the Mountain Plains District Council said farewell to outgoing National President Denny Yasuhara and presented him with a testimonial gift of appreciation. Following that they elected new officers for the biennium.

They are: Emilie Kutsuma, Mile-Hi Chapter, was re-elected district governor; Tom Migaki, Mile-Hi Chapter, was elected trea-

surer to replace outgoing treasurer and JACLER of the Biennium Tom Masamori, also of Mile-Hi; Gloria Shinkawa, Houston Chapter, was re-elected secretary. Vice governors will be elected by their respective states at a later date.

The new officers were inducted in a private ceremony by new National President Helen Kawagoe following the Sayonara Banquet.

## Convention snapshots

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**GOOD-BYE AND THANKS**—Members of the outgoing National Board pose one last time: from left, Denny Yasuhara, president; Paul M. Shinkawa, vice president, general operations; Randy Shibata, vice president, planning and development; Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president, membership services and 1000 Club, who stays on in that position; Kim Nakahara, chair, Youth/Student Council; and Kimi Yoshino, representative, Youth/Student Council.



**AT PLAY**—It wasn't all work for delegates as many enjoyed social events such as this dance session.

More stories, photos in the next issue of Pacific Citizen



**MAKING A POINT**—Travis Nishi, left, CCDC governor, discusses an issue as Edie Barrett, parliamentarian, and Denny Yasuhara listen.



## Asian Law Caucus

## National audit shows increase in anti-Asian violence

## No. California hate incidents up 10%

The Asian Law Caucus announced the findings of the third annual audit of anti-Asian violence by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium Monday, Aug. 5, at its headquarters in San Francisco.

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The 48-page report, which compiles statistics from throughout the country, recorded a total of 458 reported incidents of anti-Asian violence, a slight increase over the previous year. Northern California incidents rose by 10%—from 83 reported cases in 1994 to 91 in 1995.

The report attributes the increased violence in Northern California to the anti-immigrant hysteria surrounding Proposition 187, as well as current debates on legal immigration reform and affirmative action, all of which have created a racially charged environment.

Addressing some of these issues at the Aug. 5 press conference were

Angelo Ancheta, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus; Thanh Ngo, a former attorney with the caucus who has worked on hate crimes cases; and Eugene Chun, a Novato resident whose son was a victim in an anti-Asian incident last March.

The National Asian Pacific Legal Consortium is a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.,

with affiliates in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York. As a non-partisan organization, its mission is to advance and protect the legal and civil rights of the nation's 8.8 million Asian Pacific Americans through litigation, advocacy, public education, and public policy development. Here are highlights of the report:

## Severity of anti-Asian violence is increasing, report says

## Immigrant scapegoating, atmosphere of intolerance are blamed for incidents

Hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans grew slightly in 1995 over the year before and were more likely to be violent, according to the third annual audit of anti-Asian violence by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

The 48-page report, titled "Audit of Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans," found 458 suspected and proven incidents reported to date for 1995, a slight increase over the 452 incidents reported in 1994 and a 37 percent increase over the 335 incidents reported in 1993.

There was a significant increase in the violence of the incidents reported for 1995, with assaults rising 11 percent and aggravated assaults rising 14 percent from the year before with two homicides. This was a

stark contrast to FBI reports that overall serious crime declined 4 percent last year.

Southern California experienced the highest growth in the number of reported incidents, from 63 incidents in 1994 to 113 in 1995, a jump of almost 80 percent.

New York and Northern California also saw increases of reported incidents—9 and 10 percent respectively.

The report attributes the high number of incidents and increase in violence to immigrant scapegoating by elected officials and racially divisive legislation and initiatives that target minorities.

The audit states, "ignorance translates into the view of Asian Pacific Americans as perpetual foreigners . . . This view of Asian Pacific Americans makes them especially vulnerable to xenophobic attacks."

The audit contains documentation of this problem from around the

country. In May 1995, while ordering a Pakistani American taxi driver to show his rate card and trip sheet, a white New York City police officer said, "You immigrants think we're stupid . . . This is my country, I'll teach you a lesson." The officer then proceeded to beat the driver while shouting racial slurs.

In September 1995, in San Francisco, a white woman jabbed a stick at a Chinese American court clerk and told him, "I know who you are. I know where you work and I will follow you, your wife and kids. You are nothing but a low-life Chinaman and all chinks should go to hell and get out of the U.S."

Violence toward Asian Pacific Americans rose 83 percent in Los Angeles, an increase far surpassing other groups' trends, although the number of reporting entities did not vary significantly from the year before. In one case, a white woman

kicked a Laotian woman's door in and threatened, "Open the damn door, I'm going to kill you" and "Go back to your motherland."

Consortium Executive Director Karen Narasaki stated, "Examples of politicians' using immigration and race as hot-button issues abound." In 1994, California Gov. Pete Wilson advocated Proposition 187, a ballot initiative that would deny social services to undocumented aliens. In 1995, Wilson pushed the California Civil Rights Initiative, another voter referendum that would support the abolition of all affirmative action programs.

Narasaki added, "The dramatic rise in anti-Asian violence in California clearly is the result of our political leaders legitimizing intolerance by their support of these measures."

In March 1996, New York City Councilwoman Julia Harrison described the growing Asian Ameri-

can community in Flushing, Queens, as "an invasion, not an assimilation." She blamed her Asian American constituents for the increase in crime, the rise in real estate prices and the departure of the white long-time residents.

The consortium criticized the inadequacy of federal law and the lack of hate crimes statutes in many states, noting Gov. Fife Symington's recent veto of a hate-crime bill passed by the Arizona state legislature. Thirteen states still do not have criminal laws addressing racially-motivated crimes.

The report states, "Hate crimes statutes are important not only because they protect racial minorities and others through the criminal justice system, but also because they send a message that racism and its devastating effects have no place in our society."

## Summary of findings

1. There are 458 suspected and proven anti-Asian incidents reported to date for 1995. This figure represents a slight increase over the 452 incidents reported in 1994, and a 37% increase over the 335 incidents reported in 1993. As in 1994, racial motivation was proven in approximately 90% of the reported incidents, with the balance categorized as suspected bias cases.

2. There was a significant increase in the violence of anti-Asian incidents in 1995 as compared to 1994. Assaults rose by almost 11%, aggravated assaults increased by 14%, and there were two murders and a firebomb attack. In contrast, violent crime overall reported to the FBI dropped 4% last year.

3. For the third straight year, assaults outnumbered other forms of hate-motivated violence against Asian Pacific Americans. Ninety-three incidents of assault and 35 incidents of aggravated assault were reported. In addition, vandalism almost doubled from 39 reported incidents in 1994 to 73 incidents in 1995. Sexual assault and battery were also reported. Threats and intimidation also increased by 160% from 23 incidents in 1994 to 61 incidents in 1995.

4. Asian Pacific Americans remained most vulnerable to attack in their homes and at public places, with attacks in their homes growing by 8% to 110 incidents. Asian Pacific Americans also

remained vulnerable in public areas such as streets and parks where 98 incidents were reported.

Incidents at their places of employment fell by over 60%, but incidents at commercial establishments such as stores and restaurants grew by 58%.

5. There was a dramatic increase in the number and severity of incidents in Southern California, with New York and Northern California also reporting significant increases. Reported incidents for Southern California increased almost 80% from 63 in 1994 to 113 in 1995. Assaults and aggravated assaults doubled, New York saw a 9% increase in reported incidents, with assaults falling, but with one murder. Northern California reported a 10% increase, with assaults also falling slightly.

6. Anti-immigrant sentiment continues to be severe, motivating incidents of violence against Asian Pacific Americans. Immigrants scapegoating by federal, state and local elected officials continues to result in increasing anti-Asian violence. In a significant portion of the reported incidents, victims were assailed with comments such as "Go back to your country." Extremists have sought to create wedge issues aimed at immigrants, minorities, women, gays and lesbians. Divisive legislation and initiatives have

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## Summary of recommendations

1. Federal legislative action is necessary to address the occurrence of hate-motivated crimes.

First, Congress must provide funding so that all 16,000 law enforcement agencies participate in the 1990 Crime Statistics Act. Second, the legal definition of "hate crimes" must be expanded to include crimes motivated by immigrant status.

Unless all hate-motivated incidents are identified, monitored and documented, anti-Asian violence cannot be adequately addressed. Third, Congress must eliminate the statutory limitations which severely hamper the ability of the Department of Justice to prosecute these crimes on a federal level.

2. Tougher hate crimes statutes must be passed at both the state and local levels, and law enforcement agencies must fully implement and enforce them. Many states have no law or inadequate hate crime laws. Arizona Gov. Fife Symington recently vetoed a hate crime law despite the fact that hate crimes in that state have risen 500% since 1991. Government and law enforcement must train their personnel to identify and appropriately address these incidents and to thoroughly investigate and prosecute such crimes.

3. Institutional changes must be implemented to address the ignorance and neglect that lead to the perpetuation of hate crimes. Elected officials must

address the changes in the global economy and the increasing gap between rich and poor that are causing the economic anxiety many Americans are facing today. Policies which reduce rather than increase education and job retraining, which reward the wealthy at the expense of the poor, and which fail to address the results of continuing racial discrimination, exacerbate the tensions that contribute to hate violence.

4. Increased investment must be made in community education. Community education programs must be funded to increase awareness, accurate reporting, and law enforcement response. Education programs should include conflict resolution training and diversity training.

5. Elected officials and public figures who engage in immigrant scapegoating, race-baiting and other pandering to bigotry and prejudice must be held accountable for their role in creating an atmosphere conducive to hate-motivated violence. Educators, journalists, parents, professionals, clergy, public figures and private citizens must be quick to speak out to condemn those who use racially charged rhetoric that legitimizes acts of hate speech and hate-motivated violence. Politicians who have pushed racially charged issues rather than sought responsible solutions are part of the prob-

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## Asian Law Caucus denounces House vote for English-only bill

The House of Representatives, in a 259 to 169 vote on Aug. 1, passed the "English Language Empowerment Act," H.R. 3898 (formerly H.R. 123 and H.R. 3850). H.R. 3898, authored by Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-Calif.), declares that English is the "official" language of the United States government. With few exceptions, H.R. 3898 mandates that all "official business" be conducted in English and creates a private right of action for anyone who believes that he or she has been denied services because that person communicates in English. H.R. 3898 also repeals the long-established language assistance requirements under the Voting Rights Act.

The Asian Law Caucus denounces this legislation as unnecessary, discriminatory and harmful. If the English Language Empowerment Act becomes law, an investigator from the Department of Labor could not interview employees of sweatshops to identify unlawful employment practices if the employees did not speak English. A caseworker at the Social Security Office who spoke his or her client's language, would be prohibited from communicating with a limited English-proficient U.S. citizen who worked long enough to earn Social Security Retirement benefits. A postal worker would not be able to communicate with customers in any language but English, and if

people waiting in line heard the postal worker speaking a non-English language to a non-English-speaking customer, they could sue in federal district court, asserting that they were denied services while having to wait during a non-English transaction.

Perhaps most egregious would be the repeal of the language assistance requirements contained in Section 4(f) and Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act as the right to vote is the means by which all other rights are protected. If H.R. 3898 passes, the ballot would be available only in English and tens of thousands of U.S. citizens, including Democrats and Republicans, would no longer be able to cast a

meaningful vote.

English is already our common language, as 97 percent of U.S. residents already speak English. Immigrants, recognizing the need to learn English, fill English as a Second Language classes to capacity, and long waiting lists for these classes exist across the country. Despite these facts, the proponents of H.R. 3898 purport that the legislation is needed to make immigrants learn English and linguistically unify the nation. "This is just a pretext for discrimination. Legislation such as H.R. 3898 which would result in the denial of government services and the denial of access to the ballot to a targeted group of

people clearly has another purpose," stated Gloria Guinto, a staff attorney at the Asian Law Caucus.

"Rather than unify the country, H.R. 3898 would create two distinct classes of people, those who speak English and receive access to the government and the democratic process and those who do not speak English and are denied such access. H.R. 3898 is part of a broad, mean-spirited anti-immigrant movement currently infecting presidential election politics. If this legislation should arrive on President Clinton's desk, we hope he has the moral courage to both recognize the discriminatory impact of the legislation and veto the bill," said Guinto.



## PSW condemns provisions of immigrant welfare reform bill

The Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific Southwest District condemns the current welfare reform bill's provisions dealing with legal immigrants. Joining a national immigrant rights campaign, JACL is urging members of the public to call President Bill Clinton at 202/456-1111 to veto the welfare reform bill. The bill was sent to the White House Aug. 1.

The bill seeks to eliminate eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, and most other federal needs-based assistance for current and future legal permanent residents. Many current recipients of needs-based programs will be disqualified once the bill is enacted. The bill also gives states the authority to choose whether legal immigrants are eligible for Medicaid.

"This bill is part of a larger national trend of immigrant and minority scapegoating, beginning with Proposition 187 and

currently carried on with anti-legal immigration, affirmative action, and English-only legislation," said Al Muratsuchi, JACL Pacific Southwest regional director. "Japanese immigrants lawfully working or living in the U.S. with a green card won't even get temporary assistance, even if they had paid taxes for years before losing a job or a limb."

According to the 1990 Census, there were approximately 18,800 foreign-born Japanese in the U.S. who were not naturalized. Among all U.S. residents of Japanese ancestry, seven percent were living with poverty-level incomes.

Founded in 1929, the JACL is a national organization with more than 22,000 members in 112 chapters throughout the United States. JACL's national headquarters is in San Francisco, with offices in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, and Fresno, Calif.

## Redress workshops set for California, Hawaii

The office of Redress Administration (ORA) today released a tentative schedule for a series of workshops in San Francisco, the Los Angeles area and Honolulu, where members of the Japanese American community will be offered one-on-one assistance with their redress cases.

The workshops will be led by a team of ORA representatives who will provide on-the-spot answers to questions on individual case statuses and required documentation. In addition, ORA administrator DeDe Greene will provide an overview of recent events and current statistics. ORA has delivered payment to over 79,900 eligible individuals.

In cases where all necessary documentation is submitted at the workshop, ORA may be able to provide immediate case verification.

Workshop participants are encouraged to bring any correspondence received from ORA and all documents pertaining to their redress claims.

Individuals should bring a birth certificate and a recent bank state-

ment or utility bill containing their name and current address, if they have not been previously submitted. These documents will allow ORA to continue case verification. In cases where one's name has changed since internment, a record such as a marriage certi-

cate should be brought as evidence of the name change.

The schedule given below is tentative. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please contact the ORA Helpline at the new toll-free number, 1-888-219-6900, as soon as possible.

## Workshops schedule

● **Saturday, Sept. 21, 2-4 p.m.:** Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco

● **Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.:** Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, Calif.

● **Tues., Sept. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.:** Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Little Tokyo, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

● **Saturday, Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m.:** Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin Honolulu Temple Social Hall (basement), 1727 Pali Highway Honolulu, Hawaii

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lem, as evidenced by the tremendous increase in reported incidents in California where Gov. Pete Wilson has pushed Proposition 187, an anti-immigrant measure, and the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), an anti-affirmative action measure.

**6. More resources must be made available to agencies who enforce anti-discrimination laws or who work to reduce conflicts.** Congress has cut the budgets of many of the key federal agencies with jurisdiction over discrimination. For example, the Community Relations Service (CRS) of the Department of Justice has had its budget slashed in half and is even targeted for elimination by some members of Congress. CRS works to resolve group conflicts and racial tensions in neighborhoods. It provides im-

portant mediation and technical assistance to communities trying to address hate-motivated incidents. Congress has also slashed the budget of the Department of Education, weakening its ability to support and develop programs that teach tolerance to youth.

**7. Federal, state and local housing authorities must institute measures to address racial tensions in public housing.** Housing authorities must fulfill their obligation to provide for the safety of their tenants and address any racial and ethnic violence occurring on their properties. The settlement agreement reached in June 1996 between the Fall River Housing Authority in Fall River, Mass., and its Cambodian tenants can serve as a model. It contains precedent-setting measures such as a bilingual emergency hotline.

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generated an intolerant environment legitimizing acts of hate violence, such as the recent rash of church burnings and anti-immigrant vigilantism.

**7. Data continues to be difficult to obtain, incomplete, and limited by widespread under reporting.** Eleven states failed to collect hate crime statistics in 1995, which is one less than in 1994. Many jurisdictions do not keep data by race of the perpetrator and/or the victim, or lack information as to the

place or exact nature of the attack. Most jurisdictions do not fully participate in collecting data under the Hate Crime Statistics Act.

For example, in New York City, the number of incidents reported to the police for 1995 was 20, yet this audit uncovered an additional 40

incidents.

**8. Federal, state and local laws are currently inadequate to address hate crimes.** Thirteen states continue to have no criminal laws addressing racially motivated crimes. The federal civil rights statutes are too limited in their scope.

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# Manzanar land transfer, JA memorial bills pass House

The U.S. House of Representatives passed two bills July 31 which authorize land transfers to create both the Japanese American Patriotism Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a National Historic Site at the location of the former Manzanar Internment camp. Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) was a chief sponsor of the Patriotism Memorial legislation, and he was joined by Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-San Bernardino) in sponsoring the Manzanar bill. "In one bill we pay tribute to the immeasurable sacrifice made by Japanese American soldiers during World War II, and with the other bill we are creating a lasting historical site to educate future generations about the tragedy of the internment," Matsui said.

Both pieces of legislation must now be considered and approved by the Senate before being sent to the president's desk for his signature into law.

"The rapid progress and passage today through the House makes it much more likely that these bills will become law before the end of the year," Matsui said.

Some 33,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry served in the military during World War II. The all-Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Central Postal Directory was the most decorated unit in military history for its size and length of service.

The Japanese American Patriotism Memorial was first authorized in legislation passed in 1992. However, the land needed to construct the memorial must be transferred to the National Park Service from the Architect of the U.S. Capitol, which currently owns the property.

"In 1992, Norm [Mineta], was the chief sponsor of the Patriotism Memorial legislation and was a tireless advocate for the projects," Matsui said. "Even though he was not physically there with us tonight on the floor [of the House], the work he did on the original legislation certainly helped us in passing this year's bill."

During World War II, 11,000 of 120,000 total Americans of Japanese ancestry were confined at

the Manzanar internment camp.

The National Park Service determined in the 1980s that of the 10 former internment camps, Manzanar was best suited to be preserved and to thus serve as a reminder to future generations of the civil rights violations the internment represented.

"The memorials created by these bills serve as a constant reminder of a sensitive but important chapter of American History which we cannot afford to forget," Matsui said. "The passage of these bills, for me, represents the way we have come full circle in, first, acknowledging the tragic way Americans of Japanese ancestry were treated during World War II and, second, educating future generations in order to prevent such a tragedy from ever happening again."

Neither of the land transfers represent a cost to the federal treasury. The bills were passed by unanimous consent of the House, which means unless a member voices opposition, the House gives its unanimous support to the proposal. No opposition was heard.

## Michigan to recall Murphy dissent against internment

It was against the backdrop of intolerance before and during World War II that Frank Murphy, then a justice of the United States Supreme Court, spoke out forcefully for the rights of all Americans through his stirring dissent from a majority decision upholding the internment of Japanese Americans in *Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214 (1944).

Justice Murphy's dissent is scheduled to be recalled at his home in Harbor Beach, Mich., on Friday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m., as the State Bar of Michigan, with the Huron County Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association and City of Harbor Beach dedicates "Murphy's Dissent" as its 24th Michigan Legal Milestone. An informal luncheon will be held on the grounds of the Murphy



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home following the ceremony, and the City of Harbor Beach has arranged tours and other special events to mark the day.

Fred Korematsu was the young American who challenged the curfews and exclusion orders all the way to the United States Supreme

Court; he and his wife, Kathryn, now living in San Francisco, will travel to Harbor Beach as guests of honor at the ceremony.

Michigan Legal Milestones recall important cases, events and personalities in the state's legal history through the placement of bronze plaques throughout Michigan. Established by the State Bar of Michigan in 1986, the program has received awards for community service from the Historical Society of Michigan and the Public Relations Society of America.

"We are proud to recall the memory of Michigan's Justice Murphy through this dedication, which will be one of our most significant Michigan Legal Milestones," said Thomas J. Ryan, chair of the State Bar's Communications Committee, which administers the Milestone program. "We will be especially pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Korematsu to Harbor Beach, home of Justice Murphy and site of the Frank Murphy Memorial Museum."

Murphy (1890-1949) compiled a distinguished record of service in Michigan's history. Nationally, he played a positive role in the life of the nation and was a consistent champion of the Bill of Rights. His

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## 1996 JACL scholarship and community



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**ARIZONA JACL**—Sara Hutchings Clardy Memorial scholarship winners (from left) are Hayden McCabe, Mariko Adams, Dennis Yano and Cindy Takeuchi.

### Arizona

Four JACL scholarships are awarded annually in memory of Sara Hutchings Clardy, who taught for 42 years, mostly at Glendale, and was most helpful to the Japanese community before, during and after World War II. At the presentations, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Brian Ishikawa was luncheon speaker. Chapter president Dr. Richard Matsuishi extended the welcome; emcee Fred Takiguchi intro-

duced local Nikkei college, high school and elementary school graduates; Marilyn Inoshita Tang is scholarship committee chair. The \$500 awards were presented at the graduates' luncheon in late April to:

- Mariko Adams, Benson H.S.
- Hayden McCabe, Brophy College Prep.
- Cindy Takeuchi, Tempe H.S.
- Dennis Yano, Barry Goldwater H.S.



**BERKELEY JACL AWARDEES**—Standing (from left) with keynote speaker Gail Tsukiyama are Janine Hara, Steven Tanamachi, Leslie Yoshimura, author Tsukiyama, Roger Tanaka and Jeffrey Nehira.

### Berkeley

Three high school graduates with 4.0 GPA or better received scholarships at the annual awards dinner held in Oakland in May. Gail Tsukiyama, author of *Women of the Silk* and *The Samurai's Garden*, was guest speaker. Janine Hara, Skyline H.S., and Jeffrey Nehira, El Cerrito H.S., received honorable mention. The awardees were:

- Steven Tanamachi, El Cerrito H.S., 4.4 GPA, junior varsity bas-

ketball, varsity volleyball, Berkeley Bear baseball, Homework Helper, UCLA bound.

- Leslie Yoshimura, Berkeley H.S., 4.0 GPA, JV volleyball, varsity tennis, Berkeley-Oakland Support Service tutor; UC, Berkeley bound.

- Roger Tanaka, Acalanes H.S., 4.0 GPA, varsity track, cross-country, yearbook editor, senior class officer; UCLA bound.

Also honored was the late Tad Hirota, Berkeley Chapter pioneer.

### East Los Angeles

Over the past 25-plus years, the East L.A. Chapter steak bakes have funded the chapter scholarship awards. The 27th annual steak bake was held July 21 at Monterey Park. The four 1996 scholarship winners, announced by scholarship chair June Kurisu, are:

- Darren Tadashi Jung, Schurr H.S., son of Douglas and Caroline Jung.
- Kimberly Kiyomi Komatsu, Schurr H.S., daughter of Shirley Komatsu.
- Kristine Ono, Schurr H.S., daughter of Thomas and Carol Ono.
- Carin Sakuma, Montebello H.S., daughter of Steven and Janice Sakuma.

### Eden Township

Four recipients were honored at the May awards dinner. Scholarship chair Bob Sakai said all maintained excellent grades and have been involved in community, school and sports programs. The award-

- ees: • Tommy Kitayama Jr. Memorial, Sumitomo Bank-Hayward, Eden Community Center Award (combined \$900); Jessica Deardorff, Castro Valley H.S., NCWNPDC oratorical contest finalist; daughter of Glen and Georgene Deardorff.

### Riverside

- Eugene Oda Memorial (\$500): Heather Gorman, Redlands H.S.
- Hideo Inaba Award (\$500): Stacey Leanne Sakaguchi, San Geronio H.S., San Bernardino.
- Madokoro Scholarship (\$300): Melanie Uyeda, Hesperia.
- JACL Chapter (\$300): Joshua Hiraoka, John W. North, H.S., Riverside.
- JACL Chapter (\$250): Craig Takeshi Nishimoto, San Geronio H.S., San Bernardino.
- JACL Chapter (\$250): Steven Hajime Tsuda, San Geronio H.S., San Bernardino.
- JACL Chapter (\$250): Mika Toguchi, Loma Linda Academy.
- JACL Chapter (\$200): Douglas Namekata, Ramona H.S., Riverside.
- JACL Chapter (\$200) and Japanese Union Church Scholarship (\$200): Ronald Ogawa, Colton H.S.
- Aiko Dora Scholarship (\$300): Tammy K. Suzuki, Riverside Community College.

### JACL scholars to be announced

Notification of Freshman JACL national scholarship competition winners will be announced at the end of August, according to Emilie Kutsuma, chair of the JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee.

### Salt Lake-Mt. Olympus

- Megan Sumie Morris, Woods Cross H.S., ranked #2 in her class, 3.99 GPA; lettered in soccer, basketball, softball, tennis; goal, pre-med / molecular biology.
- Kristy Ann Christiansen, West H.S., 3.56 GPA; member of West High dance company and drill team, peer educator; goal, communicative disorders and deaf education.
- Michael Hira Miyake, Granger H.S., 3.8 GPA; journalism staff; goal, business major.
- Community Service: Dale Arnold, 16-year 1000er and membership chair, computerized the Salt Lake chapter membership records to make it "user friendly."

### San Diego

- The San Diego Chapter scholarship committee awarded a total of \$5,750 in chapter-funded scholarships to 16 outstanding graduating seniors.
- \$1,000—Eugene Kaneko, Scripps Ranch H.S.
- \$750—Jennifer Namba, Crawford H.S.
- \$500 each—Hiroyuki Suzuki, Mt. Carmel H.S.; Chelsea Takahashi, Helix H.S.
- \$250 each—Jill Hama, San Dieguito H.S.; Lynn Hamaguchi, Mira Mesa H.S.; Junko Kurano, Carlsbad H.S.; Joseph Ligutti, Hilltop H.S.; Tomoye Lori Nakashima, Helix H.S.; Taryn Okuma, Mt.

Carmel H.S.; Ken Salto, Rancho Buena Vista H.S.; Ryan Sato, Serra H.S.; Adrienne Scott, Mt. Carmel H.S.; Mia Stefanko, San Dieguito H.S.; (Jaime Yumiko Teague, San Diego H.S.; Mary Katherine Umekubo, The Bishop's School.

### South Bay

- JACL National Scholarship finalist, \$100 Savings Bond: Lauren Williams, Palos Verdes Peninsula H.S., 4.0 GPA, valedictorian, Presidential Scholar, honors in math, music, writing, Latin; goal, math major at Harvard; daughter of Leila Williams.
- Kiichi Egashira Memorial (\$1,000) and JACL National Schol-

arate Union H.S., son of Shirley Navarro.

- Sumiden Wire Products (\$300): Darin Kei Nakamura, Lincoln H.S., son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Nakamura.

- Sumitomo Bank (\$250): Bryan Toshio Kadotani, Lincoln H.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kadotani

- Union Bank (\$250): Kei Yamada, Lincoln H.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Satoshi Yamada.

- Fred Dobana Memorial (\$200): Candice Tei Shibata, Bear Creek H.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Shibata.

- Gunji Watanabe Memorial (\$200): Miko Christine Carter, Bear Creek H.S., daughter of Jean Carter.



Photo by Jim Law

**WEST LOS ANGELES** honors its four JACL scholarship winners holding their certificates (from left): Tadao Horiuchi, Candice Kamachi, Kristin Okita, and Christina Okumura. At the flanks are scholarship committee members Satoshi Nitta (left) and George Kanegai (right).

### West Los Angeles

Candice Kamachi, guest speaker at the West L.A. Chapter scholarship function held June 24, related her experience at the National Science Competition. She is a 1996 scholarship winner. On the scholarship committee are George Kanegai (chapter president), Eiko Iwata, Terry Ito, Grace Kataoka, Jean Shigematsu and Satoshi Nitta. The four awardees are:

- Candice Kamachi, Venice H.S.; bound for Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Kristin Okita, University H.S., USC bound, and recipient of the JACL Auxiliary Award.
- Tadao Horiuchi, Venice H.S.; UCLA bound.
- Christina Okumura, Venice H.S.; UC, Berkeley bound.

### Wisconsin

Elizabeth Campbell Award: Jennifer Naruo, Arlington (Calif.) H.S., 4.35 avg., senior class president, soccer, track, cross country, community service with Riverside Community Convalescence Center; Wendy's high school Heisman Trophy finalist, *Press-Enterprise* scholar. Daughter of Richard and Kathy Naruo, longtime Milwaukee JACLers; father Richard was a National JACL and local scholarship winner.

### Stockton

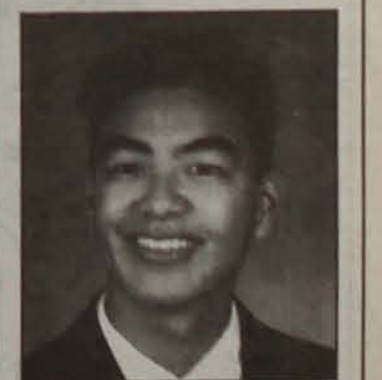
National JACL Director Herb Yamanishi was guest speaker at the scholarship luncheon June 9 at the Sampan Restaurant. Ruby Dobana, scholarship chair, presented awards to 10 high school seniors and one Delta College graduate:

- JACL-Elizabeth Humbarger Memorial (\$700): Gregory Hideyuki Nakaki, St. Mary's H.S., son of Dr. and Mrs. William Nakaki.
- JACL-Elizabeth Humbarger Memorial (\$300): Maggie Chan, San Joaquin Delta College.
- Anheuser-Busch (\$500): Eric Kazuo Ueda, Lincoln H.S.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ueda.
- JACL Chapter (\$300): Mona Naomi Ueda, Johansen H.S., Modesto; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ueda.
- George & Amy Matsumoto Award (\$300): Mark Kiyoshi Oshidari, A.A. Stagg H.S., son of Dr. and Mrs. Ken N. Oshidari.
- Mitsuye Baba Memorial (\$300): Michael Kiyoshi Navarro, San



Photo by Tomi Miyamoto

**EDEN TOWNSHIP** scholarship winners, standing with scholarship chair Bob Sakai (left), are Jessica Deardorff, Tracy Hayame, Kevin Sakamoto and Jason Okul.



**GREATER LA SINGLES, JACL**—Jaxon Doi, Torrance West H.S., won the chapter's 1996 \$1,000 Hana Uno Shepard Memorial scholarship for outstanding scholars from single-parent families. Doi is also a member of the marching band, school secretary of fine arts and is bound for Brown University in the fall.



## Opinions



### From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## Buyer beware

Lady from Japan, whom I happen to know, recently leased an office in one of our downtown buildings. It was just the space she needed except for one thing. It required a lot of remodeling—things like moving and painting some walls, changing the location of some doors, replacing the rugs, putting up some shelves.

The building manager introduced her to a remodeling contractor. "How much will it cost," she asked. He did some quick figuring and allowed as he could do the job for about \$7 per square foot. That sounded reasonable to her. She told him to go ahead.

When the job was finished the contractor submitted his bill. It amounted to more than \$14 per square foot, about double the verbal estimate.

"But you said \$7," she protested.

"Oh, that was only a ballpark figure," he said. So, mumbling under her breath, she wrote a check for about twice what she had expected to pay.

Now she wanted to know what the contractor meant when he said "ballpark figure."

I told her it meant a rough estimate,

approximately correct, but a bill double the estimate didn't sound like it was inside the ballpark.

She asked what I would have said to the contractor if I were in her shoes.

I said it was obvious he was trying to cheat her, to take advantage of her, and I would have told him to go to hell.

"What would it mean," she asked, "if I told him: 'Please go to hell.'"

That caused me to back up a bit. I told her that as a lady she probably shouldn't be telling anyone to go to hell. And under any circumstances she wouldn't be asking anyone, please, to go to hell.

The expression, "Go to hell," usually uttered in anger and exasperation, doesn't seem to have a Japanese equivalent. Do you know of one? The closest, in tone and feeling but not in literal translation, would seem to be "baka ni suruna," which means "don't take me for a fool."

Unfortunately, it seems my friend was indeed taken for a fool. The prudent American way of doing business in circumstances like this is to ask for a written itemized

estimate and require approval in writing before significant variations to the contract are made. There was a time when Americans were comfortable sealing agreements with a handshake, which is pretty much what the Japanese do without necessarily shaking hands. Not any more. For your own protection you summon the attorneys.

Of course cheating is not the law of the land. Honest merchants will make good without hesitation when the product they sold is flawed, or you take back an item because you don't like the color. Still, *caveat emptor*, Latin for "let the buyer beware," is a well-known rule that the purchaser buys at his or her own risk.

Good and honest sellers of goods and services are in the majority. Unfortunately my Japanese friend learned a costly lesson in cultural differences and the meaning of *caveat emptor*.

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



### East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Saddle oxfords

I BELIEVE it was composer-impresario Billy Rose who related how he managed to land a job for which there were many eager applicants. Each highly qualified, they appeared for their interview in their Sunday best with shoes polished to a high sparkle. Sometime after Rose was settled in his newly-acquired position, he inquired of his employer on what basis he, Rose, had been selected over all others. It was, his employer confirmed, a tight call. A seemingly minor point swung the vote in Rose's favor: his shoes were not only shined as the others' were, but his were the only ones whose sole and heel edges had also been manicured.

Apocryphal? Perhaps. But then, why take chances?

IT'S INTERESTING to observe how "fashion"—if one may call it that—evolves among the young folks. There was a stage when faded, torn jeans were in vogue; if the knee area of the jeans were intact, best to pummel them so that a duo of knees peek through horizontal gaps. Currently, the style appears to be denim trousers sagging precariously, on the brink of dropping alto-

gether. Hanging so low, they impede ambulation, forcing walking to waddling. Completing the attire is a loosely hanging rugby shirt and, to top it all off, a baseball cap worn backwards. As for the feet, name-brand sneakers with untied shoelaces. (I could never figure this one out; untied shoelaces present dangers of tripping as well as the risk of losing a shoe or two.)

LOOKING BACK to our own Nisei youthful days, we had our fetishes as well. During high school and college days, it was corduroy slacks plus saddle oxford shoes. Not that either of these were revolutionary in and of themselves. What gave these accouterments "character"—if one may grade them as such—was that neither was to be cleaned. The corduroy trousers were not to be washed; to qualify, the trouser ought to accumulate enough of that character that it could stand by itself. The once-white saddle oxfords likewise were to be left unattended: no refurbishing with cleansers or shoe polish. Only a nerd would come to classes in a clean pair of corduroys or polished saddle shoes.

But it gets better.

REMEMBER "ZOOT SUITS"? These were outfits that reached their zenith during the 40's. The salient features consisted of baggy trousers with pinched cuffs, adorned with a long dressy chain draped from the waist leading into a pocket. Then there was this long jacket with pointy lapels, the whole shooting match literally topped off with a wide-brimmed hat. Adorning the feet would be two-toned, pointy dress shoes. Dressed to kill? You betcha. My first, and only, sighting of this getup was in Tule Lake in '42. Quite a revolution, which was viewed by much of the camp populace with reservations, if not with trepidation. In today's terms, it was somewhat like the descending of a motorcycle gang. Actually, I got to know a few of these fellas and found them to be just regular guys. Quite likeable as a matter of fact. The evolution will continue, surprising and sometimes shocking the more "traditional" folks.

I wonder what it will be like?

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

## JACL CALENDAR

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Garden parking lot; register by Sept 1, Fresno JACL, 1713 Tulara St. #133, Fresno, CA 93721; info: 209/486-6815. NOTE—\$10 by Sept 1, \$13 thereafter; Kids 1-K run \$5 by Sept. 1, then \$7 (all entrants receive commemorative T-shirt); races by age group for 2-mile run, 2-mile walk, 10-K run.

## Pacific Southwest

### ARIZONA

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

### SAN DIEGO

Chapter Board meets third Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.; info: JACL Office 614/230-0314.

### SOUTH BAY

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

## COMMUNITY

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Broke, Perspectives on the Movie," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Karen Ishizuka, moderator; Lane Nakano, Desmond Nakano, Robert A. Nakamura.

Thu., Sept. 19—JANM Third Thursday Art. "The Legacy of Taro Yashima," 7-8:30 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—With Mako and Momo Yashima relating stories about their father [1908-1994].

Sat., Sept. 21—JANM book party: "Repairing America: An Account of the Movement for Japanese-American Redress," 1-3 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—With author William Hohri.

Sat., Sept. 21—First anniversary Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Los Angeles; info: Anthony Taketa 213/628-8297, MJCC 213/626-2279.

Thu., Sept. 26—Cold Tofu Improv, 8-9:30 p.m., JANM, free; RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sun., Oct. 27—Troop 379 65th Anniversary lunch, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Quiet Cannon Restaurant, Montebello; info: Mas Fujimoto or Ed Takahashi 213/413-3131; NOTE—Updating of roster: write Troop 379, c/o Koyasan Buddhist Temple, 342 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012; or call—pre-WWII Ron Sugiyama 213/730-0508; WWII years Jun Asakura 818/360-1775 or Kaname Kawamura 310/516-7175; 1946-1959 Bill Shishima 818/284-4059; 1960-1969 Ken Anami 818/574-1275; 1970-1979 Richard Narumi 213/728-7689; 1980-1989 Robert Narumi 310/517-6733 day; 1990-present Mrs. Takako Osumi 213/722-1039.

Sat., Nov. 16—Annual JANM Fall Dinner, Century Plaza Hotel. Info: 625-0414.

### LOS ANGELES/JEROME

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

## Arizona

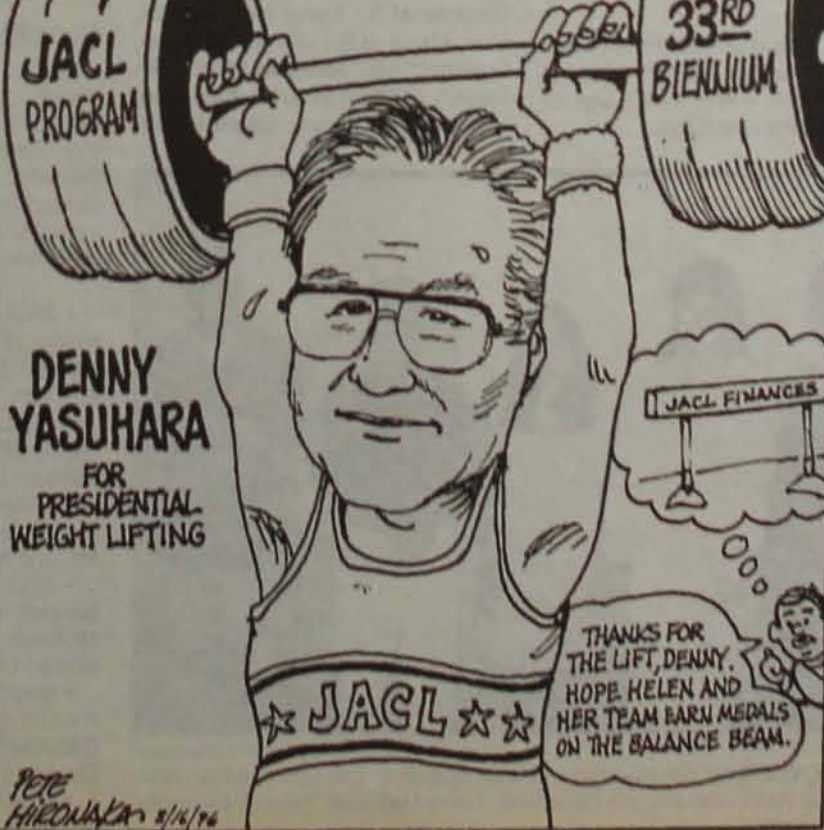
### PHOENIX

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

## Hawaii

Sept 27 - Oct. 19—"The Kona Coffee Story" JANM exhibit, Maui Arts & Cultural Center. Info: JANM 213/625-0414.

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## Chapter news



**NEW MEXICO'S 20th Anniversary** hosts and guests are (from left): seated—Ruth Hashimoto ('54 chapter president), Dr. Frank and Toe Sakamoto of Denver; standing—Joe Ando, Randy Shibata, Moss Kishiyama, Millie Ando (all of New Mexico JACL) and Sami Nakazono, candidate for JACL National Treasurer-Secretary.

## New Mexico JACL marks 20th year

Past JACL presidents of the New Mexico chapter, which was originally chartered as Albuquerque Chapter, JACL in 1948, were honored during the 20th anniversary "black tie affair" June 22 at the Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque.

Keynote speaker, New Mexico's Rep. Steve Schiff, delivered a stirring message asking the audience to keep up their vigilance in the preservation of the great heritage of Japanese Americans. Attention and plaudits were showered upon the chapter's special project, "Turning Leaves," an oral and pic-

torial history of the rich contributions of the Issei and Nisei to the state dating back to 1880. The early pictures of Issei in New Mexico were collected and displayed by Elizabeth Chestnut, New York archivist, exhibit curator and now a local resident.

The program opened with chapter president Darryl Yonemoto leading the taiko drummers, and chapter president-elect Jack Ando introduced Rep. Schiff. Sono Yonemoto performed her interpretive dance, A Time of Personal Reflection, which included a monologue.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, PC editorial board member for the Mountain Plains District, introduced Sami Nakazono, CPA, of Denver, who is a candidate for the National JACL treasurer-secretary position. They also conferred with National JACL vice president Randy Shibata, chairperson for planning and development.

The 20th anniversary dates from 1977 when the chapter was reactivated as New Mexico Chapter. The immediate postwar Albuquerque chapter was active from 1948 to 1957.



## APAN student leaders

Aiko Sebuchi (seated, left) and Michell Wong (seated, right) were awarded 1996 scholarships by the Asian Pacific American Network Chapter of JACL at a luncheon July 28 in Los Angeles. Posing with the winners

were members of the APAN scholarship committee, from left, Alex Fukui, Jenni Kuida, Mie Koshimoto, John Okanishi, Shari Uyeda, Trisha Murakawa and Kim Tachiki.

## SCHOLARS

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Drue Kataoka was awarded a \$500 scholarship at an August reception of Sequoia Chapter, JACL. The money will be used for her freshman year at Stanford University.

Kataoka, 18, is an accomplished flutist as well as a *sumi-e* artist. Her brush paintings exhibit, "Indigo Strokes-Increscent Sounds," will debut at a national show in New Orleans from Sept. 5-14.

"My plan for community outreach is to give *sumi-e* demonstrations and flute performances throughout the week at many local schools, colleges, art centers and civic organizations," Kataoka said.

The Menlo Park, Calif., resident has performed in jazz festivals, including events with the Kent Jordan Quartet.



**ARTWORK**—Drue Kataoka poses beside her *sumi-e* brush paintings.

## FUNDS

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ington, D.C., Chapter; and Gary Mayeda, APAN Chapter.

Because this amendment was passed as an emergency measure it and had not been sent out to the chapters ahead of the convention, it must be ratified by a vote of the chapters. A ballot will be sent out from National Headquarters to all chapter presidents in the next few weeks. It must be returned before this amendment can take effect. The PC will make an announcement when the ballot is sent out.

The National Council vote was 103 yes, 1 no and 3 abstentions.

## Text of the JACL bylaw amendment

### ARTICLE XIV. BUDGET AND FINANCE

#### Section 2. National JACL Reserve Fund:

(a) A National JACL reserve shall be established to be used for special contingencies.

(b) Surplus monies, or portions thereof, in the JACL national treasury at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be placed in the reserve fund, and administered in accordance with Article XV, below.

(c) Withdrawals from the reserve fund shall be made only upon the unanimous approval of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the National Director.

### ARTICLE XV. SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS

**Section 1. Description:** All assets of the Corporation, not a part of its current operating funds and held under any limitation as to the use of its principal or interest or both, shall be managed by the standing National Investment Policy Committee, with clear segregation of the endowments and programs comprising said assets.

**Section 2. Committee:** The National Investment Policy Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members elected by the National Board to serve terms of three (3) years each. To initiate this Committee, three (3) members shall be elected for the full three (3) year term, three (3) shall be elected for a two (2) year term, and one shall

be elected for a one (1) year term. Upon the conclusion of such terms each vacancy shall be filled for a three year term. The members of this Committee shall elect annually a chairperson from among its members.

**Section 3. Purposes:** The purposes of this Committee shall be (a) to supervise and administer the prudent investment of the assets committed to its charge, in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the National Board, and (b) to advise and make recommendations to the National Board and the National Council.

**Section 4. Disposition of Income:** Except as limited by the document governing the endowment or program for which it holds the assets investment, or by contrary of the National Board, the net income from the assets managed by the Committee be distributed in quarterly or other convenient installments for application by the National Board, consistent with approval of the National Council as provided in Article XIV of these Bylaws.

**Section 5. National Endowment Fund:** The assets of the Corporation heretofore held as the "National Endowment Fund" shall remain segregated under that name, and the principal thereof may not be utilized except upon an emergency as determined by the written approval of three-fourths of the chartered chapters.

**Section 6. Meetings and Reports; Expenses:** The Committee shall meet at least annually to review its portfolio and its supporting role in financing the operations and programs of the National JACL. In addition, it shall file, periodically at the direction of the National Board but at least annually, copies of financial statements in a format suitable for reporting to the membership.

Meetings may be called by the chairperson of the Committee or by the National President for and the National Secretary/Treasurer or by any three members of the Committee. The reasonable traveling and other necessary expense of the Committee incident to meetings, and such other ordinary and necessary costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Committee in the furtherance of their duties shall be chargeable to the annual income of the segregated accounts and itemized in their financial statements, subject to audit.

## MURPHY

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career as a public servant included service as a judge and law professor, mayor of Detroit, governor of Michigan, governor-general of the Philippines, U.S. attorney general and justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The Korematsu decision saw a 6-3 majority of the United States Supreme Court reject Fred Korematsu's challenge to an order evacuating him and thousands of others of Japanese descent from areas of the West Coast. Justice Hugo Black, writing for the majority, rejected the assertion that the exclusions against all persons of Japanese descent were evidence of racial intolerance, and asserted instead that the exclusion was simply a valid exercise of military authority.

Separate dissents were written by Justice Murphy, Justice Owen Roberts and Justice Robert Jackson. In his dissent, Justice Murphy said the exclusion order went over the brink of constitutional power "and falls into the ugly abyss of racism."

Justice Murphy, while acknowledging that deference was to be given to the decisions of military authorities in time of war, nevertheless asserted that "individuals must not be left impoverished of their constitutional rights on a plea of military necessity that has neither substance nor support." After discussing the tests that

must be met to uphold the validity of such a plea, Justice Murphy said that not only had the military failed to meet such tests, it had issued the evacuation order solely on the grounds of racial discrimination. He concluded, "Racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatever in our democratic way of life. It is unattractive in any setting but it is utterly revolting among a free people who have embraced the principles set forth in the Constitution of the United States."

The Asian American Bar Association in November 1995 passed a resolution honoring Frank Murphy for his dissent in *Korematsu*. Its current president, Dorothy Kunisada, will be among those speaking at the dedication. Other speakers confirmed to date include State Bar of Michigan President Thomas Kienbaum; David Herrington, president, Huron County Bar Association; Harbor Beach Mayor David Hunter, and retired Judge James Lincoln, a colleague of Frank Murphy's and president of the Frank Murphy Memorial Museum Foundation.

The *Korematsu* dissent was one of many important contributions to the nation during a lifetime of service, character and courage. Judge Lincoln, also a native of Harbor Beach and a colleague, has noted that character and courage in stating of Frank Murphy, "In the worst of times, he did the best of things."



## Personally speaking

### Summertime awards

**Dr. James Fujimoto** of Wauwatosa, professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Milwaukee Medical College of Wisconsin, received the college's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, for serving on the faculty since 1968. He is internationally recognized for his study of mechanisms that alleviate pain. He earned the Veterans Administration Research Career Scientist Award.

University of California law school at Boalt Hall presented its Distinguished Service Award to **Dale Minami** of San Francisco, '71 Boalt graduate, for his public service and leadership. Recently named chair of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board, he is co-founder of Asian Law Caucus and hails from Gardena.

**Eddy Tanaka**, 62, who retired as director of the giant Los Angeles County Public Social Services Department July 1, was recognized by the county board of supervisors for his 38 years in county service, his last 16 as director overseeing about 10,000 employees and a \$3-million budget administering welfare services in the nation's most populous county.

Los Angeles' Nisei Week Japanese Festival honors six Nisei pioneers who will ride in the Aug. 11 Grand Parade in Little Tokyo. They are former State Assemblyman and Gardena city councilman **Paul T. Bannai**, 75; West Los Angeles community activist and holder of a Japanese decoration, **Toyoko Kanegai**, 78; Orange County judoist-farmer and insurance professional **Shag Okada**, 73; postwar Little Tokyo journalist-editor **Tetsuo Sato**, 78; gardener and Pasadena-Sierra Madre-Monrovia community leader **Henry K. Sawada**, 79; and dichondra farmer, founder of San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center and MIS veteran **Mits Usui**, 79.

UCLA doctoral student in anthropology, **Greg Tanaka** of Los Angeles, won the 1996 James Clavell American-Japanese Literary Award, the Nikkei Foundation of America announced. His winning short story is titled, *After the Rage*. He is an active Downtown L.A. JACLer and is currently completing a book on "whiteness" and Japanese American identity.

### MIS Hall of Famers

**Lt. Col. Richard Sakakida** was posthumously inducted into the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., on June 29, the same day that **Harry Akune** and **Kan Tagami** were honored. Mrs. Cherry Sakakida, of Fremont, Calif., accepted the honors. Another MIS pioneer, the late **Lt. Col. Gero Iwai** (Feb. 1931 - June 1957) of Honolulu, was inducted into the Hall of Fame June 30. His sons George of Novato and Bert of San Jose accepted the honors. Iwai served as an official Japanese interpreter for Prime Minister Yoshida enroute to San Francisco to sign the peace treaty in 1951.

### 'Stone Soup' maker

Fresno's Stone Soup Partnership and **Stan Morita** received the nation's high awards for volunteer service along with a handshake from the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, last April in Washington. Nineteen other recipients of the President's Service Award were selected from about 3,200 entries nationwide. The stone soup program started four years ago, and now serves about 7,500 low-income residents of El Dorado Park, a neighborhood near the Fresno State campus. Volun-

teers from schools, churches and elsewhere provide tutoring, leadership training, summer youth programs and more, Stan explains. The son of Tak and Mae Morita, Fresno JACL Life 1000ers, he is a public affairs producer for KJEO-47.

### Presbyterians elect Nisei

A Japanese Canadian Nisei, **Tamiko Nakamura Corbett**, 65, became the first non-ordained minority Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the *Toronto Star* reported. She was elected by fellow Presbyterian members from a slate of seven nominees. She was raised in a Buddhist household in Vancouver, B.C., interned in the interior during the war and was converted in 1954 while teaching in Vancouver. She later studied theology, worked in Japan and Taiwan as a missionary and served as executive secretary of the church's Women's Missionary Society. Her late husband, the Rev. Donald Corbett, was a principal at Knox College. She is the second woman to hold the post.



Religious leader

Rev. Yoshitaka Tamai was an active Issei leader and a Tri-State Buddhist Church priest in Denver for more than 60 years. A life-size statue is to be erected in his memory in Sakura Square this fall. He served the community and temple for 53 years until his death in September, 1983, the last 20 years as the head minister.

### In politics

Among the 12 candidates crowding the Nevada 2nd District congressional race is former Nevada secretary of state **Cheryl Lau**, 51, (R) of Carson City. The primary election comes up on Sept. 3. She lost the GOP primary two years in her bid for the governorship. She resigned as counsel to the House of Representatives in Washington to vie for the seat being vacated by Rep. Barbara Vucanovich (R). The 2nd congressional district covers the entire state except for Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson. In the Nevada state senate race, **Daryl Nakamura** (D), a Las Vegas casino executive, is challenging incumbent Sen. Ray Rawson.

**Kerry N. Doi**, 46, is vying for the seat occupied by Gardena, Calif., city councilman, **Dr. Paul Tsukahara**, who is not expected to run for reelection in 1997. Doi is executive director of Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), with an \$8-million annual budget and more than 200 employees.

**Amy Lynn Inaba** of Riverside, Calif., will be working for the Republican National Convention at San Diego in August. She had been working her way through college for a master's in political management from George Wash-

ington University with WTTG-TV, the Fox morning news program. Her parents, Tony and Beverly Inaba, Riverside JACLers, attended her graduation on May 19.

**LeeAnn Inadomi** is leaving the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs to work in Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor's office as senior adviser to chief of staff Peter L. Scher (*Washington Post*, May 17.)

### Mariachi singer from Japan

Among the unusual headliners at the recent Mariachi Sol de México concert at the Hollywood Bowl was **Junko Seki**, believed to be the first Japan-born mariachi singer, who has appeared with a band in Tucson. Her interest stems from a visit to Disneyworld, Orlando, several years ago. She purchased tapes of the concert, memorized the lyrics not knowing the language but effectively conveying the lively folkloric music of Mexico. (Latin American JACLer **Miki Yamazaki**, a Mexican-born Nikkei, was a popular vocalist with Mexican folk songs as well as a winner at Japanese karaoke competitions.)

### Furutani, the inventor

Global environmentalist-inventor **Dr. Toru Furutani** will be displaying his product dealing with auto emission systems at the Aug. 30 International Invention Convention in Los Angeles. The product is being tested by the U.S. Air Resources Board and Siliker Laboratories. He also has invented a product that suppresses the deterioration of cooking oil and enhances the heat and life of the oil by three times, according to Sam Tsuchida of ISS Translators, Inc.

### At the Red Cross helm

American Red Cross governor **Thomas G. Yamada** of Hammond, Ind., is serving his second three-year term on the 50-member national Board of Governors of the American Red Cross. The Hawaii-born Nisei MIS veteran served with the CBI during WWII. The son of Rev. Joseph



THOMAS YAMADA

Yamada who taught Japanese prewar, Stan is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and art school in Chicago, and has been a resident in northwest Indiana since 1954.

### Thai ambassador named

In the June update from the White House Office of Public Liaison comes the news that **William H. Itoh** was appointed by President Clinton as U.S. ambassador to Thailand, capping his foreign service career that dates from 1975. "Will Itoh's experience and professionalism as a diplomat have been invaluable to us," the president said. "I am pleased he will continue to serve the United States in this important role."

The Japan-born diplomat held positions as executive secretary of

the National Security Council and deputy executive secretary at the State Department. He served overseas in the United Kingdom and was a U.S. consul general at Perth, Western Australia.

In Washington, he served in the Office of Congressional Relations and the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, where he served from the early stages of President Clinton's administration.

Itoh received his BA in social arts and MA in history from the University of New Mexico, was a distinguished graduate of the National War College, '91, and had served with the U.S. Air Force.

### WWII Nisei volunteers hailed

A highlight of the 1995 reunion of the 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division in Chicago was the "salute with distinction" that was proffered to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd RCT. **Sam Yoshinari** of Norridge, Ill., commander of the Chicago Nisei Post and a 442nd RCT Cannon Co. veteran, accepted the proclamation, which in part recognizes the tragedy of war and that "thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry were imprisoned unjustly and were ostracized by our government." From this background, the proclamation cited, "came a saga in American history never before equalled in patriotism, value or courage."

As the 100th Infantry and the 442nd, the Nisei volunteers fought along with the 34th Infantry. "Never has there been, nor likely will there ever be anything comparable to the Nisei soldier. His combat courage, valor and legacy someday may be equalled, but will never be surpassed," the 34th Infantry Division Association proclaimed.

The 34th was the first American division sent to the European theater during World War II. Yoshimura is the younger brother of the late Kumeo Yoshinari, former National JACL president.

### A Sansei urban philosopher

While thousands of Southern Californians and tourists whiz through Orange County they might notice a shimmering green field from the freeway. It's the three-acre Centennial Farm in Costa Mesa, which drew a well-dressed coverage in the *Los Angeles Times* last July 1, with **Arthur G. Kawamura**, 40, of Huntington Beach, pictured crouching over a flowering vegetable plant.

Centennial Farm is an educational exhibit where children are astonished to see a carrot being pulled from the ground. Kawamura was equally amazed when, on a recent tour, a couple of boys accused workers of having inserted the carrot in the ground beforehand. More than 42,000 children visited the farm last year.

Kawamura is the son of the late Genji Kawamura and June (née Suzuki), who were interned at Gila River during the war. The farmer believes that the more public understands farming, the more it will be accepted. "I sometimes ask people, when was the last time they touched a plant—a living plant, not the fruit in the refrigerator. A lot of people don't know," he commented.

Kawamura's dream is for all the county's food needs to be supplied by county farms. It's been a message that he has been delivering for years. "Then crops no longer practical to grow here, such as asparagus, peaches, apricots, sugar beets and walnuts, would be profitable again," he explains. He recently finished a term as Orange County Farm Bureau president and is director of the

Western Growers Association and the state Celery Advisory Board. He graduated in Comparative Literature from UC, Berkeley, in the '70s, likes to read poetry and New Age books.

His brother and partner **Matt** manages sales and shipping from their Western Marketing facilities in Fullerton, which the *Times* noted had annual gross sales in the high seven figures. Kawamura nurtures 800 acres in Irvine.

### Carson mayor honored

International financial and management advisor, **Michael I. Mitoma**, mayor of the city of Carson, Calif., was honored at the LEAP Leadership Awards dinner July 18 for his contributions and accomplishment as an Asian Pacific American. First elected to the city council in March 1987, with seven years as mayor, he is the only directly-elected mayor of Carson and currently the only Asian Pacific mayor in the state of California. He is also a founding member of LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics).

Honored with him were **Sumi Sevilla Haru**, Screen Actors Guild national vice president; **Mary Lee Shon**, educator, UC, Berkeley; **Chancellor Chang-lin Tien**; and the **Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches**, a project of the Little Tokyo Service Center.

### The Karaoke King

**Singer-entertainer Tom Nakagawa** recently celebrated his 60th performance at the Old Ironsides Club in Sacramento, Calif. His songs include selections from the '40s to the '80s, songs by Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Bing Crosby, all the way to Elvis Presley and Barbra Streisand.

The singer has been approached for a recording. In the meantime, his popularity has ensured him a long-term run at the Sacramento club.

### Dedication to community

Sensei **Roy Murakami** of the San Fernando Valley (Calif.) Judo Club will be honored with the Golden Heart Award Aug. 31 by the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center.

The award is presented to individuals who have shown outstanding dedication and devotion for the betterment of the community.

Through Murakami's efforts, hundreds of judo students have learned the art and sport as well as acquiring a sense of self-discipline and good sportsmanship.

The honoree was born in Los Angeles and spent part of his youth at the Manzanar Relocation Center. He and his wife Michiko have five children.

### For the love of bugs

**James Fujita**, 14, of Oxnard, Calif., was among six youngsters honored as 1996 inductees of the second annual Kids' Hall of Fame. The award goes to young people who are making a positive difference in the world today.

In Fujita's case, it's his interest in entomology—or his love for bugs—that has earned him local fame. He has given more than 220 presentations to schools, civic groups and museums, and recently discovered a new species of cricket.

Fujita will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame Sept. 19 at a ceremony at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. Each winner will receive a \$10,000 post-high school scholarship.



## Obituaries

"Obituaries" appear on a space-available basis at no cost. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

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

**Baba, Sam Hiroki, 72**, Fresno, July 20; Sebastopol-born, survived by wife Masumi, sons Toyotaka, Makoto, daughter Hitomi Uyemura, 2 gc.

**Franklin, Tomiko Iwamoto, 70**, Austin, Texas, July 16; Nagoya-born resident of Washington, D.C., ('60-'86), predeceased by husband John A. Jr., USMC, survived by daughters Francene Tomiko, Pearl Tama-Quintana (New York), Sheila Mayumi Fallen (Los Angeles), son John A. III (Woodbridge, Va.), 10 gc., 5 ggc., 5 sisters (Japan), 1 sister (London) and 1 brother (Japan).

**Fujimoto, Akiyoshi, 69**, Encinitas, July 13; retired farmer, survived by wife Keiko, son Victor, daughter Cyndi.

**Hamade, Nobu, 104**, Long Beach, July 10, Wakayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Tommy, Eddy, Joe, daughters May Kaneshiro (Hawaii), Toyoko Marumoto, 11 gc., 18 ggc.

**Hanatan, Kuniyo, 83**, San Francisco, June 22; Koloa, Hawaii-born, survived by sister Eleanor C. Yoshikawa (Honolulu).

**Higashi, Dennis, 32**, Morgan Hill, July 17; Morgan Hill-born, survived by parents Henry and Hisako, brothers Ted, Larry, Wayne, Leo, sisters Joanne Okayama, Janie Fung.

**Hori, June M., 76**, Chicago, July 6; survived by husband Hiroshi and family.

**Hori, Rev. Satoru, Oakland, July 7**; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Kyoko, sons Hiroyuki, Kenji, daughter Yoko Nakano, gc., brothers Tatsuo and Sohichi (both Japan) and sister Akie Shimono (Hawaii).

**Ikuma, Yone, 93**, Fresno, July 2; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Harry, Yukio, Mac, daughters Kikue Sugai, Tomoko Tao, Mary Love, 10 gc., 6 ggc.

**Imada, Tamayo, 77**, San Francisco, July 2; survived by sisters Michiko Yamasaki, Kazuko Uyeda.

**Imamura, Matthew, Denver, July 6**; survived by son Scott, daughters Mica, Kim, brothers Tony and Joe (both Guam), sister Rosa.

**Itabashi, Mitsuko, Los Angeles, July 12**; Tochigi-born, operated Hinode Grocery with her late husband Masakichi in Uptown L.A., survived by sons Hideo Henry, MD, Masao J., 4 gc., 4 ggc.

**Ito, Mike Mitsuyuki, 54**, North Hollywood, July 13; Nagoya-born, survived by wife Yukiko, sons Mark, Eric, Scott, mother Matsuo, brother Kiyoshi, sister Chiyeiko Norita.

**Izuhara, Tadashi, 81**, Los Angeles, service July 16; Newmark-born, survived by wife Hisako May, sons Steve, Eddie, Roger, daughter JoAnn Seto (Placentia), 6 gc.

**Kamo, Kimiko, 76**, Vale, Ore., July 16; Rolling Bay, Wash.-born,

survived by husband Tom, son Ray (Las Vegas), Gary, Doug (Both Vale), 5 gc., 2 ggc., brothers Akio Suyematsu (Bainbridge Island), Yosh Suyematsu (Ontario, Ore.), sister Eiko Shibayama (Mercer Island, Wash.).

**Kasahara, James 'Butch', 60**, Los Angeles, July 13; Maui, Hawaii-born, Hollywood JACL pres. ('66), survived by wife Patricia, son Byron, 1 gc., brothers Isamu, Hiroshi, sister Louise Anbe. [His rendition of the "JACL Hymn" in his rich baritone will be long remembered.]

**Kato, Ikeno, 84**, Los Angeles, July 19; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Goro, Carl, daughter Emiko Yamada, 4 gc., 1 ggc.

**Kawamoto, Cecil Shizuye, 78**, Fresno, July 22; Madera-born, survived by son Victor, daughter Donna Wachtler, 3 gc., sisters Minne Takahashi, Masako Yamamoto.

**Kenmotsu, Hiroshi, 82**, San Francisco, July 5; San Francisco-born Kibei, survived by wife Toshiko, sons Ronald, Richard, 2 gc.

**Kimura, Frank S., 82**, Los Angeles, July 25; Seattle-born, survived by wife Makiko, daughters Linda, Diana.

**Kinoshita, Minoru, 71**, Sedgwick, Colo., June 1; Colorado-born, survived by wife, 4 children, 18 gc., 2 ggc, 11 brothers and sisters.

**Kita, Sadao, 62**, Torrance, July 14; executive director of Japan Business Assn., survived by wife Masako, sons Dr. Seichiro, Kenji, mother Fusako, brother and sister (all in Japan).

**Kohama, Jack H., 87**, Los Angeles, July 5; Kauai, Hawaii-born, survived by sons George, Tetsuo, daughter Mieko Nakamoto, 2 gc., sister Aki Takeshita.

**Marumoto, Howard Y., 82**, Long Beach, July 14, Monterey-born, survived by sons Larry (Monterey), Ken (France), Richard, Robert (San Diego), daughters Evelyn (Aliso Viejo), Gail Theis (New Mexico), 2 gc., brother Hideo (Harbor City), sister Terry Nishino.

**Mayeda, Tetsuya, 79**, Ocean-side, July 22; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by sons Jon, Paul, 1 gc., brothers Toshio, Charles, Henry.

**Morita, Toyomi, 74**, Los Angeles, July 15; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Melinda Darcy-Morita, mother Komachi, brothers Tamotsu, Masa, sister Toshie Asato.

**Nakata, John S., 79**, Azusa, July 26; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Hiroko, son James, sisters Tsuru Higa, Shizue Ikehara, Kiyko Nakama.

**Nasu, Yoshiko, 93**, Loomis, July 16; Okayama-born, survived by daughters Hideko Tsuetaki, Masako Inouye (Long Beach), 5 gc., 4 ggc., predeceased by husband Teruichi.

**Nunokawa, Henry Hiroshi, 71**, Los Angeles, July 23 in Hilo, Hawaii; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Ruth, sons Gary, daughter Gayle, 2 gc.

**Ogo, Kikuye, 94**, San Jose, July 7; survived by daughters Midori Yoshil (Hayward), ane Shin (El

Dorado Hills), 12 gc., 10 ggc.

**Ohta, Mazel Hisami, 79**, Monterey Park, July 17; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Gerald, Chris, daughters Karyn, Eldean Orozco, 5 gc., sisters Janet Kawaguchi (Hawaii), Yasue (Japan).

**Okumoto, Shigeo, 96**, Berkeley, July 18; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Chisao, sons Masao, Nobuo, daughters Helen Sasaki, Miyo Tsukamoto, gc. and ggc.

**Onimaru, Koji, 48**, Arcadia, July 22; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Yoko, sons Peter, Yuji, sister Sachie Onimaru-Gollihar.

**Osaki, Frank H., 78**, Fresno, July 18; Fowler-born, survived by wife Kazuye, son Richard, daughter Lorraine Horii, 2 gc., brothers Harry, Moro, sisters Grace Ryugo, Alice Kitahara, Ruthie Okuda.

**Sakamoto, Miki, 88**, Los Angeles, July 6; Burbank-born, survived by husband Tsuruo, son Tomio Kawamura, 2 gc., brother Masaru Hirasuna.

**Satow, Roy Akira, 80**, San Francisco, July 21; Salinas-born, survived by wife Midori, daughters Nancy Ito, Joyce, 5 gc., sisters Kikuye Tsuyuki, Miyuki Masada, Mitsue Kobayashi (Japan).

**Sugimoto, Frank T., 81**, Los Angeles, July 2; Parlier-born, survived by sister Matsuko Furuta.

**Susuki, Dick Sakai, 59**, Aurora, Colo., June 7; San Jose-born, USAF veteran; survived by wife, sons Dick, Kevin (Houston), 4gc.

**Takigawa, Shizuko, 93**, San Francisco, July 3; survived by son Tomo Takigawa, daughters Kazue Okamoto, Satsuki Morimoto and Mitsuko Yamada.

**Tanaka, Asako, 79**, Lahaina, Maui, July 15 at her daughter's residence in Cerritos, survived by son Kenneth, daughters Evelyn Toba, Jeanette Haseyama (San Diego), Aileen Taguchi, 8 gc., 5 ggc., sister Teruko Aquino (Hawaii).

**Tateyama, Masaichi, 83**, Stockton, July 18; Selma-born, survived by wife Umeko, daughters Sumi Unno, Kiyomi Morimoto, Masako Mori, 10 gc., 1 ggc.

**Tokuhara, Isamu, 75**, Las Vegas, July 11; 3-year resident, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Tokuko, sons Larry, Harry, Jimmy, daughter Jane, 7 gc., (all of Hawaii).

**Tschiyama, Takeshi, 72**, Los Angeles, July 5; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tamaye, son Don, daughter Toni Kawamoto, 3 gc., mother Kimiyo, brothers George, Bill, sisters Kazumi Uyechi, Toshiko Nakamura.

**Tsujimoto, John Mitsuo, 72**, Palo Alto, June 30; Rumsey-born,

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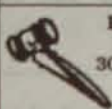


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## Familiar faces?

This third grade class of the Topaz internment camp was the subject of a book called *The Children of Topaz*, based on a classroom diary of teacher Lillian "Anne" Yamauchi Hori. Members of that class are planning a reunion. Anyone in this photo should contact Roy Takeuchi, 5497 Copeland Court, San Jose, CA 95124. In the class were: John Adams, Raymond Akashi, David Crowton, Grace

Hayashi, Margaret Hamachi, June Inouye, Lynn Johnson, Richard Kaneko, Robert Kerr, Frankie Kawasaki, Jane Kawaguchi, George Kitagawa, Jackie Kitajima, Kiku Kikukitow, Harry Mayeda, Ben Morita, Johnny Moritomo, Edwin Narahara, Nishitani, Makoto Oda, Betty Sugiyama, Robert Suzuki, Kay Takemoto, Roy Takeuchi, Kimiko Tsutsui, Bobby Hiran and May Yanagi.

## Seeking ex-442nd men stationed in Japan

Seeking men from Hawaii who had served in Italy and after the war, about 50 of them who were stationed as interpreters at Tachikawa to open a Japanese personnel office. Nobuo Nagata worked in the Japan Air Material Area office. Tony Takahashi ran a Japanese personnel operation on the west side of the Tachikawa base. Roy Nitta was another. James Hatakeyama, also from Hawaii, spoke fluent Japanese. He was caught in Japan at the outbreak of the war and spent the war years in Tokyo.

Contact: Franklin Freehaug, 186 Mt. Bethel Rd., Warren, N.J. 07059/908/647-1486.

## Seeking Michitake Hagio

Ken Morrell of Santa Ana is seeking Michitake Hagio, a pre-camp friend from the San Juan Capistrano area.

Most likely, Hagio was in Poston

Camp I but is not on any Poston mailing list.

Information: Babe Karasawa, 10427 Woodstead Ave., Whittier, CA 90603. (Poston III's 8th reunion will be held April 7-9, 1997, at Laughlin, Nev., with visits to Poston and the monument.)

## Seeking members of Seattle Japanese church

Katchi Akagi, Kathy Hasi-zume, Flo Watanabe, Miki Hirano, Taya Tanino and others of the Japanese Methodist Church in Seattle in 1946 are sought.

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A reunion is planned for Sept. 5-8, 1996. Contact Akira Nishioka, 510/934-0488 or Pnuts Takata, 303/429-8498.

## Korean War vet sought

Nisei Korean War veteran

David Yamashiro is being sought by Martha Wray of Holiday, Fla. She was an assistant ambulance

driver to her father, Wayne Nelson of Blanchard, Iowa, during the Korean War while serving with the 584th Medical Ambulance Company.

Initial information indicates

Yamashiro may have been from the Northern California area.

Contact Robert Wada of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization at 714/992-5461.



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